

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 7, 2023, 5:30pm

City Council Chambers

Pre-Council Session

City Clerk Frank Lesko called the Pre-Council Session of the Springfield City Council to order on Tuesday November 7, 2023.

City Council Session

Mayor Misty Buscher called the Tuesday November 7, 2023 meeting of the Springfield City Council to order at 5:30 PM. She invited everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lesko took the roll call of members.

PRESENT: Alderman Redpath☒, Alderman Gregory☒, Alderman Williams Jr.☒, Alderman Rockford☒, Alderwoman Purchase☒, Alderwoman Notariano☒, Alderman Carlson☐, Alderwoman Conley☒, Alderman Donelan☒, Alderman Hanauer☒ and Mayor Buscher☒

Clerk Lesko announced there was a quorum for a meeting.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to allow Alderwoman Conley to attend the meeting via phone. Alderman Donelan motioned to allow Alderwoman Conley to attend the meeting via phone with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Buscher read the Civility Pledge.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the October 17, 2023 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Donelan motioned to approve the October 17, 2023 City Council minutes with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the October 24, 2023 Special City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Donelan motioned to approve the October 24, 2023 Special City Council minutes with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Donelan motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Donelan motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to place the Consent Agenda on final passage. Alderman Gregory motioned to place the consent agenda on final passage with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Consent Agenda

2023-479 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,300.00 FOR SERVICES ENCOMPASSING THE CREATION OF RFQ AND RFP FOR THE PARTIAL AND PHASED DISMANTLE AND TEARDOWN OF DALLMAN UNITS 31, 32, AND 33, AND LAKESIDE'S PRECIPITATOR AND CHIMNEY, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-480 AN ORDINANCE APPROVES A STATEMENT OF WORK TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL LICENSES AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE CIS INFINITY SYSTEM FROM ADVANCED UTILITY SYSTEMS CORPORATION, A DIVISION OF N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-481 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT LOAD TAP CHARGER FROM NORMANDY MACHINE COMPANY, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,790.36, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-482 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NUMBER PW24-08-45 WITH HOERR CONSTRUCTION FOR NORTHEAST PILOT AREA SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$636,027.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-483 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENT 1 TO AN AGREEMENT WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC. AND ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$276,919.27 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$553,919.27, FOR PRELIMINARY AND DESIGN ENGINEERING AND LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES FOR HEDLEY ROAD FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-484 A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE, MFT SECTION NO. 20-00446-00-PV FOR HEDLEY ROAD FROM KOKE MILL ROAD TO WEST WHITE OAKS DRIVE, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-485 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RELOCATION EXPENSES FOR OCCUPANTS AND THEIR PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON PARCEL SR0030 LOCATED AT 1321 N. 15TH STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,800.00 RELATING TO THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, USABLE SEGMENT 6A, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-486 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1006 RIDGELY AVENUE, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND FRED A. LAVIGNE, JR., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200.00, RELATING TO THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, USABLE SEGMENT 6B, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-487 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RELOCATION EXPENSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00, FOR THE RELOCATION OF OCCUPANTS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON PARCEL SR0051 LOCATED AT 1130 EAST NORTH GRAND AVENUE, RELATING TO USABLE SEGMENT 6A OF THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-488 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1653 E. NORTH GRAND AVENUE, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND FLORENCE A. YOAKUM AND LAWRENCE A. YOAKUM, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00, RELATING TO THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, USABLE SEGMENT 6A, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-489 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1663 E. NORTH GRAND AVENUE, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND CK DAIRY DREAMS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00, RELATING TO THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, USABLE SEGMENT 6B, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-490 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE DUE TO A CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP CORPORATION FOR BLUE MARGARITA’S MEXICAN BAR AND GRILL, INC. D/B/A BLUE MARGARITA’S MEXICAN BAR AND GRILL LOCATED AT 3151 HORIZON DRIVE.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-491 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR BLUE MARGARITA’S SPRINGFIELD, LLC., DUE TO A CORPORATION CHANGE LOCATED AT 3151 HORIZON DRIVE.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-492 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR YUMMY CRAB RESTAURANT, LLC D/B/A YUMMY CRAB RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 3165 S. DIRKSEN PARKWAY.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2023-496 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT, RFP #HR24-16, WITH PMA MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES PERTAINING TO WORKERS’ COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$174,100.00 FROM JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Mayor Misty Buscher 2023-430, 2023-431, 2023-432, 2023-443 and 2023-451 remain tabled or in committee.

Alderman Redpath calls point of order. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock. Discussion had by Alderman Hanauer, Mayor Misty Buscher, Office of Budget and Management Director Ramona Metzger. Alderman Hanauer motioned to withdraw agenda item 2023-451 with Alderman Redpath seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

2023-451 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF RFP #VM18-13 WITH MOTOR PARTS AND EQUIPMENT CORPORATION D/B/A NAPA AUTO PARTS FOR A TURNKEY PARTS STORE OPERATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00 FROM AUGUST 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (held on 10.3.2023).
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Discussion had by Alderman Hanauer, Alderman Gregory and Mayor Misty Buscher. Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda.

2023-494 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MORATORIUM ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT IN CHAPTER 36, SECTION 36.05 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher, Alderman Redpath, Alderman Hanauer)

Alderman Redpath motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. Mayor Misty Buscher introduced Amendment #1. Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to amend agenda item 2023-494. Alderwoman Purchase motioned to accept the proposed amendment #1 with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock, Mayor Misty Buscher and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a roll call vote of: Alderman Redpath-yes. Alderman Gregory-no. Alderman Williams Jr.-no. Alderman Rockford-yes. Alderwoman Purchase-yes. Alderwoman Notariano-yes. Alderwoman Conley-yes. Alderman Donelan-yes. Alderman Hanauer-yes. Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item, as amended, to final passage with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. Discussion had by Electric Division Manager Scott Rogers, Public Works Director Dave Fuchs and Alderman Rockford. Alderman Redpath called point of order. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock, Electric Division Manager Scott Rogers, Human Resource Director Nikki Baker, and Alderpersons. Alderman Carlson motioned to propose an amendment #2 to revisit this moratorium in six months with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock, Human Resource Nikki Baker and Alderman Carlson. Alderman Donelan called a point of order. Discussion had by Alderman Donelan and Alderman Carlson. Alderman Gregory called point of information. Discussion had by Alderman Carlson and Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock. Alderman Carlson adjusts his amendment #2 to revisit this moratorium in one year with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote of: Alderman Redpath-yes. Alderman Gregory-no. Alderman Williams Jr.-no. Alderman Rockford-yes. Alderwoman Purchase-yes. Alderwoman Notariano-yes. Alderman Carlson-yes. Alderwoman Conley-yes. Alderman Donelan-yes. Alderman Hanauer-yes. Discussion had by Human Resource Director Nikki Baker, Mayor Misty Buscher, Springfield Chief Kenneth Scarlette, Springfield Fire Deputy Chief Matthew Wood and Alderpersons. Discussion had by Citizens that spoke Former Alderman Joe McMenamin, Diane Howard, Jenni Dahl, George Tinkham, Arron Gurnsey, and Brad Schaive. Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item, as amended, to final passage with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 7-3-0 voting yes. Alderman Gregory, Alderman Williams Jr. and Alderman Rockford voting no.

2023-495 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SPRINGFIELD AREA ARTS COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CITY ARTS, FIRST NIGHT FIREWORKS, MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS AND GENERAL OPERATION SUPPORT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, AS AMENDED.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderman Redpath and Office of Budget and Management Ramona Metzger. Citizens signed up to speak Sheila Walk. Discussion had by Mayor Misty Buscher and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Emergency Passage Agenda

2023-538 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S STRONG COMMUNITY PROGRAM – ROUND 2, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderman Gregory and Public Works Director Dave Fuchs. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0 voting yes. The vote includes Mayor Misty Buscher.

2023-539 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHDA) FOR THE STRONG COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$337,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0 voting yes. The vote includes Mayor Misty Buscher.

2023-540 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING GRANT NO. 24-0155ORC FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000.00, FOR THE ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000.00 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Redpath seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0 voting yes. The vote includes Mayor Misty Buscher.

2023-541 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 477-10-23 RATIFYING FY25 HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND THE HEALTH BENEFIT SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD ACTIVE, NON-UNION AND NON-ACTIVE/RETIRED PARTICIPANTS FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**. (Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0 voting yes. The vote includes Mayor Misty Buscher.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

- Joe McMenamin-signed up-spoke during agenda item 2023-494
- Luqman Hakim-signed up-spoke
- Sheila Walk-signed up-spoke during agenda item 2023-495
- Alice Ramey-signed up-spoke
- Pastor Lavasha Hemingway-signed up-spoke
- Diane Howard-signed up-spoke during agenda item 2023-494
- Donald Hanrahan-signed up-no show
- Jenni Dahl-signed up-spoke during agenda item 2023-494
- George Tinkham-signed up-spoke during agenda item 2023-494
- David Wells-signed up-no show
- Arron Gurnsey-signed up-spoke during agenda item 2023-494
- Brad Schaive-signed up-spoke during agenda item 2023-494

No Executive Session

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Donelan motioned for adjournment with Alderman Redpath seconding the motion. Motion passed with voice vote 10-0 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on November 21, 2023.