



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 2, 2024, 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 January 2, 2024.

City Council Session

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan called the Tuesday January 2, 2024 meeting of the Springfield City Council to order at 5:30 PM. He 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 Pro Tem Jim Donelan asked for a motion to allow Mayor Misty Buscher to join the meeting via phone. Alderman Hanauer motioned to allow Mayor Misty Buscher to join the meeting via phone with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0 voting yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan asked for a motion to allow Alderman Redpath to join the meeting via phone. Alderman Hanauer motioned to allow Alderman Redpath to join the meeting via phone with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the December 19, 2023 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Hanauer motioned to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan asked for a motion to withdrawn agenda item 2023-582. Alderman Hanauer motioned to withdraw agenda item 2023-582 with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2023-582 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ILLINOIS PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND AMENDING CHAPTER 36, SECTION 36.19 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES (Introduced in first reading COTW 12.12.2023). **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan asked for a motion to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Hanauer motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan asked to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Hanauer motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan asked for a motion to place the Consent Agenda on final passage. Alderman Hanauer motioned to place the consent agenda on final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Consent Agenda

2023-583 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT UE24-10-69 – ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SERVICES FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION DIVISION WITH ASPLUNDH CONSTRUCTION, LLC, THE L.E. MYERS CO., AND CAPITOL CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC D/B/A EGIZII ELECTRIC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,200,000.00 FOR THE ELECTRIC DIVISION FOR OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-584 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CAPACITOR BANK CONTROLLERS FROM TELESADA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$183,500.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-585 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEMONSTRATION OF ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT (DEED) GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION (APPA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-587 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SANGAMON COUNTY FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PERMANENT EASEMENTS AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF PLATFORMS, CART PATHS AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES FOR THE SPRINGFIELD SANGAMON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CENTER, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-588 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SANGAMON MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FOR THE SALE OF SAID EXCESS PARCEL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,776.64, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-589 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,484.39 TO JAMES STEWART, A SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER, FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CASE NUMBER 21-WC-020845. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-592 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, SECTION 90.24.1, OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO MAKE TIMELY RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES, PERMITS, OR CERTIFICATE FEES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-593 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PHASE 2 OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE TRAFFIC PRE-EMPTION SYSTEM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$256,250.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan introduced the Debate Agenda.

Debate Agenda

2023-586 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH AMY COATS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2231 N. 4TH STREET, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan asked for a motion to recess the regular City Council meeting to hold a public hearing. Alderwoman Notariano motioned to recess the regular City Council meeting to hold a public hearing with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes. Discussion had during public hearing by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan and Luqman Hukim. Alderman Hanauer motioned to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the regular City Council meeting with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes. Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0 voting yes. Mayor Misty Buscher was included in the vote.

2023-590 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH HART, SOUTHWORTH & WITSMAN FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FOR THE OFFICE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2023-591 AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING EXTENSION OF THE TERM AND LIFE OF THE EXISTING LEGACY POINTE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA, THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL SERVICE AREA REFUNDING BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000,000.00 TO FINANCE, PAY AND REFINANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SERVICES, AND SETTING A DATE AND PROVIDING NOTICE FOR A RELATED PUBLIC HEARING, AS AMENDED.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1 voting yes with Alderman Williams Jr. voting present.

2023-594 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD, INC. TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC GROWTH WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderwoman Purchase motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Emergency Passage

2023-617 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 067-02-23 TO CORRECT THE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) FOR 3740 WEST WABASH GRANTING THE PROPERTY A CONDITIONAL PERMITTED USE PURSUANT TO SECTION 155.341 (B) & (C), HEIGHT AND SIZE REGULATIONS FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS, AND A VARIANCE OF SECTIONS: 155.001, DEFINITIONS, LOT, 155.340 (C), (E), (H), (I), & (J), GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR OFF-PREMISES ADVERTISING SIGNS, 155.321 (A), NON-ILLUMINATED SIGNS, 155.322 (B), ILLUMINATED SIGNS, 155.341, & 155.341 (A), HEIGHT AND SIZE REGULATIONS FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS, 155.320 (A) & (B), PERMITTED ACCESSORY ON- PREMISE SIGNS, AND 155.480, LANDSCAPE, SCREENING AND LIGHTING REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**. (Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

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

2023-618 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR DEW CHILLI PARLORS OF AMERICA, LLC NO. 4 D/B/A DEW CHILLI PARLOR GRILL AND PUB LOCATED AT 301 NORTH GRAND AVENUE WEST AND CHANGE LOCATION OF EXISITING CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSE LOCATED AT 2690 S. DIRKSEN PARKWAY TO 301 NORTH GRAND AVENUE WEST, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**. (Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderwoman Purchase 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 10-0 voting yes. Mayor Misty Buscher was included in the vote.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

- Luqman Hukim-signed up-spoke
- Alice Ramey-signed up-did not speak

No Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Donelan requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Hanauer motioned for adjournment with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with voice vote 10-0 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Lesko".

Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on January 16, 2024.