



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 5, 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 March 5, 2024.

City Council Session

Mayor Misty Buscher called the Tuesday March 5, 2024 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.

Alderman Hanauer motioned to allowed Alderman Donelan to join the meeting via phone with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher wished all the Alderwomen, Treasurer and her female Directors a Happy National Woman's Month.

Mayor Misty Buscher read the Civility Pledge.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the February 20, 2024 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Hanauer motioned to approve the February 20, 2024 minutes with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 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. Alderwoman Conley motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher 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 Misty Buscher asked for a motion to recess the regular City Council meeting to hold a public hearing on agenda item 2024-051. Alderman Hanauer motioned to recess the regular City Council meeting to hold a public hearing on agenda item 2024-051 with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0.

2024-051 AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD FOR THE EXISTING SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (LEGACY POINTE) OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

No discussion during the public hearing. Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the regular City Council meeting. Alderman Hanauer motioned to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the regular City Council meeting with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher 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

2024-046 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 123-03-23 WITH GLACIER SANDS WIND POWER, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALL AVAILABLE MISO ACCREDITED CAPACITY BY ADDING TEN (10) ADDITIONAL YEARS TO THE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$10,302,705.00 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF A FIFTEEN (15) YEAR TERM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,670,485.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-047 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR SPENDING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 FORD E TRANSIT VAN FROM LANDMARK FORD INC. FROM A STATE CONTRACT FOR THE ENERGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,017.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-048 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN LOAN DOCUMENTS FOR THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-049 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE SHARED USE PATH TO LEGACY POINTE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC., IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY SHOWN ON THE PLAT FOR LEGACY POINTE TOWN CENTER PHASE V RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2022R26150. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-050 A RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTES 97 AND 29 (JEFFERSON STREET FROM 9TH TO 5TH STREETS) FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MARCH 16, 2024, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-051 AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD FOR THE EXISTING SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (LEGACY POINTE) OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-052 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 433-09-23 TO REVISE THE DATES FOR INTERIM BONDS AUTHORIZED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023 OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-053 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (LEGACY POINTE) AD VALOREM TAX BONDS, SERIES 2024 OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE CITY'S TAXABLE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (LEGACY POINTE) AD VALOREM TAX BONDS, SERIES 2018. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-055 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,825.27 TO MARK YOGGERST, A PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CASE NUMBER 23-WC-015722, AS AMENDED. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-057 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL UNDER RFP CS 19-29 AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH KUMLER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY CONSISTING OF ONE PARCEL LOCATED AT 1022 N. 5TH STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-058 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINANCING COMMITMENT LETTER WITH HEARTLAND BANK FOR SCHEELS SPORTS PARK AT LEGACY POINTE, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda.

Debate Agenda

2024-032 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 TO THE SPRINGFIELD PROJECT COMMUNITY ACCESS PROJECT (CAP) 1908 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1104 E. SOUTH GRAND AVE. AND 1110 E. SOUTH GRAND AVE. IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

(Requested by Alderman Gregory)

Alderman Gregory motioned to amend this agenda item. Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to place this agenda item on final passage first. Alderman Gregory motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderman Gregory. No vote taken on this motion. Alderman Gregory motioned to pass amendment #2 for this agenda item. No second on the motion until requested by Clerk Lesko later in the discussion. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock, Brown Hay & Stephens, LLP Counsel Anthony Schuering, President of the Springfield Project Dominic Watson and Alderpersons. Mayor Misty Buscher stated she used to do finance for a living and asked Alderman Gregory if she could make a motion to amend the amendment #2. Mayor Misty Buscher invited Office of Planning and Economic Development Val Yazell up to the podium. Discussion had Mayor Misty Buscher and Alderman Gregory. Alderman Gregory seconded the motion. Discussion had by Mayor Misty Buscher, Office of Planning and Economic Development Val Yazell and Springfield Project Dominic Watson. Clerk Lesko asked for a second on Alderman Gregory's motion to pass amendment #2. Mayor Misty Buscher stated that Alderman Rockford was the second on that motion. Clerk Lesko stated that Alderman Rockford seconded the motion to move this agenda to final passage not to pass amendment #2. Discussion had by Alderpersons. Mayor Misty Buscher stated that Clerk Lesko does not believe there was a second on the motion to pass amendment #2 and asked if Alderman Rockford would like to second that motion. Alderman Rockford seconded the motion to pass amendment #2. Clerk Lesko announced that we are finally official. Discussion had by Alderman Hanauer and Mayor Misty Buscher. Mayor Misty Buscher asked Clerk Lesko for a roll call vote on the motion on the amendment of the Amendment #2. Alderman Redpath-yes. Alderman Gregory-yes. Alderman Williams Jr.-yes. Alderman Rockford-yes. Alderwoman Purchase-yes. Alderwoman Notariano-yes. Alderman Carlson-yes. Alderwoman Conley-yes. Alderman Donelan-yes. Alderman Hanauer-yes. The motion on the amendment on the amendment #2 passed with a roll call vote of 10-0.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked Clerk Lesko for a roll call vote on the motion to vote on the ordinance as amended. Alderman Gregory motioned to vote on the ordinance as amended with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. Discussion had by Mayor Misty Buscher and Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock. Mayor Misty Buscher then ask for a motion on the amendment to the amendment. Alderman Redpath-yes. Alderman Gregory-yes. Alderman Williams Jr.-yes. Alderman Rockford-yes. Alderwoman Purchase-yes. Alderwoman Notariano-yes. Alderman Carlson-yes. Alderwoman Conley-yes. Alderman Donelan-yes. Alderman Hanauer-yes. The motion on the amendment on the amendment #2 passed with a roll call vote of 10-0. Alderman Gregory motion to place this agenda item, as amended, on final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2024-054 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL LELYS TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF OAK RIDGE CEMETERY.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

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

Emergency Passage

2024-077 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT UE24-08-50 – BORING AT CAPITOL AVENUE RAILROAD CROSSING WITH ASPLUNDH CONSTRUCTION, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,075.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, **FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE**. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderwoman Conley motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. Discussion had by Chief Utility Engineer Doug Brown and Alderman Rockford. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0 voting yes. The vote included Mayor Misty Buscher.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

- Jason Youngberg-signed up-did not speak
- Alice Ramey-signed up-spoke
- Lynn Wilson-signed up-spoke
- Robert Frazier-did not sign up-spoke

Alderman Rockford left the meeting.

No Executive Session.

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Hanauer motioned for adjournment with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with voice vote 9-0 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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

Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on March 19, 2024.