



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 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 April 16, 2024.

City Council Session

Mayor Misty Buscher called the April 16, 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 Frank Lesko announced there was a quorum for a meeting.

Mayor Buscher read the Civility Pledge.

Mayor Misty Buscher began reading the Zoning Agenda items up for consideration.

Zoning Agenda

DOC. 024-007

**2833 & 2901 E. Cook Street
(continued from 3.19.2024)**

Ward 3

Alderman Williams Jr. motioned to hold this zoning item until the May 21, 2024 zoning meeting with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

DOC. 018-055

**Amendment to Chapter 155, Section 155.001,
Definitions, Family, and to clarify numbers for
Family Care and Group Community Residences**

All Wards

Alderman Donelan motioned to hold this zoning item until the May 21, 2024 zoning meeting with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

DOC. 024-008

**311 Bruns Lane (Tax ID 14-29.0-303-036) &
2021 Hill Meadows Drive (Tax ID 14-29.0-351-073)**

Ward 9

Alderman Donelan motioned to accept Planning and Zoning staff recommendation of with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Deputy Treasurer Eric Ketchum gave the Treasurer's Report. Alderman Donelan motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted with Alderman Redpath seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

OBM Report. No questions.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the April 2, 2024 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Redpath motioned to approve the April 2, 2024 City Council minutes with Alderman Donelan 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. Alderman Donelan motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting 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 reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderwoman Purchase motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda 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.

Alderman Donelan motioned to amend agenda item 2024-119 with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

**2024-119 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ESCROW AND DISBURSING
AGREEMENT WITH LEGACY PARK SPORTS, LLC AND HEARTLAND BANK AND
TRUST COMPANY REPRESENTING SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY BANK FOR PAYMENT
OF PROJECT COSTS RELATED TO THE LEGACY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX.**

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to place the Consent Agenda, including amended agenda item 2024-119, on final passage. Alderman Donelan motioned to put 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

2024-100 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT UE24-01-78 – OUTDOOR 7.62KV VOLTAGE REGULATORS WITH GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$349,735.05, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-101 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,615.33 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-102 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-104 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SANGAMON COUNTY WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT FOR INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS ON PROPERTY AT LAKE SPRINGFIELD FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-105 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND MARTIN ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR DRAINAGE AND ROADWAY DESIGN OF SANITARY SEWERS FOR LENHART ROAD FOR ILES AVENUE TO CITY LIMITS, 1700 FEET SOUTH OF OLD JACKSONVILLE ROAD, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-106 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO AZTECA SYSTEMS LLC FOR A JOINT PURCHASE OF CITYWORKS ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT AND MAINTENANCE FROM APRIL 15, 2024, THROUGH APRIL 14, 2025 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,628.00, FOR THE OFFICES OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-107 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1527 N. 11TH STREET, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND COMPUTER BANC, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$189,150.00, RELATING TO THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, USABLE SEGMENT 6B, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-108 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH TRUMAN L. FLATT & SONS, CO., INC. FOR THE FY2024 BITUMINOUS OVERLAY PROGRAM BY AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$610,913.93 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,025,841.93, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-114 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR MERCEDES RESTAURANTS, INC. D/B/A ALEXANDERS STEAKHOUSE LOCATED AT 620 BRUNS LANE.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-115 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR A CLASS “AA” LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BUTTERNUT HUT, LLC D/B/A BUTTERNUT HUT LOCATED AT 215 N. 2ND STREET. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-117 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE SPORTS COMPLEX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024 OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS AMENDED. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-118 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024B OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS AMENDED.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-119 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ESCROW AND DISBURSING AGREEMENT WITH LEGACY PARK SPORTS, LLC AND HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY REPRESENTING SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY BANK FOR PAYMENT OF PROJECT COSTS RELATED TO THE LEGACY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX, AS AMENDED. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-121 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38, SECTION 38.35 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, BY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ACTUARIAL SERVICES BY REMOVING EXEMPTION THRESHOLD THAT REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL AND ALIGN ITS PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-122 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 352-08-21 FOR ADDITIONAL AUTOMOTIVE FUEL PURCHASES AGAINST CONTRACT CS22-06-35 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 THROUGH THE CONTRACT END DATE OF JULY 31, 2024 FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE NOT TO EXCEED \$1,850,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-123 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MARACON, LLC TO COMPLETE ACTUARIAL REPORTS FOR THE CITY’S HEALTH BENEFIT COSTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND ATTESTATION FOR PART D SUBSIDY FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-124 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FROM JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$66,165.15, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-125 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE USING CENTRAL AREA TAX INCREMENT FINANCE FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WATER LINES WITH A 10" FIRE/DOMESTIC WATER SERVICE LINE ALONG 2, 3, 4, AND 5 OLD STATE CAPITOL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Misty Buscher read the ordinances and resolution tabled or remaining in committee. No movement made.

Ordinances and Resolutions Tabled or Remaining in Committee

2024-089 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 96 ARTICLE VI AND CHAPTER 110 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO LICENSING DOG BREEDERS (held on 3.27.2024).

(Requested by Alderwoman Conley)

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda

Debate Agenda

2024-103 AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE INTER-FUND TRANSFER FROM THE WATER FUND TO THE CORPORATE FUND FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025.

(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 9-1 voting yes with Alderwoman Notariano voting no.

2024-109 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID E. WELLS TO THE SPRINGFIELD ELECTRICAL COMMISSION. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Redpath motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Discussion had by David E. Wells. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2024-110 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KIM FRAM ROCKFORD TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Redpath 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 8-0-2 voting yes with Alderman Rockford and Alderman Carlson voting present.

2024-111 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MOLLY BERNES TO THE SPRINGFIELD HISTORIC SITES COMMISSION. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderwoman Purchase motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. Discussion had by Molly Bernes. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2024-112 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF AARON ACREE TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderwoman Conley motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Redpath seconding the motion. Discussion had Aaron Acree. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2024-113 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARK HENDERSON, P.E., S.E. TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS. **(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 10-0 voting yes.

2024-116 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXTENSION TO THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS AND COMCAST OF ILLINOIS / INDIANA / OHIO, LLC. **(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.

2024-120 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT RFP FD24-09 WITH HAROLD O'SHEA BUILDERS, INC. FOR MOLD REMEDIATION AT FIRE STATION 12 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$469,741.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Redpath motioned to hold this agenda item with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. Discussion had by Office of Budget and Management Purchasing Agent Mike Lesko, Springfield Fire Chief Ed Canny and Alderwoman Conley. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

Mayor Misty Buscher stated she was changing the order of the agenda by asking to recess for Executive Session. No motion or vote taken to change order of the agenda. Alderman Redpath motioned to recess the regular City Council to go into Executive Session with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Discussion had by Greg Moredock stated this Executive Session had to do with 2C 11 Litigation. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes. The time was 6:06 pm.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular City Council meeting. Alderwoman Purchase motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular City Council meeting with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. Alderman Donelan and Clerk Lesko had not returned to the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9-0. Clerk Lesko returns to the meeting. He had to ask for the motion and second to be repeated due to him not being present during the motion.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

- Stacie Beasley-signed up-spoke
- Alice Ramey-signed up-did not speak
- James Johnson-signed up-spoke
- Sister Marcelline Koch-signed up-spoke
- Veronica Espina-signed up-spoke
- Douglas Holt-signed up-spoke
- Kathryn Heffernan-signed up to speak on DOC. 018-055-was not called up to speak during DOC. 018-055-left meeting.

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Donelan motioned for adjournment with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with voice vote 10-0 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.



Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on May 7, 2024.