



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 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 October 15, 2024.

City Council Session

Mayor Misty Buscher called the October 15, 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. Happy Birthday to Mayor Misty Buscher.

Mayor Misty Buscher invited Chief of Staff Mike Disco up to invite the Mayor's Youth Council up to speak. The Mayor's Youth Council introduced themselves. Josephine Oke, Caitlyn Turner, Kynnedi Hughes, Isha Ramkumar, Stan Vacek, Molly Tucker, Abigail McDowell, Madison Crosier, Eva Richie, Mason Haag, Sophia Garcia Van Dyke, Kate Gross, Madison Marshall, Lucy Graham, Anijah Wallace, Piper Taylor, Jeremy Daniel, Evan Powell, Savannah Downs, Isabella Coleman, Satch Buecker and Leah Robinson. Discussion had by Mayor Misty Buscher and Alderpersons.

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

Zoning Agenda

DOC. 024-036

Amendment to Chapter 155, Section 155.302, **City of Springfield**
Special Provisions for Temporary Signs, pertaining
to total square footage for temporary signs in
Single-Family & Duplex Residential Districts
(continued from 9.17.2024)

Alderman Donelan motioned to postpone this docket item with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

DOC. 024-037

Parcel I - 1836 Groth Street, & Parcel II –
1900 Groth Street

Ward 3

Alderman Williams Jr. motioned to accept the motion for Parcel I as recommended and motion to approve Parcel II as well. Discussion had by Alderman Williams Jr. Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. Mayor Misty Buscher asked that two separate votes be taken on the parcels. Discussion had by Citizen Doug Nevell and Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, Reinbold, LLP Counsel Alex B. Rabin Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a roll call vote. 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 passed with a roll call vote of 10-0 voting yes. Mayor Misty Buscher read in Parcel II. Discussion had by Alderman Williams Jr. Alderman Williams Jr. motioned to approve Parcel II with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a roll call vote on the motion. 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 passed with a roll call vote of 10-0 voting yes. Discussion had by Alderman Hanauer and Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock.

DOC. 024-040

18 The Elms

Ward 1

Alderman Redpath motioned to accept planning and zoning staff recommendation with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1 voting yes with Alderwoman Conley voting present.

DOC. 024-042

2242 S. 6th Street

Ward 6

Alderwoman Notariano motioned to hold this docket item with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of ____ voting yes.

Discussion had by Alderwoman Conley explaining her present vote on DOC. 024-040.

Treasurer Colleen Redpath Feger gave the Treasurer's Report. Alderman Donelan motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted with Alderman Carlson 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 October 1, 2024 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderwoman Conley motioned to approve the October 1, 2024 City Council minutes with Alderman Williams Jr. 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 Rockford 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. Alderman Donelan 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. Discussion had by Alderwoman Purchase. 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 Donelan motioned to put the Consent Agenda on final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes with Alderwoman Purchase voting present on agenda item 2024-420.

Consent Agenda

2024-399 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F250 PICKUP TRUCK FROM MORROW BROTHERS FORD, INC. FROM A STATE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,989.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-400 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EXPERITEC, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 TO PROVIDE PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE MACHINERY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE ELECTRIC DIVISION GENERATION DEPARTMENT FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-401 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INVENTORY ITEMS FOR THE UNIT 4 PULVERIZERS FROM WOOD GROUP USA, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$195,966.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-402 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAN FOR THE LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT CAPITOL FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-403 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE VARIANCE REQUEST OF SECTION 153.157(L) PERTAINING TO RESTRICTION OF ACCESS TO AN ARTERIAL STREET FOR PROJECT CAPITOL FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-406 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOW BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NUMBER PW25-32 WITH PAUL TREE FARMS, LLC TO FURNISH 150 TREE PLANTINGS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,700.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-407 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOW BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NUMBER PW25-33 WITH PAUL TREE FARMS, LLC TO FURNISH 150 TREE PLANTINGS TO BE PLANTED AS PART OF THE AMERICAN FORESTS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,700.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-408 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 328-09-24 TO AWARD BOTH TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION AND TRAFFIC CONTROL PRODUCTS AS THE LOWEST BIDDERS FOR CONTRACT NO. PW25-05-15 FOR VIDEO IMAGE VEHICLE TRACKING AND DETECTION SYSTEMS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$206,250.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-409 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC. FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (PE-I AND PE-II) FOR THE ILES AVENUE WIDENING FROM WEST WHITE OAKS DRIVE TO VETERANS PARKWAY PROJECT (MFT #24-00500-00-WR) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$571,764.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-410 A RESOLUTION NOTIFYING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THAT MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$571,764.00 MAY BE USED FOR PRELIMINARY AND DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ILES AVENUE WIDENING FROM WEST WHITE OAKS DRIVE TO VETERANS PARKWAY PROJECT (MFT SECTION 24-00500-00-WR), FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-411 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NUMBER PW25-08-25 WITH S. SHAFER EXCAVATING, INC. TO FURNISH ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION OF 35 COURT ORDERED DEMOLITIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$692,450.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-412 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,477.63 TO ANDREW SANDHAAS, A CURRENT CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FIREFIGHTER FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CASE NUMBER 23-WC 012581. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-413 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 450-10-17 AND 313-08-18 TO EXPAND THE FIRST RESPONDER AND U.S. VETERAN HOME PURCHASE AND NEW CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM UTILIZING TAX INCREMENT FINANCE FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.

(Requested by Alderman Gregory, Alderman Williams Jr., Alderwoman Purchase)

2024-414 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$206,130.00 TO ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR RENEWAL OF THE ANNUAL PREMIUM FOR COVERAGE OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-415 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SPRINGFIELD ART ASSOCIATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101-105 NORTH 5TH STREET, UTILIZING CENTRAL AREA TAX INCREMENT FINANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,241.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-416 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)**

2024-417 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,246.00 FROM THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND BOND REVENUE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE INTERCEPTORS FROM DANA SAFETY SUPPLY, INC., FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-418 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,017,961.00 FROM THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND BOND REVENUE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PIERCE ENFORCER PUMPER FROM MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-419 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00 FROM UNBUDGETED, UNAPPROPRIATED STATE ASSET FORFEITURE FUND BALANCE FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-420 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE A ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OF CONTRACT RFQ MA24-18 WITH BASHAM GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR PROFESSIONAL LOBBYING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Misty Buscher read the Ordinances and Resolutions Tabled or Remaining in Committee. No movement made.

Ordinances and Resolutions Tabled or **Remaining in Committee**

2024-178 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT, EXECUTE AND SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE A TOURISM INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 30, 2029 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (held on 5.14.2024). **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-239 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT MAGGIE DRIVE AND LONGFELLOW DRIVE (held on 6.25.2024). **(Requested by Alderman Donelan)**

2024-333 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH BE NEIGHBORS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VETERANS, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LEARNING, TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE CENTER LOCATED AT 2835 STANTON STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (held on 9.3.2024).
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda

Debate Agenda

2024-404 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH NANCY JO HAUPTMANN FOR A TRACT OF LAND WITH NO ASSIGNED ADDRESS LOCATED AT PARCEL INDEX NO. 14-16.0-256-031, 14-16.0-256-032 AND 14-16.0-256-033, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Mayor Misty Buscher asked to recess the regular City Council meeting to hold a public hearing. Alderman Purchase motioned to recess the regular City Council meeting to hold a public hearing with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes. No discussion during public hearing. Alderman Hanauer motioned to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the regular City Council meeting with Alderman Redpath seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes. Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0 voting yes. The vote included Mayor Misty Buscher.

2024-405 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY WITH NO ASSIGNED ADDRESS LOCATED AT PARCEL 14-16.0-256-031, 14-16.0-256-032 AND 14-16.0-256-033 AND OWNED BY NANCY JO HAUPTMANN.

(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 included Mayor Misty Buscher.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

- Doug Nevill-signed up-spoke during DOC. 024-037
- Alice Ramey-signed up-spoke
- Robert Williams-signed up-spoke
- Tabitha Grigg-signed up-no show
- Bradley Russell-signed up-spoke
- Donald Hanrahan-signed up-spoke
- Ken Pacha-signed up-spoke
- Jenna Broom-signed up-spoke
- Robert Frazier-signed up-spoke
- Michelle Cruz Hine-signed up-spoke
- Emily Anderson-signed up-spoke
- Breonna Roberts-signed up-spoke

No Executive Session.

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Hanauer motioned for adjournment with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with voice vote 9-0 voting yes. Alderman Redpath was away from the meeting for the vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.



Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on November 5, 2024.