

**Minutes of Springfield City  
Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 2, 2009, 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

City Clerk Cecilia called the Pre Council Session of the Springfield City Council to Order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2009, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center West. Clerk Tumulty Read the Ordinances and Resolutions to be considered at the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting into the Record of the Meeting and Assigned the Ordinances to their Proper Committees. The Pre Council Session Concluded at 5:08 p.m.

Mayor Davlin called the Meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m. All were invited to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Tumulty called the roll of City Council members.

PRESENT: Alderman Edwards ☒, Simpson ☒, Kunz ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Mahoney ☒, Cimarossa ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒, Griffin ☒ & Mayor Davlin ☒.

ABSENT: None

Proclamations:

Mayor Davlin Presented And Proclaimed Tuesday, June 2, 2009 To Be Aishwarya Pastapur Day In The City Of Springfield. Ms. Pastapur Took Second Place In The 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee In Washington DC. She Thanked Everyone Who Had Supported And Congratulated Her On This Accomplishment. (See Copy Of Proclamation Attached To These Minutes.)

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Cimarossa seconded, To Dispense with the Reading of the Minutes of the May 19, 2009, City Council Meeting and Approve the Minutes. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Mahoney Seconded, To Incorporate the Pre-Council First Reading of Ordinances into the Record of This Council Meeting. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

The Next Matter On The Agenda Was The Consent Agenda. Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Cimarossa seconded, To Incorporate the Pre-Council Reading of the Consent Agenda into the Record of This Council Meeting. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Remove Agenda No. 2009-289 from the Consent Agenda and Place it on the Debate Agenda. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Place The Consent Agenda, With the Exception of 2009-289, On Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Ald. Dove stated that he wished to abstain from the Consent vote on 2009-292.

Mayor Davlin Interjected A Proclamation To The American Cancer Society. The Mayor Presented And Proclaimed June 20 & 21, 2009 To Be American Cancer Society Relay For Life Days In The City Of Springfield. He Encouraged Citizens To Participate In The Relay For Life On Those Days. Carol Walton Accepted The Proclamation On Behalf Of The American Cancer Society And Thanked The Mayor And The Aldermen. She Asked For Everyone's Participation. (See Copy Of Proclamation Attached To These Minutes.)

Agenda Numbers 2008-337 and 2009-190 Remain Tabled Or In Committee.

The Next Item On The Agenda Was No. 2009-281, "An Ordinance Annexing Certain Described Property On Hazel Lane Located In North Hazel Dell Subdivision." Ald. Simpson Moved To Refer Agenda No. 2009-281 Back To Committee. Ald. Cahnman Seconded. Mayor Davlin Stated That An Agreement May Be Possible Between The Parties On This Annexation. He Understands It Was A Productive Meeting. The Parties Would Like Some Time To Explore The Ideas Presented. The Public Hearing Will Also Be Postponed. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

A Public Hearing Regarding Agenda No. 2009-281 Was Noticed Up For The June 2, 2009. Meeting. Ald. Simpson Moved To Continue That Public Hearing To June 16, 2009, At 5:30 P.M Ald. Cahnman Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

The Next Item On The Agenda Was No. 2009-286, "An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of An Agreement For The Purchase Of A Tandem Axle Truck With High Pressure Vactor And Sewer Cleaning Equipment From Prairie/Archway International Trucks, Inc. At A Net Cost After Trade-In Of A 2000 Vactor Unit Of \$261,789.00 For The Office Of Public Works." Ald. Simpson Moved To Place Agenda No. 2009-286 On Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. Mayor Davlin Explained That The Money Being Used Here Was Revenue From The Sewer Fund And Not Corporate Fund Money. The Funds Are Totally Separate. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

The Next Item On The Agenda Was No. 2009-287, "An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 239-04-09 Amending Chapter 170, Section 170.10.25(B)(2) Of The 1988 City Of Springfield Code Of Ordinances, As Amended, To Revise The Residential Fee Schedule For Building Permits; Reinstating The Previous Schedule; And Authorizing Reimbursement Of Funds Paid Under That Fee Structure." Ald. Cahnman Moved To Refer Agenda No. 2009-287 Back To Committee. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. Ald. Kunz Stated That Since He Was One Of The Sponsors Of This

Ordinance, He Felt The Matter Should Be Voted On Tonight. He Stated The Longer This Ordinance Is On The Books, Someone Is Paying Higher Permit Fees Than Before. He Felt That Was Wrong. Mayor Davlin Stated That There Is A Meeting Scheduled For Monday Which Will Address These Issues. He Stated That All Fees Will Be Reimbursed Under This Fee Structure. He Understands That The Alderman's Concern. Ald. Edwards Stated That From Here On Out, When An Alderman Sponsors An Ordinance, Any Alderman Can Refer It Back To Committee. Mayor Davlin Stated He Did Not Have A Dog In The Fight. The Parties Believe They Can Work This Out. Ald. Kunz Stated He Does Not Believe That Is True. Further, No Matter What, Mathematically Someone Is Going To Pay More Or Less. The City Is Going To Get More Or Less Money. He Doesn't Think The City Can Afford It. He Suggested An Immediate Return To The Old Structure And Then It Will Not Affect The Budget. The City Did Not Request This Ordinance. Ald. Theilen Agreed. However, He Asked If We Repeal This Ordinance, Can A New Ordinance Could Be Drafted. CC Johnson Stated Yes, However, It Would Take An Additional Two Weeks And Go Through The Process. Mayor Davlin Stated There Is An Amendment Prepared By John Sadowski. It Is Revenue Neutral. Ald. Kunz Stated That Some Fees Will Still Be Raised And Some Will Be Lowered. Mayor Davlin Agreed But Stated The City Will Still Receive The Same Amount Of Money. Ald. Kunz Stated This Vote Boils Down To Whether You Want To Vote In Favor Of An Association Or Private Contractors. Ald. Cimarossa Stated She Wanted To Vote For Objectivity. Mayor Davlin Stated The Motion On The Floor Is To Return It Back To Committee. The Motion Passed 6/5. Ald. Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Dove, Griffin And Mayor Davlin Voted Yes. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko And Theilen Voted No.

The Next Item On The Agenda Was No. 2009-289, "An Ordinance To Increase The Number Of Class "A" Liquor Licenses By One For Scandals Inc., 2901 Chatham Road." Ald. Simpson Moved To Place Agenda No. 2009-289 On Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. Ald. Cimarossa Moved To Amend Agenda No. 2009-289. Ald. Simpson Seconded. The Amendment Changed The Classification From A Class A To A Class D Which Is Bar To Restaurant. The Motion To Amend Carried 10/0 Via Voice Vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes. The Motion On Final Passage, As Amended, Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Suspend The Rules, Assign To Finance Committee And Place On First Reading, Agenda No. 2009-318, "An Ordinance Ascertain The Prevailing Rates Of Wages For Sangamon County As Required By The Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 Via Voice Vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Suspend The Rules, Assign To Finance Committee And Place On First Reading, Agenda No. 2009-319, "An Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance Of Payment For Copies And License Fees By Credit And Debit Cards, For The Office Of The City Clerk. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 Via Voice Vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

City Treasurer Jim Langfelder Stated That He Believed An Intergovernmental Agreement Was In Order With Sangamon County For Payment Of Services By The City For Mowing The Numerous Pieces Of Vacant Property And Removal Of Brush Under The Control And

Jurisdiction Of The County. Each Year, Several Thousands Of Dollars Are Expended For This Service. Mayor Davlin Stated He Would Have That Discussion.

Mayor Davlin Presented And Proclaimed June 10, 2009 To Be Springfield Sliders Day In The City Of Springfield, And Recommended That Everyone Head Out To The Ballpark And Enjoy America's Favorite Pastime. (See Copy Of Proclamation Attached To These Minutes.)

Ald. Theilen Asked If There Was A Date On Which The Aldermen Would Receive Projections On The Shortfall In The Current Budget. Mayor Davlin Stated He Would Provide That Information As Soon As It Becomes Available. Ald. Theilen Stated That The End Of The Quarter Was Sunday And Asked If It Would Be A Month Or Weeks. Mayor Davlin Stated We Cannot Afford To Go Another Month. He Stated The Aldermen Would Hear It First.

Ald. Theilen Stated The Rumor Mills Are Running Wild. He Did Not Know Of Any Plans To Layoff Employees And Wondered If The Mayor Had A Plan? Mayor Davlin Stated That The Rumors Are Not True And As Of Tonight, There Are No Plans To Close Fire Houses. It Is Sad That People Start Those Rumors.

Ald. Simpson Asked If There Was A Plan To Deal With The Pension Fund That She Believed Got Us Into This Mess. Mayor Davlin Stated That Of The \$20 Million Raised In Taxes, \$2.9 Million Has Come Back To The City For Roads And Wages. The Rest Has Gone To Pension And Health Insurance. This Year We Began To Pay Down The Fund Balance. The Legislature Has Stopped The Bleeding. The Payment Into The Police And Fire Pension Fund Has Increased Because We Began Using More Realistic Investment Returns. We Have Started Making More Payments Into That Fund.

Ald. Cahnman Asked If There Was Legislation Passed That Increased Our Obligation Into The Pension Fund. Mayor Davlin Stated No. The Most Important Legislation Passed Mandated That For Any Type Of Increase Into Those Funds, It Has To Go Through COFGA. We Have To Know What Those Financial Impacts Will Be. This Will Help Immensely In Planning And Budgeting.

Ald. Lesko Stated That He Would Like The Aldermen And The Administration To Remember That Public Works Cut \$1 Million From Their Current Budget. Mayor Davlin Stated The Fire Department Did As Well.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Adjourn The Meeting At Approximately 5:52 P.M. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 Via Voice Vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

*Cecilia K. Tumulty*

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**Cecilia K. Tumulty, C.M.C**  
**City Clerk**