

**Minutes of Springfield City  
Council Special Meeting  
Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 5:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

City Clerk Cecilia Tumulty called the Pre Council Session of the Springfield City Council to Order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 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 the Committee of the Whole. The Pre Council Session Concluded at 5:05 p.m.

Mayor Davlin called the City Council 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 ☒, Dove ☒, Griffin ☒ & Mayor Davlin ☒ (10)

ABSENT: Theilen ☒ (1)

Proclamations: None

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Ald. Lesko Moved To Recess The Regular Meeting Of The City Council For The Purpose Of Holding Executive Session. Ald. Cahnman Seconded. The Motion Carried 9/0 via Voice Vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Dove And Griffin Voted Yes. The Time Was Approximately 5:30 P.M.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Adjourn Executive Session And Reconvene The Regular Meeting Of The City Council. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 9/0 via Voice Vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Dove And Griffin Voted Yes. The Time Was Approximately 5:37 P.M.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Kunz seconded, To Dispense with the Reading of the Minutes of the September 15, 2009, City Council Meeting and Approve the Minutes of each Meeting. The Motion Carried 9/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Lesko seconded, To Dispense with the Reading of the Minutes of the September 29, 2009, Special City Council Meeting and Approve the Minutes of each Meeting. The Motion Carried 9/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Dove Seconded, To Incorporate the Pre-Council First Reading of Ordinances into the Record of This Council Meeting. The Motion Carried 9/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Cimarossa Seconded, To Incorporate the Consent Agenda into the Record of This Council Meeting. The Motion Carried 9/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Place The Consent Agenda On Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 9/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Dove and Griffin voted yes. Ald. Cahnman voted Present on Agenda Nos. 2009-478, 2009-479 and 2009-480.

The first item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2009-485, An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing Execution Of Amendment No. 1 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$73,635.00 To The Original \$81,359.96 Sole Source Proposal No. 08-160-FF With Environmental Equipment Services Incorporated For The Electric Generation Department For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved to Place 2009-485 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Kunz Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Dove, Griffin & Mayor Davlin voted yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2009-486, An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract For Water And Water Main Extension Reimbursement Between Springfield Metro Sanitary District And The City Of Springfield For Emergency Passage. Ald. Lesko Moved to Place 2009-486 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Griffin Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Dove, Griffin & Mayor Davlin voted yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2009-487, An Ordinance Authorizing The Acceptance Of Two Grants And Approving The Respective Grant Agreements With The U.S. Department Of Housing & Urban Development In Connection With The City's FY2009 Consolidated Action Plan For The Use Of \$1,269,956.00 In Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement And \$609,196.00 In Home Investment Partnership (Home) Formula Funds For A Total Of \$1,879,152.00, For The Office Of Planning And Economic Development, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved to Place 2009-487 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Dove, Griffin & Mayor Davlin voted yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2009-488, An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of Grant No. 10-751029 From The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity, Under The Local Tourism And Convention Bureau Grant Program, In The Amount Of \$296,897.00 With Matching Funds Required In The Amount Of \$296,897.00, Beginning July 1, 2009, Through June 30, 2010, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved to Place 2009-488 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Dove, Griffin & Mayor Davlin voted yes.

Ald. Griffin Moved To Suspend The Rules And Place On First Reading, Agenda No. 2009-506, "An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A Yard Waste Collection Service Agreement With Lake Area Disposal Service, Inc., Waste Management With Lake Area Disposal Service, Inc., Waste Management Of Illinois, Inc., Illini Disposal, Inc., And Allied Waste Transportation, Inc. To Furnish Services Of Collection And Disposal Of Yard Waste Within The City And Lands Owned By The City In An Estimated Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000.00 Based On

\$27.00 Per Cubic Yard Of Yard Waste Collected, For The Office Of Public Works.” Ald. Simpson Seconded. The Motion Carried 9/0 via Voice Vote.

John Woems, President of HUC (Homeless United for Change), 2160 E. reservoir, Springfield, IL., addressed the Council. He was joined by Peg Knopfler, Secretary of HUC, 2942 Filmore, Springfield, IL, and Alton Davis, Veterans Chair of HUC.

Mr. Woems stated they are asking for assistance from the City to open the Overflow Shelter for homeless persons. The weather is getting colder and people are sleeping on the streets. The shelter doesn't open until November 1. He asked Ms. Knopfler to read a letter to the Council concerning the lack of an overflow shelter.

Ms. Knopfler read that HUC appeared before the Council in April. The letter further stated when the shelter closed, approximately 40 -60 persons would be turned out to the streets on May 1. Due to the sagging economy, more young people needed shelter. Today, the situation is even worse. Volunteers estimated that 100-150 people are currently sleeping on the streets. HUC is already distributing sleeping bags and tarps. She stated that the Heartland Continuum of Care and the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness recognize that Springfield needs to increase the number of beds available. Ms. Knopfler recognized the individuals in the audience who attended the council meeting.

HUC made the following proposals: 100 additional beds be made available immediately via the Overflow Shelter; 3 representatives from HUC be appointed to the board that oversees the overflow shelter program, including the Overflow shelter and any Planning Committee. HUC further asked for a meeting with Mayor Davlin to discuss these issues.

Mayor Davlin stated he would meet with HUC.

Mr. Woems presented pictures of homeless people and where they are sleeping at night. He stated that all of the persons in the pictures had given Mr. Woems permission to use the photos. He stated that HUC is coming before the Council now, six months before the SOS shelter will close again.

Mayor Davlin thanked Mr. Woems for his statements and advised that funding is being put in place to get the overflow shelter up and running. He further stated that CDBG monies were being earmarked to help this situation. The ordinance was on the agenda tonight and had passed.

Lynn Brown was present to address the issue of young women being homeless and being abused while on the streets.

Terry Lloyd, homeless, stated that the homeless community is here to help and asked the Council to use them.

Mr. Woems asked the Council to help HUC and thanked the Council for the attention.

Ald. Cimarossa asked for information on the Salvation Army building. Mayor Davlin stated it would be 2-3 years before the building is ready.

Ald. Griffin asked if there was an update for the Lake II Permit.

Mayor Davlin stated he could give everyone an update at the next meeting.

Ald. Griffin asked if anything has been done with the gravel pit yet.

Mayor Davlin stated an RFP has been prepared for the gravel pit to be used. Nothing has happened yet.

Ald. Simpson asked if Director Robinson could come before the Committee of the Whole and update them with what is going on with various facilities for the homeless.

Mayor Davlin stated he believes the best time to do that would be at the Committee of the Whole because negotiations are still being made for overflow shelter. The ordinance may be ready next time around.

Ald. Simpson stated it really concerns her that women are in possible danger while on the streets. She asked if anything is being done about this and if the police department is engaged in protecting them.

Clay Dowis stated there have been a couple cases where homeless women were victims of sexual assault. Those cases are under investigation. Unfortunately when they are living in that environment, they are vulnerable to these kinds of attacks and it is very difficult to provide protection for them.

Ald. Cahnman stated some of the federal stimulus money was to be used or could be used for the homeless. CC Johnson stated it was HOME money (homeless prevention fund) and ordinances have been passed to spend that money. Dir. Robinson will address the Committee of the Whole and updated them.

Ald. Griffin asked about the sportsman's' club lease. CC Johnson stated that they are reviewing a draft of the lease. There has been no word yet.

Ald. Simpson stated it is her understanding that there are a number of homeless individuals who either refuse to follow the rules while living at the shelters or don't want to use the shelters or just decide they don't want to be in shelters. How does HUC deal with these issues?

Mr. Woems stated that is dealt with daily. We still need to give them the right to have a place to sleep.

Linda Justice operates a Street Ministry for the Homeless. She stated it is important to not only have a shelter but a day center is also needed with the support system to get the people the help that they need to get off the streets. Counseling and resources are vital to get people off the streets. Each case is different. Their needs are all different. In some instances, alcoholism, drug abuse and mental illness play a role in the homeless environment. Just putting people in a place to sleep will not fix this problem. Providing support will eventually get homeless people off the street and save money.

Ald. Mahoney Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at approximately 6:05 p.m. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 9/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Dove, & Griffin voted Yes.

*Cecilia K. Tumulty*

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