

**Minutes of Springfield City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2010
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, February 2, 2010, 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 5:14 p.m.

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

Clerk Tumulty called the roll of City Council members.

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

ABSENT:

Proclamations: None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Ald. Simpson Moved, Ald. Cimarossa 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. Simpson Moved, Ald. Lesko Seconded, To Incorporate the Consent Agenda into the Record of This Council Meeting. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Place The Consent Agenda On Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove and Griffin voted yes.

Ald. Cahnman requested that he be recorded as voting “present” on Agenda No. 2010-019.

Agenda numbers of 2008-337, 2009-387, 2009-582, 2010-001, 2010-003 and 2010-016 remain tabled or in committee.

Ald. Cimarossa Moved To Take Out Of Order Agenda Numbers 2010-020 And 2010-021. Ald Lesko Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote

The First Item on the Agenda was No. 2010-020, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of Incentive Programs for the Retirement and Resignation of Certain City Employees.” The Chair Will Entertain A Motion To Place Agenda No. 2010-020 On Final Passage. Ald. Cahnman moved to Placer Agenda No. 2010-020 on Final Passage. Ald. Lesko Seconded. Ald. Kunz asked if this was all out of FY 11. Mayor Davlin stated yes. There may be some

overlap; however, we have no idea of how many people will take advantage of the incentive. So far, out of 519 letters that went out, 19 have responded. Kunz asked how many of those 19 will have to be replaced. Mayor Davlin stated perhaps 1 person. Kunz asked if 18 people would not have to be laid off. Davlin stated it all depends on the position. The monies would go back to general revenue. The money would be used offset furlough days. Kunz stated he wanted to make sure that this is something that will not get out of hand. He's leery of these incentives. Mayor Davlin stated he will provide a full report on each person who takes the incentive.

The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove and Griffin voted yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda was No. 2010-021, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 409-07-09 to Change the Date of Reimbursement to the Capital Improvement Fund from February 28, 2011, To February 28, 2012, And Authorizing a Waiver of Section 37.06 Of The 1988 City Of Springfield Code Of Ordinances, As Amended, Relating To Fund 094 For Fiscal Year 2011." Ald. Simpson Moved To Place Agenda No. 2010-021 On Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded.

The Motion Carried 8/2. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa and Theilen voted yes. Ald. Dove and Griffin voted No.

Mayor Davlin convened a Public Hearing on Agenda No. 2010-007.

The Next Item On The Agenda was No. 2010-007, "Annual Appropriation Ordinance Of The City Of Springfield, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Beginning March 1, 2010, And Ending February 28, 2011." Ald. Simpson Moved To Place Agenda No. 2010-007 On Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. Ald. Kunz asked if an oral amendment could be considered. CC Johnson stated the written amendments would be considered first and then any oral amendments.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Adopt Amendment No. 1. (Expense Budget Amendments by OBM). Ald. Theilen Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Adopt Amendment No. 2. (Revenue Budget Amendments by CWLP). Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Adopt Amendment No. 3. (City Council Budget Amendment regarding furlough days and pay increase). Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. Ald. Kunz asked if we should write a check or what. Mayor Davlin stated he intended to write a check. OBM is working on the process to deduct a furlough day from an elected official. Ald. Griffin stated he had information for CC Johnson including information and a contact number for an individual at IMRF. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Adopt Amendment No. 4. (City Clerk and Treasurer Expense Budget Amendment by Ald. Edwards regarding furlough days and pay increase). Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. Clerk Tumulty asked that her wages be included in this Amendment. Ald. Simpson Moved to Amend the Amendment to include the Clerk's salary and benefits. Ald. Griffin Seconded. The Motion to Amend Carried 10/0 via voice vote.

A discussion followed concerning the City Treasurer's salary and benefits.

Treasurer Langfelder asked if the amendment being discussed removed the vacancy in his office or if the Council would allow him the discretion to fill that vacancy later in the year.

Mayor Davlin stated the vacancy was removed. OBM stated the budget as filed has the vacancy in it. The proposed amendment addressed that vacancy. Kunz stated it's up to the Treasurer whether or not the vacancy is filled. Ald. Edwards stated he did not put the vacancy removal in the amendment. He stated he was under the impression the Treasurer stated he could do without the vacancy. He suggested a review of the transcript of the meeting. Treasurer Langfelder asked for the discretion to fill the vacancy this year in the event revenues increased.

Ald. Kunz Moved to Amend the Amendment to include the position in the Treasurer's Office currently vacant with 12 furlough days and .5% pay increase as well as decrease the City Treasurer's salary to reflect 12 furlough days and .5% pay increase. Ald. Simpson Seconded. The Motion to Amend the Amendment carried 9/1. Ald. Cimarossa Voted No.

The Motion to Amend 2010-007 with Amendment No. 4, as amended, carried 9/1. Ald. Cimarossa Voted No.

Ald. Theilen Moved to Adopt Amendment No. 5. (Expense Budget Amendments by Ald. Theilen regarding education liaison). Ald. Kunz Seconded. The Motion Carried 8/2 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson and Ald. Lesko Voted No.

Ald. Griffin Moved to Adopt Amendment No. 6. (Revenue Budget Amendments by Ald. Griffin – Q5 Funding). Ald. Dove Seconded.

Val Yazell, 3105 Spring Mill Dr., Spfld, Il., addressed the Council. She stated that she is the 2010 Chair of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. She stated Q5 has made great inroads and strides for Springfield and Sangamon County. She stated Q5 is the strongest public and private partnership ever experienced. She thanked the Council for the previous support and encouraged the council to defer and not cut the \$45,000 to next Fiscal Year.

Gary Plummer, 3605 Wittington Court, Spfld, Il, addressed the council. He is the President of the Chamber of Commerce. He stated he is available for any questions.

Ald. Kunz stated he supports this cut in light of the fact that the city is laying off employees. This money is coming from the Corporate Side. He feels it should come out of Planning and Economic Development. He can't imagine funding this measure when we are laying off employees.

Ald. Griffin stated sometimes you have to spend money to make money. Ald. Kunz disagreed. Ald. Griffin stated Q5 has been helpful in terms of the high speed rail study and that will create jobs. The city has government and medical and that's it. In reality, we should cut every dime from rakes to trucks and go to a zero based budget if we're interested in saving jobs.

Ald. Kunz stated the medical district has not given us one job. They've created surface parking lots and empty buildings. We're not getting anything for our money.

Gary Plummer stated they would like to see more construction in the medical district. However, when the State didn't fund the Medical District, the Chamber was instrumental in finding monies

to assist in the operational needs of the District, including staffing. They were able to do that because of the city support.

Ald. Cahnman stated the Chamber does great things for our community; however, in light of layoffs by city workers, he feels the council should forego the contribution.

Ald. Theilen stated the amendment is a two step process. You can vote for one and vote against the other.

Ald. Edwards stated he support the Chamber and is a member of the Chamber. He's having a hard time however supporting this in light of layoffs. He stated it's a tough vote.

Ald. Cimarossa stated she hopes the council does not lose sight of the Chamber's help in pushing the City forward.

Ald. Theilen stated he agreed with something Ald. Kunz stated last week. The Chamber's takes credit in its reports for many, many measures across the city. However, he feels that unless the Chamber is directly involved in each and every accomplishment set forth in their reports, they should not take credit for those accomplishments.

Ald. Simpson stated that she may sound like a broken record, but she has direct knowledge of what the Chamber does. A number of positive things have happened in this community and the Chamber is responsible for those things. She stated at some point, you have to spend money to make money.

Ald. Lesko stated the Chamber is a partner with Springfield. During these economic times, everyone is doing more with less. The Chamber is no different.

The Motion to Adopt Amendment No. 6 carried 7/3. Ald. Edwards, Kunz and Cahnman Voted No.

Ald. Kunz moved to sweep all travel budgets and require that all departments come to the council for travel expenditures. Ald. Edwards Seconded. Mayor Davlin suggested that measure would stymie government. Ald. Kunz disagreed. He stated we sit here and go for 4 or 5 hours and when its' time to vote for a budget, we do nothing. Ald. Simpson disagreed. Ald. Kunz stated the measure was designed to stop spending.

Ald. Theilen stated a lot of his questions were just trying to understand the budget.

Ald. Kunz stated we can ask all the questions we want, but unless we have the guts to cut something it doesn't matter.

Mayor Davlin stated he approves every travel voucher presented. He's denied more than he's approved. There are massive amounts of travel especially in Convention and Tourism. He's cut the travel budget every year. Nothing is going out unless it's absolutely necessary. There are oral arguments in Chicago next month. This would require Legal to come to the council.

Ald. Simpson called the question.

The Motion to Sweep travel lines failed by a voice vote.

Clerk Tumulty asked for clarification by OBM Director Crutcher concerning the Mayor's 1100 lines. She stated that in conversations with Mr. Crutcher, he suggested that corrections were needed in those lines. He stated that the Clerk had asked about an FY09 expenditures not FY11. Mr. Crutcher further stated that if there are any corrections to be made to the Mayor's 1100 lines, OBM will make those corrections.

Phil Harris, 2004 Red Lanes Drive, Springfield, Ill., addressed the Council. He stated he is a retired battalion chief for the Springfield Fire Department. He stated he is asking the Council to save the lives of the people of Springfield. If the proposed budget cuts are approved, the ability for all public service employees to do their jobs will be compromised. Mr. Harris stated that the Mayor should be held responsible for compromising the lives of the citizens of Springfield.

Mr. Harris further stated that the City further under serves a portion of the City by not funding an additional firehouse. He stated this is akin to closing a firehouse. It leaves a segment of the City without fire protection. He urged the Council and the Mayor to seek out alternatives to cuts and layoffs.

Mayor Davlin stated that the budget he presented did not lay off or eliminate one firefighter or police officer.

Ald. Dove stated he feels there are alternatives for the council to consider before the budget is passed. He has been reviewing potential revenue sources. He feels the budget is being railroaded through. He stated we have until Feb. 16th.

Mayor Davlin took exception to the statement that the budget is being railroaded through. He and his staff have spent countless hours going through this budget. He stated he has done his due diligence and so have other council members.

Ald. Dove stated the Mayor has had 8 months to prepare the budget and they aldermen have had less than a month to review it. He stated most of the aldermen have second jobs. The amount of time necessary to adequately review the budget has not been afforded to the aldermen. He further stated he has begun to identify areas where millions of dollars can potentially be saved thereby saving jobs.

Ald. Theilen stated we have the time to delay the vote on the budget if Ald. Dove has suggestions he wants to share with the council.

Ald. Edwards stated there is a motion on the floor. Whoever made that motion need to withdraw it?

Mayor Davlin asked for a motion to recess the regular meeting of the City Council and convene Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining issues. Ald. Lesko moved for Executive Session, Ald. Theilen Seconded. The Motion carried via voice vote 10/0. The time was approximately 6:14 p.m.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Recess Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council. Ald. Kunz Seconded. The Motion carried via voice vote 10/0. The time was approximately 6:25 p.m.

Ald. Griffin stated the engineering money spent on Firehouse 13 was part of the stimulus request presented to Pres. Obama. He wanted to make sure Mr. Harris was aware of that.

Ald. Cimarossa stated she is opposed to filling any vacancies. She stated she meant no disrespect to Treasurer Langfelder in voicing her opposition. He thanked the Council for allowing him that discretion with his authority.

Ald. Theilen stated he has had many calls about the branch libraries. The branches will close due to the budget issues. Some services will be lost and the branch libraries are one of those services. He is voicing his displeasure at closing the branches but there are no options available.

Ald. Dove stated he will bring the options for additional revenue to the council in the form of amendments.

The Motion For Final Passage Of Agenda No. 2010-007, As Amended, Passed 6/4. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Cahnman, Cimarossa, Theilen & Griffin Voted Yes. Ald. Edwards, Kunz, Mahoney and Dove voted No.

Ald. Simpson Moved For An Omnibus Vote On Agenda Numbers 2010-023 Through 2010-029. Ald. Kunz Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Mayor Davlin read each ordinance into the record:

No. 2010-023, "An Ordinance Authorizing Payment to Jordan Transformer, LLC, ABB, Inc. And/Or MTC Transformers, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000.00 in Total for the Inspection and Repair of Two Substation Transformers for the Electric Division."

No. 2010-024, "An Ordinance Accepting Bids And Authorizing The Execution Of Contract Uw10-12-82 – Cold Water Meters With Midwest Meter, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$316,683.00 for the Water Division."

No. 2010-025, "An Ordinance Accepting Bids And Authorizing The Execution Of Contract Uw10-12-83 – Installation Of Cold Water Meters With Vanguard Utility Service, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$328,633.47 for the Water Division."

No. 2010-026, "An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of An Agreement With The State Of Illinois Department Of Transportation For The Capitol Avenue Project From 5th To 7th Streets (MFT Section #09-00447-03-Pv) And Authorizing A Waiver Of The Requirements Of Section 38.48 Of The City's Purchasing Code For The Office Of Public Works."

No. 2010-027, "A Resolution Notifying The State Of Illinois That The City May Spend \$25,476.00 Of Its Allotment Of Motor Fuel Tax Funds For Improvements To Capitol Avenue From 5th To 7th Streets (Section No. 09-00447-03-PV; Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library And Museum Corridor Grant No. JN605-006) For the Office of Public Works."

No. 2010-028, "An Ordinance Amending An 'Ordinance Designating Enterprise Zones Within The Territorial Boundaries Of The City Of Springfield, Illinois, A Municipal Corporation, And Providing For Certain Tax Incentives And Reimbursements Therein'."

No. 2010-029, "An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A One-Year Agreement With R.W. Trowel And Company For Coverage Of Certain Real And Personal Property From August

12, 2009, Through August 12, 2010, And Authorizing Payment Of The First Year's Premium In The Amount Of \$44,298.00."

Ald. Griffin asked for clarification of an issue in No. 2010-026. He asked what the cost will be for that portion of the project from 5th to 7th streets. Dir. Norris stated the total cost will be approximately \$2.4 million dollars worth of work done. The city's liability will be \$25,476.00.

Ald. Simpson asked when 12th to 19th Streets would be completed. Dir. Norris stated when the next round of funding becomes available.

Ald. Dove commented on 2010-028. He stated he would like copies of any maps provided with the ordinances.

Ald. Dove further stated he was taken aback that Agenda No. 2010-029 was on emergency passage. This is an insurance policy and it's on emergency passage. CC Johnson stated there were various errors on the policy that had to be corrected. That process has taken a couple of months. That is why it's on emergency passage. She welcomed Ald. Dove to call her anytime or come to the office if he needed anything.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Place Agenda Numbers 2010-023 Through 2010-029 On Emergency Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 11/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin & Mayor Davlin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Suspend The Rules And Place On First Reading Agenda No. 2010-060, "An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of An Energy Audit Agreement With Ameresco, Inc. For The City Administrative Complex." Ald. Kunz Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Edwards stated he was told by someone tonight that CC Johnson had not done anything with regard to the Hope School issue. She corrected him by stating that 10 days prior to City Council, the notices will be published and the ordinance will move forward. The information he had received did not come from CC Johnson's office or the City Clerk's office. He wanted that to be known.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at approximately 6:35 p.m. Ald. Kunz seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Cecilia K. Tumulty

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City Clerk