

**Minutes of Springfield City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2010
City Council Chambers**

PRE-COUNCIL SESSION

City Clerk Cecilia Tumulty called the Pre Council Session of the Springfield City Council to Order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2010, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center West.

Clerk Tumulty read the following Ordinances on Emergency Passage by the City Council into the record:

2010-460 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 359-10-10 Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation In The Amount Of \$37,892.00 For The Springfield Police Department, For Emergency Passage (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-461 An Ordinance Declaring 18 Unclaimed Bicycles Being Held In The Springfield Police Department's Evidence Room To Be Surplus Property And Authorizing The Springfield Police Department To Donate Said Bicycles To The Tower Of Refuge And Contact Ministries, For Emergency Passage (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-462 An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat Of The Redivision Of Lot 100 Of South Grand Pointe, First Addition, For The Office Of Public Works, For Emergency Passage (Requested By Ald. Kunz) (Committee Of The Whole)

Clerk Tumulty read the following Ordinances and Resolutions to be considered at the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting and assigned the Ordinances to the Committee of the Whole into the record:

2010-463 An Ordinance Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation In The Amount Of \$3,500.00 For The Office Of The Mayor (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-464 An Ordinance Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation In The Amount Of \$27,400.00 For The Office Of Public Works (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-465 An Ordinance Approving The Location And Sketch Map Of Salem Estates West For The Office Of Public Works (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-466 An Ordinance Authorizing Payment To Calvin Mills, A Former Office Of Public Works Employee, For Settlement Of A Workers' Compensation Claim For Case Number 09-Wc-28176 (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-467 An Ordinance Levying And Assessing Taxes For Corporate Expenditures Of The City Of Springfield, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 2011, And To Meet The Annual Actuarial Requirement Of The Police And Fire Pension Funds (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-468 A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Springfield To Transfer Its 2010 Private Activity Bond Cap In The Amount Of \$10,561,680.00 To The City Of Aurora For Issuance During Calendar Year 2011 In Connection With The Assist 2011 Bonds (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-469 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Described Real Property Located At 10 West Hazel Dell Lane (Jane Camille West) (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-470 An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing Execution Of A First Amendment To The Coal Combustion Disposal Agreement With ICG Illinois, LLC And Authorizing An Additional Expenditure In An Amount Not To Exceed \$180,000.00 For The Sale Of Up To 100,000 Tons Of Electric Division Generation Department Gypsum By-Product To ICG For Beneficial Use At Its Viper Mine (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-471 An Ordinance Authorizing Additional Funding In The Amount Of \$96,304.21 For The Purchase Of Natural Gas For The Electric Generation Department Dallman Power Plant Unit No. 4 With The Central Illinois Light Company D/B/A AmerenCILCO Under An Existing Rate Schedule For A Total Amount Payable Of \$1,843,804.21 To Said Vendor (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-472 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 365-10-10 “An Ordinance Accepting Bids And Authorizing The Execution Of Contract Uw11-08-45-Fluorosilicic Acid With Lucier Chemical Industries, Ltd. In The Amount Of \$112,545.00 For The Water Purification Plant” By Approving A Vendor Name Change To Mosaic Crop Nutrition, LLC, And Approving And Authorizing Execution Of A Consent To Assignment For Said Contract (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-473 An Ordinance Accepting Bids And Authorizing The Execution Of Contract Uw11-10-68 – Quicklime For The Water Purification Plant For A Two (2) Year Term With Mississippi Lime Company In The Amount Of \$1,302,120.00 (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-474 An Ordinance Accepting Bids And Authorizing The Execution Of Contract Uw11-10-69 – Ferric Sulfate With General Chemical Performance Products LLC, In The Amount Of \$329,000.00 For The Water Purification Plant (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-475 An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds In The Total Amount Of \$100,000.00 From The City Of Springfield Office Of Public Utilities’ Electric Fund Engineering Fees Line For Electric Projects Account Into Three Separate Electric Fund Accounts (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-476 An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat Of Legacy Pointe Town Center, Phase 3, For The Office Of Public Works (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-477 An Ordinance Approving The Partial Plat Of Vacation Of Lot 1000 Of Buckley Ridge Estates, First Addition, For The Office Of Public Works (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

- 2010-478** An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat Of The Redivision Of Lot 1000 Of Buckley Ridge Estates, First Addition, For The Office Of Public Works (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- 2010-479** An Ordinance To Decrease The Number Of Class “F” Liquor Licenses By One Due To Closure Of Business By Atmg, Inc. D/B/A Broadway Nites, 210 Broadway (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- 2010-480** An Ordinance To Decrease The Number Of Class “D” Liquor Licenses By One Due To Closure Of Business By Maya Fusion Inc., 1640 W. Jefferson Street (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- 2010-481** An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of A Redevelopment Agreement With Lewis House, L.L.C., For Use Of Central Area Tax Increment Finance Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$151,300.00 For The Project Located At 503 S. Seventh Street, For The Office Of Planning And Economic Development (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- Clerk Tumulty Read The **Consent Agenda** Into The Record Of This Council Meeting.
- 2010-444** An Ordinance Authorizing Payment To Latham Souther, A Former Office Of Public Utilities Employee, For Settlement Of A Workers Compensation Claim For Number 09294a613955 (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- 2010-445** An Ordinance Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation In The Amount Of \$200,000.00 For The Office Of Budget And Management (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- 2010-446** An Ordinance Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation In The Amount Of \$10,825.00 For The Springfield Police Department (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- 2010-447** An Ordinance Authorizing Extension Of A Service Agreement With Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. To Serve As Third Party Administrator For The City Of Springfield’s Employee Workers’ Compensation Programs From January 1, 2011, Through December 31, 2011, In The Amount Of \$165,000.00 (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- 2010-448** An Ordinance Accepting And Authorizing The Execution Of A Proposal With General Electric International, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$854,150.00 For Valve Inspection And Repair Services For The Dallman Power Plant Unit No. 33 Turbine Generator For The Electric Division (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- 2010-449** An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Telecommunications Contract Service Agreement Between The City Of Springfield And Bunn-O-Matic Corporation (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)
- 2010-450** An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing Execution Of Two Separate One-Year Lease Agreements For The Administrative Services Division For The City Of Springfield (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-451 An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of One Tandem Axle Service Truck From Prairie/Archway International Trucks, Inc. For A Total Not To Exceed \$139,122.00 Under State Contract 4015050 For The Office Of Public Works Sewer Department (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-452 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of An Agreement With The State Of Illinois Department Of Transportation For Preliminary Engineering Of The Chatham Road Bridge (Mft Section 10-00470-00-Br) For The Office Of Public Works (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-453 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of An Agreement With Allen Henderson & Associates, Inc., For Preliminary Engineering Services For The Reconstruction Of The Chatham Road Bridge In The Amount Of \$202,827.38 And Authorizing A Waiver Of The Requirements Of Section 38.48(B) Of The City's Purchasing Code For The Office Of Public Works (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-454 A Resolution Notifying The State Of Illinois Department Of Transportation That Motor Fuel Tax Funds In The Amount Of \$202,827.38 May Be Used For Preliminary Engineering Of The Chatham Road Bridge Over The Jacksonville Branch (Mft Section No. 10-00470-00-Br) For The Office Of Public Works (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-455 An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of Contract No. Pw 11-17 With Allied Waste Services #352 Of Sangamon County For Collection, Recycling And Disposal Of Bulky Items For A Three Year Period, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$360,000.00 For The Office Of Public Works (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-456 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of A Redevelopment Agreement With Quenette Development, LLC, For Acquisition And Rehabilitation Of The Building Located At 201 East Adams Street Utilizing Central Area Tax Increment Finance Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,200,000.00, For The Office Of Planning And Economic Development (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-457 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of An Economic Development Agreement Between The Office Of Planning And Economic Development And The Office Of Public Works Utilizing The City's Community Development Block Grant Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$600,000.00 (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-458 An Ordinance Referring A Petition To The Springfield Planning And Zoning Commission For Public Hearing And Consideration Proposing An Amendment To Chapter 155, To Include The Table In Section 155.055 (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

2010-459 Resolution Of The City Council, Of The City Of Springfield, Illinois Reallocating Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond And Recovery Zone Facility Bond Allocations To The Illinois Finance Authority (Requested By Mayor Timothy J. Davlin) (Committee Of The Whole)

The Pre Council Session Concluded at 5:10 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Davlin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All were invited to rise and join members of Boy Scout Troop 36 for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Davlin asked that all remain standing for a moment of silence in observance of the 69th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Clerk Tumulty called the roll of City Council members.

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

ABSENT: None.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Cimarossa seconded, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2010, City Council meeting. The motion carried via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Griffin seconded, to incorporate the pre-council first reading of ordinances into the record of this council meeting. The motion carried via voice vote.

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 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson moved to place the Consent Agenda on Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa seconded. Ald. Dove voted No on Agenda No. 2010-459. Ald. Dove explained his position on the ordinance. He stated he is amazed that the City did not know about the funds earlier. He stated that he believed the Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bond Allocations in the ordinance should have been allocated for infrastructure improvement in the City as opposed to allocating the funds for use in building a baseball stadium. He believes it is a misuse of funds. He stated that numerous developers he spoke with did not know anything about these funds but wish they had. Ald. Simpson asked CC Johnson to explain the ordinance and for an explanation so the public is not misled

CC Johnson stated these are bonds, not cash. There has to be a developer that has a project and the means to pay this back. The \$4.1 million in recovery zone facility bonds are exclusively for private development. There is a \$2.7 million dollar bond allocation that can be used for infrastructure. It is a mechanism to issue bonds, a loan mechanism.

Ald. Edwards asked if Ald. Dove was correct when he stated there is certain criteria. CC Johnson stated no. There are certain activities that are excluded. It is not tied to CDBG census tracts. Ald. Dove stated that you can look it up online. He has it all printed out.

The motion to place the Consent Agenda on Final Passage carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards , Simpson , Kunz , Lesko , Cahnman , Mahoney , Cimarossa , Theilen , Dove , and Griffin voted yes.

Agenda Numbers 2008-337, 2009-582, 2010-001, 2010-048, 2010-131, 2010-158, 2010-284, & 2010-158, 2010-284, 2010-328, 2010-380 and 210-404 Remain Tabled or In Committee.

2009-387 An Ordinance Prohibiting The Appointment Of New Employees For All City Offices (Requested By Ald. Edwards) (Committee Of The Whole)

Ald. Edwards moved to place Agenda No. 2009-387 on Final Passage. Ald. Griffin seconded. Ald. Edwards proposed to amend Agenda No. 2009-387. Ald. Theilen Seconded. Ald. Edwards proposed that this ordinance sunset March 1, 2011. The Motion to Amend Agenda No. 2009-387 carried 6/4. Ald. Edwards, Lesko, Cahnman, Theilen, Dove and Griffin voted yes. Ald. Simpson, Kunz, Mahoney and Cimarossa voted no.

Ald. Simpson stated she is concerned that the public is being misled to think this is a hiring freeze when, in essence, it is no more than an oversight measure by this Committee, of any appointments or hires that may come before this body that the City may deem necessary. She does not want to tie any Mayors hands with regard to their ability to hire necessary positions. It needs to be made very clear that this is not a hiring freeze.

Ald. Lesko asked how this ordinance may affect people who had been laid off and are being called back. Mayor Davlin stated this is a nonbinding resolution. If former employees need to be recalled they will be recalled. Ald. Cahnman proposed a second amendment to Agenda No. 2009-387. Ald. Griffin Seconded. Ald. Cahnman proposed to remove any sworn police officers and firefighters from this ordinance. The Motion carried 7/3. Ald. Edwards, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Theilen, Dove and Griffin voted yes. Ald. Simpson, Kunz and Cimarossa voted no.

Ald. Cimarossa stated she voted to put this on the Debate Agenda because it does need to be discussed but she feels the Council can take care of this without doing a hiring freeze. Ald. Theilen stated he wanted to make it clear to the public that this is for positions not people. Ald. Griffin asked how the people who have been laid off are notified of open positions. Mayor Davlin stated there is only one way to apply for a job and that is online. Anyone who is on the layoff notice should know that.

Ald. Edwards stated this was brought up because he made a statement at the last committee meeting and it echoed what the Mayor stated. There will probably be 70 people laid off because it appears the City is going to be \$4.5 million dollars behind next year compared to where we are now. We are living month to month; telling our people they are going to be furloughed. He stated there isn't a position in the City that can't go for two months. We are talking about now until February 28th. If you are hiring people now and then going to eliminate the money during the budget process, we are bringing on people to lay off. Ald. Edwards does not think that is fair. Not hiring now is a better way to do business. He is asking that we use this to not hire anyone until we get through the budget process. It's Ald. Edwards' understanding that it's last on first off. He stated maybe he's wrong. He stated he understands that maybe 5 people have been hired this fiscal year. Mayor Davlin stated fewer than that have been hired in the Corporate Fund. Ald. Edwards stated we had three people in the box last week when this came forward. He stated he doesn't care where the money's coming from. He stated that he was told CWLP is generating \$1 million dollars less than projected. They're in this right along with the rest of us. Once we use the PILOT fund to starting funding the Corporate Fund, that changes the whole dynamic of CWLP not having any impact on the Corporate Fund changed. This is not a political statement. Nobody wants to be in charge. Ald. Edwards stated that all he is asking is that we take this and use it as a vehicle to not hire anyone until we're through the budget process. If that doesn't make sense to anyone, then vote no. He believes it makes perfect sense.

Ald. Griffin stated he is not doing this as a political ploy. He's not running for mayor. He stated he doesn't have friends who are running for mayor. This is out there so we don't get ourselves in a situation where we hire someone that we don't need. If it is someone that we need to hire, there is no way you wouldn't get the votes needed to do that.

The motion to place 2009-387, As Amended, on Final Passage carried 6/4. Ald. Edwards ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒, and Griffin ☒ voted yes. Ald. Simpson ☒, Kunz ☒, Mahoney ☒, Cimarossa ☒ voted no.

The next item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2010-443, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with Harry A. Gines for the Property Located At 1614 N. 29th Street. Ald. Simpson moved recess the regular meeting of the City Council for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing. Ald. Cimarossa seconded. The motion carried 10/0 via voice vote.

A Public Hearing was held. No testimony was offered.

Ald. Simpson moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council. Ald. Cimarossa seconded. The motion carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson moved to place Agenda No. 2010-443 on Final Passage. Ald. Griffin seconded. The motion carried 11/0. Ald. Edwards ☒, Simpson ☒, Kunz ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Mahoney ☒, Cimarossa ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒, Griffin ☒ and Mayor Davlin voted yes.

The next item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2010-460, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 359-10-10 Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount Of \$37,892.00 For The Springfield Police Department, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson moved to Place Agenda No. 2010-460 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Cimarossa seconded. The motion carried 11/0. Ald. Edwards ☒, Simpson ☒, Kunz ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Mahoney ☒, Cimarossa ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒, Griffin ☒ and Mayor Davlin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson moved to suspend the rules and place Agenda No. 2010-482, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement for the Property Located at Hazel Dell Road (Calvary Temple Of Springfield) on First Reading and Assign to the Committee of the Whole. Ald. Cimarossa seconded. The motion carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson moved to suspend the rules and place Agenda No. 2010-483, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Described Real Property Located At Hazel Dell Road (Calvary Temple Of Springfield) on First Reading and Assign to the Committee of the Whole. Ald. Kunz seconded. The motion carried 10/0 via voice vote.

The next item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2010-461, An Ordinance Declaring 18 Unclaimed Bicycles Being Held In The Springfield Police Department's Evidence Room To Be Surplus Property And Authorizing The Springfield Police Department To Donate Said Bicycles To The Tower Of Refuge And Contact Ministries, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson moved to place Agenda No. 2010-461 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Griffin seconded. The motion carried 11/0. Ald. Edwards ☒, Simpson ☒, Kunz ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Mahoney ☒, Cimarossa ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒, Griffin ☒ and Mayor Davlin voted yes.

The next item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2010-462, An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat Of The Redivision Of Lot 100 Of South Grand Pointe, First Addition, For The Office Of Public Works, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson moved to place Agenda No. 2010-462 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Griffin seconded. The motion carried 11/0. Ald. Edwards ☒, Simpson ☒, Kunz ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Mahoney ☒, Cimarossa ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒, Griffin ☒ and Mayor Davlin voted yes.

Mayor Davlin indicated there were two people signed up to speak.

Rev. T. Ray McJunkins, President of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good as well as Pastor of Union Baptist Church addressed the Council. He stated FCCG is a grassroots organization of organizations. He cited the 14 churches and labor organizations who were members. They provide a means for members guided by their faith values and morals to positively impact the political, environmental and socio-economic decisions affecting the community. Over the last year, FCCG has conducted a listening campaign. They have identified 4 social justice issues: equality in city services, education, comprehensive immigration reform and the high speed rail project.

Leroy Jordan, Springfield, IL., Chairman of the Rail Issue Task Force, Springfield, Il, addressed the council. He stated the task force contacted as many individuals as they could who lived near the 3rd 10th and 19th street tracks. The purpose was to hear what people were concerned about. From that, they developed a “Springfield Rail Community Benefit Agreement” They tried to pull together the thoughts of people who were concerned about the project and put it into an agreement. They presented the agreement to Ray LaHood, Sen. Dick Durbin, Secy. Gary Hannig, Mayor Davlin, Andy VanMeter, Bob Turner who is the senior vice president of Union Pacific. The issues in the agreement were relocation assistance, jobs for local people, people of color and women; training monies for work force development and apprenticeship programs, and green space. The others were small business development, safety issues, and noise abatement. That is the nuts and bolts of the agreement.

Anita Moore, Faith Coalition for the Common Good, Springfield, IL. She stated that her neighborhood has a lot of issues with the rail project, i.e., the noise, people losing their homes, compensation, jobs, etc. She stated that she has seen the plans for the project and asked if they would be guaranteed all that has been promised. She asked who is going to be paying for this and ensuring the safety of the area. The stated the noise abatement needs to be addressed. This is why the “Community Benefit Agreement” needs to be put in place.

R. Ray McJunkins stated that there are two major concerns. The question of relocation. In discussions with Gary Hannig, he provided brochures about the relocation issue. There is funding for renters. They is support to assist renters in moving. The community needs to understand the issues and what benefits are available to them. Part of the agreement with IDOT would be assisting individuals and explaining their rights under the agreement. The other issue is the local vendor issue. It is his understanding that a Missouri firm was hired to provide the asphalt for the project. He stated this issues needs to be addressed and maybe some of those jobs could come here to Springfield.

Gordon Smith, Springfield, IL, addressed the council. He stated the group wants to put the concerns of the community into action. FCCG is asking that each of the elements in the Agreement be looked at and addressed and are placed into all contracts relating to the rail project. FCCG be a part of any planning that goes forward with the rail issue. They want to be a part of that initiative. They want the City to sign on to the Agreement. They want the City to abide by the elements of the Agreement. Mr.

Smith stated they have received a lot of nods and smiles and that's great. But, they want to see this put into action. They want a legal, binding agreement that will provide assurances to the citizens of this community. He looks forward to 100% cooperation.

Ald. Edwards asked Mayor Davlin to explain the agreement. Is this Agreement something we can or cannot do?

Mayor Davlin stated that FCCG has also spoken to the railroad. They have been involved and part of the discussion. Mayor Davlin stated that such an agreement was successful in Missouri. He stated he thinks there is a place at the table. One of the biggest concerns is making sure there is nothing in here that will tie our hands or bind us where we would not be eligible for any monies. This agreement may be able to change things in the future. We're in discussion so that when the time comes to sign off, there is no problem with the money.

Ald. Edwards asked where we go from here. Mayor Davlin stated there are no contracts to be awarded. The study is being done. FCCG is involved in that study. We expect a recommendation from the firm that is doing the study in the spring of 2011.

Mayor Davlin stated nothing may happen. Nothing will happen until the study is finished.

Ald. Simpsom stated she is in agreement with FCCG. Once the study is complete and the City signs off on the agreement, at that point FCCG needs to be involved in the process. Mayor Davlin stated the whole thing could stop if there is no money. Part of the Agreement now is that Springfield will get it's study. We'll have a record of decision. Even if all of the money stops, ultimately, we'll have a record of decision. At any time in the future if railroad relocation or expansion comes up, we'll have that record. No matter what happens at the Federal level, we'll have that study. It all stops, however, if the money stops.

Steven Cowles, 1824 Hood Street, Springfield, Il., addressed the council. He stated he is 13 years old and a 7th grader at Our Savior's Lutheran School. He stated this year marks the 4th year that he has organized a parade to honor veterans. Last year, the parade was held in Deerfield Subdivision. He passed out photos of the parade. Mr. Cowles explained the photos. He stated that next year he would like to have the parade in downtown Springfield on the July 4th weekend and that is why he was here tonight. He stated he would be happy to organize it. He thanked the Council and stated that if anyone had any questions to contact Ald. Griffin who had his cell phone number.

Ald. Griffin stated that Mr. Cowles was very prepared and praised his organization efforts. He staged the parade single handedly. He stated he was glad Mr. Cowles was not running against him for re-election.

Mayor Davlin stated it's a good thing Ald. Griffin is term limited out by the time Mr. Cowles can run against him.

Ald. Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Ald. Cimarossa seconded. The motion carried 10/0 via voice vote.

Cecilia K. Tumulty

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City Clerk