

**Minutes of Springfield City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2011
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 20, 2011, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center West.

Clerk Tumulty read the following Ordinance on Emergency Passage for the Council Meeting.

2011-494 An Ordinance Authorizing Payment Of An Arbitration Award To Paul Carpenter, A Detective With The Springfield Police Department, *In The Matter Of Arbitration Between: The City Of Springfield And The Springfield Police Benevolent And Protective Association, Unit No. 5*, **For Emergency Passage (Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-495 An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A One-Year Agreement With R.W. Troxell And Company For Coverage Of Certain Real And Personal Property From August 12, 2011, Through August 12, 2012, And Authorizing Payment Of The Annual Premium In The Amount Of \$50,000.00, **For Emergency Passage (Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-496 An Ordinance Authorizing A Process For The Closing Of A Portion Of Lakeside Drive In The City Of Springfield, **For Emergency Passage (Requested by Alderman Frank Edwards)**

2011-497 A Resolution Authorizing Conforming Changes To The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Participation By The City Of Springfield As Required By State Law On Or Prior To January 1, 2012, **For Emergency Passage (Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-498 An Ordinance Authorizing An Increase In The Number Of Class "B" Liquor Licenses By One For Road Ranger, L.L.C., 500 Toronto Road, **For Emergency Passage (Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

Clerk Tumulty read the following **Ordinances and/or Resolutions on First Reading** and assigned to the Committee of the Whole into the record of this Council meeting.

2011-499 An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Payment Of \$7,500.00 For A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000.00 To Livingstone, Mueller, O'Brien & Davlin, P.C. For Defense Of Workers' Compensation Claims From March 1, 2011, Through February 29, 2012 **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-500 An Ordinance Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$75,000.00 From Unbudgeted, Unappropriated Fund Balance For The Office Of Budget And Management **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-501 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of A Contract With Ferry And Associates Architects For Construction Administration Services For Repairs To Station #1, Located At 825 E.

Capitol Avenue, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$18,200.00 For The Springfield Fire Department **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-502 An Ordinance Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation In The Amount Of \$25,090.00 For The Springfield Police Department, Bureau Of Emergency Communications **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-503 An Ordinance Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$250,000.00 From Unbudgeted, Unappropriated Fund Balance For The Springfield Police Department **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-504 An Ordinance Declaring 13 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 Capital Area Career Center **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-505 An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Amendment To A Contract For Sale And Purchase Of Coal Between Arch Sales Company, Inc. And The City Of Springfield, Illinois **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-506 An Ordinance Accepting And Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract With Central Stone Company In An Amount Not To Exceed \$3,000,000.00 For The Purchase And Delivery Of Limestone For The Dallman Power Plant Scrubbers For The Electric Division **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-507 An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Telecommunications Contract Service Agreement Between The City Of Springfield And Clinical Radiologists Sc For The Electric Division **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-508 An Ordinance Accepting And Authorizing Execution Of A Grant Agreement With The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity For Grant No. 12-481004 Under The Coal Demonstration Program In The Amount Of \$5,000,000.00 For The Electric Division **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-509 An Ordinance Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$30,000.00 From Unbudgeted, Unappropriated Fund Balance For The Office Of Public Works Waste & Recycling **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-510 An Ordinance Authorizing Additional Payment Of \$89,225.79 To Otto Baum Company, Inc. For A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$779,136.79 Under Contract Pw 11-09-64 For The 2010 Residential Sidewalk Program For The Office Of Public Works **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-511 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Described Real Property Located At 1598 Lick Creek Lane (Lake Springfield Christian Assembly) **(Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston)**

2011-512 An Ordinance Approving The Appointments Of Gary L. Hammons And Barbara Seidman To The Board Of Managers Of Oak Ridge Cemetery (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

2011-513 An Ordinance To Increase The Number Of Class “A” Liquor Licenses By One For Tin Can Inc., 225 E. Monroe Street (**Requested by Mayor J. Michael Houston**)

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Houston 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: Ald. Edwards , Simpson , Turner , Lesko , Cahnman , Jobe , McMenamain , Theilen , Dove , Griffin and Mayor Houston .

Mayor Houston presented a proclamation to Darrel Tureskis, who had recently established a new world record for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign of over 60 hours and raised over \$6,000 for the campaign. A copy of the proclamation is included with these minutes. Mr. Tureskis thanked officials from the Salvation Army and his family and friends for their support throughout his efforts.

The Council was then visited by Santa Claus who gave out treats to the Mayor and the City Council members.

ZONING AGENDA

The first item on the agenda was Docket 2011-041 for property located at 1508-1516 South MacArthur Boulevard.

PETITIONER(S): Robert V. Wilbern.

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: S-2, Community Shopping and Office District.

REQUESTED ZONING RELIEF: Reclassification to B-1, Highway Business Service District.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Denial.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:
Denial of the petition as submitted.**

A motion was made by Alderman McMenamain to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the petition as submitted. His motion was seconded by Alderman Jobe.

Alderman Edwards pointed out that there has been a valid objection filed to the petition. Mayor Houston also stated that the motion would need eight votes in order to pass.

Attorney Mike Myers, the representative for Roberts Automotive, addressed the Council in regards to the proposed zoning request. He was accompanied by Robert Wilburn, the owner of Robert's Automotive. Mr. Myers addressed a number of the concerns that have been raised by members of the community. He also gave a brief overview of the business and their proposed plans for the property. He also pointed to similarities between the Robert's Automotive petition and the petition for the Hy-Vee Development, which the Council would take up later in the agenda. He also expressed concern about the neighborhood's plans for a retail center and its potential for success. Mr. Myers also stated that the current zoning would allow for a wide variety of businesses to be located in a potential retail center.

Robert Wilburn, owner of Robert's Automotive, also addressed the Council on behalf of his business' petition. He explained that his business has outgrown its current location. He went on to state that the MacArthur Boulevard location makes the most sense for his budget for their expanded facility. He also pointed out that several other communities have approached him to locate his business in their communities, but it is his preference to stay in Springfield. He also requested that if there is still nothing done with the property after a year, he would like the opportunity to purchase the property.

Alderman Cahnman stated that he has been a customer of Robert's Automotive and has found them to be a good and fair business. He also encouraged Robert's Automotive to take a look a vacant land in Ward 5 for a potential location. He also encouraged the business to stay in Springfield and to look again at the property if nothing is done with it after a year. He also acknowledged the position of the objectors.

The motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the petition as submitted passed with a vote of 8-2. Ald. Simpson☒, Turner☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒ and Dove☒ voted yes. Ald. Edwards☒ and Griffin☒ voted no.

The next item on the agenda was Docket 2011-051 for property located at 259 East Camp Sangamo Road.

PETITIONER(S): Frederick D. Murphy.

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: R-1, Single-family Residence District.

The request for a Variance of Section 155.069, Fences, was granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 15, 2011. The Planning and Zoning Commission has final jurisdiction over fence variance requests per the City Code. The portion of the Petitioner's request for zoning relief that needs action by the City Council is being presented tonight.

REQUESTED ZONING RELIEF: Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to Section 155.187, General Conditions, and Section 155.199, Riding Stables and Agricultural uses, to allow the Petitioner to raise sheep and have agricultural uses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Denial of the petition as submitted but recommend approval of the request for Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to Section 155.187, General Conditions, and Section 155.199, Riding Stables and Agricultural uses, to allow the Petitioner to raise sheep and have agricultural uses with the condition it is limited to sheep and limited to no more than 30 animals on the property.

Alderman Lesko made a motion to deny the petition as submitted. His motion was seconded by Alderman Edwards.

Frederick Murphy of 259 East Camp Sangamo Road addressed the Council on his petition. He expressed confusion at the motion when the staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission both recommended approval. He went on to state that it is his plan to only raise ten sheep. He also pointed out that the properties adjacent to his lot are an 80 acre corn field and an automotive business.

Alderman McMenamain asked for clarification on the motion. Alderman Lesko restated his motion to deny the petition as submitted.

The motion to deny the petition as submitted passed with a vote of 10-0. Ald. Edwards , Simpson , Turner , Lesko , Cahnman , Jobe , McMenamain , Theilen , Dove and Griffin all voted yes.

The next item on the zoning agenda was Docket 2011-052 for property located at 2504 Cherry Road.

PETITIONER(S): Edward and Sonia Gerson.

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: R-1, Single-family Residence District.

REQUESTED ZONING RELIEF: Variance of Section 155.068, Garages or accessory building or structures, to allow construction of an accessory building on the East side of the property within 2 feet of the principal structure instead of the 6 feet required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION IS: Approval.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IS: Approval of the petition as submitted.

Alderman Theilen made a motion to accept the staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Alderman Simpson.

The motion carried with a vote of 10-0. Ald. Edwards , Simpson , Turner , Lesko , Cahnman , Jobe , McMenamain , Theilen , Dove and Griffin all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Docket 2011-053 for property located at 1025 Outer Park Drive, 2115 South MacArthur Boulevard and 2155 South MacArthur Boulevard.

PETITIONER(S): Hy-Vee, Inc.

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: S-2, Community Shopping and Office District.

REQUESTED ZONING RELIEF: Conditional Permitted Use in S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031, Pursuant to Section 155.210, to permit package liquor sales, Section 155.196, to permit automotive service stations, to Vary Section 155.106, Drive up service facilities and Vary Section 155.210, to permit package liquor sales within 100 feet of a residential zoning lot and a Use Variance to allow alcoholic beverages by the glass incidental to the full service grocery store in the S-2 Zoning District.

AMENDED STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the CPU for an auto service station and a CPU to sell package liquor at the convenience store. The proposed auto service station/convenience store is currently located on a separate parcel on the south and west side of the proposed development. The properties immediately to the west of the location are developed with office uses which provide an appropriate buffer between the development and the residential properties to the west. Recommend approval of the variance to allow the sale of package liquor within 100 feet of a residential zoned lot. If the development remains in 3 parcels, then this variance would not be needed. However, if the developer proceeds with combining the 3 parcels into one parcel, then the variance would be required in order to allow the sale of package liquor at the convenience store. STAFF AMENDS; to recommend approval of the variance to reduce the reservoir parking from five (5) to three (3) cars for the pharmacy drive-up window and recommend approval of the Use Variance to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by the glass incidental to the full service grocery store. Evidence was provided at the hearing to address the Standards for Variation and staff finds that the Standards are met.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Concur with the amended staff recommendation and approve the petition as submitted.

Alderman McMenamin made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. His motion was seconded by Alderman Theilen.

Alderman Griffin asked if there will be sales of alcohol by the glass to be consumed on premises in the grocery store. Mayor Houston stated that he was correct. He asked if that is available anywhere else within Springfield. Mayor Houston was not aware of any other grocery stores that offer that service, but it is allowed within the Code.

Alderman Simpson asked if it is a restaurant within the store. Mayor Houston stated that there will be.

Alderman Cahnman stated that he was recently at the Hy-Vee location in Quincy and he pointed out that there is a café in the grocery store.

The motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission passed with a vote of 10-0. Ald. Edwards ☒, Simpson ☒, Turner ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Jobe ☒, McMenamain ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒ and Griffin ☒ all voted yes.

The final item on the zoning agenda was Docket 2011-054 for property located at 1650 Ruth Place.

PETITIONER(S): Harris and Sharon Hatcher.

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: R-1, Single-family Residence District.

REQUESTED ZONING RELIEF: Variance of Section 155.061, Basic yard requirements, to construct an open carport addition to the Northwest corner of the existing home and to allow the structure to be six inches off the property line instead of the five feet required by code.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:
Approval of the petition as submitted.**

Alderman McMenamain made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. His motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin.

The motion carried with a vote of 10-0. Ald. Edwards ☒, Simpson ☒, Turner ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Jobe ☒, McMenamain ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒ and Griffin ☒ all voted yes.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Treasurer Langfelder presented the monthly cash report for the corporate fund for the month of November. The beginning balance was \$6,441,871.00. Receipts for the month totaled \$8,531,746.00. Disbursements for the month totaled \$16,672,500.00. That resulted in an ending cash balance of -\$1,698,883.00. A motion was made by Alderman Simpson to accept the financial report. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin. The motion carried with a voice vote of 10-0.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 6, 2011 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin. The motion carried with a voice vote of 10-0.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to incorporate the pre-council reading of the consent agenda into the record of the council meeting. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin. The motion carried with a voice vote of 10-0.

Alderman McMenamain made a motion to remove Agenda Item 2011-477 from the consent agenda and place it on the debate agenda. His motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin. Mayor Houston explained that the reason for this was to adopt an amendment to change the contract number on the ordinance. The motion carried with a voice vote of 10-0.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to place the revised consent agenda on final passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Cahnman. The consent agenda passed with a vote of 10-0. Ald. Edwards , Simpson , Turner , Lesko , Cahnman , Jobe , McMenamain , Theilen , Dove and Griffin all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-470, “An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of A Contract With Disability Management Network, Ltd., An Illinois Corporation, D/B/A Triune Health Group, Ltd., To Provide Workers’ Compensation Comprehensive Case Management Services For The City Of Springfield In An Amount Not To Exceed \$371,585.20 From January 1, 2012, Through December 31, 2013, For The Office Of Budget And Management.” Alderman Simpson made a motion to place Agenda Item 2011-470 on final passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin.

Alderman Edwards asked if this ordinance will be followed by a supplemental appropriation to cover the cost. CC Cullen pointed out that the supplemental appropriation was passed with the consent agenda.

Agenda Item 2011-470 was passed with a vote of 10-0. Ald. Edwards , Simpson , Turner , Lesko , Cahnman , Jobe , McMenamain , Theilen , Dove and Griffin all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-474, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Tentative Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 193, Audio/Visual Unit, From August 1, 2011, Through July 31, 2015.” Alderman Simpson made a motion to place Agenda Item 2011-474 on final passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin.

Alderman McMenamain explained why he is planning on voting against the proposed ordinance. He stated that he would like to see contracts that come before the City Council to include a clause about any anticipated residency requirement. While he understands the practice of linking any union raises to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), he expressed his desire to see a one year freeze on City Employee wages. He expressed concern that even CPI increases create a strain on the City’s finances.

Agenda Item 2011-474 passed with a vote of 9-1. Ald. Edwards , Simpson , Turner , Lesko , Cahnman , Jobe , Theilen , Dove and Griffin all voted yes. Ald. McMenamain voted no.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-475, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Tentative Agreement with the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 3417 On Behalf Of the Public Works Street Department Employees from June 1, 2011, Through May 31, 2015.” Alderman Simpson made a motion to place Agenda Item 2011-475 on final passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin.

Alderman McMenamain stated that he will be voting against this ordinance for the same reasons as the previous ordinance. He also added that this contract, unlike the previous contract, still allows the employees to receive a sick leave payout. He expressed concern that that language is not included in all of the City’s bargaining unit contracts.

Agenda Item 2011-475 passed with a vote of 9-1. Ald. Edwards , Simpson , Turner , Lesko , Cahnman , Jobe , Theilen , Dove and Griffin all voted yes. Ald. McMenamain voted no.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-477, “An Ordinance Accepting Bids and Authorizing the Execution of Contract UW11-10-69 – Ferric Sulfate With Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$238,500.00 for the Water Purification Plant.” Alderman Simpson made a motion to place the item on final passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to accept Amendment 1 to Agenda Item 2011-477 to correct the contract number. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Cahnman.

The motion to adopt Amendment 1 passed with a voice vote of 10-0.

The motion to pass Agenda Item 2011-477, As Amended passed with a vote of 11-0. Ald. Edwards ☒, Simpson ☒, Turner ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Jobe ☒, McMenamin ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒, Griffin ☒ and Mayor Houston☒ all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-484, “An Ordinance Approving the Appointment of Fred Puglia as Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.” Alderman Simpson made a motion to place Agenda Item 2011-484 on final passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Theilen.

The motion carried with a vote of 10-0. Ald. Edwards ☒, Simpson ☒, Turner ☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman ☒, Jobe ☒, McMenamin ☒, Theilen ☒, Dove ☒ and Griffin ☒ all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-494, “An Ordinance Authorizing Payment Of An Arbitration Award To Paul Carpenter, A Detective With The Springfield Police Department, *In The Matter Of Arbitration Between: The City Of Springfield And The Springfield Police Benevolent And Protective Association, Unit No. 5*, For Emergency Passage.” Alderman Theilen made a motion to place Agenda Item 2011-494 on emergency passage. His motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin.

Alderman Griffin made a motion to accept Amendment 1 to Agenda Item 2011-494 to correct an accounting string. His motion was seconded by Alderman Theilen. The motion carried with a voice vote of 10-0.

Alderman Cahnman asked if the ordinance reflects what was compelled by the arbitrator that the City must do. Mayor Houston responded that he was correct.

Agenda Item 2011-494, As Amended passed with a vote of 9-0-1. Ald. Edwards☒, Turner☒, Lesko ☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamin☒, Theilen☒, Dove☒ and Griffin☒ voted yes. Ald. Simpson☒ voted present.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-495, “An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A One-Year Agreement With R.W. Troxell And Company For Coverage Of Certain Real And Personal Property From August 12, 2011, Through August 12, 2012, And Authorizing Payment Of The Annual Premium In The Amount Of \$50,000.00, For Emergency Passage.” Alderman Simpson made a motion to place Agenda Item 2011-495 on emergency passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin.

Alderman McMenamin asked why the ordinance was placed on emergency passage. Mayor Houston responded that the coverage took place on August 12th and the City was not billed until now.

Agenda Item 2011-495 passed with a vote of 9-1. Ald. Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Turner☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, Theilen☒, Dove☒, Griffin☒ and Mayor Houston☒ voted yes. Ald. McMenamini☒ voted no.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-496, “An Ordinance Authorizing a Process for the Closing of a Portion of Lakeside Drive in the City of Springfield, For Emergency Passage.” Alderman Edwards made a motion to place Agenda Item 2011-496 on emergency passage. His motion was seconded by Alderman Simpson.

Agenda Item 2011-496 passed with a vote of 11-0. Ald. Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Turner☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamini☒, Theilen☒, Dove☒, Griffin☒ and Mayor Houston☒ all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-497, “A Resolution Authorizing Conforming Changes To The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Participation By The City Of Springfield As Required By State Law On Or Prior To January 1, 2012, For Emergency Passage.” Alderman Simpson made a motion to place Agenda Item 2011-497 on emergency passage. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin.

Agenda Item 2011-497 passed with a vote of 11-0. Ald. Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Turner☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamini☒, Theilen☒, Dove☒, Griffin☒ and Mayor Houston☒ all voted yes.

The next item on the agenda was Agenda Item 2011-498, “An Ordinance Authorizing an Increase in the Number of Class “B” Liquor Licenses by One for Road Ranger, L.L.C., 500 Toronto Road, For Emergency Passage.” Alderman Edwards made a motion to place Agenda Item 2011-498 on emergency passage. His motion was seconded by Alderman Simpson.

Alderman McMenamini asked why the ordinance is placed on emergency passage. Alderman Edwards responded that the Road Ranger would like to open on December 31st.

Agenda Item 2011-498 passed with a vote of 11-0. Ald. Edwards☒, Simpson☒, Turner☒, Lesko☒, Cahnman☒, Jobe☒, McMenamini☒, Theilen☒, Dove☒, Griffin☒ and Mayor Houston☒ all voted yes.

Alderman Cahnman made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for an omnibus vote to place on first reading Agenda Items 2011-514, 2011-515 and 2011-516. Alderman Dove seconded the motion.

Alderman McMenamini made a motion to amend the motion to split the items and vote on each on separately. Alderman Edwards seconded his motion. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Agenda Item 2011-514, “An Ordinance to Place Stop Signs at Oakmont Drive and Iverness Road Creating an All-Way Stop Intersection.” A motion was made by Alderman Theilen to accept and to place on first reading Agenda Item 2011-514. His motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin.

Agenda Item 2011-515, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to a Labor Contract with the International Association of Firefighters Local #37, From March 1, 2008 through

February 28, 2013.” A motion was made by Alderman Cahnman to place Agenda Item 2011-515 on first reading. The motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 2011-516, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment with, and Additional Payment of \$15,000.00, to Hanson Professional Services Inc., for Sewer Engineering Program Management Agreement C99S20581, for the Office of Public Works.” Alderman Simpson made a motion to place the item on first reading. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Edwards. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Alderman Edwards stated that he had received a complaint from a constituent with a commercial meter who has had problems with the power spiking, resulting in higher charges. City Water Light and Power Director Eric Hobbie responded that commercial meters have a demand charge, which means in any 15 minute interval, the business is charged based on the max usage. This is also how the business is sized. The charge is calculated from the highest 15 minute interval over the course of a month. Director Hobbie stated that it could be a number of issues and he would look into the surge in the price charged.

Alderman McMenamain stated that the Council is in receipt of the new actuarial reports for the police and fire pension funds. He expressed concern about the unfunded pension liability that currently exists with both funds.

Alderman Theilen pointed out that Public Works Director Mark Mahoney had recently circulated a report on the cost of this year’s leaf pick up program. Director Mahoney stated that the final cost for the leaf collection program was \$190,000.00 for this year. He went on to point out that the cost covers a four to five week period of leaf pick up throughout the City. He offered in comparison, that in 2009, a two week collection cost the City \$191,000.00. He also added that the quadrant of the City that Public Works handled cost the city roughly \$60,000.00 and the lowest bid came in at \$90,000.00 for that same quadrant. While he had hoped for additional savings, he still thinks that the program was a success. Alderman Theilen congratulated him on his efforts. Mayor Houston added that there was only one complaint that he heard in regards to leaf pick up.

Alderman Simpson encouraged her colleagues on the Council and the public to attend the public hearing on December 28th at Springfield High School about the potential closing of the postal distribution center. She stressed the importance of having a large presence from the citizens of the City to show the United States Postal Service how important the center is to our community.

Tom Schaffer of 3515 South Park in Springfield addressed the Council in regards to the continuing action is taking place at MacArthur Park Apartments. He thanked the City for their continuing actions.

Alderman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Her motion was seconded by Alderman Griffin. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Cecilia K. Tumulty

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City Clerk