

City of Springfield
Springfield City Hall Commission Room
408 School Ave.
Springfield, FL 32401

Special Called
Commission Meeting
October 20, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hammond called this Commission Meeting to order on the 20th day of October 2025 at Springfield City Hall. Notice was provided to the News Media via email and on the City's website.

- A. Invocation:** Commissioner Kennington gave the invocation.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Kennington lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call as follows:**
 - Commissioner Jack Kennington – Physically Present
 - Commissioner Cindy Hamre – Physically Present
 - Commissioner Richard Chval – Absent, Excused
 - Commissioner Jack Griffis – Physically Present
 - Mayor Ralph Hammond – Physically Present
 - Staff physically present as follows: City Clerk Teresa Cox, Assistant Public Works Director Ron Mathis, City Attorney Kevin Obos, Finance Director Beth Strobel, Police Chief Barry Roberts, Assistant Police Chief Russell Voyles, and Fire Chief Brian Eddins.
 - Visitors physically present: Diana Kennington.

II. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Hammond asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Limited to items on the agenda.)

Mayor Hammond asked if anyone would like to speak on any of the items on the agenda. There were no comments.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Resolution 25-16 Final Budget Amendment for FY24-25

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above.

City Attorney Obos read Resolution 25-16 by title only. He stated this is the final amendment for FY24-25 Annual Budget.

Mayor Hammond asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on this matter. There were no comments from the public. He then asked if the City Commission had any comments. There were none.

Motion by Commissioner Kennington to approve Resolution 25-16, Final Budget Amendment for FY24-25. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hamre. Roll Call: All ayes; motion carried (4-0).

2. Lot Split – 529 Transmitter Road

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed. He explained this is a large parcel and the property owner wants to separate the home at the front of the property facing Transmitter Road from the rest of the property.

Commissioner Kennington confirmed there is an existing home on the property and the division will maintain current setback requirements.

Motion by Commissioner Hamre to approve the lot split for 529 Transmitter Road. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griffis. Roll Call: All ayes; motion carried (4-0).

3. Ordinance 604 – 2025 EAR Based Amendment

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above and reported city staff has been working with Mr. Ray Greer of Design West Group to update the City's Comprehensive Plan.

City Attorney Obos explained every 7 years, the state requires an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) which is a review of the City's Comprehensive Plan and suggests amendments to meet current state requirements. He reported the Commission will need to hold a Transmitter Hearing scheduled for November 3rd, 2025 and vote to transmit the updated Comprehensive Plan to the Florida Department of Commerce for review. He noted it may take a couple of months before the City receives approval and then the City Commission will be able to hold a Public Hearing to adopt Ordinance 604.

Mayor Hammond asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. This item will be carried forward to the November 3rd meeting for a transmittal hearing.

4. Sign Permit – 3230 E. Hwy 98

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He noted the property owner had repaired the commercial building located at 3230 E. Hwy 98 next to the Goodwill Training Center. He reported the property owner is going to put in a business called Black Friday Bins that essentially buys pallets of goods from Amazon and sells the items at a discount. He noted this sign permit will be for Black Friday Bins.

Mayor Hammond asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion by Commissioner Griffis to approve the sign permit for 3230 E. Hwy 98. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hamre. Roll Call: All ayes; motion carried (4-0).

5. Police Department – Police Update

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He noted the Police Department is submitting policy updates required by the state to its immigration procedures.

Police Chief Barry Roberts told the City Commission all police departments are mandated by Governor Ron DeSantis' office to participate in aiding ICE immigration detainment and enforcement. He explained this policy update will provide the procedures to keep the department within the rules.

Motion by Commissioner Kennington to approve the updates to the Springfield Police Department Policy regarding immigration procedures. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hamre. Roll Call: All ayes; motion carried (4-0).

Mayor Hammond stated that concluded the Regular Agenda. He then reviewed the November calendar with the City Commission as follows: Commission Meeting on November 3rd at 5:30pm, Quarterly Day of Prayer on November 6th at 7:30am, Veterans' Day on November 11th (City Hall closed), Commission Workshop on November 17th, 2025 at 5:30pm, and Thanksgiving Holidays November 26th through November 28th (City Hall closing at 11:30am on November 26th).

Mayor Hammond reminded the City Commission he will be out of town November 6-12. He then told the City Commission some of the City's employees are going through a lot and asked them to keep them in their prayers. He then asked the City Commission if they had any comments.

Commissioner Hamre inquired if the WAWA project and the Panhandle Credit Union project were still moving forward. Mayor Hammond and Attorney Obos confirmed both projects are moving forward.

There were no further comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Griffis to adjourn. This meeting was adjourned by Mayor Hammond at 5:43 p.m.

Attest:



Ralph Hammond, Mayor



Teresa Cox, City Clerk