

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

Commission Workshop
November 20, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hammond called this Commission Workshop to order on this the 20th day of November 2023 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 Phillip Dykes – Absent, Excused
- Commissioner Jack Griffis – Absent, Excused
- Mayor Ralph Hammond – Physically Present
- Staff physically present as follows: City Clerk Teresa Cox, Public Works Director Miles Grice, City Attorney Kevin Obos, Police Chief Barry Roberts, Assistant Police Chief Russell Voyles, Fire Chief Brian Eddins, Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Swearingen.
- Visitors physically present: Jeanie Baldwin, Jeanie Hammond, Ron Mathis, Diana Kennington.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Sign Permit – 1009 Transmitter Road

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above.

The City Commission discussed the lighted sign application submitted for Puff and Play, a cigarette / smoke shop to be located at 1009 Transmitter Road.

Mayor Hammond concluded this item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

2. Sign Permit – 1011 Transmitter Road

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above.

The City Commission discussed the lighted sign application submitted for 850 Fade Factory, a barber shop to be located at 1011 Transmitter Road.

Mayor Hammond concluded this item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

3. Lot Split – 1023 Tyndall Parkway N.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He reported the property owner had originally cut out the corner of 11th St. and North Tyndall Parkway for a new Circle K and now proposes to cut out an additional parcel along Tyndall Parkway for a car wash beside the new Circle K.

The City Commission discussed the lot split application for a new car wash along Tyndall Parkway.

Mayor Hammond asked the City Commission if they had any further questions. There were none.

Mayor Hammond concluded this item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

4. Lot Split – 224 & 228 Everitt Ave.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed.

City Clerk Teresa Cox reported the property had originally been divided into two lots and the new owner is proposing to subdivide the property into 3 lots. She noted the new owner plans to build a duplex on each lot.

The City Commission discussed the lot split application for 224 & 228 Everitt Ave.

Mayor Hammond asked the City Commission if they had any further questions. There were none.

Mayor Hammond concluded this item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Lot Split – 318 School Ave.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed.

The City Commission discussed the lot split application to build multi-family residential units facing Sheffield Ave and School Ave.

Mayor Hammond concluded this item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

6. WAWA Gas Station Development Order – Transmitter Rd. & Hwy 98

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He reported staff had reviewed the plans submitted to build a WAWA Gas Station on the corner of Transmitter Road and Hwy 98 where the old Phillips Oil used to be.

The City Commission discussed the Development Order request for WAWA Gas Station to be located on the corner of Transmitter Rd. & Hwy 98.

Mayor Hammond concluded this item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

7. Springfield Baptist Church – 3615 E. 3rd St.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He noted the new church will be smaller than the previous one with almost as many parking spaces.

Commissioner Kennington inquired if the church will be set back far enough on the road to accommodate the widening of 3rd St.

Mayor Hammond replied yes and reported all setbacks are met.

Mayor Hammond concluded this item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

8. Christmas Bonuses

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He reported the City Commission will need to approve Christmas bonuses for all full-time employees over 90 days effective December 1st with checks out approximately December 6th.

The City Commission discussed the amount of Christmas bonuses in prior years and what has been budgeted for this year.

Mayor Hammond concluded this item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Mayor Hammond stated this concluded the Regular Agenda. He reminded the City Commission that the Employee Thanksgiving luncheon will be held this Wednesday at 11:30am. Mayor Hammond then reviewed the December Calendar with the City Commission. He announced the next Commission meeting will be on December 4, 2023, the next Commission Workshop scheduled for December 18th, 2023, and City Hall will be closed on December 22nd & 25th, 2023 in observance of Christmas holidays.

Mayor Hammond announced the Bay County League of Cities Christmas Dinner will be held on December 11, 2023, at Uncle Ernie's, and told the City Commission to let City Clerk Cox know if they would like to attend.

Mayor Hammond reported he and staff had met with Regions Bank earlier today to discuss the City's progress on its projects. He wanted the City Commission to know it was a good meeting and Regions is willing to continue working with the City through FEMA's EA (Environmental Assessment) process. Mayor Hammond concluded Region's Bank is willing to loan the City funds if needed for the complex project.

Mayor Hammond reported he had met with Wendy Kelly to discuss the Springfield Panthers. He reported Ms. Kelly is requesting the City donate \$21,000.00 to pay for uniforms and equipment for 5 teams. He noted Ms. Kelly also requested the City donate the use of the park for free along with all utilities at no charge. Mayor Hammond expressed concerns that Ms. Kelly or the Springfield Panthers is not operating under its own 501C which could lead to difficulties in

assessing responsibility for any damages or liabilities for injuries. He discussed the requests with the City Commission and noted the City would have to look into this a little further.

Mayor Hammond asked the City Commission if they had any comments. There were none.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hamre to adjourn. This meeting was adjourned by Mayor Hammond at 5:58 p.m.

Attest:



Teresa Cox, City Clerk



Ralph Hammond, Mayor