

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

Special Called Commission
Meeting / Workshop
January 16, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hammond called this Commission Meeting to order on this the 16th day of January 2024 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 Griffis – Physically Present
 - Commissioner Jack Kennington – Physically Present
 - Commissioner Cindy Hamre – Physically Present
 - Commissioner Phillip Dykes – Present via Teleconference
 - 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 Hammond and Diana Kennington.

Before continuation with the agenda, Mayor Hammond added item #6 – Resolution 24-01 Nuisance Abatement for 2621 Percy Road and 147 Harlem Ave., and item #7 – Lot Split for 231 Helen Ave.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

1. FDEP Stormwater Semi-Annual Guide to Household Hazardous Waste

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He then read the Semi-Annual Guide to Hazardous Waste explaining what stormwater is and how to prevent stormwater runoff pollution such as using fertilizers sparingly, sweep up driveways, directing downspouts away from paved surfaces, and picking up after your pet.

2. Development Order – Circle K (Corner of 11th St & Tyndall Parkway)

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He reported the plans for Circle K to be located at the Corner of 11th Street and Tyndall Parkway have been reviewed by staff and meet all development requirements.

Mayor Hammond asked if there were any questions. There were none. He noted this item would be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

3. Lot Split – 136 Central Ave.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed. He noted the lot split met all requirements and setbacks.

Commissioner Hamre asked what the property owner proposed to build.

City Clerk Teresa Cox replied the property owner plans to build two affordable single-family homes, each on a lot 60' x 132'.

Mayor Hammond asked if there were any further questions. There were none. He noted this item would be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

4. Sign Permit – Lawn Masters 2638 N. East Ave.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He reported the sign permit for a business sign at 2638 N. East Ave. met all requirements.

Commissioner Kennington noted the sign would be on the building.

Mayor Hammond asked if there were any questions. There were none. He noted this item would be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

5. School Zone Speed Study – Red Speed

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He noted Red Speed had performed the study and a copy of the study is provided in the agenda books.

Police Chief Roberts explained the study had reported 736 violations in the school zone on 11th Street alone for Rutherford High School; 607 violations were 31+ mph over the speed limit and 129 violations were 46+ mph over the speed limit in just one day. He explained the school zone would be photo enforced with cameras placed on poles to catch violators. Police Chief Roberts states the photos and information is then sent to the Springfield Police Department for approval. He noted once the police department confirms the violation, the registered owner of the vehicle is then sent a \$100 ticket (regardless of the speed overage) with a link to view the video of the vehicle violating the speed limit in an active school zone by more than 10+ mph. Police Chief Roberts further stated if an officer were to issue a ticket for the same speeding violation in a school zone, the ticket would be more than double the amount of the Red Speed ticket. He noted the City only receives \$4 on an officer issued ticket and with Red Speed, \$42 per ticket would be issued to the Springfield Police Department. Police Chief Roberts stated Red Speed would then send all funds to other required agencies and deposit the City's portion. He concluded the idea is to slow people down and make the area safer.

Police Chief Roberts reminded the City Commission there is \$0 cost out of pocket for the City to participate.

Commissioner Griffis asked if there was an annual fee after the first year or anytime thereafter.

Police Chief Roberts replied, "No." He noted the program would be advertised on social media and signs posted warning drivers for a week prior to the installation and issuance of tickets, all provided by Red Speed.

Commissioner Kennington agreed the program could make Springfield safer and be good for the area.

Mayor Hammond voiced concerns about 11th Street. He maintained 11th Street is a county road. There was discussion 11th St. is shared jurisdiction and the Springfield Police Department has the right to enforce driving violations.

Mayor Hammond asked if there were any further questions. There were none. He noted this item would be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

6. Resolution 24-01 Nuisance Abatement – 2621 Percy Rd & 147 Harlem Ave.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He noted this would be a voting item.

City Attorney Obos read Resolution 24-01, Nuisance Abatement for 2621 Percy Road and 147 Harlem Ave. by title only. He explained this resolution places liens on 2621 Percy Road and 147 Harlem Ave. for costs the City incurred to clean the properties.

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

Motion by Commissioner Kennington to approve Resolution 24-01, Nuisance Abatement for 2621 Percy Road and 147 Harlem Ave. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hamre. Roll Call: All ayes; motion carried (5-0).

7. Lot Split – 231 Helen Ave.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed. He reported the lot split met all requirements and setbacks. Mayor Hammond noted this lot split is being submitted by Clayton homes to place two new manufactured homes on each lot of 60' x 332'.

Mayor Hammond asked if there were any questions. There were none. He noted this item would be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Mayor Hammond stated this concluded the agenda.

Mayor Hammond told the City Commissioners he wanted them to be thinking about something they could name after former Commissioner Dennis Haddock who passed away while serving on the City Commission. He suggested a park, sports field, or community center.

The City Commission discussed optional locations and possibly dedicating the Fitness Court located at Springfield Walking Park in honor of Dennis Haddock, former City Commissioner.

Mayor Hammond asked the City Commission if they had any further comments.

Commissioner Kennington inquired about a former mobile home park owned by Ross Mossbacher on 9th St. He asked why the park owner was not allowed to put his park back.

City Clerk Teresa Cox stated mobile home parks are considered non-conforming. If they ever go away, they cannot return. Mr. Mossbacher's mobile home park was destroyed by Hurricane Michael and was not replaced within the extended time given after the hurricane. She noted the City's Land Development Regulations do not allow for mobile home parks to be replaced. City Clerk Cox noted the various code and safety issues with the property such as lack of access for Fire or emergency services.

Commissioner Kennington asked how Mr. Mossbacher could develop his property.

City Clerk Cox stated the property would need either a wider opening with a developed area that included a turn-around radius for emergency vehicles or another access point, so the property has adequate ingress and egress. She noted any development would require proper access for utilities as well.

There were no further comments.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Kennington to adjourn. This meeting was adjourned by Mayor Hammond at 6:01 p.m.

Attest:



Teresa Cox, City Clerk



Ralph Hammond, Mayor