

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

Commission Workshop
March 18, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hammond called this Commission Workshop to order on this the 18th day of March 2024 at Springfield City Hall. Notice was provided to the News Media via email and on the City's website.

- A. **Invocation:** Commissioner Hamre gave the invocation.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Hamre 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 – Physically Present
 - 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.
 - Visitors physically present: Jeanie Baldwin, Jeanie Hammond, Ron Mathis, Diana Kennington, Rhonda Crider, Richard Chval.

Before continuation of the agenda, Mayor Hammond reported Commissioner Dykes is home from the hospital and asked the City Commission to keep him and his family in their prayers.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Lot Split – 235 & 237 Central Ave.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He reminded the City Commission this is a workshop and there are no voting items. He then reported that the owner of the properties located at 235 Central Ave. and 237 Central Ave. is requesting to take 7 feet from 235 Central Ave. and increase the property known as 237 Central Ave. by 7 feet. Mayor Hammond explained the property owner would like to build a duplex at 237 Central Ave. and needs 7 more feet.

The City Commission discussed the lot split for 235 & 237 Central Ave.

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

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

2. Lot Split – Hyde Ave. Parcel #12522-010-000

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He reported the property owner would like to build two single-family homes and the lot split requested would meet all setbacks.

The City Commission discussed the request for a lot split on Hyde Ave. (Parcel #12522-010-000).

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

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

3. Sign Permit – 1709 Transmitter Rd.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He reported the property located at 1709 Transmitter Road had been sold to Florida Detroit Diesel-Allison and the new property owner is requesting to place a free standing ground sign.

The City Commission discussed the request for a free standing ground sign at 1709 Transmitter Road for Florida Detroit Diesel-Allison.

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. Sign Permit – 3128 E. 5th St.

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed. He reported the private music hall called the Ghetto Palace has been rebuilt and is now applying for a wall sign. He noted the sign met all requirements.

The City Commission discussed the Ghetto Palace and the request for the sign permit.

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. Resolution 24-04 – Amending Annual Budget for FY23-24

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed. He noted this is the semi-annual amendment to the budget for FY23-24. He stated Finance Director Beth Strobel is present to answer any questions.

The City Commission discussed the semi-annual amendment to the budget for FY23-24 with Finance Director Beth Strobel.

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.

6. Christmas Bonuses

Mayor Hammond read the agenda item listed above. He noted the City Commission had asked to discuss Christmas bonuses before budget preparations begin.

Commissioner Kennington asked why the bonuses were not given out in November so employees could shop the Black Friday sales and Commissioner Hamre asked if there was a reason not give them earlier.

Mayor Hammond explained most of the early revenues for the new fiscal year do not come in until late November or early December. He noted giving out bonuses before these revenues come in could affect the City's finances. He then discussed how most of the employees were very happy with the Christmas bonus they received.

Commissioner Hamre stated she did not know the employees receive the full \$500.00 after taxes and noted she was satisfied with the bonus currently given.

The City Commission discussed leaving the Christmas bonus at its current rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Hammond noted this concluded the Regular Agenda. Mayor Hammond told the City Commission the regular workshop scheduled for April 15th, 2024, will not be held due to the upcoming election. He stated the City will hold a Special Call Meeting on April 22, 2024 @ 5:30pm to swear in the newly elected officials. Mayor Hammond asked the City Commission to attend the retirement luncheon for Commissioner Dykes on April 23, 2024 @ 11:30am at the Springfield Community Church. He then reminded the City Commission City Hall will be closed on March 29th, 2024, and April 1st, 2024, in observance of the Easter holidays.

Mayor Hammond reported the renderings for the dedication sign for former commissioner Dennis Haddock to dedicate the Fitness Court are in and as soon as the sign is built, a date for the dedication will be set.

Mayor Hammond reminded the City Commission to keep Commissioner Dykes and his family in their prayers. He then asked the City Commission if they had any comments. There were none.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Griffis to adjourn. This meeting was adjourned by Mayor Hammond at 5:51 p.m.

Attest:



Teresa Cox, City Clerk



Ralph Hammond, Mayor