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Citizen Input	Dept.	Ward	Comments
More action needs to be done and precinct committeemen can help with the follow up that needs to take place.	Council	2	Every Friday, an email is sent to the Neighborhood Associations about City happenings. To be added to the list, please call 789-2200 or email communicationsdirector@springfield.il.us .
Traffic control light at 11 th & Adams. It is the main artery and can control traffic	PW	2	Have provided to the Traffic Engineer to review but initial response is that a light is not warranted at that location.
Need more jobs: disparity in areas. Quiet in places and could be vibrant.	Econ Dev	2	Economic Development is working on a plan to develop TIF areas with the hiring of a Division Manager. Economic Development & Public Works partnered with Urban League to add on to their lawn maintenance summer program.
There needs to be regulations of halfway houses with paroles. Oversight in process because there are locations out there that are operating illegally.	PW	2	Currently reviewing code. However, if there are questions or issues, residents should contact Building and Zoning directly.
Reasonable utility rates – don't want to go higher.	CWLP	2	CWLP Bond Refunding and rate restructure improves CWLP monthly cash flow without increasing usage rate.
More help for seniors	CR	2	More specifics are needed.
Help from the City with the Churches – better working relationship with the City.	Comm	2	
Space on 11 th Street – Economic Development: plan for vacant lots. Lots of open space and it is negatively affecting the property values.	Econ Dev	2	Currently working on inventory. The City is working on a Comprehensive Plan with Regional Planning and residents are encouraged to fill out the survey to ensure their feedback is part of the plan.
More things for the kids to do like going to a community center for youth. Gold's Gym would be an ideal community space (rent it for holidays, dinners). Need to enhance the Boys and Girls Clubs that are in existent.	Comm	2	It is the goal that the Gold's Gym will be a community center and provide extra curricular activities throughout the year for youth and family. Summer City Work internships do occur with CWLP; Public Works and the Library. Also Public Works & Economic Development partnered with the Urban League on their summer lawn maintenance program.

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More transportation from the east side to west side. Also why can't we get around to the smaller communities? Similar to a Metra Rail in Springfield.		2	SMTD attended most of last Ward sessions and will be at these next Ward sessions. They also have a survey out right now they are asking for resident feedback.
Infrastructure improvements – sewers, flooding, street conditions, sidewalks.	PW	2	Comprehensive Plan is being developed in partnership with the County (noted above). In addition, Public Works has created a Capital Improvement Plan that will be presented to the Council but requires funding.
Low and moderate income housing that is better.	Econ Dev	2	Economic Development will work with entities to provide housing. For example: ED secured an IHDA grant to work on housing with the Nehemiah Project.
Waste management needs to be more standardized. Predictable and flexible including recycling.	PW	2	Waste management policies, procedures, and funding changes were rolled out on September 1 of this year.
No public trash receptacles on 11 th and South Grand and they are necessary.	PW	2	Receptacles are now in place.
Neighborhoods and properties dealing with Railroad Relocation and the change in property value. More inspections from Public Aid and Section 8. Oversight for these properties.	PW & CR	2	Resource Center was created last fall in the Office of Community Relations. People can go there and have their questions answered in addition to the role of the Ombudsman. PSA was rolled out regarding the services of the Resource Center late February. It was shared on Social Media and running on Channel 18. In addition, an email was sent to the Neighborhood Associations about the various services including Website, Resource Center hours and a link to the video.
Also people moving in from out of town. It is those individuals that are causing the crime – not the local people.		2	Police Department is hiring Crime Analyst that will analyze crime trends.
Bridge that goes over Clearlake is not handicap accessible. It needs to be ADA compliant.		2	Working to make improvements. Looking at potential solutions.
Springfield Housing Authority should be the rule of thumb/standardized by all city codes – for ADA, Landlords, Tenants, etc.		2	SHA is a different function than the role of City Codes. To accomplish this, the City would likely require a landlord registration process within city of Springfield for rental properties.

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<p>Stevenson Drive up to South Grand – reduction of speed limit, especially between Stevenson Drive and Ash Street. Reduce by Iles Park to 30 miles an hour and 20 miles during school. It makes it difficult to cross the street with everyone going so fast. Speed limit in residential needs to be evaluated because it gets dangerous.</p>	<p>PW</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>30 mph is consistent with the traffic throughout city in residential neighborhoods. Adjusting for just one area is not advised. Enhanced enforcement can be recommended to SPD as well as other traffic calming initiatives considered.</p>
<p>Congrats to street repair and now look at sewers – rate of repair should be held to same standards.</p>	<p>PW</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Public Works has a Sewer Maintenance Plan</p>
<p>Still considered Railroad Relocation an issue and City should help. Plan is not clear and people are not being advised of those things. More information and ability to ask questions. Need to do what they said and be transparent.</p>	<p>CR</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Resource Center was created last fall in the Office of Community Relations. PSA was rolled out regarding the services of the Resource Center late February. It was shared on Social Media and running on Channel 18. In addition, an email was sent to the Neighborhood Associations about the various services including Website, Resource Center hours and a link to the video.</p>
<p>Pave roads instead of oil and chip.</p>	<p>PW</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Public Works will present a Capital Improvement Plan that would begin to address some of the modernization needs. However, funding right now is only available for maintaining the current conditions of roads. No funding is currently available for road improvements. Working with Communications, better outlining the process, cost and updates, etc. and make it available online.</p>
<p>How can we get more Federal money to do everything we want to do?</p>	<p>Econ Dev</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Mayor has been reaching out to Congressman Davis and LaHood as well as working closely with Senator Durbin to request funding through the newly adopted federal transportation bill. These lobbying efforts will continue. In addition, the City added contract dollars to assist with Grant Writing</p>
<p>Recycling – improving processes.</p>	<p>PW</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Waste and Recycling policies and procedures were updated and rolled out September 1 of this year.</p>
<p>Community Gardens for empty lots and learning centers for plants and growth.</p>	<p>Econ Dev</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>GenH Kids is the local not-for-profit who oversees Community Gardens and has partnered for community resources whenever possible. They have also launched a mobile farmers market that the City assisted with that can be requested for neighborhoods and events.</p>

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Utilize precinct committeemen – use them more to get info out. They are foot soldiers.	Council	2	Every Friday, an email is sent to the Neighborhood Associations about City happenings. To be added to the list, please call 789-2200 or email communicationsdirector@springfield.il.us.
City and Mass Transit need to work together to offer 7 day a week service – 24 hours a day. Without the service it is dangerous and many are young African Americans. SMTD and City partnership is a must.		2	SMTD attended most of last Ward sessions and will be at these next Ward sessions. They also have a survey out right now they are asking for resident feedback.
There was a transportation study done that may help city assess what is going on locally and into the future. The City should examine that information.	PW	2	The city participated in developing the Transportation report and works closely with the Regional Planning Commission and other local governments as part of the Springfield Area Transportation Study group that sets priorities and makes planning decisions. Concerns from the Ward meetings were also shared with SMTD.
New and updated street lights – a lighting project. Dirksen to South Grand to MacArthur exercise eminent domain to entice businesses on that strip.	CWLP	2	Will be part of the Capital Improvement Plan to modernize traffic signals.
City lights need to be turned back on over on the East side and increase lighting where there are police calls.	CWLP	2	CWLP will analyze lighting in the reported areas.
Action to address violence and the need for activities for kids		2	Police Department is reviewing and developing community policing strategies to build community relationships to reduce crime.
Factory jobs	Econ Dev	2	Economic Development is working on a strategy to develop TIF areas and create jobs.
Mayor needs to meet with State Attorneys. The people committing the crimes aren't being prosecuted. County doesn't enforce those who have committed crimes and that needs to change.	Comm	2	Mayor and Police are meeting with County and US Attorney to discuss Gun Violence.
Emphasis on youth employment and summer jobs – things like landscape, keep them busy and expose them to different professions and trade skills.	Comm	2	Mayor is looking into these opportunities by departments. Urban League partnership occurred this summer.

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Engagement is a huge piece to get people going. Strengthen the neighborhood relations and start with the youth.		2	Police Department is working on community policing initiatives to increase public outreach. Community Relations will help develop Neighborhood Watch programs upon request.
More discussion on the importance in the role of government – government is portrayed negative but with the new council have an emphasis on the positive of government – jobs, services, etc. All are positives.	Comm	2	City is improving Website, Cable Access programming and Social Media to improve communications with the public.
If businesses are going to do consulting for the City of Springfield, they need to hire city residents, people who live in the community. If we were economically stable, there wouldn't be so much crime. Multi-million dollar contracts that City gives to people, they need to employ local people.	Comm	2	Economic Development hosted a Contractor's workshop for businesses interested in doing work for Economic Development & CWLP. The Council also passed the Ordinance that would require a contractor who receives a City bid that 50% of the labor force needs to be Springfield residents and the same for TIF projects of over \$100,000 - 50% of the workforce needs to be Springfield residents.
Including the Youth in the process and how they can be heard and involving them.	CR	2	Youth Council being developed by Community Relations. In addition, Public Works employees approximately 10 to 15 summer employees to assist with necessary summer weeding, landscaping, and mowing at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Same with the Urban League summer program.
See how we can have the old vision (comprehensive plan) and how do we combine with these new ideas that we gain from these meetings.	Econ Dev	2	Comprehensive Plan is being developed in partnership with the County (noted above). In addition, Public Works has created a Capital Improvement Plan that will be presented to the Council but requires funding.
Complete the development on South Grand – places where kids can go. We need a plan for our future.	Econ Dev	2	Economic Development is analyzing TIF districts to improve development efforts. The addition of the Division Manager will assist with this as well.
Noise issues – vehicle issues with mufflers, etc. Deal with those.	Police	2	Police Department will respond upon complaint or specify trouble areas.

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More of the police doing community activities. Disconnect with the environment they live and the police department. People don't know neighborhood officers anymore and want to have that rapport with community policing.	Police	2	Police need to report out on the community activities in terms of attendance, how it has helped and improved city, etc. Not just host the event but analyze the impact and how we can build on it. City is revising Web site which will provide more info by Ward.
Economic Development around Feitshans. Federal money may be available.	Econ Dev	2	The addition of a Division Manager will assist with this work.
Board of local review to meet and connect to talk about sidewalks, streets, sewers to help prioritize.	Comm	2	City, County and State work on a SATS priority report. Public Works will meet with alderman to review upcoming projects.
Neighborhood Watch programs needs to be expanded and taught	CR	2	Contact the Police Department directly and they will assist residents in setting up a Neighborhood Watch program for your area.
Better communication from City – find our core competencies and try and get them to stay and get involved in our businesses (i.e. human capital development). Attention to who we need to keep and cultivate here.	Comm	2	Working to expand "Grow Your Own" program. Improving communication with Neighborhood Associations, Cable Access improvements and Social Media engagement. Also passed Residency and Contractor Labor Ordinances (50% workforce from the City).
We need to deal with racism. Look at the elephant in the room. City money needs to stay here in the city. If people could fix their property – look what could happen. Acknowledging it is the first step; even up the city resources – city has to lead this. City has been in denial – we need to acknowledge. We need to think beyond just the community. But how do they compete world-wide – not just here locally.	Comm	2	Economic Development priority areas are the TIF Districts and Urban Core. City has required diversity training for Directors. Administration continually meets with community groups to identify and address community issues.
We need to have the dialogue – it is the start of the process. Acknowledge Institutionalized Racism. The city can work better with the school system – better collaboration.		2	City is working with District 186 on Economic Development initiatives like prioritizing TIF areas.

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Diversified youth council – across race, gender, age, and sexual orientation		2	Community Relations is working on establishing a Mayor's Youth Council
Neighborhood incentives	Comm	2	Under advisement. Look how Ward 6 manages this type of program and pros/cons along with successes and lessons learned.
City residency to help local jobs	Council	2	Residency Ordinance and Contractor Labor Ordinance have passed
Police need to report back to the community on their initiatives and events that they do (Coffee With a Cop, BBQ). What is occurring because of these efforts?	Police	2	Police will develop a community report. In addition, Ward meetings will be held each year to report back on progress and hear about new needs.
Economic Development: What about the Bunn Capital Youth Center? We have very successful private businesses. We don't see it however on some of our buildings (public/private partnership) and maybe we can see it more in our community. Call on our more successful people to be more committed to Springfield. Corporate involvement in our youth.	Econ Dev	2	Economic Development is working on Targeted Industry Sectors. The intent is to improve our businesses, attract complimentary businesses and develop a qualified workforce.
Lack of results from elected officials	Comm	2	Inspector General in addition to Ward meetings to help identify and address issues.
Cost of living		2	
The City's Community Relations Office		2	
Affordable housing		2	
Educational opportunities		2	
Geographic location		2	
Medical community		2	
Mark Mahoney		2	
State Government being here		2	