

**WARD 5 - STRATEGIC WARD FORUMS**

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1	<b>Citizen Input</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Pos/Issue- Priorities</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2	Lighting – 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Street don't have lights. Especially in the alley. Promote CWLP lighting program. Because it is a safety issue, the residents need more.	CWLP	Iss/Pri	5	Is it private or a City issue? Internally need to discuss and determine then communicate it out.
3	Too many one way streets downtown and need to switch it up.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	Have been discussing turning back one way streets to two way with Downtown Springfield Inc. Will likely be part of a capital improvement plan for the city should funding become available.
4	Hunter Lake – is there a need for it? We need to set our priorities. Information to justify the \$100 million Hunter Lake vs. the sewer and other pressing issues.	Comm	Iss/Pri	5	Priority is a backup source of water. Currently the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on the Supplemental Water Supply Project and initiation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement process to neighborhoods and the community. Public comments are currently being accepted and due on or before September 14. Visit <a href="http://supplementalwater.cwlp.com">supplementalwater.cwlp.com</a> to submit comments (via email or through the mail).
5	Sidewalks are bad but they pave the alley is paved. Oak Ridge area – north of North Grand. Replacement and connection.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	Have passed along to engineering to look at the area for sidewalk and alley repairs.
6	Addition of sidewalk where 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Streets come together to wait for the bus. Need to add sidewalks around Lincoln Park. Nowhere to walk/catch bus but in grass or street.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	Have passed along to engineering to review area for future sidewalk program as well as will provide concern to SMTD.
7	People who don't clean their sidewalks for snow. People walk to work or catch bus and need clear sidewalks. Some sort of enforcement or neighborhood assistance of those who can't do it themselves (for elderly or sick).	Comm	Iss/Pri	5	Working with Regional Planning's Transportation committee. One of their PSA is snow removal on private property.

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8	Speed coming up 6 <sup>th</sup> Street. Stop sign by Enos but not another place until North Grand. They are going up to 45 miles per hour. Enforcement on that street or addition of a Stop sign. Yates is another one. They are all like that from downtown.	Police	Iss/Pri	5	Location provided for speed monitoring rotation and patrols.
9	Transit Hubs – bringing together safe hubs downtown for cabs, buses and especially train.		Iss/Pri	5	SMTD
10	Better plan for leaf collection in the City. Leaf bags fall apart. They collapse, they spill, you don't know when they are coming.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	Residents can use plastic containers that are marked for yard waste and they will be picked up. Communication will create a PSA for Cable Access and Social Media.
11	Covered bus stops.		Iss/Pri	5	SMTD
12	On Rutledge and Elliot. On Elliot there is a halfway house. Then turned garage into a house as well. Explain how they can establish those houses, what are the rules and enforcement.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	Any property must follow the zoning guidelines for their neighborhood. If have specific addresses the city can verify that it is meeting proper zoning and code and if not will be addressed accordingly.
13	Slum landlords – stricter enforcement. Properties registered and background checks on tenants.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	The City Housing Division within Public Works has taken a more proactive as opposed to solely complaint driven approach to enforcement. New inspectors have been reassigned to areas providing fresh look at problem properties. Alderman Proctor's ordinance was approved that also guarantees the fines reissued to repeat offenders that are not taking care of their properties. This change will provide a stricter penalty for repeat offenders of the housing code.

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14	Communication on infrastructure – how are roads and sidewalks chosen. What is the plan?	Comm	Iss/Pri	5	The Office of Public Works Engineering Division assess streets each year following an industry standard assessment procedure. Every road is provided a rating that allows the greatest need of repair. Sidewalk repairs are reviewed and assessed following the city's pedestrian plan that focuses on high traffic areas near schools, parks, main corridors and high pedestrian use neighborhoods.
15	Dead animals – who do they contact and who is responsible. Better communication	Comm	Iss/Pri	5	Sangamon County Animal Control
16	Abandoned houses, abandoned cars, increase in crime, and tenants that run rampant and landlords that don't help and only harm them.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	Abandoned houses if with more than two major code violations will be required to register with the city and to make repairs. Abandoned cars are addressed by housing inspector if on the property and by Springfield Police Department if on the street. If have specific addresses will send inspector to investigate and cite accordingly if necessary.
17	Vandalism being done to commercial properties, cars being broken into.	Police	Iss/Pri	5	
18	City needs to put street lights in high crime areas.	CWLP	Iss/Pri	5	Mayor has instructed CWLP to work with Police to address high crime areas where more alley lighting would be of benefit and to look at budgeting during the upcoming budget hearing.
19	Follow thru on issues brought to the City and update/status on those issues.	Comm	Iss/Pri	5	Working on a new website that would include a dashboard of current and upcoming projects.
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21	Is there a way for people to get help with sidewalks if they can't shovel – free assistance who have disability or on surgery, etc.	CR	Iss/Pri	5	The United Way 211 number is a good first call for non-emergency needs. They can direct individuals to local resources and assistance.
22	YWCA Block should be a priority – old buildings come down and a new one come up? What is the plan?	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	5	RFP went out on March 2 and responses came back on April 30 regarding The North Mansion Block site. Conversations are happening about next steps.

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23	Downtown storefronts are economic drivers to help Wards around the downtown. Get more jobs downtown. See a build-up and what can come from it.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	5	Economic Development is hiring a Division Manager with a focus on TIF areas to build up development and job growth. The Mayor also worked with the legislature and extended the downtown TIF.
24	Can the City communicate with other entities when we receive an issue but it's not necessarily in the City's jurisdiction/responsibility (State/County domain) Need an assurance that the complaint gets passed along.	Comm/T raining	Iss/Pri	5	Mayor Langfelder has directed all departments to take a problem solving approach to providing services. Even if not a city service, it is the responsibility of city employees to assist callers in getting to the proper agency to provide them assistance. The Mayor has also directed HR to look at customer service training for all employees that deal with the public.
25	Stricter compliance with zoning for residential areas	PW	Iss/Pri	5	Any request to change zoning for a neighborhood must be petitioned and a hearing and review by the Planning & Zoning Commission who will then make a recommendation to the City Council. Public notice is given to allow neighborhoods that are impacted to provide their opinion of the requested zoning change.
26	Instead of paving Elliott Street, the City just drops rocks. It hurts cars and the dust kick back. Can't the City just pave it?	PW	Iss/Pri	5	There are various methods of paving. Over 180 miles of the cites 625 miles of streets are oil and chip roads. The city would like to upgrade all to asphalt and will likely be part of a Capital Improvement plan should funding become available.
27	Neighborhood flooding – McClernand School all the way around has drainage issues	PW	Iss/Pri	5	Same as above. We are able to complete some minor drainage projects but without capital improvement funds are not able to address the major drainage projects. Have passed this area on to engineering to monitor for future improvements should funds become available.
28	North 8 <sup>th</sup> Street – please pave or rock because it doesn't have anything.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	Much of N. 8th Street has seen repairs over the last few years. Engineering will be rating roads later in the year in preparation for next year's construction season.
29	Code changes in order to see the process speed up for abandon houses.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	The legal process is driven primarily by the courts not the city.

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30	TIF for North Grand corridor like MacArthur Blvd's TIF.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	5	Economic Development is hiring a Division Manager with a focus on TIF areas to build up development and job growth. Currently looking at a Peoria Road TIF and no other new TIFs are being created at this time.
31	Independent audit for all Departments to look at the waste and cost savings that can be done.	Comm	Iss/Pri	5	Administration is reviewing delivery of service process. We'll review Maximus Study regarding initiatives to implement.
32	Register Houses that need to updated due to fines and issues. Currently the City has a fee every three months and it is \$500. That hurts their update/rehab budget. If progress is being made they shouldn't have to pay the \$500.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	The city goal is to encourage property owners with houses in disrepair to address the problems in a timely manner. If a owner is working in timely manner to address problems the city often works with them on the fees through the administrative court process.
33	City involved in repurposing some of the larger properties to make them nicer. For example Benedictine University. City assistance to help speed up commercial façade improvements or enhancing the empty buildings.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	5	Economic Development is looking at these properties and areas and working with the Chamber to build an inventory database for developers and business owners. The City is also working on creating and Adaptive Reuse Ordinance.
34	City Legal Department – needs to be more equitable and not try to hire so many outside firms.	Legal	Iss/Pri	5	Currently looking at hiring two new attorneys in addition to a paralegal to improve efficiencies.
35	Enforcement equality – every property is treated differently and that is not ok.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	The Housing division follows city code. If a specific complaint or issue and can provide an address we will look into the concern that any property owner is being unfairly treated.
36	Complaint driven – should be proactive vs. after the fact and fee driven.		Iss/Pri	5	Same as above. Housing inspectors are directed to be proactive not simply focusing on complaints. They are assigned areas and are responsible for monitoring accordingly for code violations.

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37	Yard mowing – many un-kept properties out there and there needs to be more enforcement	PW	Iss/Pri	5	They city issues well over 1,000 violations every year and enforces accordingly. If a property owner does not mow a property the city will cite and mow and charge the owner \$250.
38	Frequency of drones . Also other flights inbound to airport should be evaluated because a plane can shake an entire house. The planes could be flying way too low.		Iss/Pri	5	Drone ordinance was not passed and on hold until the Federal Regulations were released. Will revisit down the road.
39	Motorized bikes come flying down the streets. They need to be restricted based by licenses and obey the traffic rules.	Council	Iss/Pri	5	Ordinance will be coming to the City Council in the next couple of months. Springfield does not have a landlord registration ordinance. It has been discussed in theory by some neighborhood groups and the Landlords association but no consensus. It is ultimately up to the mayor and city council to approve a landlord registration requirement should they desire.
40	City needs to register landlords and it comes with a registration fee. Then if they register by a certain time or attend a workshop, they get a discounted registration fee.	PW	Iss/Pri	5	
41	Lower speed limit to from 35 to 25 miles per hour.		Iss/Pri	5	The City's traffic engineer initial assessment was that lowering the speed limit from 25 from current 30 across the City would have an insignificant impact on city-wide traffic. Greater focus on education and enforcement particularly in areas that have experienced issues with excessive speeding would be of greater benefit in focusing our resources and can be achieved through a coordinated effort with neighborhoods and the city.
42	Ugliness of 9 <sup>th</sup> Street and Peoria Road – abandoned houses and un-kept properties.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	5	Economic Development is working with Public Works on the abandoned properties issues and redevelopment. Public Works is also working with Springfield Green to enhance the City appearance and gateways into the city.
43	Urban Sprawl – bring people back to the core. More concentration of resources to the core and less to the fringes of Springfield.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	5	Economic Development is working on a plan to stimulate urban core development.
44	City grants to neighborhood associations to be used by residents to beautify their area.	Econ Dev	Iss/Pri	5	Public Works personnel will work with Springfield Green on a landscaping and green initiative. City is looking at hiring a grant writer.

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45	McClernand has a fence all around it but no gate. Is there a way to fix that so people don't hop fence at night? Maybe create a court in an empty lot or put one in a park. Youths need something positive after hours that wouldn't be limited to hours and keeps people out of private properties		Iss/Pri	5	We'll pass on to School District 186.
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48	Beautiful Historic Cemetery – Tourism		Pos	5	
49	Downtown Library		Pos	5	
50	Affordability		Pos	5	
51	Fairgrounds		Pos	5	
52	Arts		Pos	5	
53	Memorial Medical Center		Pos	5	
54	Parks		Pos	5	
55	Capitol		Pos	5	
56	State Government		Pos	5	
57	Lake		Pos	5	
58	Utility		Pos	5	
59	Amtrak		Pos	5	
60	Airport		Pos	5	
61	Medical District		Pos	5	
62	Bus Routes		Pos	5	
63	Good golf courses		Pos	5	
64	Higher education		Pos	5	
65	Sangamon River		Pos	5	
66	IL State Museum		Pos	5	
67	Handicap Services		Pos	5	
68	Fire and Police Department		Pos	5	
69	Senior Center		Pos	5	
70	Convention Access/Trade Shows		Pos	5	

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71	Convention Centers		Pos	5	
72	Centrally located		Pos	5	
73	Neighborhood Associations		Pos	5	
74	Proud Neighbors		Pos	5	
75	Small Businesses		Pos	5	
76	History/Lincoln Sites		Pos	5	
77	Increase in Bike Paths and Trails		Pos	5	
78	Resources for those in Need like Helping Hands		Pos	5	
79	North Grand Avenue – what it used to be and what it could be. It used to be a vibrant corridor.		Pos	5	
80	Availability of local foods – Farmers Market		Pos	5	
81	Southtown		Pos	5	
82	Churches		Pos	5	
83	Community Volunteerism		Pos	5	
84	Lake Springfield		Pos	5	
85	Affordable utilities		Pos	5	
86	Events that Springfield puts on – Blues and BBQ, Art Fair, etc.		Pos	5	
87	Access to the Alderman – they are accessible		Pos	5	