



City Council Meeting - Jul 07 2026 Agenda

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Effingham City Council Chambers 201 E. Jefferson Ave. Effingham, IL 62401

1. Opening

- 1.1 Mayor Calls Meeting to Order
- 1.2 Roll Call
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

2. Omnibus Vote Agenda

- 2.1 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes (06/16/2026) - City Clerk Nosbisch
[June 16, 2026 Minutes.pdf](#)
- Approve
- 2.2 Executive Session Minutes (05/06/2026) - City Clerk Nosbisch
Approve
- 2.3 Resolution No. 101-2026, A Resolution Accepting Proposal from Farnsworth Group, Inc. for Design Engineering Services - Ford Avenue Connector Phase II - City Engineer Thoele

This resolution authorizes acceptance of a proposal from Farnsworth Group Inc., in the total amount of \$387,261 for the Ford Avenue Connector Design Engineering Project. Payment for these services will be made from General Fund and Interstate North Business District Fund.

[R 101-2026 Ford Avenue Connector Phase II.pdf](#) [R 101-2026 Ford Ave Stage 3 PE Phase II Agreement.pdf](#)

Adopt

- 2.4 Resolution No. 103-2026, A Resolution Authorizing the Sell or Trade of Firearms by the City of Effingham Police Department - Deputy City Administrator Presley

This resolution authorizes the Police Department to sell or trade firearms that are

obsolete.

[EX A Sale or Trade of Firearms.pdf](#) 

[Res. 103-2026 Sell or Trade of Firearms.pdf](#) 

Adopt

- 2.5 Resolution No. 104-2026, A Resolution Authorizing a Renewal of an Agreement with Placer Labs, Inc for Economic Development Data Research - Economic Development Director Althoff

This resolution renews the agreement with Placer Labs, Inc for one year.

[Res. No. 104-2026 Placer Labs Renewal.pdf](#)  [Exhibit 1 Placer Labs, Inc.pdf](#) 

Adopt

- 2.6 Resolution No. 105-2026, A Resolution Authorizing First Amendment to an Agreement with The Retail Coach, LLC for Economic Development Business Recruitment Services - Economic Development Director Althoff

This resolution extends the City's agreement with The Retail Coach, LLC for one year.

[Res. No. 105-2026 The Retail Coach.pdf](#)  [Exhibit A Retail Coach.pdf](#) 

Adopt

- 2.7 Final Change Order 1 - 2026 Resurfacing Project Phase 1 - City Engineer Thoele

Final Change Order 1 in the total amount of \$36,640.44 for the 2026 Resurfacing Project Phase 1 is recommended for the additional HMA at the EPC Project and Downtown Parking Lot Project.

[Final CO 2026 Resurfacing Phase 1.pdf](#) 

Approve

- 2.8 Certificate of Project Completion and Release of Bonding - Mt. Vernon Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project - City Engineer Thoele

A & R Services has completed the Mt Vernon Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the total amount of \$630,046.59. Request approval of project completion and release of bonding.

[Cert of Project Completion Mt Vernon Ave San Swr.pdf](#) 

Approve

- 2.9 Plan Commission Letter of Recommendation - Petition for Special Use Permit 42 -

Vacation Short Term Rental - Emmerich - 1104 S. Fourth Street - City Planner Koester

[O 054-2026 - SU 42 Vacation Short Term Rental - Emmerich - 1104 S Fourth Street - PC LOR.pdf](#) 

Receive and File

- 2.10 Omnibus Vote Agenda Approval
Consent Action

3. Presentations

4. Ordinances/Resolutions - Action Items

- 4.1 Resolution No. 084-2026, A Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Contract with Outfront Media for the St. Louis Billboard - Tourism Director Thoele

This resolution authorizes the renewal of a contract with Outfront Media for the St. Louis billboard for two years.

[Res 84-2026 Outfront Billboard.pdf](#)  [OutfrontMedia.Billboard.pdf](#) 

Adopt

- 4.2 Resolution No. 107-2026, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement - Jason R. Givens and Kearsten B. Givens - 302 Granada Drive - City Planner Koester

Givens is proposing to install a fence in the rear yard at 302 Granada Drive up to the barrier wall along Outer Belt West, South of Fayette Avenue. This License Agreement requires Givens to provide gates for the City to access the wall for maintenance.

[R 107-2026 Execution of License Agreement - Givens - 302 Granada Drive.pdf](#) 

Adopt

- 4.3 Ordinance No. 054-2026, An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit (42) Vacation - Short Term Rental in a in a NU Nonurban District, R-3A Attached Single-Family Residence District, R-3B Two and Three Family Dwelling District, R-3C Multiple-Dwelling District, R-3D Multiple-Dwelling District, R-4 Limited Office and Retail District, B-1 Neighborhood Shopping District, B-2 General Commercial District, B-3 Central Business District or M-1 Light Industrial District - Edward L. and Maria V. Emmerich - 1104 S. Fourth Street - City Planner Koester

The Plan Commission recommends the grant of the petition for Special Use Permit, subject to the following conditions:

- The Special Use Permit shall be a personal privilege granted to Edward L. and Maria V. Emmerich and shall not run with the land, and will automatically terminate upon the transfer, sale, assignment, or conveyance of the subject property to any third party or upon the transfer, sale, assignment, or conveyance of the interest of Edward L. and Maria V. Emmerich to any third party.
- The Special Use Permit shall limit the use of the subject property to a maximum of six (6) guests for the short-term rental.
- The petitioners shall obtain a certificate of occupancy from the City of Effingham Building Official prior to commencing the operation of a short-term rental on the subject property.

The City Council may elect to impose other conditions it deems necessary.

[O 054-2026 - SU 42 Vacation Short Term Rental - Emmerich - 1104 S Fourth Street.pdf](#) 

Pass

5. Other Action Items

- 5.1 Bills and Requisitions
Motion to Pay Bills & Requisitions

6. Discussion

- 6.1 Ordinance No. 056-2026, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Effingham, Illinois (Liquor Control) Sharon Dong Food Inc. d/b/a China Buffet - Mayor Schutzbach

The Liquor Control Commission has received an application for a Class R (Restaurant License – Consumption Sales Only) for Sharon Dong Foods Inc. dba China Buffet, located at 2402 N. 3rd Street, Suite A. This ordinance is subject to adopting a resolution issuing a Class R Liquor License to the owner, Sharon Dong. This ordinance will increase the Class R (Restaurant License) from 6 to 7.

[Ordinance No. 056-2026 China Buffet.pdf](#) 

- 6.2 Ordinance No. 057-2026, An Ordinance Authorizing Option for Purchase of Real Estate - GSGW Land Trust - Public Works Director Heuerman

This ordinance authorizes the option for purchase of Real Estate from GSGW Land Trust. This property has been identified as being necessary for the construction and maintenance of public streets and utilities.

[O 057-2026 - GSGW Option.pdf](#)  [O 057-2026 Draft Option for Purchase - GSGW w plat ex.pdf](#)  [O 057-2026 Easement w ext - GSGW.pdf](#) 

- 6.3 Ordinance No. 059-2026, Ordinance Authorizing Membership and Contribution to Effingham Regional Growth Alliance, An Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation -

Economic Development Director Althoff

This ordinance renews the City's membership to the Effingham Regional Growth Alliance for one year and approves a contribution of \$110,000.

[Ord. No. 059-2026 Alliance Membership.pdf](#) 

- 6.4 Ordinance No. 060-2026, An Ordinance Authorizing Grant to Arts Connection of Central Illinois, Inc. - City Administrator Miller

This ordinance would award a grant to the Arts Connection (EPC) in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of costs incurred by Arts Connection for the projects listed not to exceed two hundred ninety two thousand dollars (\$292,000.00).

[Ordinance No.060-2026.pdf](#)  [Ordinance No. 060-2026 Attachments.PDF](#) 

- 6.5 Resolution No. 102-2026, A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with the Farnsworth Group - Storm Sewer Improvements South of Wabash Avenue - City Engineer Thoele

This resolution approves an agreement with Farnsworth Group in the total amount of \$140,400 for the Storm Sewer Improvements south of Wabash Avenue Project. Payment for this project will be made from the Industrial TIF and General Fund.

[R 102-2026 Wabash Storm Sewer Engineering.pdf](#)  [R 102-2026 Wabash Storm Sewer agreement.pdf](#) 

- 6.6 Resolution No. 106-2026, A Resolution Accepting Proposal for Community Park Storage Building - Public Works Director Heuerman

This resolution authorizes execution of proposals from Heritage Builders of Effingham, Inc. in the amount of \$768,995 for the base bid and \$177,692 for Alternative #1 for a total of \$946,687. Payment for is project will be made from the Hotel/Motel Fund.

[R 106-20026 Community Park Storage Building.pdf](#)  [R 106-2026 Bid Tab.pdf](#) 

- 6.7 Resolution No. 108-2026, A Resolution Adopting a Tax Increment Finance Housing Redevelopment Program Agreement (Moore) - Economic Development Director Althoff

This resolution approves an agreement with Stephen Moore for TIF residential rehab project at 607 S. Fifth Street.

[Resolution No. 108-2026 Residential Rehab Moore.pdf](#)  [Moore.pdf](#) 

- 6.8 Resolution No. 109-2026, Resolution Appointing Directors to Effingham Regional Growth Alliance, an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation - City Administrator Miller

The resolution appoints Commissioner Libby Moeller and Economic Development Director Sasha Althoff to the Alliance's Board of Directors.

[Res. No. 109-2026 - Appoint Directors Alliance.pdf](#) 

- 6.9 Resolution No. 110-2026, A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Proposal for Downtown Audio System - Public Works Director Heuerman

This resolution accepts the proposal from Vox Audio Visual in the total amount of \$90,867.75 for the Downtown Audio System. Payment for this project will be made from Central TIF and Tourism Fund.

[R 110-2026 Downtown Audio System.pdf](#)  [R 110-2026 Downtown Audio System Final Proposal.pdf](#) 

- 6.10 CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation Community Partnership Agreement - City Administrator Miller

This agreement would renew the City of Effingham and CEFS cooperation agreement for the next 3 years, to mutually assist citizens.

[CEFS Agreement.pdf](#) 

- 6.11 Request for Proposals Received (511 W. Edgar Ave.) - City Administrator Miller

The City received two Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the property at 511 W. Edgar. The City currently owns the property, and the former house was demolished. Salt Creek Custom Homes and Timber Framing, LLC offered \$5,000 for the property and committed to build a three-bedroom house.

[Salt Creek Custom Homes & Timber Framing LLC.pdf](#) 

[William Utz - Imagine It Investments LLC.pdf](#) 

7. Departmental Reports

8. Announcements/Commissioner Comments

- 8.1 Reports from Commissioners
- 8.2 Reports from Staff - City Administrator Miller; Deputy City Administrator Presley; Public Works Director Heuerman; Economic Development Director Althoff; Fire Chief Yochum; Police Chief Davis; City Engineer Thoele; Tourism Director Thoele; City Treasurer Polk; City Clerk Nosbisch
- 8.3 Public Participation

9. Recess in Executive Session

For the purpose of consideration of the following subjects, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c); Personnel- Section 2 (c) (1); Collective Bargaining- Section 2 (c) (2); Purchase or Lease of Real Estate - Section 2 (c) (5); Sale or Lease of Property - Section 2 (c) (6); Litigation - Section 2 (c) (11); and Review of Executive Session Minutes - Section 2 (c) (21). (If the Council desires to recess into executive session, the Council shall specifically indicate the desired topic of discussion for public record.)

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn