



**February Meeting**  
**South Side Christian Church**  
**2600 South MacArthur Boulevard**  
**Thursday February 10th 2022**

**February Meeting Minutes**

1. **Welcome** – Michael Higgins
  - a. Meeting convened at 7:39am
  
2. **MBA Business**
  - a. Secretary’s Report – Denise Perry
  - b. Treasurer’s Report – Justin Creasey, absent – no report
  
3. **Speaker(s):**
  - a. TJ Heavisides
    - i. Left turn lanes at Lawrence/MacArthur intersection
    - ii. MBA members expressed concerns regarding addition of a dedicated turn lane
      1. loss of mature trees
      2. losing neighborhood feel with the expansion
    - iii. City is looking at alternatives
      1. possibly reducing left turn lane length-Need to get design approved by IDOT
      2. signal syncing/extending left turn arrow
      3. roundabout-exceeds level of service capacity
    - iv. Please let MBA know when additional public meetings will occur.
  
4. **Local Government Update**
  - a. Alderwoman Ward 6, City of Springfield: Kristen DiCenso
    - i. Mask mandate to lift February 28th
    - ii. Many calls about snow removal

- iii. Business on Lawrence is looking to add a parking lot on SE corner. Huge danger, would require zoning change
- b. Alderman Ward 7, City of Springfield: Joe McMenamin
  - i. Less angry calls regarding snow removal, more calls of concern
  - ii. Budget-highest cash reserves, 17M surplus
    - 1. upgrade road surfaces
    - 2. improve drainage work
  - iii. 10M Pinewoods Apartment development
    - 1. 164 units affordable housing

**5. Adjourned at 8:42am**

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Perry, MBA Board Secretary