

City of Springdale Council

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President Vanover called Council to order on March 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. McNear provided the Invocation.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council Members Diehl, Emerson, Ghantous (tardy), Harlow, Hawkins, Shroyer, and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the March 1st, 2017 City Council meeting were considered. Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded. Minutes were adopted as published with six affirmative votes (Mrs. Ghantous had not yet arrived).

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Civil Service Commission met on March 2nd, and in attendance was myself along with the other commission members; Mrs. Cheryl Darby, Mrs. Kathy Nienaber, along with Amanda Zimmerlin who is the Assistant City Administrator. One of the first things that we wanted to discuss was the stats of the two current vacancies here at the City of Springdale. What we discussed was the amount of correspondence that had occurred between myself and Mrs. Zimmerlin. There were nine instances of correspondence that occurred during this time period, and six of those items were related to the Violations Bureau Clerk position which is one of the positions that we wanted to get a status update on. So following the discussion, it was determined that we needed to move forward with, if at all possible, extending a verbal offer. I was informed that that did occur, so there is a verbal offer pending. Hopefully the nine different pieces of correspondence or at least the six related to the Violations Bureau Clerk position will yield us a candidate for the Violations Bureau Clerk position.

The second position we wanted to get a status update on was the Custodial position, and I am happy to report that an offer was made to the candidate. We are currently in the phase of the background check.

Also, we reviewed the Serve report of activities for calendar year 2016. I just wanted to note that during that time period of calendar year 2016, that there were three entrance exams given for positions here in the City of Springdale and that totaled 436 applicants. We are delighted with the fact that others see the opportunities here at the City of Springdale and seek to avail themselves for those positions. Again, with three exams and 436 applicants, that tells us that folks are interested in working here at the City of Springdale. Other good news within that report is that there no appeals that had to be heard. There were no court decisions that had to be issued, as well as there were no attorney opinions that were needed. Therefore, I think we were able to hold the cost down for trying to fill those positions.

Lastly, we held a test on Saturday for the Account Clerk position, and there were 47 applicants that sat for the Account Clerk position. Again, it's in process. We hope to fill that Account Clerk position in the near future, but the good news is it's moving forward. That position is a result of a retirement that will occur fairly soon.

Rules and Laws

Mr. Diehl

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no report

Finance Committee

Mr. Diehl: The Finance Committee met on Monday, March 6th and we had a couple of items on the agenda. At this point I'm going to turn it over to Mrs. McNear who will give you a report on one of the items.

Mrs. McNear: I was going to report on both, so I might as well since I have my report. As Mr. Diehl said, we did meet as a committee on March 6th to discuss two requests. The first item I'm going to report on is a request from administration to fill a vacant police officer's position. The process is to advertise for candidates and complete the testing and interview process. It takes approximately four months to place an officer on the street. This request is recommended by the Finance Committee.

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The second request was from Ken Schneider a couple of weeks ago on behalf of the Center for Addiction Treatment in the amount of \$20,000 donation. The discussion centered around the current financial situation of the City, the improving financial position, and the demands on our resources. The highlights of our funding needed for the City is we are in the process of borrowing \$8.3 million to repair our residential streets. We delayed the maintenance of and reduced our street program for many years during the economic downturn. The financial picture is ever-improving, but we have many years of delayed maintenance to our residential streets to resolve. Council recently approved the lease purchase in the amount of \$575,000 for a fire truck. We need a new fire truck pumper, which has a higher price tag. We have notes for nearly \$2 million for the former Sheraton Hotel outstanding, which we anticipate will be resolved hopefully this year when that hotel is razed and we are able to sell that piece of land. A host of other municipalities were asked to contribute up to \$50,000. Only two have committed: one for \$12,500, half of what was requested and will be paid with a police fund that the municipality had available; another municipality is granting a one-time \$10,000 grant. No other communities had committed to donating at the time of our inquiry. We are not in the business of donating funds, especially outside of our jurisdiction. We would be setting a precedent to make financial contributions to organizations and questions arose such as, how would we determine which causes are worthy? Do we budget for donations? How much? What criteria, etc. The bottom line is that the committee did not recommend financial support to the Center for Addiction Treatment.

I also have a personal note I wanted to just bring up at this time. Just some additional clarification on this topic. I just wanted to mention too that Ken Schneider is a good friend and was our trusted legal advisor for decades prior to Mr. Forbes joining us. I know that the Center for Addiction Treatment is very near and dear to his heart and is a very worthwhile cause. There aren't very many families who have not been impacted by addiction, be it alcohol, illegal drugs, or prescription drug or other addictions, and the fallouts to relationships, marriages, finances, and the loss of life. We have volunteer organizations within our City boundaries that need funding and provide services directly to our residents, such as SYB, SOS, Lions Club, we have several churches such as the Springdale Church of the Nazarene and the Vineyard who support our residents with food, clothing, and various other services. Locally we have groups that could use additional financial assistance such as the senior citizens and the swim team. We have hungry and homeless families in our Princeton City School District. Although addiction is a horrible condition affecting our country, my very strong feeling on this topic is that I would not consider us to be good stewards of the City's funds if we were to donate \$20,000 to an organization that isn't within our borders and serves patients across the country, not specifically Springdale residents. It is my fervent desire that Council seriously consider my statement prior to opening the checkbook, when we have so many financial demands on our resources.

President Vanover: Mr. Diehl, do you have anything else?

Mr. Diehl: No.

Mr. Shroyer: I know this has been a part of discussion. In Old Discussion, will it still be available for discussion?

President Vanover: Yes. We'll plan to bring it back there.

Planning Commission

Mrs. Harlow: Planning Commission met last evening. All members were in attendance. Under Old Business, we had the Cincinnati Center for Autism at 305 Cameron Rad. This was a Condition Use Permit, and they are looking to put six modular units on the south side of the existing building. These units would be located 42 feet from the east property line and 72 feet from the south property line. We did have some residents in attendance last evening, and none of the residents spoke against the project. We talked about additional parking spaces. They have currently 51 parking spaces, and they would be using 17 of those for this new classroom setting, so they would be moving 15 parking spaces to the north side of the building and putting a new driveway there. Lighting would also be available for the new parking lot on the north side of the building. They would also have to relocate their dumpster and their enclosure for that on the south side of the building. This was a lot of discussion. This has been going on for about two of three meetings now I think, and they've tried to address every issue that Planning Commission had. In talking with them last night, we asked how long do you think that this space will be

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adequate for your needs, and they said they hope for ten years. So with that and no resident complaints, it was passed with a 6-1 vote.

Under New Business, we had Dominos. They are at 11424 Springfield Pike. This is the old Dunkin' Donuts site and they were in for signage. This was a minor improvement and was granted with a 7-0 vote.

The one that was really interesting was Tri-County Mall at 11700 Princeton Pike. This is a major change. This will be coming before Council for final approval, and they gave us a glimpse of what their plans are for the mall for the outside entrances to the different stores. They plan on relocating the main entrance and they plan on also having a movie theater that would be a very high-end dinner-type movie theater. They talked about tearing down some of the bridges. The movie theater is going to be in the old Dillard's area, so it would have a first-floor entrance, so they would be tearing down the second-floor walkway from the Dillard's over to the parking mall, and then they would also be removing the walkway from the south side of that garage that goes over to Sears. The renderings that they had were really pretty. I have those with me tonight after the meeting if anyone would like to look at them. I felt like it was a minor change. Mr. Hawkins felt like it was a major change. My thinking on the minor change was that in years past there has been an amusement area, play area, at the mall for the children. There was a food court. So I didn't really see how the theater was much different as far as a gathering place for people. But the major change won out, so it will be coming before Council for final approval.

The last item on our agenda was Gilhart Enterprises, which is the former Princeton Bowl at 11711 Princeton Pike. They want to change the bowling alley into small units that would be, they call them flex spaces, that would have a small office with a large area behind it that could be used for a shop or for storage of equipment, that type of thing. They want to do it in two phases. There's quite a bit of demolition that needs to go off on the front part of the building, and they wanted to also do that in two phases. I think that we kind of talked them into doing all of the demolition in one phases hopefully. This ended up being tabled because they submitted some notes and requests to the Building Department at like 10 o'clock the night before our meeting, and this did not give our Planner and our City Building Department time to even go over their submittals, much less write a summary for the board members. So we gave him an idea of what we were looking for. There was a lot of discussion about the north side of the parking lot, how maybe that could be turned into green space. The board did have a lot of suggestions for him to take back and look at, and he's going to work with City Planner and the Building Department, and they'll come back to us. But we saw this as a major change in how that property was used and so it will also be coming before Council before any final decisions are made on that.

Mr. Diehl: On the Tri-County Mall, what's the time table on all this?

Mrs. Harlow: Well, they are looking to move forward pretty quickly. They do have tenants; they did not tell us who they were, but they said that they had tenants that their leases were dependent upon our approval and getting the City on board and moving through with that. They're looking for a \$45 million infusion of funding for this project, so I'm hoping that they do well and it turns the mall around and we have a really nice show place in Springdale.

Mr. Hawkins: I believe they were indicating maybe 18 months.

Mrs. Harlow: 18 months, maybe.

Mr. Hawkins: From the time they start, and I encourage everybody to check out the renderings that Mrs. Harlow has. A lot of theme is to make the mall more accessible from the outside...

Mrs. Harlow: Lifestyle.

Mr. Hawkins: ...so you have a lot more of street entryway into the stores, but still try to develop the inside of the mall as well.

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Mrs. Harlow: But I thought it was really interesting that the two new larger tenants that are going to be coming in, that they hope are going to be coming in, they want inside entrance to the mall. They don't want outside entrance, and I thought that was kind of unique given what we're seeing at other areas where everything is on the outside. They call it a lifestyle approach to what they're doing, and it's got a lot of green space and a lot of landscaping. I think it's going to be really a beautiful addition when they get it finished. I'm looking forward to it.

Mr. Hawkins: And then also, with regard to the major modification on the theater that's going to come before Council, just so the record is clear in terms of my rationale on that, we hadn't had a theater there before. Staff's comments had indicated that they thought it was a major modification. It's a different use. It's a different traffic pattern, and so that was the rationale for my vote with regard to, or my position with regard to major modification.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals met on February 21st. We had two items on the agenda. GDBM Properties at 1250 Century Circle North came with an Administrative Appeal for the zoning, specifically about the allowable use for one of his tenants. In order to enforce the City; Zoning Code, the Building Official had notified the owner that Elevate Functional Fitness, a health and fitness training service, was not permitted in the GI district. The property owner made an appeal to the commission that the Building Official had misinterpreted the Zoning Code. After hearing from owner and the tenant and discussion on the language in the Zoning Code, it was determined unanimously that a fitness business was not permitted in the Industrial Zone.

The second item was from Denrick Properties LLC/ Gilhart Enterprises, Inc, 11711 Princeton Pike. They also came to us with an Administrative Appeal. This was regarding the notification from the City to move the Princeton Bowl pole sign, as per Section 153.208 of the Zoning Code. After hearing from the property owner and reviewing the language in the Zoning Code that a sign can only remain six months after the use of the building to which the sign relates has ceased, all commission members were in agreement with the Building Official that the sign would need to be removed.

Mayor Webster: Am I to understand that your two cases and both got denied?

Mrs. Ghantous: Yes.

Mayor Webster: Congratulations.

Mrs. Ghantous: Thank you so much.

Mayor Webster: I'm proud of you.

Board of Health

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health met on March 9th in the quarters adjacent to here.

For Flu Activity in the US and Ohio, it continues to be widespread. There have been five pediatric deaths in Ohio; a total of 34 pediatric deaths in the nation. Hospitalizations of the person with the influenza (flu) has primarily been in the age of over 50 and under 5 years old. The virus strain continues to be primarily Influenza A.

In China, the World Health Organization continues to monitor the H7N9 Flu, and it has affected people who have had contact with birds with rare person-to-person transmission. The CDC is encouraging doctors to ask recent travelers with respiratory symptoms if they have been to China. No confirmed cases have been identified in the US.

The Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio met on February 5th and February 9th, and due to the success of "Know Your Rights", the presentation is going to be given again in Dayton and will be repeated in Fairfield and in Northern Kentucky. There is much interest in the assistance being given with the paperwork for Power of Attorney documents for finances and for guardianships of children, and for travel of children with parents who have been deported.

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The Medical Reserve Corps continues to plan for the summit on Saturday, June 3rd in Northern Kentucky. Registration for the free event will begin in April. It's an excellent source of information about volunteering opportunities in many different types of emergencies.

The Children's Health Fair is going to be on Friday, May 19th, 2017 at the Springdale Community Center.

Healthy Diabetic Workshop registrations are being accepted now for April 27th through June 1st, and they will meet once a week, 9:30 until noon. This is for people who have problems with diabetes. She has conducted this workshop several times before, and it's been very successful. To register, you can call 346-5725, and that's the Health Department.

Springdale Health Department also received a grant of \$19,500 for mosquito control. The program will focus on mosquito control education and reducing mosquito breeding sites in Springdale.

For the Naloxone report, the Springdale Fire Department responded to one report of opiate overdose and administered two milligrams of Narcan in February 2017.

Capital Improvements	Mrs. Emerson	-	no report
O-K-I	Mr. Shroyer	-	no report

Mayor's Report

Mayor Webster: Just to follow up on the Finance Committee's report, we did talk to Finance and got their approval on replacing one of our vacant police officer positions, and so we will proceed with requesting Civil Service to give us an eligibility list. We understand that they'll probably go through the testing process which is just further going to elongate the amount of time before we get an officer on the street. We're probably looking at late summer before we get the person there.

We have an addition to the agenda, another Ordinance, Ordinance 17, which will authorize the change order for O'Rourke Wrecking Company. We had a very productive meeting today with the folks from there. We exchanged a lot of numbers and a lot of correspondence with those folks over the last few years, but I guess the last piece of substance literature we got from them was on January 19th and then that letter with the itemized seven or eight items that they said the City owed them, totaling \$101,000. We had previously gone through that document and some of the things we had agreed that we probably are on the hook for, like the demobilization and remobilization of the crane and the other equipment. So it totaled like \$37,400. They had gone through and taken out a couple of items totaling \$36,000, so that brought us down to the table today with a difference of \$27,812. We ended up spitting that down the middle at a couple different things there. Some of it was value as they placed on some of the salvaged equipment, or equipment they were going to salvage out of the building and resell, and also the amount of time that the additional money for the fence rental, which is going to be up about six months longer than what it should have been. Anyway, I think that end total is about \$51,000 some odd...

Mr. Parham: \$51,314.

Mayor Webster: \$51,314, so we've got copies here for everyone, so we very much would like to have that added to the agenda and we appreciate if Council would act on that this evening. Part of the agreement that we worked out with them is also a reengagement date of April 17th. They have to go back through the permit process, so it's a couple weeks' worth of paperwork. The crane that they need to do the job here is now engaged in a project over in Forest Park, so it's going to be approximately four weeks before the crane is available. April 17th is the reengagement date and they still have requested and we granted them the 128 days to complete the project, so that should put us somewhere around late August to early September.

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Also, I don't want to fail to mention this. I was a greatly honored on March 3rd to be asked to lead a group of businesspeople in the Pledge of Allegiance when our Vice President paid Springdale a visit. To my knowledge, I think that's the first time we've had a national President or Vice President grace us with his presence. Unfortunately, I couldn't stay to see him. After three hours of waiting in line, I said I gotta get out of here. I had some other appointments and so did my daughter who I was with. Anyway, it was nice to be asked to lead the Pledge. And I practiced on that.

Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to issue a Proclamation.

Whereas the Springdale Chamber of Commerce was founded in March of 1997 with a goal of providing the business community with high-quality networking opportunities, social events, and group rates on insurance and services; and

Whereas the Springdale Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Regional Chamber Partnership and the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance which provide valuable benefits to Chamber members; and

Whereas the Chamber hosted its first State of the Union Address in 2005, which has steadily grown in attendance and is now a sold-out event each year; and

Whereas the Springdale Chamber of Commerce has held the annual Business and Community Expo since 2006, providing valuable opportunities for businesses to share information and connect with potential customers; and

Whereas in 2012, the Springdale Chamber of Commerce began offering advertising opportunities on the outdoor electronic advertising device on I-275 to Springdale businesses; and

Whereas the Springdale Chamber of Commerce has tirelessly worked for the success and growth of the Springdale Business Community; and

Whereas the Springdale Chamber of Commerce is recognized on the occurrence of its 20th anniversary for its outstanding and distinguished service to the City;

Now therefore I, Doyle H. Webster, Mayor of Springdale, do hereby proclaim March 15th, 2017th as Springdale Chamber of Commerce Day in the City of Springdale and command this observance to its citizens.

So I'd like to at this moment present this to our Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: Our General Fund update through February 28th, 2017 – Receipts: we have receipts of \$3.479 million, based on a budget of \$17.183 million. That is 20% of the expected receipts. Those receipts are made up of five sources: earnings tax, real estate taxes, paramedic services, local government funds, and mayor's court. That totals \$3.310 million 95% of our receipts. Our expenditures are \$2.964 million, based on a net expenditure of \$18.374 in our budget expended to date. Our general fund ending balance is \$4.426 million.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Parham: Council I just have a couple items I want to share with you this evening. On last Thursday, March 9th, the City was able to lock-in the interest rate for the Street Improvement Bond Issue that we've been dealing with for probably the last two or three months. It really turned out to be very good timing for us relative to this process, in that the market seems to have had a pretty whet appetite for this process. As a result, we were able to lock-in an overall interest rate at 2.941%. I think if any of us had known we could get under 3%, we probably would have taken it a long time ago and ran with it. The other good part of this process is that because of the aggressiveness of the market, we were actually able to generate a premium of \$344,324. So in essence what that means to us is that we borrowed \$8.2 million. Because the market was very aggressive, we will also receive an additional \$344,324. So instead of us receiving \$8.2 million, we'll receive \$8,544,324. One of the major benefits of this opportunity is

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that those premium dollars cannot be used for any of the construction projects that we're going to engage; however, it will allow us to cover the interest cost as a part of that debt payment for 2017. Right now, that number is about \$163,000. That is \$163,000 that would not have to come out of our General Fund coffers. Instead we can use the \$344,000 to pay the interest. We can cover other costs with the remaining funds. If you recall when we started the process, we talked about including the cost of the issuance, in essence the Bond Counsel Fee, the Underwriter's Fee, and a number of other things. All of those items can also be covered by the premium dollars. On December 1st, we're going to use the premium dollars to pay the debt interest. We will also then from our General Fund pay the principal of \$370,000. The additional premium that will be remaining after we pay all the other fees for the cost of issuance, as well as the 2017 debt interest will be about \$62,000. Our next payment on the debt will be due on June 1st of 2018. That will be about \$120,000 which we will pay for interest for both June 1st and December 1st of 2018. About \$62,000 of that will cover part of the June 1st \$120,000. Again, the process turned out to be pretty beneficial for us. The closing date for this process is March 30th. I think I told the Mayor last week sometime that I was relieved that this process was over, but all this week were still reviewing documents. On March 30th, I think we'll be glad to say it's over. Again, we want to thank Council for your willingness to undertake this process and to allow us to begin moving forward so that we can begin with the improvements of the neighborhood streets as well as secure this funding that will take care of these things for the next couple years.

Item number two, I sent out to Council in an email probably about two or three weeks ago, as I indicated in the email that the City's Electric Aggregation Program is going to expire this October. As a result, one of our residents has requested that the City consider a renewable energy option for the new program. Heretofore our program has consisted of traditional energy, only. It is my understanding that the renewable energy is generated by using windmills or something other than traditional generation of electricity. In an effort to seek your guidance, we need to have some sense as to whether or not we want to consider renewable energy as an option. I think the example that I shared with you was from the City of Oxford and their program. The renewable energy rate was slightly higher than the traditional energy rate. The way the program would be set up and the way Oxford's program is set up, is that residents are, just like we have been before in the aggregation program, residents will be included in the program unless they opt out. Under this opportunity, what Oxford has done is used the renewable energy as the primary program. So if you do not opt out then you will receive your generation based on the renewable energy source. You then have the ability to opt out of the renewable energy. You can then opt into the traditional program if you choose, or if you choose not to be involved in our aggregate program at all, as always, you can totally opt out of the program and remain with Duke Energy or seek your own program. So at this point, what we'd like to get is perhaps some thoughts from you all as to whether you're willing to consider the renewable energy program or simply stay with a traditional program.

Mayor Webster: Just to reiterate what Derrick is saying, we can't just go to the residents and say which one do you want? But in essence that what we're doing, but we have to declare one of them as the default position. So Derrick asked me, which one do you think we should choose? And I said, well I think we ought to let City Council make that decision. You know, I was looking for my paper here. I don't have the prices, but it's a miniscule difference. It's like .0014 cents per kilowatt hour or something. It's two or three positions to the right of the decimal point, so it's not a big issue, but we do need you guys to make a decision one way or the other.

Mrs. McNear: Let me just start out with saying I just love windmills. There's a windmill farm that goes for about ten or eleven miles straight on the expressway near Gary, Indiana. I've seen them in Ireland and Scotland and England; they're just fascinating. I love them. Now I took my bill that I had for traditional Duke services for a year and then I calculated it at the rate that we would have for the renewable source with the wind tunnels or the windmills. The difference was about fifteen dollars for the year, so it was more expensive for the wind tunnel than it is for traditional. So that would just be a choice of how far are you into being green? I think that's where people will have to make a decision. Being that I'm looking at every penny, I would probably say that I'd stay with Duke regardless of how much I love the windmills.

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Mayor Webster: I guess what we're asking is each council member to tell us if you want to go green or brown?

Mrs. Emerson: I think in today's world, I think there is a big pressure and push to be green. We have to think about our tomorrows, and if the difference is so small, I would like to see us do the windmills and I would like the default to be the Duke, just as Oxford has done.

Mayor Webster: So you're green?

Mrs. Emerson: I'm green.

Mr. Hawkins: Part of me would say that the default should be lower of the two, but based on the information that we've gotten from Administration of it being such a small difference, then I would say that I would go with the default being the green or the more environmentally friendly. If residents are concerned about the de minimis amount, they can make that switch.

Mayor Webster: They'll have the option to go brown.

Mrs. Ghantous: Green for me.

Mr. Diehl: I'm a little confused, to be honest with you, because I thought we got out of this business.

Mayor Webster: Please?

Mr. Diehl: Can you tell me what we have today?

Mr. Parham: Sure. So what we have today is a traditional electric generation program. Remember there are three phases to the electric program: there is the generation, which is what we can impact; there is the transmission, which we cannot affect; and there is the distribution, which we cannot affect. The program that you're probably referring to that we got out of was the Natural Gas Program. That program expired last October. We believed the savings from the program was too small. In reality, there was really no savings our residents were enjoying for about a year and half under that program. So we said that we would not continue the program. Our certification is still active, so if there is a shift and it becomes more advantageous for us to have the program, we can re-engage it. So that was the natural gas that we got out of. This year, this October, it is the electric program that is up for renewal. We are still in an electric program and so what's going to happen is the broker that we've been using, is going back to the current provider, which is IGS, because according to our current agreement with them they have the ability to provide us with a new rate, and if we like their new rate, we can take that rate. Now what will be new if we choose to move forward with the renewable energy, we'll have to get a renewable energy rate from them for us to consider. The last time they presented us with a rate, we weren't happy with it and so we took it back to the market. There is about five other communities that have participated in this program with us.

Mr. Diehl: Who, what organization am I buying my gas from?

Mr. Parham: Right now, the generation is with IGS, the distribution and transmission is always with Duke Energy.

Mr. Diehl: That's for the gas or the electric?

Mr. Parham: That's for the electric.

Mr. Diehl: What about the gas?

Mr. Parham: The gas, right now you're with Duke because our program was not re-engaged. Prior to October, you were with IGS.

Mr. Diehl: I thank you for that clarification, and I'm going green.

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Mrs. Harlow: Well, I set my energy bills down and I compared them, and I really could not see much of an improvement when we were with an aggregate over when we weren't, so it doesn't really matter to me. I talked to a couple neighbors and we all compared our gas and electric bills. If there was any savings at all, on a couple of the neighbors it was so, so small. I think of all of the time that our Administration has put into working this aggregate, and I know that was a lot of man hours, so it doesn't matter to me. I'm flexible.

Mr. Shroyer: Green.

President Vanover: I guess last up is me. I have two arguments. I know there, well she mentioned the wind turbines, and two years ago when we went to Niagara I was very amazed at the number of turbines up on the eastern basin of Lake Erie up there. That caught me by surprise. I guess my biggest question, or biggest concern is, it's new so it's a small portion of the market and competitiveness, because most of the brown, if you want to call it, have moved over to natural gas feeding the turbines, so the generation is from there and that's been very substantial on the savings to us. So with the minimal, I can count the numbers and I'm over, we'll go green and make it all look good.

Mr. Diehl: I have a question. Are solar panels in this program at all?

Mr. Parham: Solar panels? No, well, I think that the market that they're going to target is going to be the windmills. I don't think they're going to target solar panels. I don't think they are.

Mr. Diehl: Can I as a consumer put panels on my own home?

Mr. Parham: Yes, you can. In fact, if you recall a number of years ago, the company formerly known as BHE, is now Power Engineer, installed solar panels on their building some time ago. Back then, however you were able to, this was prior to the current governor, you were able to receive a credit from the State as well as I believe a credit from the Federal Government that was pretty substantial. If I recall, they won some sort of award because they were able to reduce their amount of consumption to very small numbers and generate great savings. I know that if, as I recall, I'm trying to do this from memory, if somehow you are able to generate so much credit that you can sell some of the credit back to Duke Energy. And so, you have that opportunity.

President Vanover: And just a note, the Montgomery Ward warehouse there on Kemper Road has a vast array of panels on the roof up there. I guess my piggyback question on that would be for the individual what about the small squirrel cage generators that are wind-driven? There is a market out there now that they are stepped down into residential that they're not the big tri-blade generators, but they're a smaller squirrel cage, which is a vertical round that are going up on some residences. I don't know any here, but again if you produce more than you consume, in this case Duke would buy it back from you.

Mayor Webster: None of these options have anything to do with what we're talking about here with the aggregate program. You can still go out on your own and put your own generator in your backyard if you want.

President Vanover: Well I was piggybacking on their question.

Mayor Webster: But Mr. Diehl, if you want all solar panels, go for it.

Mr. Hawkins: I just wanted to commend one of our residents Joe Salvato who I know contacted the Administration with regard to some of this information and was, I think, somewhat instrumental with regard to some of this discussion.

Mr. Parham: Very much so.

Mr. Hawkins: So thank you, Joe.

President Vanover: Administration, do you have what you need?

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Mayor Webster: Green.

Mr. Parham: We're going green.

President Vanover: Get the green crayons out.

Mr. Parham: So green will be default.

President Vanover: Yeah. It will be the primary.

Mayor Webster: It will be the default.

Mr. Parham: It will be the default, and residents will have the option to either go brown and remain with the program, or totally opt out of the program.

President Vanover: Alright.

Mr. Parham: Still on me?

President Vanover: Yes sir.

Mr. Parham: I don't know anything about the squirrel generators, but it does take me to the next subject. Council, last fall we talked about the opportunity of the Nuisance Animal Control Program, and under the pilot program, we targeted the removal of skunks and raccoons. We engaged a contractor who would place his traps out; the resident would contact the City; the City would forward it on to the Contractor; the Contractor would go out and removed the animal; and would have the animal euthanized. We also, because the Contractor has a small operation, decided to purchase a number of additional traps, in particular the ones that this particular trapper used because it has the ability to block the sprayer of the skunk. So we began to allow residents to pick up that particular trap that the City owned and place it out at their homes. When an animal would be captured, the resident was then responsible for monitoring the trap, contacting the City or the trapper, and the trapper goes out and removes the animal. If they removed a skunk it was an \$85 charge. If they removed a raccoon it was a \$75 charge. If it was one of the other six animals that must be euthanized, being the possum, beaver, fox and coyote (but we're not catching coyotes in there), then it would be a \$60 charge. Quite frankly, by the time the program rolled out, these things were probably somewhere hibernating. We were able to catch a very small number of them, but now as spring one day will reappear, the question is whether or not we want to re-engage the program. The Contractor has sort of changed his program on us. He is now indicating that if we use his traps, it's an additional \$150. If he is simply going to capture them and remove them from our traps, the fees remain the same (\$85 and \$75). We've also explored the opportunity of additional trappers. I need to get a little bit more clarification, but right now there is potential that we could also have animals removed for the fee of \$65 using our traps. So I do not believe that we have (and I'm trying to go from memory here) whether or not we budgeted additional funds for this program this year, but we thought before we begin to re-engage the program, let's check the temperature to see if everybody is still in favor and whether we're going to move forward and offer it to the residents or not.

Mayor Webster: There is some urgency to this, because we are getting ready to go out with the spring newsletter and if we're going to offer the program, we'd like to put that in the newsletter because the next newsletter won't go out until August and by this point last year is when we really got inundated with a lot of odors.

Mr. Hawkins: Are these rates less than the rates that they would charge the residents contacting them on their own?

Mr. Parham: I would probably perhaps say yes, because it is something that we sat down with them and went through the rates, at least with the current contractor. The other, I had the Health Commissioner simply make contact with some. He's going to make more contacts to see who else is out there, and so perhaps if the resident went out and was paying the fee it may be a different fee, unless of course we are then able, because there is also the possibility that

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perhaps we can negotiate a fee that the resident pays instead of the City paying, and that contractor agrees to that fee.

Mr. Hawkins: I personally would be more interested if there is some aspect of it where we're helping out the residents by negotiating them maybe having a lower cost for coming to Springdale and dealing with it. I know I was in the minority when we had this discussion in the fall, but I'm still in the same spot. I'm not interested in using our City dollars for this, at least at this time with some of the stuff we have going on financially, be it the \$8.2, \$8.3 million for road improvement, \$2 million tied up in the hotel, or the \$575,000 for the engine. I'm sure we could afford \$10, \$20,000 or what have you, whatever the program may cost, but I don't think right now that it's the best use of our dollars. If there is some way we can help the residents by helping negotiate a lower fee for them, I'd be all for that.

Mayor Webster: My position hasn't changed since last year. I think what we went through, we had a number of calls from residents, especially with the skunks, and I'd like to see us offer the program. If you want to put some caps on a certain amount of money, we can cut it off at that point, but I'd like to see us offer the program as we did before. As Derrick just indicated that the resident contacts us, gets a trap, sets the trap himself, it's his responsibility to monitor the trap, if they catch an animal they call either us or the animal control officer and they come out and do away with the animal, and then we pay that contractor either the \$65 if we go with the one plan, or it could be \$85 I guess for some of the animals with the other plan. I'd very much like to see us offer that to the residents.

Mrs. Ghantous: I also would like for us to continue with the plan as we outlined it before. We've had so many complaints. I think it's a serious problem, and it's worth the money.

Mrs. Harlow: I would also like to see it continue as outlined in our previous program.

Mrs. Emerson: I agree with the others. Yes, I'd like to see it continue.

Mr. Shroyer: I'd like to see it continue as well.

Mr. Diehl: I'd like to see it continued, but with some modification, and have the program run July, August, and September.

Mayor Webster: That we do what, Mr. Diehl?

Mr. Diehl: The program would take effect July, August, and September.

Mayor Webster: Just those three months?

Mr. Diehl: Yes, because our expert over here with skunks, Dan, had some information when they were in season and when they're not in season, so to speak. Do you recall that, Dan?

Mr. Shroyer: Yes, I do recall that, although I would not claim to be a skunk expert. I would prefer to see the program available any time a resident calls. If at some point it's so successful that it becomes cost prohibitive, then I would be open to revisiting whether we continue it, but at this point I don't think we've made a large investment and I'd like to see it at least given a chance to move forward.

Mrs. Ghantous: I agree with Dan.

Mrs. Emerson: I just want to make a clarification. Mr. Parham, we don't pay any money unless we catch an animal, right?

Mr. Parham: That's correct.

Mrs. Emerson: So limiting to whatever months doesn't make any difference, correct?

Mr. Parham: That means that's the time that it will be effective because outside of those months we're not going to pay a contractor or anybody else. At that point, we still have the

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traps that are available. The resident picks the trap up, takes it out, and if they capture an animal, the resident had to get rid of the animal.

Mrs. Emerson: I'd like to see it offered throughout the time.

President Vanover: I would concur to go in, because actually when the weather warms up, they're going to come out and they'll have the youngsters in tow for a while, and then August or summertime they become juveniles, but during a couple of those warm spells this winter I caught the aroma of some of our favorite residents. They are out there.

Mayor Webster: So I hear three people saying round the clock, and I see Mrs. Harlow nodding yes. So we've got at least four people that want to go year-round.

Mrs. Ghantous: Five.

Mayor Webster: Five? Okay.

Mr. Parham: That's all I have.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Forbes

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no report

Engineers Report

Mr. Shvezda: On the State Route 4 Southbound Lane Addition Project, we've been in contact with ODOT, but we still haven't received a confirmed date for the start of the construction. It will be spring of this year. State Route 4 ODOT Urban Paving Project, which was basically on State Route 4 between Cameron Road and the I-275 eastbound off-ramp, that is expected to be under construction is August of this year and be completed in November. In the 2016 Street Program, the last remaining portion of that was the State Route 4 Service Drive work, and it will be soon. The contractor is involved with some other projects that they're finishing up, but they should be done with that shortly and then move on to that project. The Cloverdale-area Resurfacing Project, due to continuing problems with Cincinnati Water Works and getting them to be able to be in a position to have their contractor begin the water main work, that project will not be under construction this year. It'll be 2018 construction. 2017 Street Program, we did have the Rehabilitation Contract and the Maintenance Contract both awarded at the February 15th Council meeting. Since that time, we've had the Pre-Construction Meeting with both contractors. With the Street Rehabilitation Project, which Adleta Construction is involved with, that's going to start early May of this year and be completed early July. The Street Maintenance Program, which Strawser Construction is responsible for, that will have a series of particular portions of the program. The overall asphalt repair work will begin late April of this year. The crack seal and the mastic surface treatment will begin early May of this year. The CAPE seal application, which will be on the Glenview subdivision streets, Sharon Road, and Lawnview Avenue, will take place early June of this year. The overall construction completion date is late June of this year. Beacon Hills, no change on Beacon Hills/ Kenn Road. We're still looking at having that under construction spring of next year. Glensprings Drive is also expected to be under construction spring of next year. The Community Center walk path, that project was awarded to JK Meuer at the March 1st Council meeting, and we've scheduled the Pre-Construction meeting for March 21st, so after that date we'll have an idea of the schedule and we'll be able to announce that.

Mayor Webster: I'd like to talk to Council a bit about the Cloverdale-area Resurfacing, and explain to you the dilemma that we're in with that. I'm not sure of the dates, but Derrick got the contract from Cincinnati Water Works. We presented it and you guys passed an Ordinance accepting all of the terms and conditions of that. So as with their practice, they did not pre-sign the thing. They waited for us to execute it. They sent it down. Derrick, jump in here and correct me if I get any of the details wrong, but anyway, someone down there decided no, we want to change something. So they changed it and they want to send it back to us, unsigned again, and so what Derrick is saying, and I don't blame him, is make sure this is what you want and sign it. Send it out here and we'll take it before our Council again. They're saying no, this is the standard way is we send it out and you accept it by Ordinance, send it back, and then we'll execute it. So we're willing to do that as long as you guys know beforehand that we may be back two or three times with the same thing. They send us one, we bring it to you, you adopt it,

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we'll send it back down, somebody down there changes their mind, then we'll be back to the same dilemma again. So, as long as you guys are understanding of that, then I guess we can get the Ordinance on the agenda. Right, Derrick?

Mrs. Harlow: I wanted to ask Mr. Shvegza about the Community Center Walking Path. I know that you're having your construction meeting on March 21st. Do you think that they would start as early as the end of April?

Mr. Shvegza: I don't know that for sure. Obviously the one thing that they have to wait for is the asphalt plants to start up. Usually they'll be underway by that time, but we don't know what their other schedule is as to when they will begin on that project. As soon as we have the Pre-Construction Meeting with them, we'll have that information.

Mrs. Harlow: Okay. If you don't mind I might check with you after the March 21st date, because we're looking to use the Community Center picnic area at the end of April for a community event, and it wouldn't be good if the walking path was all torn up. We might have to change our parks for that.

Mr. Hawkins: Along the lines of what you were saying Mayor, what was the change they wanted to make? Do you recall?

Mayor Webster: I'll yield to Derrick on that.

Mr. Parham: So the first thing that happened is that we reached an agreement with them, our City Administration with Water Works, and they forwarded us a document. We tweaked the document, and we administratively agreed on what the language would say. We presented that document to Council. Council adopted it. We sent it back to Water Works. It sat for a period of time. When we inquired as to the status of the document, we were told that it was on their Law Director's desk. We made contact with their Law Director. She sent, and remember the document we adopted the first time was two pages, she sent us a brand-new document after indicating that it included just a few small minor tweaks, but in essence it was the same document. They just had to add some things that are standard language for them. The new document was seven pages. After reading page one, I had to pause and swallow. After getting to page one and a half, I couldn't read anymore. I contacted our Law Director and told him this isn't going to work. So we have since gone back and forth. We have worked through a second document. I've said to them I do not prefer to take another document to our Council to have them act on that document, send it back to you (water works), and nobody signs it and we're going through this again. They have insisted, because in their minds, we are not a city, we are a contractor that they're dealing with, and so when they have a contract with a contractor the contractor is required to sign the documents first and then they receive five signatures prior to the City Manager signing off on it. The most recent one they sent to us was a copy in which (and remember these are documents that they produced) the Director of Water Works signed but no one else signed, and so we've said no, that doesn't work. That doesn't put into effect that you're authorized to cover this. What all of this has caused is that unfortunately where we were trying to target our project to follow up their two water main projects, to have that work completed in 2017, well now they have left two contracts, they have two contractors out there. In fact, one has begun to store material in the City, but what has occurred now is they're completion date is somewhere around September for their two projects. This means we would then be trying to rush and hope that everything lines up properly in order for us to be able to engage our project by the end of this year, and we don't believe that's going to happen, as you saw in Mr. Shvegza's report, our project is going to be a 2018 one as opposed to 2017. In essence, that's where we are. They have refused to sign the document and so we have said to them unless this agreement is reached, you will not receive permits for your projects.

Mr. Hawkins: Did they indicate who was asleep at the switch down there when they made the document in the first place and sent it to us, and now all of a sudden somebody left out five pages?

Mr. Parham: The signal that we get is that apparently Water Works staff has been doing things that the higher-ups have not necessarily always agreed with. Unfortunately our timing

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was not good enough. By the time we had Council adopt the previous agreement, and we executed and forwarded it to them, the higher-ups had appointed a Law Director to Water Works to fix things. So she had been very understanding and knows where we are, but I guess at this point they have decided they're not going to sign the document. I'm not sure they've necessarily identified someone who fell asleep at this switch, but apparently somebody's been sleeping for a while.

Mr. Hawkins: I don't care necessarily that they sign it beforehand. It would make more sense since they're generating the document that they would sign it, indicating that they're fine with the document that they generated. The main thing is just so that Administration's time isn't wasted and Council's time isn't wasted and we can move in an expeditious way forward. Whatever document they're going to give us, there needs to be some assurance that all the powers that be have seen this, and this is what they're agreeable to, because otherwise it's like we're getting an offer that's not really an offer and we're accepting said offer and they send it back and go...

Mayor Webster: Well the only way we can assure you if that is for them to sign the document and they're saying they're not going to sign it until you adopt it.

Mr. Hawkins: But if the powers that be there have gone over it, so just like the situation where this Law Director is saying "I had no idea; I didn't know. Just sign here, we just tweaked this." Whoever needs to see it, needs to see it before they give it to us. That's the only thing that I'm asking for. If it's the Law Director, if it's the Director of Water Works, whoever it is needs to see it and then give it to us. I'm okay with that, but this situation is one where they're saying "I didn't see it. I didn't know."

Mayor Webster: Okay, but verbally I think they're telling you that this is a good document, right?

Mr. Parham: I'll let Jeff... Jeff's been talking with their attorney.

Mr. Forbes: Well what you've just said is almost exactly the conversation I've had with their legal counsel. The most I can tell you is this: we thought we had a two-page agreement. Everyone had approved it, we signed it, and sent it back. The changes that were required that we then negotiated through to reach the final document that we have now, all came from their legal counsel, and now she has indicated that the document now meets her requirements. All I can tell you is the requested changes came from their legal counsel, and now their legal counsel has been involved through the entire process to reach the document we have now, but I have done virtually everything that I can think of to ask them to sign it first, and as Mr. Parham indicated, that's just not their policy and they won't do it. What I think, if this is any consolation, what I think I may be able to, and I think we've gotten them to agree to this much, like Mr. Parham said, the last version they sent back to us was executed by the Director of GCWW. Their Legal Counsel has indicated, she is one of the signatures that goes on here to approve it, as to form. She has indicated that she would probably do that to but it's still not the rest of the signatures, so if that gets you closer to being comfortable that the changes that were requested came from their Legal Counsel and she's willing to sign off on it now, as to form, that's about the best I could maybe get you.

Mr. Hawkins: What about an additional memorandum of understanding? Would they do that?

Mr. Forbes: I'm going to go out on a limb and say no. I don't think they're going to do anything any differently than how they do things with every other contractor that they do.

Mr. Shroyer: I guess at this point I would advocate that if we have what they're calling a final document and we're comfortable with it, that we would be willing to call it a final document, that run it through the cycle one more time and see where we end up. If they don't get a document, we don't get our water mains.

Mayor Webster: Yeah, I mean what the hell do we have to lose? It doesn't cost us that much to pass an Ordinance. We did it once, and if we go through the same cycle again, we'll

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be back here in two or three months with another Ordinance, but it doesn't cost us a whole lot of money to pass this and I'd like to see this project done.

Mrs. McNear: I don't see that we have any leverage that we can press to make them do our will; I think we just have to go through with their process and if it takes two or three times, that's what we're going to have to do. I don't think we have any leverage to make them move to our way of thinking on this.

President Vanover: I guess that's where we are. It reminds me shades of the railroad overpass ordeal. What was that, ten years in the making, or something like that? So hopefully this will be quicker.

Mr. Parham: So would you like for us to bring an ordinance in to adopt this agreement?

All: Yes.

Mr. Parham: Okay, we'll do that. We'll schedule it for the April 5th meeting.

President Vanover: Mr. Shveg zda, were you finished? Okay.

Communications

Mrs. McNear: I do have one letter this evening. This is dated March 6th and addressed to Mayor Doyle Webster. It states, "Dear Mayor Webster, City of Springdale, Council Members, and Mr. Parham, Spring is just around the corner and soon we will be enjoying the warm summer days. The Springdale Sailfish Parent Board has started planning for the upcoming swim season, and we are hosting championships this year. As we plan our budget for 2017 season, we hope to include a donation from the City of Springdale. We realize the City's budget isn't what it used to be, but if can see fit to assist the team financially, any amount would be greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Sailfish swimmers, parents and coaching staff, we would like to thank you for your support. Best Regards, Tasha Wilson, Springdale Sailfish Parent Board President."

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Coleman: I was making some notes here in regards to the previous discussion on the windmill situation, and I guess my note to myself and question to Council is, in looking at this, which has the long-term lowest maintenance cost probability? When I think about the windmills and the moving parts, I guess I'm concerned that that could in fact create a higher maintenance cost in the long run versus the other option. To that extent, if we as residents have the ability to opt out each year, then I guess that's a good back-up plan, because it would appear that if a big storm comes along, big wind storm, we could very well see where power is interrupted. It's already interrupted with Duke right now anyway, but like I said, certainly the maintenance cost would be a concern.

Mayor Webster: We're not buying any of those windmills.

Mr. Coleman: Would we absorb the costs?

Mayor Webster: No. The cost, we're going to get a rate, and if we don't like the rate, we'll just opt out.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 15-2017

APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTHWEST BUSINESS CENTER PUD

President Vanover: At this point, we will move into a Public Hearing. We will open it up. I guess we'll go for a presentation, if we have one. Okay, we don't have a presentation?

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Mr. Warnement: Good evening. I'm Patrick Warnement from the Kleingers Group, the engineer on the project. I believe at this point we've basically addressed most of Planning Commission's concerns and hopefully your concerns as well. We did limit the number of dock positions on the rear side of the building which was one of the concerns that was brought up at Planning Commission, so that number has been established now. We've been to Planning Commission once, received some feedback, came back with a different plan that was viewed much more favorably, and we're very excited to get this project built and get a good tenant for the City.

Mr. White: My name is James White, the applicant. We have been in front of the Planning Commission two different times. This asset is at the highest level in its asset class. It's a medium-size warehouse building. It has a component of potentially distribution/ storage. It's a three-tenant underwritten asset of 70,000 plus or minus square feet per demised area. It could be leased to one tenant; it could be leased to two tenants. It will not be leased to more than three tenants, ultimately. It's a highly sought-after site for this asset class, which is industrial, obviously. I think we've met all the criteria of the Planning Commission, the Zoning requirements, etc., and we're happy to be here. We appreciate all the support that has grown over the months. It's been a long haul, but I'm part of a national development entity, Ridgeline Property Group. We've got assets in probably, I don't know, twenty, twenty-three, twenty-four states around the country. My partners and I are all grizzled war horses in the industrial sector. I think we average twenty-eight years of experience. I lived here in Cincinnati for ten years, from '94 to '04. I ran Prologis Industrial Trust here, and built a lot of stuff in Northern Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. This is a great project. It's well-placed. We showed the land today, actually, to an automobile-type vendor, and it's going to be a great success. We don't lease to mom-and-pop type tenants. It will be branded with high-level visibility of brand names, credit. We're not looking for a two-year lease or a three-year lease. It's a minimum of five-year leases. We'll probably try to maximize the sizing of the first tenant in the building and we're pumped up about it. It's our flagship in Cincinnati, and I've got history here. I live in Indianapolis now, so it's a two-hour drive. I've got to do that tonight, by the way. We appreciate the support and we hope you all embrace the project.

President Vanover: We're still in a Public Hearing; is there anybody else that would like to speak for or against the issue?

Mr. Parham: Council, what has been placed in front of you is renderings of what is being proposed by the gentlemen. I think, Patrick or Jim, perhaps if you could identify or describe what the project will entail.

Mr. Warnement: The building is a 230,000-square foot speculative industrial rear-loaded building with automotive parking in the front, truck docks and trailer parking in the rear of the building, and isolated truck access so the trucks will not intermingle with the vehicles on site. It will be well-landscaped, per the City's Code, and it will be a very nice complement to the area. We've completed a full traffic study that's been approved by the City and so on, so this really is basically like Jim said a Class A industrial building. So that pretty much sums it up. We had initially come in with a building around 250,000-square feet that through the process has been reduced to about 230,000, so it came down by roughly 20,000-square feet.

Mr. White: I would add that it's critical that the isolation of the truck corps is outside of the parking area for vehicular parking. It's got two driveways that wrap around the building from the west to the east off of Northwest Boulevard. We were denied on Pictoria Drive, and we're happy with the layout. We, like Patrick mentioned, we have had to, I think we knocked off three bays on the building, so we advanced from 250 down to 350,000-square feet. It's 32 foot clear in the inside of the warehouse, which is uncommon in the market. Most is, if you go to World Park, you know, Duke's historic portfolio of assets, those buildings are 22-28 foot clear. This is state-of-the-art. It's what is en vogue in today's world, and I think it will be an asset that like I said will be well sought-after. The highest point on the building is below 40 feet. It has to be because of fire pressure issues and flow in the area. It will have ESFR fire suppression system. It's got all the bells and whistles. It's divisible in different ways. It could be, I don't think I'm going to lease less than probably four bays. A bay is I think 12,000-square feet, so minimum is going to be a 48,000-square foot tenant. It's got, we're projecting 24 fully-equipped doors on the dock-side of the building which is isolated on the east side towards the Avon building. It's got good flow. It's

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superior to 97% of the product in the market. We believe it's going to be well sought-after. Location is off the hook. It's between Route 4 and Highway 747, right on 275. It's a great asset.

Mayor Webster: Just looking at the drawing here, I see that you've got three driveways coming in off Northwest Boulevard. I guess two of those are for trucks and one is vehicular. Is that right?

Mr. White: Right.

Mayor Webster: Will those be marked "Trucks Only" or "Vehicles Only" or something?

Mr. White: Well, it's going to be evident when you can't get into the auto parking if you go down this...

Mayor Webster: Well, but I mean somebody comes in, a visitor...

Mr. White: Yes, sure. We've got an allowance in our budget of \$20,000 for signage, so we can absolutely earmark it...

Mayor Webster: "Trucks Only" or something.

Mr. White: ...access.

Mayor Webster: I'm assuming that's going to be a one way, exit only, do not enter on that one, or no?

Mr. White: Well, the flow is to be coming in the driveway closest to Pictoria, so when you're coming in, you're backing up over your left shoulder into a dock position. That will be earmarked. This is in, up north is out.

Mayor Webster: Okay. So if a truck comes in, you would not want them to come in here.

Mr. White: No. That's the exit.

Mayor Webster: Exit only.

Mr. White: That's egress. Ingress is to the south.

President Vanover: We're still in a Public Hearing. We'll go one more time. Is there anybody that wants to speak for or against the issue? Okay at this point, we'll close the Public Hearing. Council, we've heard the second reading of this. This evening we can act. Is there any discussion?

Mrs. Harlow: I think we have a good product here as well. I appreciate your coming to our Planning meetings and working with us through this process, I know that I'm really pleased with what we have here in the way of the landscaping and what we were able to do with the dock doors, that type of thing. So I appreciate working with you.

Mr. White: Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: Echoing the sentiments of Mrs. Harlow, you guys have been very attentive and responsive to the comments that came to you from Planning Commission and Staff. I appreciate what you've done with this.

Mr. Diehl moved to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and it was passed with a 7-0 vote.

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Ordinance 16-2017

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH CINCINNATI BELL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC, RELATED TO A JOB RETENTION AND CREATION INCENTIVE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Harlow moved to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Mr. Parham: Council, I would ask that our Economic Development Director Ms. Christine Russell step forward. I think we have a couple guests here with us as well.

Ms. Russell: Good evening, Council. Before you is Ordinance No. 16-2017 for your consideration. As read, this Ordinance would authorize the City to enter into an amended incentive agreement with Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions, or CBTS as they're more commonly known. CBTS is a single source for business IT and communications needs and it offers highly technical service to their clients which are exactly the type of companies that we love to have in Springdale. They joined our business community in 2009 and have grown to over 150 employees in two Springdale locations. Their primary location is 111 Tri-County Parkway, and then they do have a small amount of office space across the street in 100 Tri-County Parkway. The existing incentive agreement was signed in 2009 and CBTS has exceeded their payroll goals each year of that agreement. They have recently reached out to us with a desire to consolidate their operations and also expand, so they want to relocate into one building with room for growth. The amended incentive agreement that you have in front of you shows that CBTS could up to double their size from their current size in both jobs and payroll, so the spreadsheet on the very last page of the incentive agreement shows that they could reach up to 350 jobs with \$33 million in payroll. They will be leasing the remaining vacant space at 25 Merchant Street, which is the Executive Centre Three building, and relocating their employees to that location hopefully later this year. We're obviously very pleased to keep them in Springdale and even more pleased to see them growing. Tonight I'm joined by Chris Elma, who is Cincinnati Bell's Vice President of Treasury and Tax, and he'll say a few words, and then Steve Holter, their Director of Corporate Real Estate and Facilities has also joined us.

Mr. Elma: Thank you, Christine. I'd be remiss if I didn't pause and thank Christine and Mr. Parham and the rest of their team in helping us get to where we are here tonight. I'd also be remiss if I didn't thank Council and the City for the partnership we've enjoyed over the past seven years. It's been an integral part of the recipe for success that we've experience in that segment of our business. I am very excited personally and the company is very excited to extend and expand that relationship. We certainly hope that members of Council share that excitement with us as you consider the proposal.

Ms. Russell: Chris and I are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Mr. Diehl: I have no question, other than to say thank you for your relationship to the City and we look forward to this relationship continuing for many, many years. So thank you very much.

Mr. Elma: We are very excited. Thank you.

The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ordinance 17-2017

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,314 TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT WITH O'ROURKE WRECKING COMPANY FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER SHERATON CINCINNATI NORTH HOTEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

President Vanover: Fill in the blank?

Mr. Parham: In our haste to try to get this before you, I forgot to go back and do the research and grab the Ordinance, but we can get that for you.

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Mr. Shroyer moved to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion.

Mayor Webster: I gave you some of the numbers before and would be more than happy to answer any of the questions regarding that. Just for the record, we still feel that, assuming we were able to market the property and get the appraised value out of it, that this will still turn out to be a break-even project for the City. So we still don't see the City losing a lot of money on this project. Just a matter of time to get the thing sold.

Mr. Hawkins: With regard to this document and the contract that would go with it, was it included the phrase "time is of the essence" with regard to it? I know they're shooting at 120 days and I know construction stuff can vary, but I didn't know if there was any aspect of it where their feet are held to the fire with regard to any kind of time frame, be it the 120 or more than that.

Mayor Webster: I'm not sure what you're asking.

Mr. Hawkins: I'm asking if the contract with regard to the agreement that was made with O'Rourke for this change order also includes them saying they're going to get this done in 120 days.

Mayor Webster: Yes. 128 days from April 17th.

Mr. Hawkins: Asking if we have the legal terminology that "time is of the essence" which would cause the opportunity for there to be some type of liquid damages if they should not finish in the time agreed upon.

Mayor Webster: If they don't finish in the time frame, Mr. Hawkins, we'd be back in the same situation we're in today.

Mr. Hawkins: No, I'm just asking if that's been negotiated in. I understand we're in that situation, but I'm saying is there any consequence that's been negotiated with them with regard to the time frame...

Mayor Webster: None other than the initial contract.

Mr. Forbes: Yes, the initial contract has liquidated damage clause in it and this is just a change order to the amount. All the other terms of the original contract stay in effect. The only other thing that was renegotiated with this change order is basically a new start date.

Mayor Webster: Start date and finish date.

Mr. Hawkins: So the new start date is, they're getting a fresh 120 from when they get on site, hopefully April 17th of this year.

Mr. Forbes: Correct, but all the other terms of the original contract stay in place.

Mr. Parham: In an effort to just try to get this thing off the dime and begin to move forward, we set forth with a couple goals. One, we wanted to try and identify what the cost would be to get this thing finished. Two, We wanted to try to identify when they would be returning to the job site, and three, how much time do they need to take this down? So I think we've achieved all three of those, and so we did not include any new language. We simply sat down across the table from them and tried to understand, first work through the financial parts of it, and then understand what challenges they are facing. As the Mayor articulated earlier, and as we've talked about before, they apparently have two cranes with booms on them. The first boom, which is the newer of the two, they said they've had for eight years, is the one that suffered a crack and so they've been told that they're probably not going to get that back for about another eight weeks. The second boom is the older one that they've had for about sixteen years. It's the one that they originally had on site. They pulled it off site once we began to deal with the new asbestos. They moved it over to the project in Forest Park. They believe they have about four weeks remaining on that project, hence the reason we got to April 17th. We asked is there a chance that April 17th doesn't happen? They indicated we owe you this, so if necessary we will rent another crane. So right now they have committed to

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coming back on April 17th. Quite frankly, I think we all simply want it down. We want some resolution and so we asked how much time does it take? They said we believe it's going to take us the entire 128 days, but we're going to push to try to get it done sooner than that. So that's how we reached that agreement, but we did not adjust any other language that's in the original specifications. We did provide them with another list of items of things that are reminders that they're going to have to renew and refresh, such as their insurance, worker's compensation paperwork; there is a permit that they must get from the Ohio EPA that has a two-week period. They know they need to execute those things.

Mr. Shroyer: Mr. Parham I don't remember the exact numbers, but it seems like there was a significant dollar amount between O'Rourke's bid to do the asbestos work as compared to the folks that we ended up using.

Mr. Parham: Correct.

Mr. Shroyer: Even with the \$51,000 add at this point, I think that we're probably still money ahead, aside from the fact that the building is still there, but we're still ahead of had we gone with O'Rourke's asbestos issue.

Mr. Parham: That's correct. The original proposal we received from them was about \$240,000. When they sent forth a bid when we put it out to bid, their cost was about \$299,000. The cost that we paid for Aztec to remove the asbestos was about \$114,000. Now if you add the \$51,000 on there, you're about \$170,000 rounding up. So yes, were still ahead of where we would have been with their work.

Mayor Webster: We also made it very clear to them, and they agreed to this, that this \$51,000 will go ahead, we're going to take it to our Council tonight, assuming Council authorized us to do so, we'll start the paperwork on this, and they can send us the bill if they want, but we are not going to pay it until we see equipment on site. The crane has to be on site before we cut the check for this.

Mr. Parham: And working. The Ordinance number I'm told is Ordinance 11-2016.

The Ordinance passed with a 7-0 vote.

Old Business

President Vanover: As promised, the first thing that we want to give Council an opportunity to discuss is the donation, funding, whatever you want to call it, to the Center for Addiction Treatment. With that, we'll open discussion.

Mr. Shroyer: Before I move into some thoughts about that donation or discussion, as regarding the comment or concern that we wouldn't be good stewards of the taxpayers' money, I would ask Mr. Forbes if before we enter into a lot of discussion, whether there is any legal or ethical concern is Council were to decide to make a donation of that nature.

Mr. Forbes: In essence, this would be considered, if you move forward with this, this would be considered a public expenditure just like any other expenditure of public funds that you would make on anything. The law on that requires that it be for a valid public purpose. The Auditor of State is the one who oversees that to make sure that all of your expenditures are for valid public purpose, and what the law in essence says is that to be a valid public purpose, the expenditure has to be for the general good of the inhabitants and the primary objective of that expenditure is to further that public purpose, even if there is an incidental private end is advanced. It takes, in essence, it takes the determination of this Council to decide if something is a valid public purpose. Generally speaking, the Auditor of State does not look beyond, if this Council says this is a valid public purpose and articulates why it is, unless you're just completely arbitrary in your decision making, generally the Auditor doesn't look past that. So it's permissible to make such an expenditure, assuming that it's authorized by an Ordinance that articulates a public purpose that this Council determines.

Mr. Shroyer: Is there a concern for a precedent or that some other organization could then come back and point to this donation and insist that Council follow suit?

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Mr. Forbes: Any times the question of setting a precedent comes up, what I generally tell you is you're a Council and you make your decisions on a case-by-case basis, and one decision that you make, if someone else came back, you would have to make the same determination, that whatever it is they're asking for would be a valid public expenditure. It has to be done on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Shroyer: Thank you. With those thoughts in mind, Council, I am in favor of a donation to the Center for Addiction Treatment and I do believe that it's in the public interest. That said, before I elaborate on that, I also had some concerns in the discussions regarding the financing or the borrowing of the \$8.3 million and some of the other things that we've done, and I asked specifically in those meetings if going down that route were going to tie this Council's hands or future Councils hands regarding these types of expenses, other types of expenses or options or programs that came along. I was assured that they would not, that there were revenues available that obviously our revenues were getting better and that the short answer is no, we weren't tying hands. So I'm a little concerned now at this point to hear that is the significant reason that we don't want to discuss this or consider this, is because of those large expenditures that we've already committed to. Had I felt that committing to those expenditures would put in jeopardy funds for a skunk removal program or donations of this sort, yes we're talking about \$20,000 but we're talking about less than 1% of the \$8.3 million that we're moving forward with. Actually we're talking less than half of one percent. We're talking about close to one percent of what our 2017 budget projects as a carry-over into next year. So I have some concerns that we're not good stewards of the taxpayers' money or that we're in such a financial state that we can't consider these type of issues as they arise. I did have some conversation with the Center for Addiction Treatment. They indicated based on their statistics that in 2016, they had 27 admissions to their facility from our 45246/40 zip codes, so we're not talking about people from across the country. In 27 cases, we're talking about our local residents. In the 47 year history of the organization, and at this point the demand for the service is outpacing their resources and I think the fact that they're here requesting public help makes it a public issue. Over the years, this country has seen generations of groups of people who have made poor decisions, and what we're talking about is people that made some poor decisions, not career criminals. We have spent fortune upon fortune on treatment of tobacco-related illnesses. The word has been out for years and years that tobacco is a bad decision, but people made that decision and at some point they needed help and Society stepped up. Heart disease is probably one of the number one killers in the country, and the majority of heart disease is bad decisions: what you eat, exercise. I'll plead guilty to that one, but folks make bad decisions. They go to the hospital; they get treatment. The public funds UC Hospital. The demand expands, the demand starts to outpace the resources, hospitals expand, we pass law requiring insurance companies to cover certain things. I think it's time for us to start to look at the addiction treatment along those same types of lines. If folks were showing up at a hospital with chest pains and the emergency room was saying "No, we're full. Check back with us in two or three weeks," the public would be outraged. These folks are showing up looking for medical treatment. They're being told that the treatment is not available, and the treatment is not available because society has relied on either not for profit or private donors to address the issue, to provide the services. Obviously, the issue is not going away. The private donors or not for profits are not able to keep up with the demand. At some point, society is going to pay for it, whether it becomes an issue that we not only fund UC Hospital for medical treatment, but we publicly fund hospitals across the nation for addiction treatment. Somebody is going to fund it. \$20,000 is not obviously going to fix the problem. I think it's an indication and a beginning that we as the public are at some point going to have to take ownership of the program. What we do at this point is defensive. Our police officers do a good job of tracking down, arresting, trying to keep drugs off the street and trying to take drugs out of the addict's hands. Obviously the war on drugs has been around for a number of years and there's no indication that we're winning. Those are defensive maneuvers. I think we need to start moving toward the offensive and that being the only real way to take the drugs out of an addict's hands is through treatment that puts them in a position that they don't want the drugs in their hands to begin with. There are a number of studies and a number of documents that I could point to. One of the most telling is that the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence published a study that says for every dollar spent on treatment, \$5.60 is saved on arrest, incarceration, and associated expenses. We make a \$20,000 donation we have a \$100,000 impact on the problem. Minimal, yes, but it's not beyond our realm to think that our donation would assist 27 of our residents.

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Mayor Webster: Mr. Shroyer, I'm not going to argue with you and I don't want to get in an argument with you regarding the virtues of the program or the way you feel about it and so forth so on, but I do take exception with you indicating that we are not good stewards of the City's finances. I told you and I think Mr. Parham reiterated this, that it's a matter of priorities, and if this Council wants to donate \$20,000 to this drug addiction center, then do it. We will find the money. So no one has deceived you into supporting the bond issue to take care of the City streets and then having to say no to you here. We will say yes to you. We will find the \$20,000, but we're saying to you, it's a matter of priorities and I want to make sure that the records indicate that that we have not deceived you or anybody else on this Council, or the public out there when we went to the bond market and borrowed \$8.2 million to maintain the City streets. Now Mrs. McNear alluded to that in her dissertation, and that's fine. The facts are the facts. We did borrow \$8.2 million. We do need a new fire truck, as you well know; we need two new fire trucks. And yeah, we did go in debt into a three-year lease payback full-payout lease for the first fire truck and we're going to do the same thing as soon as that one's paid off for the second fire truck. So yeah, we don't have an over-abundance of money, but it's a matter of priorities and if this Council wants \$20,000, we will find the \$20,000. But don't accuse us of being bad stewards of the City's money.

Mr. Shroyer: Mr. Mayor, there was no accusation of being bad stewards of the City's money. In fact, those weren't my words; they were Mrs. McNear's. I was responding to the fact that Mrs. McNear felt that we would be poor stewards of the City's money if we were to make this donation. I have no problem with what we've done up to this point with the Street Program or any other program. My comment was relative to the fact that I don't believe that Council making a decision to donate \$20,000 to this organization is any more an indication of bad stewards of the City's money than anything else that we've done to this point.

Mr. Hawkins: I'll preface this with saying CAT House is a great program. I deal with folks every day that have addiction issues. CAT House works wonderfully with and for them. I think it's very important to do the medically-assisted treatment such as the Vivitrol shot, and they offer that as well. Heroin drugs are a big problem. It creates probably, is connected to probably 75% of all crime, whether people are using, stealing to get drugs, selling drugs. It's a big problem. With regard to drug addiction though, I think the other thing we have to still remember is while I don't think you can have too many treatment facilities, there is a reality that the treatment facility is going to be helpful for the person that is ready to try to tackle the addiction. I deal with folks on a regular basis that overdose, get locked up in jail, show up the next morning for arraignment, and all they're interested in is getting out and getting high again. I know it's a process and we've got to have those things available for when they're ready, but the mere existence of the CAT House or River City or whatever program is out there is not going to inherently tackle the problem. Folks still have to take the step to say they want to try to address it. I would love to be in a position to have money to donate to a program such as this. I don't think we're in the financial position right now. It's one of those things where we do have some expenditures. We put out the \$8.3 million, the \$2 million for the hotel, the \$575,000 for the fire engine. We're going to get that ladder truck that's going to be around \$1 million. Those things are critical and it just comes down to how we prioritize what we need to do, what's going to impact our residents, and giving our residents services that we need, police, fire, maintaining streets for property values. These are things that are very critical. I'm not diminishing the heroin epidemic or any other addiction in saying that, but it's just prioritizing things. And the City's financial situation is not terrible. Being on Council in 2009, things were very grim. Things have improved greatly, but at the same time we're not at a place where we have an abundance of resources that we can just give out without much discernment. And there are some other municipalities that have far more resources. I've talked with other members of Council from different cities to our east and southeast, and they have a lot of resources, and they're sitting around talking about what should we do with this \$10, \$20, \$50,000. We're not in that position right now. Hopefully we're making trends in the right way and the things that Christine does help us, and I'm optimistic that we're going to be there one day, but we're not there right now. So for me it's really about the discernment in terms of what we're going to do with these taxpayers' resources, and I don't question that the program isn't worthy, but it's really just about I don't think we have the resources right now to go do that. We're in a situation right now where we have to remember it's not our money. It's all the residents' money and I think if folks want to make individual donations, they should. I encourage anybody who feels passionately about it, I know a lot of residents feel passionately about it, that they do that. But based on where we are financially, I

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don't feel comfortable with that. I think some of the things that I've done and said over the last six months are consistent with being concerned. Someone could say who cares about giving \$5,000 to a skunk problem. We can have the money, but right now, we're not quite to where I feel comfortable just using the money in any old way. So that's my concern with regard to it. I don't question the value of the program or the value of giving money to it, but I just don't feel we're in that position right now.

Mrs. Harlow: If the drug problem were easy to solve, it would have been solved already. It's not easy. It doesn't know any city boundaries, any socioeconomic boundaries. It goes, there's drugs everywhere, and there is a need for services like this. I was just approached this past week by Mrs. Lagge and Mrs. Joan Fairby. They're trying to host a program down at our Community Center in late April. They've partnered with a women's rehab group called Sojourner's and this is to help women coming out of the program to be able to acclimate back to society and to get some resources in the way of donations for household items, things like that. So that's coming up with that. So I believe that it is a community issue for all of us in the region, and I'm in favor of donating some money. I'm not sure that I'm in favor of the \$20,000. If we had the money I would say let's give them more, but I want to be conservative as well. There's three ways out of drug addiction. We've tried to arrest our way out of it and it didn't work very well. The second way is death, and the third way is rehab. I know that there's just not enough rehab places out there. I know Colerain Township, there was an article on the news about a program that they're working that I thought was really interesting. When they have interaction with a user, the police has a special squad team that goes out a little bit later, maybe four or five days later, and they talk with the person again to see if they are receptive to trying to get some help. They've had a really good success with getting the people in their community into programs. So I think every community has an obligation to try and work whatever resources that we can to make the situation better. Are we going to make a dent in it? I don't know. But on one hand we're putting money out for our squad to make runs and for the Narcan. Maybe, I did not know the number that Mr. Shroyer quoted. How many residents from 45246, sir?

Mr. Shroyer: 27 admissions in 2016 from 45246 and/or 45240.

Mrs. Harlow: That's Springdale/ Forest Park, basically.

Mayor Webster: Sharonville.

Mrs. Harlow: I'm in favor of donating some funding.

Mrs. McNear: I just want to clarify that the report that I gave earlier, I gave the report based on what the recommendation was from the Finance Committee and then the next comment, I said these are my personal opinions, and that's where I stated that I did not think we would be good stewards of the City's money if we made a donation when there are so many other needs. I didn't say that the City's financial situation was dire, but it goes back to what we talked about which are the priorities and that was the \$8.2 million for the streets, the \$2 million for the hotel, and the fire trucks, and we have many, many things that we want. I don't think that we should be in the donation business. And again, that is my personal opinion, that is not the Committee's opinion. So I just wanted to make sure that everyone understood that the comment about not being a good steward is my own personal opinion, and I stand by it, and I'll repeat it next week too if anyone would like to hear it.

Mayor Webster: We've had, trying to make contact with several cities around us here throughout the County, and Mrs. Zimmerlin made contact with several of them. To date, now this could change tomorrow, but to date, we're aware of two other communities that have committed resources to this request, and that's \$10,000 from the Village of Evendale and the City of Montgomery had \$12,500 left in a police grant. Derrick, isn't that right?

Mr. Parham: I think so, yes.

Mayor Webster: They had a grant from the feds or somebody in their police fund, so they had \$12,500 leftover. They requested \$25,000 from Montgomery, so they gave them half that because they had that money left over from another project. The two larger cities, I say

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larger in the way of budgets and wherewithal, Blue Ash was asked for \$50,000 and they're not giving them anything. I talked personally to Lisa Walker, the Mayor, and I'll get back to the reason in a minute. The other one is Sharonville directly to our east; they were requested for \$20,000 and they've elected not to give them anything. In both cases, it had nothing to do with whether they could afford it or not. It was a matter that they did not want to set this precedent that you asked the Law Director's opinion on. They did not want to set the precedent of giving donations, especially to outside groups, even though maybe they service some people in their zip code, because what do you say to the next group that comes up, and the next group, and the next group? Then all of a sudden, you're the arbiter of saying you've got a good cause and you've got a bad cause, and we're going to support this and we're going to support that, and we to my knowledge have never done that. Yeah, we've given subsidies, but we've given them to local organizations: swim team, senior citizens, one time we helped the Chamber get off their feet. The only other donations I'm aware that we made is for economic development purposes. We helped, it's now Ready Cincinnati, I'm not sure what the predecessor group was called. The Chamber of Commerce Downtown. I'm not aware that we've ever given any donations to groups like that. But getting back to the 27 people, that's out of zip codes 40 and 46. That includes all of Sharonville, all of Forest Park, and all of Springdale, and into Glendale. Glendale is a 46 zip code. So I think you'd have to look at a map to see how big of an area you're talking about there. We have no idea how many of those were Springdale folks. In both those cases, those large cities, it was not a matter of money, not a matter of whether we could afford it or not afford it. It's a matter of do we want to open the door and set a precedent.

Mrs. Emerson: Couple of things, my personal feelings are. I don't really care what anybody else does around us. I don't think we've ever been followers. I think we try to be leaders here in Springdale, but with that said, (I forgot what I was going to say. Wait a minute, it's coming back), with that said, I also don't want to use the reasoning that we're going to be looking at a lot of other people coming up and asking for donations and stuff. Just as it was discussed in the Board of Health meeting, as individuals, we get phone calls all the time for donations and we use discernment to decide we're going to give to this one or we're not going to give to this one. I think the Committee up here are all professionals and I think we can make those decisions if they come along the way, but I'm kind of leaning toward what Mr. Hawkins said. I think right now isn't a time that we need to be giving money out. I would put this on the back burner and if things look better in the future and we get more revenue in, maybe some form of donation would be okay. Right now I don't think is the time to do that.

President Vanover: I guess then comes the question, what do you want to do?

Mr. Shroyer: Would a decision either way not require an Ordinance from Council?

President Vanover: Yes, it would require an Ordinance of Council.

Mr. Shroyer motioned to ask the Law Director to provide an Ordinance for Council's consideration to provide a donation in the amount of \$15,000 to the Center for Addiction Treatment; Mrs. Harlow seconded the motion. The motion was defeated with three affirmative and four negative votes (negative votes came from Emerson, Ghantous, Hawkins, Vanover).

New Business

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Harlow: Spruce Up Springdale will be holding a meeting on Thursday, March 23rd at 7 pm in the conference room.

Mrs. McNear: This is the reminder for those of you who have not filed yet, please file your 2016 Financial Disclosures. It is due Monday, May 15th. It's very important that you get that in on time or you will be fined. My latest records show that we have four people who have already filed.

Mayor Webster: Score card. Did you cross me off?

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Mrs. McNear: Will do right now. Anybody else want to fess up? Okay, so we have five people out of nine have filed. And you have to listen to me say this every meeting until everybody is filed, so it may be right up to the wire.

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on April 13th at 7 o'clock in the chambers adjacent to here.

Mayor Webster: This is not a City event, but the Pancake Breakfast the Lion's Club sponsors will take place this Saturday at the Rec Center from 8-12. Six dollars all you can eat, and I'd love to see all of you there.

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, March 21st at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Hawkins: Planning Commission will meet April 11th at 7 pm in these chambers.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: The Parks and Rec Department is accepting applications for a number of seasonal positions in the aquatics and park maintenance. Information is available on the City website or by contacting the Community Center. Registration has also begun for the adult coed softball league, and you can call the Community Center at 346-3910 for details.

Communications from the Audience - none.

Update on Legislation Still in Development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, item number one was addressed with Ordinance 16-2017, and Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions related to a job retention incentive agreement and declaring an emergency, and that passed with a 7-0 vote. Item number two was addressed with Ordinance 15-2017, and Ordinance approving a major modification to the Northwest Business Center Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Development Plan for the Ridgeline Property Group's Development, which passed with a 7-0 vote. Item number three is forthcoming, and we also had an Ordinance not listed, Ordinance 17-2017 with regard to the O'Rourke change order and declaring that an emergency, and that passed with a 7-0 vote as well.

Recap of Legislative Items Requested for Next Council Meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There's a request for legislation approving the update of the Hamilton County Solid Waste District's Management Plan as well as an Ordinance requesting another Ordinance with regard to the Water Works Project.

President Vanover: Administration, are we square?

Mr. Parham: The only thing I would ask is under the other items of interest, if you could address perhaps the fifth item your summer schedule.

President Vanover: Okay. Good call. Council, do we want our normal summer schedule is the months of July and August and we meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Is that agreeable with everybody? Do we want to continue? (Informally polls Council).

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Mr. Parham: Okay.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins moved to adjourn. Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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