

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on October 4, 2017.

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

President Vanover requested a moment of silence for Sharon Casselman and for Las Vegas.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council members Diehl, Emerson, Ghantous, Harlow, Hawkins, Shroyer and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the September 20, 2017 City Council meeting were considered. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded. Minutes were adopted as published with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Tonight we have Mr. Randy Quisenberry from the Council on Aging. He's the Manager of Procurement and Provider Services and he's here to give us information on the upcoming Senior Services Levy. Mr. Quisenberry if you would like to come up.

Mr. Quisenberry: Thank you Amanda. I have some information that I'd like to offer to each of you. Good evening and thank you. I just provided you a copy of the 2016 Annual Report and some ten facts about some of the things that the Council on Aging of Southwest Ohio does and a little explanation of what we do. My name is Randy Quisenberry and I'm with the Council on Aging of Southwest Ohio and for those who don't know, our headquarters are right here at 175 Tri County Parkway. Thank you for allowing me to join your meeting tonight and speak on behalf of the Council. I'd like to begin by sharing some program information with you. You hear the acronyms like ESP; well that's the Elderly Services Program. It's been in place in Hamilton County for quite some time. I just wanted to give you some data on what that program does for the seniors in Hamilton County. So what services does that provide? Personal Care, Hygiene (including bathing), Home Delivered meals (you've heard it referred to as Meals on Wheels sometimes), and Congregant Meals. A congregant meal is at an adult day center that people in the neighborhood they come to and they get a warm meal at the congregant site. Transportation, including medical appointments. Medical alert systems. The monitors, the buttons that seniors use and we depend on to alert if they have a medical emergency. Home modifications, we have programs in place that provide ramps, walk-in showers and safety grab bars for folks in need. A lot the services that we provide are homemaking. Homemaking including laundry, cleaning, running errands, going to the store, things like that. Some numbers I'd like to speak to are the Hamilton County ESP programs serve close to 6,000 seniors in 2016. That is 27% less seniors that were served in 2008 and this population is growing. So, we've seen a decrease in the number of people who are being served. The current levy is generating \$2 million dollars less than it was ten years ago. So, hence, serving less people. The increase that's being requested is at the rate of inflation over the past ten years. The increase represents \$10.85 per year for a \$100,000 property value. So that's less than a dollar a month. Now, in the paper you may hear, on the news you may hear a larger increase and they phrase it in a percentage and you know with statistics you can move the numbers around, but the reality is, \$1.00 a month on a \$100,000 home is what's being requested. Getting local, I had our Analytics Department do some numbers and on September 1st of this year, there were 120 clients enrolled in this program and receiving services that live right here in the 45246 zip code. So, 128 of our clients live right here in this community, as of September 1st. Your community will benefit greatly with this levy. I very much love what I do and the population we serve. Our mission is to enhance people's lives by assisting them to remain independent at home through a range of quality services. Thank you for your time and I would appreciate your thoughtful consideration in supporting this levy.

Mayor Webster: Mr. Quisenberry, thank you very much for coming in this evening and even bigger thank you for making Springdale your home. We appreciate that. You made the comment that you're serving 27% fewer clients today than you were ten years ago. Is that strictly because of the funding? You just don't have the money to do more?

Mr. Quisenberry: Yes.

Mayor Webster: So, with the passage of this levy, you should be able to get those numbers back up.

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Mr. Quisenberry: With the passage of the levy, right now, the revenue is \$19 million and it'll go to \$25 million with the increase of as little as a dollar a month per homeowner in Hamilton County.

Mayor Webster: I think over time, the Council has been sort of unwilling to endorse levies and so forth and so on, so far be it from me to ask them to change their posture on that, but just, personally, I think that there's a few levies on there that I whole-heartedly endorse and this one is certainly at the top of the list. That one and that parks and libraries I think are the best money that we spend, tax dollar wise and of course our schools. This is a great program and we appreciate everything you do for our community and for the County, so thank you very much.

Mr. Quisenberry: Thank you and on behalf of everyone at Council on Aging, we really appreciate those kind words.

Mayor Webster: Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: Mr. Quisenberry, appreciate you coming and letting everyone know what you guys do as well what the levy entails. A lot of times, we'll hear about what can happen with the passage of the levy. I also want you to state what will happen if the levy does not pass. Does that simply that there's not going to be new clients taken on or does it mean it's going to be a catastrophic impact for what you guys are doing right now.

Mr. Quisenberry: Thank you and it's a terrific question and we get that a lot. The answer to that question is the second scenario. The program will stop. It's not that we just won't get the levy and we'll go back to the previous funding. This program ends if this levy does not pass and 6,000 seniors, 128 in the community that we're in right now, will lose services. Those are the services that I spoke of. The personal care, the bathing, the home delivered meals, the electronic – the emergency monitoring systems. Those stop with the funding. Ninety two percent of the funding for this program comes from the Elderly Services Program Levy.

Mr. Hawkins: I appreciate you stating that. That's important for people to know.

Mr. Quisenberry: Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: I've actually personally seen the benefits of the work your organization does and I want to thank you for that.

Mr. Quisenberry: Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

Mrs. McNear: You're welcome.

Mr. Shroyer: If this levy does pass, is it enough? How long are we anticipating that this program would be sustained?

Mr. Quisenberry: That's a terrific question. Thank you. It's a five-year renewal if the levy passes. So, we'd be able to sustain this program for an additional five years.

Mr. Shroyer: Will it meet all of the current demand or will there still be ...

Mr. Quisenberry: I don't want to misspeak to that. I mean, it'll certainly serve more clients. It'll get us back to that 2008 level is what I'm being told.

Mr. Shroyer: Thank you.

Mr. Quisenberry: You're welcome. Thank you.

President Vanover: I wish to thank you for coming in and like the Mayor; this is one that, in my mind, is a "no-brainer". It's easy to get behind and as we joked, you said you were with the Council on Aging and with the exception of a couple, most of us are aging. So, thank you.

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Mr. Quisenberry: Well, thank you very much for the opportunity and the consideration of supporting the levy. Thank you.

Communications

Mrs. McNear - None

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Anderson: Hello. Jeff Anderson; 12085 Greencastle, Springdale, Ohio, 45246. I just wanted to take a second to raise an issue and ask if I could get some information. There've been a number of high profile cyber and information related attacks in the news over the past several weeks between Equifax, the SEC, Yahoo and I was hoping at some point we could get an update either from the Administration or the Council on what Springdale's doing to protect Springdale resident's data that it might hold especially with regards to local computer systems policy, Health Department records, Tax records, all this information. I've looked back through and I haven't found a lot of discussion in the Agendas about IT and I was hoping we could get some of update since it's such a hot topic. Is that something that we could talk about tonight or put on a future agenda? I know Mr. Parham's not here.

President Vanover: Mrs. Zimmerlin?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: That is something that I can get the information and we can bring it at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Anderson: Okay. That'd be great. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

ORDINANCE NO. 39-2017

AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, TO AMEND SECTIONS 153.253, 153.254, AND 153.600 OF THE SPRINGDALE ZONING CODE RELATED TO SMALL CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

President Vanover: Okay Council, this is our second reading, but we have a public hearing scheduled so at this point we'll open a public hearing and ask anybody to speak for or against, come forward.

Mayor Webster: I think, if we could, maybe ask Mrs. McBride to come up and give us an overview, a "Reader's Digest" version of what we're considering here tonight.

Mrs. McBride: Good evening Council. I thought you'd never ask. So, the amendments that are before you this evening are to address the small cell antennas that you've seen going up in the City and other places around Cincinnati. So we worked with Planning Commission, we worked with the Law Director to develop these amendments and basically what it does is it limits where those particular small cell towers can go and under what conditions they can go. What they can look like, how big around they can be and so forth and then what the process is for them. So if you want to co-locate on another small cell tower, you can do that if you meet these standards and that's something that Mr. Taylor, as the Building Official, can review and approve. If you want to construct a new small cell tower, then that has to be approved by Planning Commission as a conditional use and specific standards again have to be met following the review and approval of staff and then of Planning Commission as the conditional use. I can go through some of those standards if you'd like. So, for example, where could they locate? They could locate in the right of way of an arterial or collector street. They can locate in an industrial district or within a utility district, or I'm sorry, a utility easement in a non-residential district, but they cannot, however, locate in any residential area and they cannot locate within 250 feet of any residential use or residential zoning district. They have to be 2,000 feet from another small cell tower that is already existing. There's a maximum height of 30 feet on these facilities. They have to be grey or black in color. Everything must be enclosed within the pole itself and the pole is permitted to be a maximum of 24 inches in diameter, exclusive of the foundation which can be six inches in height. So that's just kind of a scenario of some of the standards that apply to it and again it would have to, a new one would have to go through the conditional use process with approval by the Planning Commission.

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Mayor Webster: I think I know the answer to this before I ask the question. This would not be retroactive to anything that's already installed?

Mrs. McBride: No, those are already in place.

Mayor Webster: So those are in place and there's nothing we can do about some of those.

Mrs. McBride: Correct.

Mayor Webster: Thank you.

Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Ghantous seconded. Ordinance No. 39-2017 passes with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO JOIN A COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES RETAINING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF INITIATING LITIGATION TO CHALLENGE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 718 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Diehl made a motion to adopt, Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mr. Diehl: Mr. Forbes has there been any updates at all?

Mr. Forbes: I just had some communication just today with one of the attorneys at Frost, Brown, Todd. They're in the process of finalizing the engagement letters that they'll be sending out to the cities that are going to join in with this. No action has been filed yet. They're going to finalize all these engagement letters, get everybody signed up, and then they'll be able to file.

Mr. Diehl: Thanks.

Mr. Forbes: And for what it's worth, this action is really just a ratification of what you already approved. It just formalizes it with the legislation.

President Vanover: Any other discussion?

Ordinance No. 40-2017 passes with seven affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION NO. R10-2017

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Harlow seconded.

Mrs. McNear: Just a comment that our mills are 3.08. It's been that way for, I believe, in excess of 30 years. Really, no change and the amounts from the General Funds is \$970,499 is the amount approved. Thank you.

Resolution No. R10-2017 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on October 12th at 7:00 in the room adjacent to these quarters.

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Mrs. Harlow: Planning will meet at 7:00 on October 10th in these chambers.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Thursday, October 5th the Civil Service Commission will meet in the Administrative Conference Room. Saturday, October 7th the Fire Department will hold its 27th Annual Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On Tuesday, October 10th, it is the Springdale Business and Community Expo and Chili Cook Off at the Community Center. Winter Youth Sports registration is ongoing. You can contact the Community Center for that. Saturday, October 21st is the Father-Daughter Dance. It is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and it's \$20 per couple, five dollars for each additional person. You need to buy tickets at the Community Center and you need to register by October 18th. Finally, on Saturday, October 28th, the Halloween Carnival is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center and it is for children ages two through fourth grade and it is free of charge.

Communications from the Audience - None

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you look at your Internal Memorandum, Item Number One was addressed with Ordinance No. 39-2017, an ordinance amending the codified ordinances of the City of Springdale Ohio to amend sections 153.253, 153.254, and 153.600 of the Springdale Zoning Code related to small cell wireless communication facilities. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Two was addressed with Ordinance No. 40-2017, an ordinance authorizing the City to join a coalition of municipalities retaining special counsel for purposes of initiating litigation to challenge the constitutionality of amendments to Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code relating to municipal income tax and declaring an emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. We also had Item Number Three, Resolution R10-2017, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies for 2018 and that passed with a 7-0 vote.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There are no items.

Mayor Webster: Before we adjourn, I'd just like to make a few more comments about the passing of Ms. Casselman. As all of you know, Sharon was a long-term dedicated employee of the City of Springdale. Her association with the City goes way way way back. As an Aquatic Director, she probably knew more about the operation of the aquatics of this City than all the other people put together that worked there over the years. She worked there for several years and she went to Vanderbilt University. She was the Diving Coach there. Quite remarkable for someone that did not even have a degree to be a Diving Coach for a major SEC university, but she was an amazing person. So then, when she left there, she came back to the City, was named one of our Assistant Directors and served in that capacity for many many years and she will be sorely missed in the community. When she retired from her service with the City, I had an opening on the Park and Recreation Commission and needless to say, the first person I thought about was Ms. Casselman and she was really a Most Valuable Player, if you will, on that Commission and so she'll be sorely missed in that capacity. Just her caring for the youth of this City, especially as it came to aquatics, there's no match in the history of the City for someone that's contributed to the degree that she has. So, anyway, our condolences go out to what family she has left, but she had tons of close friends. The place was really packed last week with her funeral. There were a lot of former City employees, especially people that worked at the Recreation Center, but even people that didn't work at the Recreation Center that still thought very highly of Sharon, so she'll be sorely missed and like I said our condolences go out to not just the family, but also to the dear friends. Thank you.

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Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins moved to adjourn. Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 7:27.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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