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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on October 18, 2017.

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, Harlow, Hawkins, Shroyer and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the October 4, 2017 City Council meeting were considered. Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded. Minutes were adopted as published with seven affirmative votes.

Mr. Parham: Council, this evening, we are not necessarily bringing a new employee before you, but I want to introduce you to an employee who's been with us for an extremely long period of time. Who's been a very dedicated employee to the organization and to the community and he has, I'd say, finally gotten his opportunity to move to a higher calling, a higher opportunity. So, with that, I'm not going to steal any of Mr. Karle's thunder. I would ask to have our Recreation Director, Mr. Greg Karle to come forward and introduce his new Superintendent.

Mr. Karle: Thank you Mr. Parham. It is a pleasure to be before you tonight and introduce to you our new Parks Maintenance Supervisor, Jason Waxman. He, as Mr. Parham said, a man who needs no introduction. I think most of you have met Jason through the years. He's a lifelong resident of Springdale. He's been employed with the City in the Public Works Department for 14 years as a full-time maintenance worker. Prior to that, he worked for the City in a similar role as a seasonal employee as he was going through school as a seasonal maintenance worker. During his tenure, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Organizational Leadership. He also possesses a number of job related certifications. Jason has distinguished himself as a leader. He's a highly motivated worker and we're very excited to have him as a part of the Parks and Recreation Department's team.

Mr. Waxman: I would just like to thank everyone for this opportunity. I'm really excited to take on my new role and I'm very proud to have lived in Springdale my whole life and also have been proud to work here since basically my whole adult life as well. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: Thank you. Congratulations Jason and Greg, you left off the fact that he is an expert at putting up our Christmas tree every year.

Mayor Webster: Jason, congratulations to you. I just, sitting here, I had some prepared remarks, but I just, the image in my mind was little Jason Waxman on the soccer field. Don't ask me why that came to my mind, but that's how long I've known Jason. Running up and down the soccer field there. But, anyway, none of them should be surprised to see Jason Waxman standing here this evening. Jason's family is very dedicated to public service. His father was a long time member of our Fire Department, served very well over there, served with distinction. His mother was, I think, a two-term Council member. His brother served as a full time Firefighter for Springdale and he's now with some other department.

Mr. Waxman: Blue Ash

Mayor Webster: Blue Ash? He's a traitor, but anyway (laughter). His whole family has been dedicated to public service and primarily in the city of Springdale. We've always enjoyed having Jason here as a worker in the Parks Department and we are absolutely delighted that he was selected to be the Supervisor of the Park Maintenance Crew down there and it's very well deserved and they could not have made a better decision and when I signed the paper to okay it, I took it in, and I think it was Amanda's office and she said, "Thank you Mayor Webster". I said, "Well, let me tell you, you'd have heard from me if it had somebody else's name on this paper, because this was Jason's job". So, Jason, congratulations, I couldn't be happier for anybody to get a promotion in the City than Jason Waxman.

Mr. Diehl: Jason, I just wanted to say congratulations. Well-deserved and you look great in a suit. (Laughter)

President Vanover: Congratulations Jason.

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## Committee and Official Reports

### Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: I'm kind of sad to see Jason leave out at this time. As a matter of fact, you've made my report a lot shorter because that was one of the items that I had as well, so I certainly "ditto" the comments of everyone in regards to that promotion. I said it's always a great opportunity to reward and recognize talent of someone that was already an employee at the City where there is opportunity for internal promotions. Having said that, I would also add that as a result of that promotion for Jason, it has created a vacancy in the Public Works Department, which we are currently in the process of moving forward with that progress. So, again, the good news is we've got a great person for the Parks Maintenance Supervisor position. It does mean additional work for Civil Service in order to fulfill his vacancy that occurred as a result. Speaking of vacancies, we tested 90 applicants for the Violations Bureau Clerk position in the Police Department. There are or will be two vacancies that will need to be filled. So again, that is in the process right now and we are moving forward. The only other items that I had were correspondence related to the various movement of activities as a result of people not making interviews or people calling to remove their name for consideration, which, again, creates additional paperwork in the wave of keeping track of the eligibility list. Other than that though, happy for Mr. Waxman and the fact that we had so many people that recognize his talents. Again, thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you Mr. Coleman.

Rules and Laws

Mr. Diehl - No report

Finance Committee

Mr. Diehl - No report

### Planning Commission

Mrs. Harlow: Planning met on October 10<sup>th</sup>. All members were in attendance. We had two items of business that evening, both new items of business. The first one is, and I'm not going to pronounce this correctly and I apologize in advance, Mi Tierra Supermercado Taqueria at 409 West Kemper Road. This is going to be a grocery store and they are proposing to locate the store and a restaurant and 17,481 square feet of vacant space if you all probably know this as part of the old Thriftway building and they were before us and they were asking for a 40 foot by 43.8" building addition on the Southeast corner and they were also asking for construction of a 936 foot square walk in freezer that would come out to be 12 feet by 78 feet and that's also at the Southeast corner of the building. We had a lot of discussion about these two additions and because it is an established building and location there wasn't a lot of talk about water runoff and parking and things like that, but we did talk a little about landscaping and they're going to work with our Planning Department and Building Department and Ms. McBride to see if they can freshen the site up with some additional landscaping. So that one was approved with a seven to zero vote. We also had Kerry Ford and Kerry Ford was before use because they want to construct on the West side of the building an addition that would be 5,542 square feet and this would contain ten service bays. Again, this is an established business. They met the setbacks and there wasn't really any trees to be removed or anything like that, so, the parking was talked about a little bit, but everything met with all of the commission members and that was approved with a seven to zero vote and that would conclude my report unless there are questions.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Ghantous - No report

### Board of Health

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health met on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Health Commissioner's Report - The Willows Work Group met on September 12<sup>th</sup> and they are working on their initiatives for 2018. They're talking about the Spring Sports Camp again repeating that at the Heritage Hill Elementary and that's going to be in April of 2018 and they're also talking about inviting other schools to this event. The last time it was just the Princeton District. The Chamberlain Park Block Party is set for May 2018. Springdale Health Department continues to partner with the Willows Apartments in the Family Resource Center and that includes Humana and Princeton City Schools. They're working on tutoring with the students. They're looking for a few computers to help with the tutoring and that's going very

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Mrs. Emerson (continued): well. The Public Health Accreditation; that's been underway for a while. We're way ahead of the program. That's like an accreditation that a hospital would receive. There's a lot of paperwork and workforce development plan, quality improvement plan, communication plan and policies and procedures that all have to be written up, created and then put in to a database. We've got most of those altogether and we're looking at applying for this at the end of this year. Probably end of November, or the first of December. Then the next thing that will happen after that is two of the Board of Health employees will take a trip to Virginia where they do like a workshop to educate them on what the site visit is going to be like. They do a site visit here that lasts for two days and they basically talk to employees. They look at our paperwork and that kind of thing to see if we can pass accreditation. We're so far ahead in this program that we have other local health departments looking for coming and meeting with us and seeing how we're doing things and using us an example so that's awesome. The Springdale Hotel and Motel Committee, their S.N.A.P. program where Days Inn continues to remodel and La Quinta plans to begin remodeling in 2018. The Mosquito Control Program ended this September. We had over 13,000 mosquitos that were sent to the Ohio Department of Health for testing. Eighty-seven mosquito pools tested positive for West Nile Virus. The final report will come out probably next Council meeting. They're putting that together currently. For the Springdale Nuisance Animal Control Program, it has been a huge success. That's the one that we had brought back because there were so many complaints. We caught 85 to 90 nuisance animals in 2017. Over two times more skunks than raccoons. We were charged \$60 per animal and we spent about \$90,000 or \$9,000, sorry \$9,000 we paid out this year in that program so it's been very very successful. The Narcan report for September, the Springdale Fire Department conducted six emergency runs and administered 16 mg of Narcan, which is 16 doses. For the Nurse's Report, we started the Healthy U Diabetes Workshop that started October 12<sup>th</sup>. She had seven people in attendance, which is really kind of what it's been running in her past workshops. The Latino Expo was well attended. That happened October 8<sup>th</sup>. We have 110 flu vaccinations, 20 hearing assessments. They had a dentist this year for the first time and they had long lines for that. They did 150 cholesterol tests, 100 glucose tests and we had the help of Beckfield BSN nursing students, UC nursing students, Mercy and Xavier so that was very very well attended. The Annual Health Fair this year was a big success. It occurred October 10<sup>th</sup> and we gave 44 vaccinations. Miracle Ear was there, Eye Wing Care was there, Running Spot was there. They did blood pressure checks and BMI checks. The Children's Health Fair is scheduled for next year, May 18<sup>th</sup>. That concludes my report unless there's any questions.

Capital Improvements	Mrs. Emerson	-	No Report
OKI	Mr. Shroyer	-	No Report

Mayor's Report

Mayor Webster: Before I forget, I'd like to announce that Trick or Treat will be observed on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 p.m. and once again, please be careful with the children. It will be dark by that time and just watch out for our children. I'd like to also announce that Michelle Miller of Oxford Hills a long time resident of Springdale has been; I've appointed her to the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission that happened because of Ms. Casselman's passing. Michelle is a lifelong resident of Springdale. She served on that Board several years ago. She has been a player in our program. She's been a coach, been a parent and so I think she'll, she's a well-rounded perspective on what it takes to be a good park board member, so we're pleased to welcome Michelle back. Also, I'd like to announce that the S.O.S. Christmas program is well underway. We are soliciting support. You can help in many ways. Food donations, adopt a family, just cash donations. Whatever it takes. Last year, we helped 72 families with 160 children. We have had several businesses throughout the community that had food barrels in their lobbies for their employees to drop off food. John Morrell Company, or Smithfield now, is going to help us again with hams for all the families. We're looking forward to having a bigger and better program than we had last year even. So, if you are so inclined to help us, call our Health Department at 346-5725 and they'd be more than happy to accommodate you and relieve you of any money or anything else you'd want to part with. Thank you very much for your help. That concludes my report.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: Our General Fund Year to date through September 30<sup>th</sup> update for receipts. Our net receipt budget is \$17.183 million dollars and we've received \$14.790 million. Our top

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Mrs. McNear (continued): five items that make up that value are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Mayor's Court. That's a total of \$13.774 million dollars or 93% of the received budget. One item of note, and this is relative to the fact that we are going to support a consortium of other communities where we're going to try to fight that earnings tax being collected at the State level, of that \$13.774 million dollars that we've received to date, \$12.123 million is from our Earnings Tax and that's 88% of that income. So, that is very important that we continue to address that item. On the expenditure side of the house, we have a net expenditure of \$18.374 million dollars. Through September, we have expended \$13.366 million dollars of 69% of that budget. At the end of September, our General Fund Balance was \$5.224 million dollars and that concludes my report. Thank you.

### Administrator's Report

Mr. Parham: Council, as you may recall, maybe three to four weeks ago, as a part of the 2017 Street Program, we talked about the challenges that we were experiencing on Ray Norrish Drive and Springdale Lake Drive with the underlying pavement shifting as the contractor was out grinding and attempting to pave and resurface the road. We talked about the fact that, unfortunately because of that incident, which was not planned, we would experience additional charges. We now have the cost for that additional work. It is \$102,106. As a result, we will need a change order in order to cover the cost of that work. That is our change order number two. There was an earlier change order in the amount of \$3,798.00. That change order was due to a number of adjustments we needed to make to some of the catch basins on Springdale Lake Drive. So, we are requesting an ordinance for our November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to approve the two change orders into one ordinance for a total amount of \$105,904. Now, I know that probably alarms you, but things haven't been all bad. Because there have been a number of activities that were not performed as a part of the project, it appears that we will receive somewhere approaching \$174,000.00 of a credit towards the project. That will help to balance off the \$105,000 addition. These amounts will not be the final total, because there are still some other quantities that may come in a little higher in some other areas of the project. Nevertheless, for the most part, I think it will work out in our favor. With that, we would ask for legislation at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and that's all I have. Thank you.

### Law Director's Report

Mr. Forbes: Just one quick update for you as Ms. McNear mentioned, the Coalition of Municipalities that you've authorized us to join, I did have contact with that law firm in Columbus to let them know that you formally approved that legislation. You're on the list. We expect some time this week or next week to actually get the engagement letter from the law firm to formalize it.

### Engineer's Report

Mr. Shvezda: On the State Route 4 ODOT Urban Paving project, basically the project is substantially complete. There are several issues with some of the pavement markings and those have been noted to ODOT. On the 2017 Street Program, the final asphalt surface has been completed. On the streets in the area of Cameron and Grandin, and Springdale Lake Drive and Ray Norrish Drive, those streets will have an additional application kind of a sealer that will be applied to give longer life to the asphalt and that will probably take place yet this week. After that point, then the pavement markings will be completed. On the Cloverdale Area resurfacing, the installation and testing of the water main has been completed. The installation of the new water services between the main and the homes is ongoing. This is on the East end of the project. The West end of the project, they've just saw cut the pavement and they haven't proceeded beyond that at this point. One item that has been brought to the City's attention is in regards to the fire hydrant locations. As they are located, there's an issue with establishing a continuous fire lane. That's been pointed out to the Cincinnati Water Works and they're now discussing means to overcome that issue. Police Department roof replacement. The contract was awarded at the September 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to Mid-Miami Roofing. The preconstruction meeting has taken place and they anticipate that the work will begin sometime during the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> and they're estimating about three weeks to complete that process. Jake Sweeney Place reconstruction. That's basically the replacement of the pavement, the 48-inch storm sewer curb and gutter on that particular project between Kemper Road and Tri-County Parkway. Just as a reminder, funding application has been submitted for SCIP money for 50% of the estimated construction cost. One way or another they'll have notifications of successful applications mid-November. With that being said

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Mr. Shvegzda (continued): though, there's two anticipated schedules depending on if we receive funding or do not. The project could go out to bid as soon as the end of November if we are unsuccessful for SCIP funding and then if we are successful, then it wouldn't be able to be bid until June of next year. That concludes my report.

Mayor Webster: Don, we made a request for some emergency funds for Jake Sweeney Boulevard. Have we heard back from that yet?

Mr. Shvegzda: Yes, we heard back and we were unsuccessful on getting the emergency funds for the replacement of that section of 48-inch storm sewer.

Mayor Webster: We were totally unsuccessful. We get nothing.

Mr. Shvegzda: Correct.

Mayor Webster: Thank you.

Communications

Mrs. McNear

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No report

Mrs. Emerson: I just wanted to give the Fire Department, the Police Department, the 911 operator and the EMS kudos. Yesterday, we had a small incident up the street from us. I got a phone call from a neighbor who said her house was on fire. I ran up there, entered the house, it was full of smoke. I didn't realize how bad smoke could be until we had gotten in the house. She realized it had been the microwave. That's where it was coming from. It was definitely an electrical fire. We unplugged the microwave, the house was still full of smoke and I had made the comment to the resident that we needed to call the Fire Department. She was very hesitant in doing that. She didn't want to bother anybody. My concern was that the fire could possibly be in the walls. So, we did call 911. The operator was awesome. The resident could hardly talk on the phone; it was so bad in the house. The 911 operator told her to get out of the house. We waited just moments; it seemed like just a couple of minutes, the Fire Department had shown up, the EMS was there, the Police Department was there, Forest Park was there. They were very professional. They were very calming. They used their thermo

cameras to check the walls and the temperature of those and they were kind enough to remove the microwave and like I said they were just very very professional and I'm just really glad to be a Springdale resident and have such awesome Fire and Police department here in Springdale. I only had two complaints. The one complaint was they didn't remove their boots when they came in the house (just joking), and they didn't replace the microwave, (laughter), but other than that, they were super. No, but, thank you very very much and for residents out there, please do not hesitate to call Fire or Police if there's any concerns or worries you have. That's what they're out there for. They'd much rather respond to a small emergency than for us not to check that in the walls and find out there was a fire in the attic or in the walls and they had come back to a full blown fire. So, you know, if you have any concerns, please call them. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Moses: My name is Jeremy Moses and I'm a resident of Arwick Lane. Anyway, I just wanted to speak on transportation again. A few months ago, I said the same thing. I was at the SORTA Board meeting this past Tuesday where it was decided that there would be cuts in routes on the East side of town. On the East side of Cincinnati and on the West side of Cincinnati. Simply being 28, 50, would be cut including weekend service beginning (inaudible). Coming up in a few months, they will be considering an express route restructuring which could include the 23X, which comes right through the heart of our community. I would like to encourage this Council to be involved in that process. Make your voices heard. The citizens of this City need to make their voices heard as well as I have been doing for several months. There's a group of citizens that meets every Tuesday, correction, every Wednesday evening that talks about this issue. It's called Better Bus Coalition; I'm a member of it. Any interested citizens, I would advise them to attend. It's at Japp's in Over the Rhine. We meet every Wednesday at 5:30. So, and I'd also like to encourage members of this Council, Mayor Webster, President Vanover to attend one of these meetings in the future as well. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you.

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### Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant Program Projects

Mr. Parham: What we are passing out is a list identifying potential projects for the Community Development Block Grants process. I think about two months ago, I requested of the Department Directors to . . . . Do we have enough copies (of the handout)? We know that the new three-year cycle for the Community Development Block Grant program is coming forward. We asked the Department Directors to think about projects that may be ones that the City would recommend to Hamilton County for participation in the 2018-2020 program cycle year. What we have distributed to you is the list of suggestions. Tonight is the first of two public hearings. The second public hearing is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>. Following the second public hearing, Council will be asked to make a recommendation of projects to forward to the County and then the County will, at some point after they've gathered all from the various jurisdictions that wish to participate in the program, they will then put together a work plan that will eventually, I believe go to HUD. After that HUD will make the determination as to what funding they will receive. So, just to give you an idea of some of the projects that are being suggested. What you will notice is as I go through these, there are some departments who are simply recommending or suggesting projects that do not fall under their own umbrella, but they've simply identified things that they thought would be worthwhile. Item Number One, which was suggested, I won't worry about the department, Item Number One is a dog park, which we would propose be at Ross Park. The suggestion simply says: many dog owners in the community reside in apartments or homes with relatively small yards that lack the available space to exercise and socialize their pets. Costs would include fencing, benches, and water access with an estimated cost of \$7,000. The second item is the replacement of playground equipment at the Community Center. I know a number of years ago, we had success of receiving funding to replace a couple of our playground facilities and this one is at an estimated cost of \$75,000. The third item: replacement of cardio equipment at the Fitness Facility at the Community Center. This speaks to providing residents, a large number of which are senior citizens with an affordable opportunity to access cardio fitness equipment. The majority of these fitness pieces are 10-15 years old and in worn condition. Replacing fifteen of the twenty pieces of the existing pieces would assist the users in maintaining good health at an affordable cost as they mature. Estimated cost is \$36,000. The next item is a neighborhood message sign. Electronic/programmable signs could be used to distribute safety messages, hiring notices, community events, scheduled public meetings, etc. at an estimated cost of \$15,000. As you recall, this has been an item of discussion at this level and we have proposed within the 2018 Budget or are going to propose in the 2018 Budget to purchase one of these electronic signs. The next item is a citywide Comprehensive Plan update. A Comprehensive Plan is an eligible expense for Community Development Block Grant funds. The last plan for the City was completed in 2002. The estimated cost is \$100,000. The annual Home Improvement Program probably has been our longest running program and one of the most successful. It has proven to be successful whereby residents are given the opportunity to apply and to make exterior improvements to their homes for a maximum reimbursement of \$1,000. Over the last three-year programs, the City has received \$15,000 each year to implement it. By the way, there are still opportunities available here in 2017. The estimated cost of \$15,000. This would be one in which we would once again request \$15,000 for each of the three years. The next item is a dead tree removal program. Removal of any dead trees located throughout the City. Estimated cost of \$20,000. The next item is a tree-trimming program. Neighborhoods have trees that are old and large and sometimes get in the way of utility lines. These funds could be used to trim the trees back. We could identify the 20 (or some number of trees) worst trees spotted in the utility lines with an estimated cost of \$500 per tree trim, and an estimated cost of \$10,000. This one is going to be kind of long, so I'm just going to give you the title. Essentially, it's a fire safety house whereby the Fire Department would use it for fire prevention training for small adults and for older adults. They would, I believe this would be also a portable program. This would be equipped with a generator and would be able to function as a stand-alone unit. It would give our firefighters the flexibility to train outside of our current station. They would use their current pickup to move the trailer to locations off-site. They also point out that this unit is ADA compliant and has an estimated cost of \$50,000. We have a fire extinguisher training simulator. Apparently, the current one is about over ten years old and has been repaired several times. There's a lot of our equipment that meets that category and is need of replacement. The extinguisher-training simulator is a primary component of the fire prevention program being used to teach proper fire extinguisher usage. One of their goals is to expand their training and reach out to the elderly population in Springdale. Many of the emergency calls that we respond to are for burnt food or other cooking related incidents that can start fires

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Mr. Parham (continued): in the home of an elderly person. The simulator is fueled by propane cylinders. Prior to having the simulator, we utilized big burn pans where we lit gallons of diesel fuel. The simulator increases the level of safety we are able to provide to the public taking part in the training and our personnel. That has an estimated cost of \$5,000. Then we have a sidewalk repair program, I think we've talked to Capital Improvement Committee over a number of years. We recognize that throughout the Community, there are tons of locations where we could put together simply a sidewalk repair program where we could repair blocks of sidewalks. This is showing an estimated cost of \$100,000, but we probably could have a couple hundred thousand dollars of sidewalk repairs throughout the community. Finally, a handicap ramp program. Replacing handicap ramps requires upgrades. The average cost per ramp this year as part of our Comprehensive Capital Improvement Program was \$2,000. However, we should assume approximately \$3,500 per ramp based on the fact that many of the ramps are spread throughout the community. The number of ramps requiring upgrades in the Community Development Block Grant coverage areas is unknown at this point. The estimated cost would be \$35,000. Those are the projects that the staff has come up with to suggest as potential recommendations to the County. I think, as a part of this process if the elected officials have ideas, if the general population has ideas, this is the forum, at this Public Hearing, and again at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing to hear those recommendations. If they have them, now, then it gives us an opportunity to, at least investigate to try to identify costs associated with those features and those projects. It's going to be a little challenging if you give it to us on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for us to submit something to the County is, I believe, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, so you would have one more Council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> if you did not make a decision after the November 1<sup>st</sup> timeframe. So, with that, I'm willing to try and answer any questions that you may have.

Mrs. Harlow: Mr. Parham I have a question on the dead tree removal program.

Mr. Parham: Yes ma'am.

Mrs. Harlow: Is this trees that would be in the parks or right-of-way only?

Mr. Parham: I think we probably would be focusing maybe on the right-of-way. This was one of the suggestions that one of the Directors put forth and in all of these cases, I've not had an opportunity to sit and talk with the Director about what their suggestion exactly means. I think in most instances, maybe, here, let me put it this way, because we actually have a number of trees that are in the public right-of-way that we are going to have to go out and work on, because we're responsible for the removal of those dead trees and those cause a potential hazard. Perhaps this could also assist individuals in low-income areas. We can assist them by removing their trees because they can't afford it. Maybe that was the focus of this suggestion.

Mrs. Harlow: My other question was the tree-trimming program. In regards to the utility lines. Do the utility companies not do that anymore? They used to come through on a pretty regular basis and trim.

Mr. Parham: The utility companies definitely do it. The problem with the utility companies doing it. They really don't care. Your tree probably will not survive after they're finished with it. Perhaps what, and maybe this Director experienced it at their own home, and suggested that maybe we could try and save somebody else's tree. They still do it. The utilities still do it, but they are pretty brutal. They hire other contractors to do the work for them but again, the massacre they create on trees is pretty bad.

Mrs. Harlow: Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: With regard to the neighborhood message signs, that \$15,000; that's for one sign?

Mr. Parham: Yes.

Mr. Hawkins: And then with regard to the comprehensive plan. When we did that back in 2002, did that cost run \$100,000 then?

Mr. Parham: I can't recall what the cost was, but we probably had some discussion about a year and a half ago. In fact, we also had discussions with our City Planner as to what the cost

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Mr. Parham (continued): would be. The numbers were somewhere around \$100,000, but that's also, I think the \$100,000 was kind of if a community was starting maybe from scratch because we have a program that's been up ongoing for a while. It probably would not reach that level with us. In some of the discussions that I had with one of the planners from McBride Dale, we thought it may be more effective for the Community, for us, to identify, I'll use for lack of a better term, sort of "hot spots". Those would be key areas where we would believe that there is an extremely strong likelihood that some development would take place at that location. At that point, maybe we begin to focus on creating a plan around those areas in the preference of what the community would like to see occur.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you.

Mr. Shroyer: Would you be able to identify either by project or by percentage guesstimate which of these may be projects that we would not approach or anticipate doing without grant funds and which or how many would replace projects or pay for projects that we already anticipate doing or have budgeted or intend to budget for?

Mr. Parham: As I look through these, now at the Capital Improvement Committee this year, we had some discussion with the Committee members about projects, and, in fact, one of the suggestions that came out of that was the dog park. We talked about the, I'm trying to think of the other two, I know the dog park was one, the signs was another that came out of that meeting. There was also discussion about shelters. There was discussions about splash parks. From what you see here now, the neighborhood message sign is the one thing that I can say for sure is going to be recommended in the budget. The Comprehensive Plan is not. The Home Improvement Program is not, outside of the fact that we're hoping and counting on receiving funding, so if we receive the funding, then yes, if we don't receive the funding, then more than likely that program doesn't occur. The Dead Tree Removal Program and the Tree Trimming Program are programs that probably, as I explained to Mrs. Harlow, are ones where the suggestion is to target the residents, though that is a program that would not be as part of our budget. The Fire Safety House is not a part of it, the Fire Extinguisher Training Simulator, although at a \$5,000 estimated cost, you probably could accomplish that, but it's not in their suggested or recommended budget. Relative to the Sidewalk Repair Program, we annually try to have a sidewalk repair program as a part of our 2016, 2017, 2018 street program. The program that was identified as part of the 2017, the Director and his staff has been out trying to identify contractors to perform the work. The challenge this year is that everybody is so busy and it's hard to find someone to come in and perform work for us. Or, if you put a project out to bid, like we did a couple of years ago, with the West Kemper Road project, you will get extremely high bids. So yes, that program is one that we do annually. Then, the Handicap Ramp Program is usually one that we have begun to, over the years, incorporate into a project when we're in that particular neighborhood. This would be more of one that we would identify as a stand-alone project. We could install handicap ramps throughout the community. In response to your question, I think I'm answering your question, if not, let me know. The neighborhood message signs are truly the only one identified that we would look to be identified in the 2018 Budget. Some of them may find themselves in the five-year planning budget process. Does that answer your question?

Mr. Shroyer: Yes. If these funds are awarded, are they specific to the project that we named?

Mr. Parham: Yes.

Mr. Shroyer: So I think it would help me to know whether we're asking for money that would allow us to do something above and beyond or whether we're trading dollars out of our budget into the Community Grant Fund budget?

Mr. Parham: My position is that we are asking for them to provide us with funding for specific projects that we then would be able to undertake, similar to the Home Improvement Program. What I've heard, is that the signs are an important matter and because of that we have decided to recommend putting one into the 2018 Budget. There was discussion about maybe having two. Well, if you're able to get a second one, maybe you can have one on different sides of the Community.

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Mr. Shroyer: Are we able to prioritize our requests? Or are we given a list and they pick?

Mr. Parham: No, we simply, I think it would be to your advantage to put a priority as to which ones are your A, B, C, D and after that.

Mr. Shroyer: Alright. Thank you.

Mrs. Emerson: Mr. Parham. Can you refresh my memory on, like a couple of these, like the Simulator is \$5,000, the Dog Park is \$7,000. Can we group those together as one project? Or, how many can we apply for? How did we do this in the past is I guess what I'm asking.

Mr. Parham: You can apply for as many as you want. I think in the last process, and again, you're testing my memory, I recall our application was for, or our submittal was for the Home Improvement Program, the Walking Path around the Community Center, I think we may have tried for, that's the resurfacing of the Walking Path, I think we may have tried also for the resurfacing of the multi-purpose court. Those were I think three that we sort of tried to identify. What I will say to you is that, over the years we've received funding from I think about \$100,000 of maybe a \$150,000 project to put the senior room into the Community Center. We've received funding for road improvement projects. We've received funding for playgrounds in some of our parks. We've received funding for the Home Improvement Program and then this last large one that came out of nowhere for us, we received the \$300,000 to help with the demolition cost of the hotel. So, I think it depends upon how many, first of all, how many dollars that they receive from HUD, second of all, how many communities are applying. What funds they have available and as long as our projects qualify, and the funds are available, you may receive an opportunity to have your project awarded. I will say that there is a new staff, if you will, at the County operations. I believe before the current program of '15,'16,'17, I had called down and talked to those former representatives. We talked about what would be a wise number for us to apply and was told to the affect, over time, our low-income family coverage, for lack of a better term, was somehow less than previous years. I couldn't imagine how that happened and so we were eligible to receive fewer dollars. The reason we received the \$300,000 is because two communities decided to postpone their projects and so it made the dollars available and then the County, decided to step forward and assist us with those dollars in that project.

Mrs. Emerson: Thank you.

Mrs. Harlow: I was wondering if we could add a Welcome Packet to this list? I think that's something that would benefit the new residents as they move in to our Community. Let them know what our services are. A welcome packet.

Mr. Parham: We currently have one that's being developed right now.

Mrs. Harlow: Could we move that along? I mean, what's the anticipated start date of that? We've been talking about it for a year and a half.

Mr. Parham: Well, I'm not sure it's been a year and a half, number one. Number two is, yes, as I said to you in a previous time that you questioned me; I said it was on my desk at that time. It has moved off my desk to the Recreation Department. So, it did move off my desk. The Recreation Department has worked on it. It has, I believe been sent back to me to review it. But, at the same time, I've been working on a budget, I've been working on a hotel site, I've been working on a number of things, so as soon as we can get the opportunity we will continue to move forward.

Mrs. Harlow: Okay. Thank you. I'd like to see that happen. Thanks.

Mayor Webster: Well, just a couple of things here. Just to respond to Mrs. Harlow, you're not the only one that constantly asks for an update on that project. Mr. Parham will verify that. Anyway, I attach a great importance to that also. Mr. Shroyer, in answer to your question, I don't think we know for sure when we put this list together, how these things are going to fall out, but I think just relying on historical data, and what's been approved before as Mr. Parham indicated, we seem to have some success with playground equipment and we've had enormous success every time we've applied to the Home Improvement Program. That's been in existence, we've probably had that for nine, ten, twelve years. So, I would think that just looking at the list, Parks and Recreation, I think those two replacing playground equipment and the

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Mayor Webster (continued): cardio vascular equipment would rank high along with our Home Improvement and then also I think that the very last item there would rank high, handicap ramps would be favorable looked upon so, I think that's the type of things we'd stand the biggest chance, the best chance of getting funding for.

Mr. Shroyer: Thank you. I guess my concern would be that like the request for \$100,000 for comprehensive plan which we need to do and we need the funding, but, to ask for that funding under this process and maybe not get some of the other things, would give us \$100,000 for that and nothing for anything else and we're tied in to that project. If that's a project that we have anticipated undertaking at some point anyway, I wonder whether to put that on the list and risk being awarded it.

Mayor Webster: I think the risk you take is not getting any of them whereas you may, if you just put three smaller ones on there, you maybe you're lucky to get all three of those funded whereas if you put those three on there and the big one, you end up getting nothing.

Mr. Shroyer: And the other question would be Mr. Parham, you mentioned that there was some discussion I guess, with the Finance Committee about the splash parks. Is that more dollar amount than what these programs are designed for. Does it fit this or where did that discussion go, anywhere?

Mr. Parham: That was with the Capital Improvement Committee. That was, as I recall, we asked them for a suggested priority list of theirs and I think dog parks was number one as I recall, the sign was number two, the shelter was three and then the splash pad was number four. That was the gist of that conversation, because we had been having some discussion on the floor of Council concerning those items. Because we were meeting about one of the other projects, we took the opportunity to raise the issue with the Committee and began to ask about those projects as well.

Mr. Shroyer: Okay, I was confused. I thought that was part of this discussion. That was pretty much a separate discussion.

Mr. Parham: That was a separate discussion.

Mr. Shroyer: Alright. Thank you.

Mr. Parham: Just one other statement. These projects are not in any priority. These projects are just simply a brainstorming opportunity where Directors came up with projects and said here are things for you to consider.

Mayor Webster: But all of those items that Mr. Parham just rattled off there, those are on the Capital Improvement list. That doesn't mean they're all going to get funded next year, but they are on the list.

President Vanover: We will suspend the Public Hearing until next month, or next meeting, is that ... Mayor Webster?

Mr. Parham: I think you can close this one because there are two hearings that you're supposed to have.

Mayor Webster: Well, just to reiterate Mr. Parham's message. I mean, I haven't heard any suggestions. I've heard some questions about what's on the list, but are there any new things you'd want to put on the list and have us "flush out" the details before the next Council meeting?

Mrs. Emerson: I'm kind of in a dilemma as far as, I mean, do we put the larger more money projects up front and hope that the smaller projects like the dog park and the simulator, we can pay out of our own budget because they're inexpensive compared to the other projects? So, I mean, would it be wiser for us to go for the larger projects that are worth more money?

Mr. Parham: I think you can, I'm not sure there's a rhyme or reason to it. I think you can simply put a priority and identify the ones you would suggest. There may be others who see it

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Mr. Parham (continued): as Mr. Shroyer identified. There may be people out there who say, "Well you're asking for this really large one", and if you list that as your primary one, then they may focus on giving every community their primary one, but yours is too large so you don't get anything and so if you want to try to assure that you get some of the smaller ones, maybe you identify those as your first and second priorities.

Mayor Webster: So it's a crapshoot.

Mr. Hawkins: I think all of Council is here in with the Administration with regard to as, we've done in the past, we can email ideas and things of that nature too prior to the next meeting. I think, in terms of what the Mayor is indicating and what the Administration has said, we have to be strategic in terms of what we're going to suggest. It may not be necessarily what we see as a priority need as a City, but it's about trying to get some of these things funded. So, I think in listening to and looking at past history of things that actually get funded, those should be things that we're looking to push forward on whether or not that's what we think as a City is the number one priority, but it's about trying to get some of these things funded. That's my suggestion of what we're keeping in mind as we're making selections.

Mr. Diehl: Just as a follow up. I would suggest maybe that we have three to five days to get back to Mr. Parham with our suggestions and allow him some time before the next Council meeting to put something together.

President Vanover: Mr. Parham, does that work for you?

Mr. Parham: We'll make it work.

President Vanover: We will close the Public Hearing and move on through our agenda.

Ordinances and Resolutions - None

### Old Business

Mrs. Zimmerlin: At the last meeting, we had a resident ask about our security or IT security. I just wanted to let everyone know we utilize firewalls with very restricted access and all computers have anti-virus and anti-malware software installed which is monitored by a reputable third party. The third party also monitors and updates our anti-virus and applies Windows updates on a regular basis. All passwords and related security meet or exceed industry standards for complexity and length and we do not host our own website and do not utilize any on-line forms or payment methods. Our website is strictly informational and all of our Police cruisers and dispatchers work on a separate system through an industry specific third party RCIC.

Mr. Shroyer: Quick question for the Administration or maybe Mr. Shvegza. Some time back there was some discussion of the road surface issue in the Kemper Road/Northland area. Did that get resolved?

Mr. Parham: Well, resolved. So, what was identified by primarily by our Fire Department, as you recall the evening, Mr. Bryant was here is that this new application that we applied to that area on West Kemper Road between from Lawnview to State Route 747 that there was, perhaps, some sliding of their large vehicles. For a period of time, that was the only indication we heard. We then heard from a UPS driver who happened to be at the Fire Department one day and he indicated that his vehicle had slid. I think we may have heard from one other. I think we eventually heard from the Metro Bus and so what we have been doing is trying to come up with a plan for addressing the issue. The primary location for, where it's been identified, has been on West Kemper Road between Northland Boulevard and Jake Sweeney. We've had discussions with the contractor that applied the surface, and mind you, this is a surface that is being used by this contractor and others throughout the State of Ohio. We've used it in other parts of the City. One of the challenges of us using it at that location is perhaps the heavy volume of traffic. There are also some other characteristics of that part of the road that may be contributing to this opportunity. We have looked at a different application of a sealant to consider there. As well, as we're now also looking at perhaps going in and simply grind and pave that portion of the road. Mind you, that portion was not ground and paved as a original part of the project. The challenge, as you pointed out, when we discussed it two meetings ago, about State Route 4 is that you're going in and you're doing grinding and paving and you're not

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Mr. Parham (continued): addressing the needed curb work. The cost that Mr. Agricola verbally told me that he sent me an email on today, is somewhere between \$200,000 and \$500,000 if you take it from Northland to Sweeney where it's been identified as the problem or if you would try to go from Lawnview to 747. We have not received any concerns from anyone from Northland to the west up to Lawnview, nor from Sweeney to the East to 747 and so the target has been the one area and again there are other characteristics in that general vicinity that may be contributing to this issue. So yes, it is something that we are also putting a number into the budget because we're going to have to address it.

Mr. Shroyer: Alright. Thank you.

New Business

Mr. Diehl: I'm sorry, I need to go back to Old Business for a moment. I just wanted to give a really good shout out to the Fire Department this past weekend and they had their Open House again went over really big. Everybody had a really good time and they put on a great program. So, thank you to the Administration and pass that along.

New Business - None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Harlow: Planning Commission will meet on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Mrs. Emerson: Board of Health will meet on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the room adjacent to here.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Youth Sports Registration is still ongoing. There's still some openings for children in Basketball for this winter and Volleyball and Cheerleading. You can contact the Community Center for sign ups. Basketball players and skills and drills clinic will be at the Community Center on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to Noon for children 7-12 years old. The clinic is free of charge, but you must register by November 13<sup>th</sup>. The Springdale Youth Boosters will host their Father/Daughter Dance on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per couple and \$5 an additional daughter. They will enjoy a deejay, pizza, beverages, ice cream floats, and a keepsake photo. Monster Mania will take place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center and it's for children ages two through fourth grade. They will don costumes and participate in fun and games and activities. Our Veteran's Day Ceremony will take place on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The guest speaker this will be Colonel John McKaye of the U.S. Air Force.

Communications from the Audience - None

Executive Session – To Consider the Disposition of Public Property

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to go into Executive Session as a Committee of the Whole to discuss Consideration of Disposition of Public Property. Mr. Diehl seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote to go into Executive Session. Council departed chambers at 8:10 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 8:57 p.m.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number One, we had no legislation. All other matters were forthcoming with regard to Items Number Two and Three and we addressed discussion with regard to Item Number Four.

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Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There is a request for an ordinance with a change of order of \$105,904 with regard to the Street Maintenance Program.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Emerson seconded. Council adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear  
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:  
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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