President of Council Vanover called Council to order on April 18, 2018.

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

Mrs. McNear provided the Invocation.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council members Anderson, Emerson, Ghantous, Hawkins, Shroyer, Sullivan-Wisecup and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the April 4, 2018 City Council meeting were considered. Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt the minutes; Mr. Hawkins seconded. The minutes were adopted with seven affirmative votes.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission
Mrs. Zimmerlin: The Civil Service met on April 5th. The Commission discussed the various ongoing processes. The Commission observed the physical ability test for patrol officer on April 7th. They also conducted a test on Saturday, April 14th for the Police Department Administrative Supervisor position. We had 105 people apply for that position. Fifty-six showed up for the test. That's the end of the Civil Service report.

Rules and Laws Mrs. Emerson - No report

Finance Committee Mr. Hawkins - No report

Planning Commission
Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission met on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. Calvary Church requested another continuance. That was granted by the Commission and they will be back at the May meeting. Tri-County Mall, LLC at 11700 Princeton Pike came to ask for a change to the PUD to allow unlicensed new cars in working order to be parked in the parking garage near where Dillard’s used to be. Both Mr. Hawkins and myself agreed that it was a major modification to the PUD. That was given that they’ve never had parking in that location before. After a lot of conversation, the Commission voted 7-0 to allow Tri-County Mall to lease 800 spaces to a car dealership to park their new cars, unlicensed, and in working order in the parking garage with 400 cars to be allowed on the grade level and 400 to be allowed on the second level on the northeast side of the parking garage furthest away from the structure. The reason why we had specifically said those spaces was because of employees and also because of people shopping. We wanted them to be able to get in and out of the mall with ease and without having the cars to impede that. We also wanted the cars to be in a safer area away from the building. Jubilee Springdale, LLC at 485 East Kemper Road came to ask for a Revision to the PUD Development Plan to change the façade of the old Bed Bath and Beyond. They requested increasing the maximum height of the center section from 35 to 36 feet. That’s within the allowed maximum height of 48 feet. They also requested a change in the color of the accents on the outside of the building. The signage was within code. Both Mr. Hawkins and I agree that this was a minor modification with the signage changes and it passed with a 7-0 vote. Speedy Signs came for approval for signage for Homefront Nursing at 12124 Sheraton Lane. The signage that was proposed was channel set and smaller than the maximum size allowable for the location. There was discussion about placement of signage and finally it was passed with a 7-0 vote. Mr. Okum was going to try and be here for the discussion portion. Dave Okum came with the Springdale Charter, pages 17-19, which outlines the duties of Planning Commission and he proposed that we update our comprehensive city plan because it was last revised around 15 years ago. He felt that we needed a new one to reflect the updated wants and needs of the City. Chairperson Darby formed a committee to research costs and resources needed to present to the City. Council, once that there is more information, Mr. Okum will come before us and both myself and Mr. Hawkins are on that same committee. (Looked to Mr. Hawkins) Did you have anything to add to that part?

Mr. Hawkins: If I may, Mr. President. Mr. Okum will be here and he would like to address Council, if we can, on this issue. The main idea is that we want Council to consider, and we’ve talked about this a little bit before, a comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is going to express and regulates the public policies on public transportation, utilities, land use, agriculture,
Mr. Hawkins (continued): recreation, housing. The plan encompasses a large geographic area with a broad range of topics and input from a variety of folks from elected officials to residents, business owners, what have you. The last time, as Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup indicated, we did this in 2003 or 2004. It's been a significant amount of time, as I think about the folks that are on City Council and that are on the Board of Zoning Appeals and on Planning Commission, besides Mayor Webster, and Mrs. McNear, who were present then, I know Mrs. Ghantous was present. Mr. Vanover was present, Mr. Okum was present, I was present at that time. That's probably about it that was a part of that back then when that meeting took place. It's important that the Council, Planning Commission, and BZA are aware of what that plan looks like and gives input. The reason you have a comprehensive plan, in short, and Mr. Okum will give more information in regard to that, is that it provides guidance for the future in terms of where we're trying to go. Gives aspirations and goals of the Community substance and form in providing recommendations on how to implement the City's vision. Provides predictability to residents, to City staff, business owners with regard to where we're trying to have things and what we're trying to do with the City's land. Also, assist with economic development and help Mrs. Russell with regard to prospective businesses having an idea of where we would have business and what type of businesses we'd want in the City. Also provides some defensibility to decisions that we make that helps Mr. Forbes when we have certain things that we've indicated we want to place in different locations. Also, as Mr. Okum indicated, you also get points when we are applying for different grants along the way. We get extra consideration for that. So, there's a lot of benefits that we get through that. Mr. Okum, if you'd come forward and address Council, if you have any input with regard to this. The bottom line is that Mr. Okum let us know that the Hamilton County Planning Commission has a grant that they give every year and so the deadline for that is next week, I believe. So, the idea was to try and see if Council had an interest in putting in for this grant to make this application. They give out, I believe, $100,000. They break that up between several municipalities. It's also come to our attention, Mr. Okum indicated, that OKI has a lot of different planning tools that can be used that you can get for free that also would limit the cost that we would have going down this path.

President Vanover: Come on down Mr. Okum.

Mr. Okum: Actually, I apologize for being late. My wife had rotator surgery and, unfortunately, I had to be the Uber. (Mr. Okum proceeded to hand out information regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan). This is a copy for illustration. I think I got everybody. Just a recap, and I didn't catch everything you had to say Mr. Hawkins, and I appreciate you asking me to come up here and speak for a couple of moments. Several years ago, I was appointed as the Municipal Representative; just for procedure, I'm David Okum at 11985 Springdale Lake Drive. I also serve as vice chairman to the Planning Commission for the City of Springdale. Additionally, I am the Municipal Representative to Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission and I serve on the Land Use Commission and I am a representative through Hamilton County Regional to OKI and I serve on the Strategic Regional Policy Plan Steering Committee. All of those combined, I'm going to talk about the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. On a level where the Planning Commission applies at Hamilton County, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan is really encouraged very strongly for communities, mostly townships because that's the only people that make presentations to the Regional Planning Commission. It's that strong that a plan coming through them would be turned down without the Comprehensive Land Use Plan being adopted or updated. In Kentucky, the requirements under Planning calls for every five years for communities to update their plan. I think our plan was done in 2002? So, we're a couple of years off of the five year mark. Two or three years ago, we started an endeavor at OKI to update the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The Regional Policy Plan is a basic plan for the entire region for the Land Use Commission which was adopted by OKI and all the communities of the seven counties that are a part of OKI. In that process, the Land Use Commission also developed a book called, "The Elements Book", which I've presented to everybody tonight. It's just a tool. Everything in Planning is a tool for making things better for your community. Years ago, we used to think Comprehensive Land Use Plans were strictly "How the lots look" as a Zoning Map. It's a lot more than that. If you look here under "Elements", the items that are identified in this book, "The Elements Book" are Transportation, Housing, Public Facilities, Natural Systems, Economic Development, Intergovernmental Coordination, Capital Improvements, Public Health, Energy, Community Character, and Land Use. Only one of those is Land Use; Zoning. A lot more goes into a Comprehensive Plan. That's why you have planners like Mrs. McBride's company that helps
Mr. Okum (continued): us develop these plans. The thought that we need to update ours has been discussed for quite a while. All I can say is, it's time that we do do that and take advantage of the opportunities that are there. There are resources through Hamilton County Regional Planning, for Planning Services that they can provide certain things; GIS and other services. OKI has a Land Use Department or a Planning Department and there are certain services that they can also offer to the City of Springdale. I can't volunteer those services, but certain things are within their germane to their normal operating procedure and they do other projects similar to this in other communities. Currently, OKI's land planners are working with the City of Deer Park on their Comprehensive Land Use Plan and they're working with a planning firm, similar to Ann's firm that, basically, is blending the best of the best. I think that's really exciting for us, the City of Springdale, if we have, and are available to us, professionals that can bring more to the table and help us in our plan process, then it just makes a better plan for the City of Springdale. I think that's really important for us as a community. Additionally, what Mr. Hawkins was referring to, is every project that goes through OKI, gets a score. Every project, every application that goes in has a scoring system. The SRPP, or the Strategic Regional Policy Plan developed that they are a part of that quantitative calculation for points. Those points mean we get approval. If we have a plan in place that is adopted, we get more points, so when we go head to head with Mason, and we go head to head with Blue Ash, and we go head to head with Sharonville, and we go head to head with the City of Forest Park and all the other communities that are associated and they have a plan approved and we aren't, we lose points. So, when we need streets or sidewalks or road improvements or a street widening or something of that nature in the City of Springdale, we're losing value by not having our plan approved. So, that's basically my spiel and that's not rehearsed. I'll be happy to answer any questions you have. Certainly, it was important enough that I brought it up last year, and there was a limited amount of time. Again, we have the opportunity through Regional Planning for these grants, these planning grants. It typically breaks down to about three. Which, could be $40,000, $40,000, and $20,000, or $30,000, $30,000, and $40,000. It's broken up. I will not be voting on that if the City of Springdale makes an application; you have to understand that. On the other hand, it's important that we do take advantage of the opportunity if it's there. It can be a significant advantage to the City of Springdale.

President Vanover: Mrs. Zimmerlin?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: To piggy-back on what Mr. Okum said, if the Council would like to pursue these mini-grants, you do have a piece of legislation in front of you. Resolution No. R6-2018; that would allow the Administration to pursue the grant. The deadline is April 27th; so it's next Friday.

President Vanover: Discussion? (None) If you're so inclined, I'll entertain a motion to add Resolution No. R6-2018.

Mr. Hawkins: I move to add Resolution No. R6-2018; authorizing the City Administrator to file an application with the Hamilton County Department of Planning and Development for Community Development Block Grant Planning Mini-Grant to our agenda this evening.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion. Resolution No. R6-2018 to be added to the agenda was approved with a 7-0 vote.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals met yesterday evening. We didn't have any applications, so the sole purpose of our meeting was just to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and we did that very quickly. We all adjourned happy campers.

Board of Health

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health met on April 12th. All were in attendance. To start out, the 2018 Spring Sports Camp at Heritage Hill Elementary School was a huge success. They served over 300 kids. They piggy-backed with the Vineyard Church, Humana, Princeton City Schools, the Springdale Community Center, Police Department. That happened between March 26th through March 29th. The sponsors that helped with that program was Sam's Club, Humana, Target, Kroger, Chick-fil-A, Chipotle, Chili's, and Dunkin' Donuts. Hundreds of
Mrs. Emerson (continued): children from both Heritage Hill and Springdale Elementary attended the Sports Camp and there were over 200 community members who served as event volunteers. They had the Cincinnati Bengals Hall of Famer, Anthony Munoz that presented for the children and the Cincinnati Bengals Mascot, "Who Dey" was there. Athletes in Action and the Chick-fil-A cow visited the Sports Camp during the week and there's a special thanks that goes out to Omar Cummings from FC Cincinnati and Tommy Adams the NBA for spending the entire week inspiring the children through sports. The Public Health Accreditation is 80% complete; looking to receive an $8,700 payment to the Springdale Health Department; the first of two payments. One is due this month and one toward the end of the year. The Springdale Hotel/Motel Committee, better known as the SNAP Program; they’re going to meet April 27th and just to give you a little update, this committee was put together to have hotels and motels stay within the standards and expectations of the City. An update on that; the Midwest Inn and Suites has made significant progress in their remodeling over the last few months. The remodeling for the Days Inn continues. It looks like La Quinta is going to start remodeling in 2019. For the Nurse’s Report, the CDC is reporting that influenza is on the decline now. Ohio has minimal cases of influenza. The mammogram van, which is the UC Health Mammogram Van will be at the Community Center, July 13th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Children’s Health Fair is scheduled for May 18th, 2018 at the Springdale Community Center. They continue to plan for that program and that concludes my report.

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Mayor Webster: I just have two brief items. We had a great event today down at the Community Center. We had our 14th Annual State of the City affair. We had about 85-90 business people throughout the City attended that. It’s always well attended. Everybody seemed to enjoy it. The Chamber and the Economic Development Director put the thing on. They did a marvelous job as usual. Think everyone is looking forward to an invite next year to that same thing. It keeps growing every year. Also, it was within the last couple of weeks I had the opportunity to cut a ribbon for OBWC, the Ohio Bureau of Workmen’s Compensation. They have centralized a lot of their functions in southwest Ohio. They’ve selected Springdale as their home to do that. They moved 122 jobs into that site. They took the entire second floor of what used to be Executive Center Three. I think they’ve changed the name of it now. It’s the building where Process Plus took all the third floor. They’ve got all of the second floor. As a matter of fact, they’ve even located some people on the first floor. I think we’re going to see some expansion in there. Anyway, two events and also, this time of year is proclamation time, so at this point I’ve got a couple of proclamations I’d like to read. The first one, we’ll do Mr. Taylor first.

"WHEREAS, the City of Springdale is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry – who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International code Council, a U.S. based organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

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Mr. Shroyer - No report

Mayor’s Report

Capital Improvements
Mrs. Emerson - No report
WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities’ largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep America great; and

WHEREAS, “Building Codes Save Lives” the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2018 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as

“BUILDING SAFETY MONTH”

Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.”

Mr. Taylor, if you’d step forward, I’d like to present this to you. (Applause)

Mayor Webster: I have one more and this is our annual Arbor Day Proclamation.

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale wishes to encourage its residents to plant and maintain trees in the City;
NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2018 as “ARBOR DAY”

In the city of Springdale and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support the City’s urban forestry program, and

FURTHER, I urge all members of the community to join in recognizing this significant occasion.

We will have our Arbor Day services next Friday, at Heritage Hill School and Springdale Elementary and the times have escaped me. I think it’s 11:30; does anybody have that?

Mr. Hawkins: I can only speak for Springdale because my son will be singing, but that’s it. That’s at 1:00 is my understanding.

Mayor Webster: 10:50 a.m. at Heritage Hill and Springdale at 1:00 p.m. So, we urge all of you to help us plant a tree at those two locations. Thank you. That concludes my report.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: The General Fund year to date receipts through March 31st. We have a net budget of $18.907 million dollars. We have received $4.389 million dollars which is 23% of the budget. Those receipts are made up of Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Mayor’s Court, and Local Government Funds. That’s a total of $4.091 million dollars or 93% of the receipts. On the expenditure side, through March 31st, we have a net budget of $18.834 million dollars. We have spent $4.238 million dollars, which is 24%. The General Fund Ending Balance as of March 31, 2018 is $2.445 million dollars and that concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator’s Report

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I have a few items for you this evening. I would like to begin with the Fire Department. Hamilton County has rolled out their new Smart911 system. We wanted to take this opportunity to inform the Council and the public about the new system. I’ll turn it over to Chief Hoffman.

Chief Hoffman: Thank you very much. Thank you for having us tonight. With me is Firefighter Jeff Bryant. He approached me a couple of weeks ago about this program. We’re really excited about it. We talked to Derrick Parham about it a couple of weeks ago as well. He thought it was a really good idea. It’s completely free of charge, which is awesome, but more importantly, it’s going to benefit the operations of the Fire Department and also it’s going to benefit patient care. At this point, before I mess any of it up, I’ll send it over to Jeff.

Mr. Bryant: Thank you Chief. Thanks to Council for having us tonight. I’ll try and be brief. Hamilton County launched this program in Southwest Ohio as of February 1st this year. We are the second county in the State of Ohio to use it. Jackson Township, which is in Grove City, Ohio, has used this program. It’s been featured on Good Morning America. It is a user-based service. The resident that wishes to participate, would go to Smart911’s website, www.smart911.com. They would create an account, they can put as much or as little information on there as they want. Anything they would want first responders to know, we encourage them to put that out there. The way they system works is when they call 911 from that phone number, Hamilton County Dispatch has a program now that recognizes that, sends that information to our ambulance and our responding units so that we’re able to access that information in a more timely and efficient manner. Similar to a vital of life that you keep in your freezer, this is just the next generation of that. It’s all digital, it’s all free. It’s secured in a nationwide data base. There’s tons of great stories on their website about people being saved and rescues and all that stuff. So, we’ve created basically a pamphlet we’re going to hand out to the community when they come to the firehouse, when we’re out in the community, just to let people know this is another opportunity of making awareness, because if people don’t know about it, they can’t sign up and then we can’t benefit from that. Again, it’s free to us, it’s free to them and it’s only going to help us be more efficient at what we do. Really excited about partnering with Hamilton County. We’re the first
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Mr. Bryant (continued): department in southwest Ohio to use it. We were ready at the launch. I’m happy to field any questions if anybody has any. That’s kind of all I have.

Mayor Webster: I think it sounds like a great plan. My only concern, I guess, you know every time you pick up a newspaper or turn on a TV, you’re hearing about cyber-attacks. How safe is the database?

Mr. Bryant: So, the information they collect is nothing more than public information. So, if you just pick up the White Pages and look somebody up; you have their name, their address, and their phone number. There’s no social security number entered through the website, so it’s all, again, just as much or as little as you want. We encourage people to put as much as they are comfortable with because it’s going to help us access that information in a more timely fashion. This program has been out for several years. Grove City has been using it for four years. So, I know it’s been out for at least four years. It’s used all across the country in D.C., California. They have no record of any identity breaches or hacks. It’s a national database. You can take that with a grain of salt, because, I guess, hacks happen, but they’ve had none and it’s only health information is what we’re seeking from this program, so that’s all that really is provided is name, address, phone number, medical history, medications, allergies, family members to notify if in the event of an emergency, things like that.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Bryant: Yes, no problem.

Mrs. Emerson: How difficult is it to edit the program. So, let’s say I’m a resident that needs to be coded and I want to be switched to a “Do Not Resuscitate”. How hard is it to go back into the system and get that changed?

Mr. Bryant: So, Smart911 actually has a built-in feature. Every six months they’ll contact you to review what’s in your profile, see if there are any changes. Medications can change throughout the year depending on the patient’s condition. It’s relatively up-to-date. Every six months there are changes that it is going to remind you to make. You can log in at any time and change that data. I myself use it just because I wanted to try it out before I pushed it on the Community and encouraged it. It’s awesome technology. It’s next generation stuff. It’s all paperless and again you can log in at any time and change your profile to reflect what you want it to reflect.

Mrs. Emerson: Okay, then how appropriate. We have a lot of residents who live by themselves. Let’s say they make the 911 call, can’t get to the door. Is it appropriate to put on there, like, my neighbor next door at 666 or whatever has a key to my house to get in. Would that be appropriate information to put on that.

Mr. Bryant: There’s additional fields, so it’s not necessarily all health-based stuff. You could go as detailed as to mark to share your gas shutoff and electric shutoff. There’s a note section that you can add whatever. So, if that is something that resident needs to do, it can be put in there so that we’re aware of it. Also, there is a pretty cool feature, which I plan on utilizing. Assisting someone else and setting up their account. If someone that is less tech-savvy wants to utilize this program because they’re worried about their well-being and maybe they do live alone, we plan on setting up some times over the future throughout this year; Community-related events where we can host people and people could come in and we could help them set up their profile. A Fire Department member or myself would help set them up so that they are utilizing it to its capacity and they understand what’s being done and it’s being done correctly.

Mrs. Emerson: Okay. Thank you. It sounds awesome.

Mr. Bryant: No problem.

President Vanover: Just a quick question on that. I’m going to show my age because I still maintain a landline. What about multiple numbers.

Mr. Bryant: Yes, so, thank you for bringing that up. So, when you create an account, you can create a family profile. On my account, I have my information, my wife’s information, and
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Mr. Bryant (continued): my son’s information. We don’t have a landline at our house, but we both have cellphones so, our family account has both our phone numbers listed. So, if something happens to me, I fall down the stairs and I’m unconscious, my wife can call from her phone and my profile stuff is still going to come up. They’re going to know my medical history, my medicines, things like that. There are multiple avenues of sharing that information; if you have landlines, cellphones, whatever. You can have multiple on one account.

President Vanover: Good, good. Go ahead sir.

Mr. Cassedy: (conversation was off mic) My name is Bill Cassedy. I live here in Springdale. In echoing Mayor Webster’s concern, I’m a former IT tech. The only thing that I would be hesitant about is before adopting this process; that an investigation be done in to the facility that processes the use to verify they are using the most up-to-date and continued up-to-date software encryption or whatever is necessary. Because, once a hack with personal information is done, you don’t get it back.

Mr. Bryant: I appreciate your comment and I don’t work for the company, Smart911. I just came across this through the com center and in communication with them. It’s a national database. That’s all I can tell you. They’ve never had any hacking issues. Again, the information that they would only have is what would be in the White Pages. Your basic contact information. There’s no social security number shared, there’s no bank, it doesn’t cost any money so there’s no other data that can be compromised. I know it’s been out for at least four years. It’s used in Washington D.C. so that kind of says something to me if the public safety organization serving where our country’s leaders are; if they use it, then it’s probably safe. I would be happy to provide some information to the public if I can find some issue with it. Based on what I was able to gather, it is a national database and they have never had any security issues. I appreciate your question and input.

President Vanover: I don’t see anymore. Thank you. It sounds good.

Mr. Bryant: Thanks very much guys.

President Vanover: Is that the end of yours? (speaking to Mrs. Zimmerlin)

Mrs. Zimmerlin: No sir. I have two more things for you. Going off of Mrs. Sullivan-Wiseup’s Planning Commission report; Planning Commission did recommend the approval of the Modification to the Planned PUD at the mall. We would request that we have a first reading of an ordinance approving that on May 2nd and a second reading and public hearing on May 16th. My final thing; if you recall, at the last meeting, we discussed the establishment of an Equalization Board. I would encourage Council to continue thinking of members that you would like to appoint to that board.

Law Director’s Report

Mr. Forbes - No report

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Shvegzda: On the Beacon Hills Subdivision/Kenn Road Project; inlet reconstruction is continuing. Curb replacement is continuing. It’s just approximately of 50% complete at this point. Pavement resurfacing work is scheduled actually in July. We got a recent update on that. Jake Sweeney Place Reconstruction Project; that will start in late May. The Glensprings Drive Repair/Resurfacing Project; will begin early June. The Cloverdale Area Resurfacing Project; that bid took place on February 28th and the contract was awarded to Barrett Paving in the amount of $686,132.42 for the base bid and $79,616.80 for Alternate Bid A. The current schedule for that is that Cloverdale area streets will begin work on June 5th with the paving and manhole adjustments taking place by July 6th. The Municipal Building Parking Lot will actually start June 25th and that’s about the day where school is out for the year, so they’ll be able to utilize the adjacent parking lots. West Kemper Road Resurfacing; legislation is before Council tonight to award the contract to Barrett Paving Materials in the amount of $265,174.34. That’s for the base bid plus $100,862.70 for Alternate A. Basically, at this point, we anticipate the construction to begin early July on that particular project. That concludes my report.
Communications

Mrs. McNear: I do have one item this evening. I received an email on April 17th. The subject is Springdale City Council Communications. The email states, “To Kathy McNear, Clerk of Council/Finance Director: I have attached a letter I would like read to City Council during the Communications section during tomorrow’s City Council Meeting. Sincerely, Mick Higgins, 579 Observatory Drive. The letter is dated April 17th and it states, ‘Members of Springdale City Council. Now that all litigation has been finalized, I am free to address the issue in public for which I had to seek legal action. I am appalled at the actions of the Mayor and his decision that it would be okay to continue a rental inspection program that was found to be unconstitutional in another jurisdiction. As I know many of the members of City Council have professional ethical standards that they must follow in their professional lives, be it the Realtor’s Code of Ethics, the Code of Ethics for RN’s or the Attorney’s Code of Ethics, you’re all held to a higher ethical standard. It is sad to see our Mayor lacking any ethical standards. If it wasn’t bad enough to strip the residents of their constitutional rights, Mayor Webster took it further and perpetuated an illegal cover up by requesting the matter be discussed in Executive Session. ORC 121.22g1 states, “Except as otherwise provided by law, no public body shall hold an Executive Session for the discipline of an elected official for conduct related to the performance of the elected officials official duties or for the elected officials removal from office. As the City has admitted that the Executive Session was illegal in their answer to the Court, I urge the President of Council to release the members of Council from the Executive Session privilege and allow them to discuss this matter in public. Finally, I want inform members of Council that due to his complete lack of ethical standards, for violating the constitutional rights of the citizens of Springdale, for violating the Sunshine Laws in an effort to cover up his criminal activity, a campaign has begun and we are actively collecting signatures for the recall of Doyle Webster. This City deserves better than to have a Mayor who completely disregards the U.S. Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio. Mick Higgins, 579 Observatory Drive, Springdale, Ohio 45246.” And that completes the Communications for this evening. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: I have a lot of things I want to say, but let me just start off by saying I want to commend Mrs. McNear for having the foresight to give me a “heads up” that this was coming, because this was also copied to all four of the local TV stations and the Enquirer. Our anticipation is we’d have some press out here tonight, but evidently, they could care less about what happens in Springdale. So, Kathy thank you very much for doing that and I think that whether you like me or you dislike me, I would hope that somebody would have the respect for the office of the Mayor not to let something like this go unchallenged. Here’s the situation I’m in; contrary to some people, I took an oath of office. When I walk in that room back there in Executive Session, I took an oath of confidentiality. I don’t see how anybody in the world could read this and not see that somebody in that room back there has told Mr. Higgins what he wanted to hear. There’s no way he could write this memo and bring suit against the City to the point that he did without a violation of confidentiality in Executive Session. I would like two things; number one, you said one statement in here Mr. Higgins that I totally agree with. I urge the President of Council to release the members of Council from the Executive Session Privilege and allow them to discuss this matter in public. He’s referring to an Executive Session that we had last May 17th and I also would echo that request that I think that’s the only way that I can properly respond to this. I’m not going to sit here and violate the confidentiality by trying to answer these and that’s the only way I would have to do it to properly answer these outlandish allegations. So, Mr. President, I’m requesting that you immediately release all of us; anybody that was in that room on May 17th from confidentiality so that I can properly do this. It’s not just me. I also would like to ask you, and I’ve already talked to Mr. Forbes about this, but I think he needs to do this at the direction of this Council. I would like to have Mr. Forbes research what do we have to do to enforce the confidentiality back there? What do we do when we think somebody, not think, we know, somebody has breached that? I think that there needs to be a committee set up of Council; an investigative committee that has the power to subpoena, call people in under oath. Let’s find out who in the devil is breaking the law around here. I think this is just an example of what happens when you have people that come out of that room and talk to people like Mr. Higgins and I think there needs to be a stop to it. As a matter of fact, I don’t feel safe in entering those chambers with the situation that we’ve got today, until we find out who the leaks are. I say leak or leakers. I think that there’s a provision in the state code, I’m sure, along with our Charter and state code to investigate this and I would certainly like for Council to direct the Law Director to do that and report back at the next meeting on what kind of committee we have to set up. Also, I would like, and this goes back to my first point here of releasing everybody from confidentiality, I would certainly like to have Mr. Forbes released from
Mayor Webster (continued): that so that he, at the next meeting, could read into the records of the May 2nd meeting exactly what transpired back there on May 17th so we can all see what kind of allegations that Mr. Higgins has levied against me that are totally false. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Mr. Forbes, correct me, the release, if it’s so granted, A, first off is completely within my jurisdiction, and secondly it’s all or none, correct?

Mr. Forbes: That’s correct. This is a provision in the Council rules at Section 30.052 of the Springdale Code. It does permit the President of Council to release the members from confidentiality from an Executive Session, and yes, it does say once that confidentiality has been released as provided for in this section, all those in attendance shall be released from any confidentiality requirements. So, that is within the authority of the President of Council.

President Vanover: Alright, well, at this point, for the May 17, 2017 meeting, I will authorize the release of confidentiality for that meeting and that meeting only. I too, want to empanel a committee to ferret this out. I’ve got some comments here.

Mrs. McNear: I just wanted to add to the report that I did leave off the carbon copied section of the email from Mr. Higgins. I just would like to read that into the record now. It was copied to newsdesk@wlwt.com, cweiser@enquirer.com, newsdesk@wcpo.com, local12@local12.com, desk@fox19now.com. Thank you.

President Vanover: Alright, I guess Mr. Forbes, we’re in uncharted territory. Seek some guidance on this establishment.

Mr. Forbes: So, I will research that and at the next Council meeting, I’ll be able to report back what the process is to create that committee. What its authority would be, and how it could proceed.

Mrs. Emerson: Mr. Forbes, do I need to make a motion to put together a committee tonight?

Mr. Forbes: I don’t know that you need a motion to create a committee tonight because, honestly, I need to do some research to find out how the process works. I’ll report back at the next Council meeting and then Council can take whatever action it deems fit based on what I can report back.

Mrs. Emerson: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Mrs. McNear, I would also request that you distribute a copy of that letter. I think all of Council needs to see that. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: Will do. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Cassedy: As stated earlier, my name is William Cassedy, 507 Dimmick Avenue, Springdale. This is my wife Sharon. We ask council to, in consideration of what you were referring to sir, about the repaving in the Cloverdale area that the road that we live on have a minimum of two speed humps installed at the time of repaving. The reason for that is that we have a continual speeding problem both eastbound and westbound on Dimmick Avenue to the point of last week, we had an individual who, if you’ve ever heard a vehicle scream at full throttle, he was doing so, up our street in reverse. Now, I understand that there may be some questions relative to this. I have some handouts for the Council members if I may. The handouts that you have are photographs of a section of the west side of Cincinnati in the Ferguson Road/Boudinot Avenue area where a number of side streets have already had and have had for years, speed humps installed. The humps are, I’m sorry to say, not terribly visible, however they are marked with a diagonal arrow at both sides of the speed humps. The speed humps dimensions are approximately six feet long, three inches in riser height. I’ve spoken to an individual in the Fire Department that handles that section of town. That gentleman did say, “Yes, they’d prefer that those speed humps weren’t there”. They do increase the response time by some seconds. However, he also said that the deterrent in
Mr. Cassedy (continued): speeding outweighs the increased response time. I'd like my wife to speak about a certain situation that she had.

Mrs. Cassedy: Well, basically, about a year ago I had fallen down our stairs and I fractured my back and my neck. Even with a situation like that that did happen, I would still be supportive of speed humps on our road. My daughter lived across the street from us and that was the main reason why they moved. We've complained about this and we've called the Police Department non-emergency number. Sometimes they'll come out and they'll sit and it's not a lot, but, it hasn't stopped. They'll say, "Well, what times during the day do they do this?" It's all the time. We'll hear people starting at the very base of our road and our road is not that long. You can hear them floor the car and it doesn't make sense. That's why my daughter and her children and her husband finally moved because it was getting scary.

Mr. Cassedy: One of the other deterrent effects that the City has put into play has been this use of a speed advisory sign. Now, these are not speed cameras, but, with people seeing this, they have been very apt to disregard it, so, the speeding continues and the just know, "I'm going this fast; that's cool." Except it's not. So, we don't know what the process is. So, we're here before Council to ask you, "What do we need?" Is there something you can vote on? Do we need some kind of paperwork submitted by the residents of the street asking for this inclusion in the repaving? Or, what exactly needs to be done?

President Vanover: Administration?

Mayor Webster: Mr. Cassedy, this is not a new conversation. We've had this conversation about speed bumps primarily on Cameron Road. We've got one individual, particularly on Cameron that desperately wants speed bumps. He hates Mayor Webster because Mayor Webster doesn't want speed bumps. So, that's just the way it is. I don't hate him, but he hates me. Anyway, we've looked at that, we've talked to other jurisdictions that have it. We've looked at areas that have them like in parks and that kind of thing. They certainly play a major part in a park, but on a city street where we're asking the emergency vehicles to get to a situation as quickly as possible, we just don't think that speed bumps should be used to control the traffic there. We think we've got other ways to control the traffic and we'll certainly make sure we double up on our efforts on Dimmick Avenue to try and eliminate speeders and that kind of stuff on your street, but I would not want to recommend speed bumps.

Mr. Cassedy: Well, I did not say that they would be speed bumps sir.

Mayor Webster: Please?

Mr. Cassedy: They're not speed bumps. Speed bumps were what you would say are a short distance in thickness, higher. They're about six feet from beginning to end on the street and about only three inches in height. So, going over them at the posted speed limit, is noticeable, but it's not detrimental to a vehicle. It's not going to injure the occupants of the vehicle itself.

Mayor Webster: What about the ice and snow removal on your street when they go down with a blade, that's not a problem?

Mr. Cassedy: It runs right, because of the gradient, it runs right over it. In February there happened to be no snow on the street at that time, but then again, this is Cincinnati and you never know what you might wake up to in the morning. But, they don't have a problem with that type of situation. Their blades are either normally they're angled slightly, and as they approach that speed hump and the tip of the blade hits that speed hump, it rises over it, clears the speed hump itself, they're not going that fast for snow removal.

Mayor Webster: I'd be more than happy to pull out all the material we have, and we've got a substantial amount of material, because, like I said, we looked at this several times in the past. We'd be more than happy to get out all the material we've gathered over the years and have that available at the next Council meeting and we'll talk about it.

Mr. Cassedy: Alright. We'll be here. Thank you.
Mr. Shroyer: I'm curious. I'm familiar with your street and it seems to me like an “out-of-the-way” street. Where’s the traffic going?

Mr. Cassedy: It’s used as a shortcut to get to Cloverdale and to Smiley or points going west and some people going east because, as you go up Dimmick, you go around the curve to Smiley, and there’s quite a bit of traffic that uses our road.

Mr. Shroyer: So, they’re not necessarily identifiable vehicles; repeat vehicles. Every day coming and going occurrence?

Mr. Cassedy: We’ve had repeat vehicles. Yes, and I don’t know if I’d videotaped them with their license plate if I could bring that to you or to a magistrate, but, yes, it becomes a common occurrence by the same individuals. When you watch the drivers, these are not teenagers that are, “Hey, I’ve got a car and I’m going to go fast”. They’re every walk of life that you can speak of. Older adults, middle-aged people, younger people. It runs the gamut.

Mr. Shroyer: I guess I would ask the Administration, I wonder if it would be possible to post both ends of that street or the intersections of that street as “No Thru Traffic”. Would that then give us an enforcement option for folks that are using it for a cut-through?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I don’t think that we could mark it is a “No Thru Traffic” street if it is a thru street.

Mr. Forbes: Correct. It is a public street and it is open and available to the public to use. So, it does present an enforcement problem to mark something as a “No Thru” street. Because, it is a thru-street open to the public for its use.

Mr. Shroyer: Well, what would the criteria be? I’ve travelled a number of streets that have that indication.

Mr. Forbes: I’m not saying that you don’t see those signs all over the place. But, if you’re question is, “Are they enforceable?” based on the research, and we can research that again. It’s been some time since we’ve looked at it, but the research is always borne out that you can post all kinds of signs, whether they’re actually enforceable under the traffic code is a different question.

Mr. Shroyer: I appreciate the problem, I’m also not a proponent of those type of speed control devices, having a fire service history and driving large emergency vehicles, but, then again, you’re not on a street that would typically be used to get to anywhere else if those type of vehicles were coming to your street, they’re coming to your street for a purpose. I think that could be part of that discussion but, as the Mayor said, if we collect the information and continue the discussion, hopefully we can come up with some result.

Mr. Cassedy: The one thing I would ask you to investigate sir would be the number of emergency calls on our street in the last year or two years. One of the detractions of the speed hump is the increase in emergency response time, but, if there aren’t that many emergency responses utilizing that street, that seems to make that a minor issue.

Mayor Webster: Once we put one on Dimmick Avenue, then what are we going to say to the gentleman down on Cameron Road?

Mr. Cassedy: If he has a legitimate speeding issue, yeah.

Mayor Webster: We’ve spent a lot of time and effort with them running patrols down there, we have the sign that is posted down there, you’re going so many miles an hour, we’ve spent a lot of time and effort trying to help the situation. Let us talk to our Police Department and see what we can do to beef up the enforcement on Dimmick Avenue.

Mr. Cassedy: Okay.

Mrs. Emerson: Just a couple of comments. I don’t know how fast you can get on that road. I live right around the corner from you guys and I use your road. It’s a very short
Mrs. Emerson (continued): distance. You’ve got a stop sign on each end of that. You’ve got cars that park on the side of the street on that hill you can’t even see around. How fast are we talking here?

Mr. Cassedy: Fifty to sixty miles an hour. If you go and do a measured distance versus time, you come up with a speed. I’ve done that and that’s the speed that the people will go down.

Mrs. Emerson: Are they stopping at the end of the street? Or are they going through the sign? Because there’s no way they could get up to 50 and stop with that sign on either end.

Mr. Cassedy: You can. You can stop or come to a rolling stop, which is what an abundant number of people seem to do. Now, at the upper side of the hill, where it goes around a curve, I couldn’t tell you whether they’re stopping at that or not. But, I have watched them and at the bottom at the east end of Dimmick where Rose Lane intersects, and they will do a rolling stop, but they also, like I said, last week we had a guy who went backwards and I would say at least 50 miles an hour in a 25.

Mrs. Emerson: One other comment, as agreeing with Mr. Shroyer. I don’t care if you have one emergency run on that street a year, that person needs help and as a nurse, I know how important seconds count to that person. So, I would hate to be that loved one who is delayed five or ten seconds because of a speed bump.

Mr. Cassedy: She had a broken . .

Mrs. Emerson: That’s not always the case. It could be cardiac arrest, it could be a stroke, it can be lots of different things. I would hate to nail that, “We only have one emergency run a year”, so we can put a speed bump up there. One is an important run. Every run is important.

Mr. Cassedy: I would’ve hated to have that emergency run attend to my grandchildren when somebody speeding hit them as they came across the street to see Grandma and Grandpa.

Mrs. Emerson: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Mr. Cassedy, do you really think that if we’ve got some idiot out there that puts his car in reverse in a residential area and goes 60 miles an hour flying down your street, do you really think he would care if he hit a speed bump or speed hump? Do you think he would really care?

Mr. Cassedy: Yes.

Mayor Webster: Why would he?

Mr. Cassedy: At that speed, it will throw your vehicle in a non-controllable condition and I don’t think he really wanted that.

Mayor Webster: No, we don’t want that.

Mr. Cassedy: No, the guy driving the truck. If you’re going backwards at 50 miles an hour and you hit a speed hump, with a three inch incline, it’s going to cause some definite problems for your drivability and that vehicle going backwards. So, it’ll slow them down and it’s the first time we’ve ever seen anybody do that in reverse.

Mayor Webster: Well, I would rather try to stop the speeder rather than try to make his car go out of control and end up hitting somebody or somebody else’s car.

Mr. Cassedy: I agree with you wholeheartedly sir. We’re just looking for a permanent solution.

Mayor Webster: Let’s see if we can’t get some enforcement out there to slow them down.
Mr. Hawkins: First off, Mr. and Mrs. Cassedy, we appreciate you coming out and spending the time putting this together and bringing this to us. I agree a lot with what has been said and what the Mayor had indicated initially. I want to also, for perspective, you guys understand this isn’t the first time that Council and Administration has talked about speed humps, speed bumps. I think back a few years back on Crescentville, we went through a whole discussion, investigation, checked with other municipalities, looked at humps versus bumps versus a variety of other items, rumble strips, a variety of other speed deterring devices. At the end of the day, Council and Administration did not act to put anything on that road. A large part of that was because of the impact on our emergency service vehicles. The information from Police and Fire was critical with regard to that. I want to make sure you understand this is not something that Administration and Council has not looked at and investigated in as thorough a way as it can previously. I know you’re bringing this in to us and so you’re hearing some responses that are negative towards the idea of speed humps and speed bumps. I don’t want you to think that it’s flippant, or without thought.

Mr. Cassedy: Not at all.

Mr. Emerson: A lot of folks are sitting out here, went through that deep investigation with regard to that. So, a lot of that is still fresh in folk’s minds in terms of how we’re thinking about things. As it has been said, the ideal thing is to catch speeders, increase enforcement presence, to try to keep those things from happening.

Mr. Shroyer: I think that’s probably the bottom line here is that we have a speeding issue, if speed humps are the absolute last resort, then we move them to absolute last resort and as the Mayor said, we do everything up to that point. The fact is I don’t doubt that you’ve done your due diligence and you have information that says it’s not an isolated problem, it’s a continuous problem and it is a safety issue. I believe we need to approach it from that standpoint. If enforcement fixes it; people use “cut throughs” because they are convenient, but by the second speeding ticket that they get, it’s probably not as convenient to cut through there anymore. So, if we can do it with a combination of things, with the speed indicator sign, with increased enforcement; I think it’s clear, we have an issue. Give us some time to work through the steps and see where we end up.

Mr. Cassedy: Fine sir.

Mr. Shroyer: Thank you.

President Vanover: You touched on something and Mr. Forbes, I’m going to call you back up. Was it not last year that the Ohio State Supreme Court ruled on speed cameras were illegal.

Mr. Forbes: There has actually been a number of cases on that and, in fact, the last case from the Supreme Court actually said that cities are permitted to use those traffic-enforcement cameras, however, as a result of that, the State Legislature has adopted some statutory restrictions on the use of it, in essence, making them not a very viable option. They’re legal, but it is very difficult to use.

Mr. Cassedy: If I may, I believe it’s called Sloan’s Law and one of the requisites for that, the usage of a speed camera is that a police officer has to be present at that time because if you take the ticket to court, you have to have a human being to say, “Yeah, you were.”

President Vanover: Well, I remember, originally, there were municipalities to the north of us and one to the south of us that the citations that were issued were that it wouldn’t apply to your driving record. They were done as civil cases.

Mr. Forbes: They were all done as civil, not as traffic or criminal violations. There were no points on your license. You’re right, that did go to court and the court threw those out. Eventually, it made its way to the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court said that’s a violation of home-rule authority, so you can use them, but then there have been a number of statutory limitations on how to use them.

President Vanover: Alright, well, we will open the books and do some homework and I would ask, too, that we pull the Police Department. I would like to see the track record down
President Vanover (continued): in your neck of the woods, because I just did, not the same thing, but a similar discussion with the Administration over in my neighborhood and my perception and reality were two different things. So, we have to put up with some less than friendly drivers at times, but we will bring this back and open it up and welcome you to come back join in.

Mr. Cassedy: Thank you Mr. President.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Mrs. Jackson: It’s nice to stand before the Springdale City Council again, and I’m a member of the Springdale Elementary PTA. I wanted to pass out flyers. On the back of that is a registration. We are doing our Third Annual Color Run. It’ll be May 19th. Check-in is at 11:00 a.m. We run at noon. Last year we had a blast. We had 112 participants come out and run with us on that track. The Springdale Recreation Center let us run on their brand new track. Good news was we were able to bring in the monies into the school. We raised $3,460. With the things that we had to pay out for, we were $2,017 to the good that we were able to bring in from the fundraiser for the Color Run. With that awesome, awesome kickoff, we’re going to go ahead and do it again this year and actually, annually. We’re going to have LaRosa’s there. They are one of our sponsors. Dave and Busters is going to be there for a lot of fun. They’re going to have a tent up for fun activities and we also have Great Clips who is sponsoring us. Great Clips is going to be putting color into some of the participant’s hair and already, you know, getting a fun color before we even start to run, they’ll be streaked with either unicorn or rainbow bright or whatever they want to have their hair colored. Then, of course, it’s a 5K, so it’s a little over a three mile run or walk. We have people who walk. It’s a little over three miles and it’s just a lot of fun and great exercise. I know my sister, last year, she was diagnosed as a Type 2 Diabetic and she’s getting serious about her health. She came out and she ran/walked with us. I remember, “One person is still out on the track”. I looked out on the track and I’m like, “Who is it?” It was my sister so I had to run out there and help her run her in. She was the last person to cross the finish line. So, that was an awesome run for the family and bringing in the monies in to Springdale Elementary was an awesome win for Springdale Elementary. Just letting you know we are having our Color Run. If there’s any questions, there’s a phone number on that flyer and actually, that one’s to me. So again, my name is Brandiss. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Brandiss, you don’t get away that easily. I have a question for you Brandiss. If I’m going to be out of town, am I able just to give a donation? How would we, if we cannot participate, I’m going to be out of the state, actually on this date, am I able just to write a check to PTA and send it and just write “in lieu of” or whatever? Because I don’t know if you guys do it separately to count just for Color Run funds or how it works. How would you like that done if you want a donation towards us?

Mrs. Jackson: Then absolutely, yes, thank you so much for thinking and wanting to donate. Yes, just do it to “Springdale Elementary PTA” and we’ll go ahead and put that in our funds and truly appreciate your time and attention.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: No problem.

Mrs. Jackson: We had a blast so, yes.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Thank you very much.

Mrs. Jackson: Is this where I should have signed in?

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 23-2018
AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, TO AMEND SECTION 153.461 OF THE SPRINGDALE ZONING CODE RELATED TO TEMPORARY SIGNS
President Vanover: Okay, at that, we’ll open a Public Hearing and we’ll have a presentation I assume?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: This is just for our sign; for the temporary sign.

President Vanover: Alright, I’m jumping ahead. Okay. This is for the sign, so, at this point, anybody want to address Council on this issue? Either for or against? (No response) We’ll close the Public Hearing. Council, you’ve heard the reading. This is a second reading. I will entertain a motion.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mayor Webster: Yes, this is an issue that has been talked about for a long, long time about the City having the ability to provide signs to communicate to the residents about various events taking place in the City and so we have looked into permanent signs. Number one, they are very expensive and permanent, being, not movable, so, once we got to select a location and we spend all the money, it’s there, we can’t move it around town and looking at all the various issues, we thought that the best thing to do was to go the portable route. We have $15,000 in this year’s budget for one of these signs, so we’d like to get that as soon as possible and get it out there and get it working and advertising events, sign-ups, anything that’s going on in the community. Move it around to different locations. We’re not going to put it in people’s yards. It’s going to be on City property, parks, maybe a church. The Nazarene Church is a great example with frontage down there. That Pentecostal church, both sides of the road up in Jeff’s area there. It would be a great location. Anyway, we’re excited and anxious to get started with this process. If this works out, you’ll probably see another $15,000 request in next year’s budget so we can cover the City. I attended the Planning Commission meeting when they talked about this and the question was, “Why should we let you do it and not other businesses?” Well, I mean, I think the word “business” sums it up; a business is trying to make a profit. They’re going to sell things, enhance their bottom line. We’re trying to inform the public of services that the City has to offer or one of our agents like the Boosters with the Horse Races or something to that affect or a Chamber event. That’s the biggest difference and that’s why I would urge you to give us the authority to put these out in the neighborhoods. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: I just want to know for the record, I believe the City has a compelling interest to and an obligation to communicate to the public things that the Mayor had indicated and could also use it an emergency situation. I believe the ordinance is narrowly tailored to achieve the interest or goal that we’ve said and it’s not overly broad. I also believe the ordinance is advancing an important governmental interest with regard to communication to the public and its being the laws substantially relate to the City’s interests as well. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: During our CAP meetings when we had gone over different ideas that the Community had sent us, asking for different ways to be informed and communicated with about upcoming things in the Community, this was something that came up on several things. This isn’t just something that was just “picked out of the air”. This was definitely asked for and it was discussed in great length then that it would be a great idea. Especially like in the Heritage Hill area, every once in a while to put something there because they might not know about things that are going on here and we really wanted to keep everybody informed throughout the entire community and I think it’s a really great idea that we do something like this after, like I said, a lot of people had asked for it and I think it is something that is needed.

Ordinance No. 23-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 24-2018
APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO THE CROSSINGS AT THE PARK PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) (SPRINGDALE COMMERCE PARK)

President Vanover: Alright, now we’ll open the Public Hearing. It’s open to anybody that wants to speak on this issue either for or against. I know we have a presentation on this one.
Mr. Cumming: Good evening, I’m John Cumming with Strategic Capital Partners at 8900 Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis, Indiana. Appreciate the opportunity to appear before you this evening and present our revised master plan for Springdale Commerce Park. We’re very excited about this project; been working on this for a long time and working with City staff, working with the neighbors at the project and I’m really pleased to provide an update as to where we are on this project and I think before I flip through our plan, as you see, I’ve got a PowerPoint presentation that’ll walk us through the plan, I thought I might just take a minute and remind where we were on previous editions of this plan from last year and then I think it’ll help highlight the changes we’ve made to the plan since then. In August-September of last year, I appeared before City Council with a plan for this project which sat on 130 acres and it was a five building office warehouse project plus an office retail; a smaller office retail building along 747. I notified City Council at that meeting that there was, and as you may recall, an ongoing long-term lawsuit between the current owner of the land and a previous proposed developer and that had been kind of hanging in the background. So, we became aware that there was at least a chance to extinguish and terminate that lawsuit for good by acquiring an additional five acre parcel adjacent to the 130 acres and if we were able to do that, then we would amend our plan again and come back through the process. That ended up happening. We then modified our plan accordingly, and came through Planning Commission in December. This was the plan that we presented in December at Planning Commission (Mr. Cumming then proceeded to present a PowerPoint explaining various items on the plans that were submitted). As you can see, we had one, two, three, four, five buildings. You can see the “L Shape” plus the additional southern leg of that new public road that would extend to the far south end of the site, across the creek, and then serve a fifth building south of the creek. We presented the plan, we heard very loud and clear from the neighbors that there were concerns about this plan, and so, we continued. We continued the process and did not ask for a vote that evening. Then, we took the next two to three months and had ongoing meetings, discussions with the neighbors and with City staff to revise the plan and get it to a point where everybody was pleased with the outcome. Credit to the Crossings at the Park neighbors. Really, most of that discussion was with Crossings at the Park neighbors to be very clear about and very fair about their comments and really it had to do with the amount of buffering and screening and setback with the Crossings at the Park neighbors on the west side of the project and making that on a kind of a level, even playing field with the neighbors on the east side, single-family residents. That was the plan that we presented. That plan had a total square footage of about 1.3 million square feet including all the industrial buildings and the smaller office retail building and so we went to work to revise that. Came back through, after much discussion, as I mentioned, and revised the plan accordingly and I’ll show that and just kind of walk through the changes. So, this plan, we came through in March at Planning Commission and were successful and I’ll highlight some of the changes just on the overall plan here which consisted of really four buildings the same size as the previous plan from December. We eliminated the building south of the creek, which was 165,000 square foot building as shown, and so the square footage went down to 1,149,000 square feet with this revised plan. We were scratching our head on the best way to provide that same level of buffering and screening to the neighbors at the Crossings at the Park and so the major change that we made on this was to, you can see where not only is there not a building south of the creek, there’s no bridge over the creek and there’s no public street that serves building four, which is the building towards the bottom of the page, immediately west of the Crossings at the Park. The road that will serve that building is a private road that would only be built at the time that that building is built. It will be a private road that only serves that building. We were able to, instead of having a 60 foot right-of-way for the public street, we were really able to cut that in half, basically and create much more room in-between that road and the Crossings at the Park neighbors and with that additional room, we were able to construct a 15 foot berm with landscaping on top which will provide really the same level of protection, buffering, screening, as the neighborhood on the east. We’ve got a table here that will kind of show those distances. I told the neighbors that if I lived there, one of the things that I would care about is that, “If I walk out my back door, what am I going to see? How close are these buildings? How close are these cars and trucks going to be to where I live?” So, we tried to address that as clearly as possible with this table. At the top, and sorry if this is a little hard to see, but I’ll walk through it. At the top, we’ve got three columns, Building Three – East Side, Building Four – East Side, and Building Four – West Side. So, Building Four – East Side and West Side, I’m sorry, Buildings Three and Four on the East Side, those numbers really have not changed since last year. Those are the distances from those homes to the closest point from those homes to pavement. Building Three – East Side, 196 feet. Building Three from the house to building, 315 square feet. So, if 196 to the pavement, 315 to the building, and then we also analyzed it by property
Mr. Cumming (continued): line. Property line to pavement, and then property line to building at 150 feet and 269 feet respectively. That’s on the east side of Building Three. On the east side of Building Four, really, you have identical numbers. You’ve got 196 feet, 315 feet, 150 feet and 269 feet. So, the east side, the distances between the houses, the pavement, and the buildings, and the property line separating to the pavement and the building are really the same. What we did on the west side, so the far right column, Building Four – West Side, we were able to, with the changes on the plan, and the additional room we were able to gain with the change on the public road to the private road, instead of 196 feet, we were able to achieve 208 feet from the condo to pavement, closest point. With the closest point of the condo to the nearest building; 311 feet. So, within four feet of the east side residents. Property line to pavement; 138 feet. So, we’re within 12 feet of that 150 feet that they have on the east side and then property line to building, we’re at 241 feet, so 28 feet difference. So, we were able to achieve these distances and I think just as importantly, or more importantly, we have enough room to construct a berm 15 feet high on the west side between the Crossings at the Park neighbors and the project just as has been planned for the east side with the Heritage Hill neighborhood. So, wanted to point that out. This was really a goal of ours and we worked through this with our architect, our engineer, and the neighbors as well. I’ll also mention that David Wright with Kleingers Engineering is with us here tonight in case there are detailed civil engineering questions, we’d be happy to answer questions as we go. This is still the site plan; this is just highlighting kind of the various components of the plan. Our plan, timeline wise, would be to be in a position with a successful outcome this evening and a successful TIF approval between City Council and the school district within the month of May that we would like to start construction as soon as possible. Late this summer, we would start working with City Staff and our architect, and our engineer to go to the next level of design for the individual buildings that we would start as soon as possible. Our plan would be to do a two-phase project where we would build two buildings at a time. We would start with, in Phase One, Building Two, as you can see on the right side, which is a 207,000 square foot building and then Building Three, so, those two buildings would be Phase One and the public infrastructure that would go in from day one, which would be done in one phase, would serve both of those two buildings. Building Four would be part of Phase Two along with Building One there. So, buildings, just to try to make it extra confusing, we’re going to start off Phase One would be Buildings Two and Three, and Phase Two would be Buildings One and Four. The reason we picked those buildings is because, as an example, Building Three is what we call a “cross-dock” building. It has docks on both sides of the building. Building Two is what we call a “rear-load” building with docks only on one side of the building, the rear of the building. It tends to capture a different type of tenant, different size tenant and we feel like we can develop the project more quickly and attract tenants more quickly if we’re providing some diversity of product with that strategy. This is the grading plan. Hard to see all the details on this, but, what it does show, is the grading of the buffer and landscape as we went through this. I’ll kind of start at the North end. So, in between Buildings One and Two, there will be a, I think most people would know, there’s a creek kind of running that comes in to the site from the North across Crescentville, underneath Crescentville and into this site and it’s providing and has provided all sorts of flooding and erosion issues that the Crossings at the Park folks have had to deal with over the years. Our phasing of this project, not only would all the infrastructure go in from 747 going to the East including the cul-de-sac that would be built to the South that would allow access to the Crossings at the Park as well as the vacant parcel adjacent to that and then it would continue to the East and then turn North up to Crescentville and there’s going to be a new stoplight that will be installed at Crescentville. So, all of that infrastructure would go in within Phase One. We would phase that infrastructure such that we have temporary access so that the neighbors can easily get in and out of their homes while we’re under construction on the infrastructure. I’ll touch on that in a second. The water that comes in, as well as the drainage capture that we’ll need from developing the buildings that will drain under the new public street and into the detention pond that you can see South of Building Two. That’s a new detention pond that will be built and that will capture the drainage needed for the public infrastructure as well as Buildings One, Two, and Three. You can see the grading in gray, you can see the contour lines that show up and so the topography on this site, as you probably all know, is pretty significant; falling from North to South, so we’ve got what we’ll call a “cut-fill” operation to try and balance this site and so we’re moving dirt from the North and placing it on the South to try and level out the site as best we can. On the right side of Building Three, you can see the berm that we’ll build, which again, 15 feet in height with eight to ten foot pine trees planted on top of that berm. Moving our way South a little bit, I mentioned we would build the detention pond that you see in the
Mr. Cumming (continued): upper left and then that pond will drain through piping into the existing detention pond you can see there to the East of the Crossings at the Park and to the West of Building Four. The northern end of that existing detention pond will be expanded which is why you see kind of the darker gray outline on the North end of that pond. It's in that area where there are significant erosion and flooding issues that have been ongoing for a long time. So, our commitment is that that work is really part of an integrated drainage system that will need to go in upfront for this project. We are working with our Engineer and with the neighbors to identify those issues and improve that situation. We're confident about that. You can see the buffering in between Crossings at the Park and Building Four which represents the berm that I had mentioned earlier. Here's a traffic maintenance plan. It's a little subtle, but I'll walk through it. So, you can see the cul-de-sac that comes down and touches the property Crossings at the Park as well as a vacant parcel on kind of the left side, southwest side. So, what we would do initially, we would build the darker gray portion of that "L-shape" public road first and we would provide a temporary access that would really run parallel to that cul-de-sac on the west side of that cul-de-sac that will be the temporary access that will allow those neighbors to get up to the existing access, existing road that comes in off of 747 and get in and out of the park off of 747. Once we're complete with the darker gray shaded portion, then that will become the way in and out of the park for the Crossings at the Park neighbors. We'll then quickly finish up the lighter gray portion that kind of sits between the cul-de-sac and 747. At that point, infrastructure will be complete and the neighbors would have access to 747 and to Crescentville through the new road. This is our current landscaping plan. Tough to see, but you can see, we're working closely with Staff on this. One thing I want to point out on this; if you look at Building Three and Building Four, you can start to see the outline. There's some circles that are drawn, if you kind of look right on Crescentville, there's a circle and then a line that points directly down to Building Three and another one just to the East of that. Then, along the eastern side of Buildings Three and Four, again you can see the circles on kind of the far right edge of the footprint, and a line pointing directly to the neighborhood to the East. Building Four you'll also see on the Crossings at the Park, you also see four different dots kind of sitting on top of the footprint of the condo buildings with lines jutting out to Building Four. What those represent are the viewpoints. We went into a lot of detail using existing grade of the condos and the residents to the east. Using the grades of the buildings at the elevations that the will be developed at and this illustrated what the view is when somebody looks out their back door and what will they see. This was a big part of our conversation with the neighbors and the City as well. I'll walk that a little more in detail as we go here. I wanted to stop on that because those dots are important. They're a little hard to see, but I wanted to orient you on those. The dots on the East side, and there are seven of them. One, two, three, which are on top of Building Three. Four, five, six, seven which are on top of Building Four. Then eight and nine are the two on Crescentville pointing from the north down to the south to Building Three and then 10, 11, 12, and 13 are the dots pointing from the condos to Building Four on the east side. We'll walk through that. Again, landscaping plan in a little bit more detail. This shows a little bit more detail on the east side of Building Three and the landscaping that will be built on top of the berm. This shows a little bit more detail; the landscaping built on top of the berm between the Crossings and Building Four. Here we go to the sight lines. Let's walk through this. These are viewpoints one, two, and three; so we're kind of starting at the northeast and working our way on the east side of the property so these are the views from the single-family neighborhood as they are looking to the west. At the far right side, you can see kind of the outline of a house. You've got three viewpoints on this page; one, two, and three from top to bottom. You can see a house on the right hand side. The first dotted line is the property line and then you've got a setback line, and then you can see what the illustration of kind of a section of what the berm with the landscaping on top would be and then it continues from there to the site. Let me take a minute and kind of walk you through that, because it is hard to see. These, by the way, are where we derived the distances that we had in that table earlier. What we've done; we've got site lines that show the view from someone standing out on their back porch or the back of their house and what will they see and so you've got a site line that shows from the top of the landscaping what would they see. Then you've got a sight line from the top of the mound what would they see. That represents the two lines coming out from that point with the arrows at the end and the top one is the site line on top of the landscaping, the second one below that is from the top of the mound. With viewpoint number one, there is no building that would be in sight from that point. Number two; and two and three really come in to Building Three. You can see the house on the right, you can see the property line first, existing trees. We've got a 25 foot "Do Not Disturb" sign which is the second dotted line and then, again, you can see the mound with the landscaping planned on top of that. And then we've got a 150 foot setback on the project so that's the third dotted line. Right up against that. And that's really a setback for pavement, so right up against that, what's represented there, is a tractor trailer.
Mr. Cumming (continued): truck at the height that that would be. Next to that, as you keep going, would be a car parking up on the east side of that building and then the far left you can see the height of the building at our maximum height, which is 44 feet. All that to say, in this scenario, the upper line which starts from the house and then goes right to the top of the landscaping that we built on top of the mound you can see the arrow comes to right above or right at the top of the building, so, in that case, the building would not be visible. Really, the same with Building Three below that. I’m sorry, the viewpoint number three where you have the two lines and the site line with the mound, plus the landscaping on top of it, you can see where that arrow ends up right at or above the building. So, again, the building is not to be seen from that viewpoint. We work our way further south with Number Four. At point Number Four, there is no building really straight across, visible from that point, but then we get to points number five and six and this is where Building Four sits, kind of on the southeastern portion of the site. Again, really the same scenario where the sight line from the house through the top of the landscaping that sits on top of the berm, the site line disguises or stops the view of the house from that point and the same thing with Number Six below it. We went into a lot of detail with this and studied very long and hard. The next page is Number Seven, eight and nine. Seven is a viewpoint still on the very southeast portion of the site. There is no building straight across from that point. That’s why you see no building on the left side of Number Seven. Eight and Nine is a viewpoint from Crescentville looking south and so you can kind of see what’s happening there is that we’ve got quite a drop off. You can see, on the far right side, a vehicle actually on Crescentville and then the first black dotted line is the right-of-way for Crescentville and then you have existing trees there and then we have new landscaping and trees planted and so it just shows that from the car on Crescentville, the view through with that, the elevations, we’ve got quite a drop off is that Building Three; it really comes to the top of that building as well. The same for viewpoint Nine. Same view from Crescentville, just a little bit farther to the east. The last four here are the views from Crossing at the Park. Ten, eleven, twelve, and thirteen. Flip the view a little bit and you’ve got the condo on the left hand side, you’ve got the property is the dotted line that you see there and then you have existing tree line, you have the mound and the landscaping that would be built on top of that berm and then you start to see a vehicle on the other side of that. So, that’s kind of what the top of that represents. Then we have to go down to the one below that to continue that viewpoint of number ten. So, it starts out with a truck that would be next to the vehicle. This would be the private road that comes down adjacent to Building Four. Then landscaping, and then you can see the parking lot and the car and the building and so what this view shows is that not only is, from Number ten is the building not seen because you can see that line coming to the top of the building elevation, but also cars and trucks are hidden by that berm and by that landscaping. Same thing for number eleven below that. It’s really kind of the same drill. We’ve got from the condo to the property line, the property line actually cuts through the detention pond that’s existing. That’s that flat area that you see there, kind of a plateau. Then you see the gray going back up. You see the berm, you see the landscaping, and then you see cars and trucks on the road, the private road, additional landscaping, you see a car parking lot with a car sitting on it and then you see the building elevation as it’s designed. Again, showing no visible building. I’m getting to the end of this, so bear with me. The next one here is viewpoint number twelve. So, we’re working our way down the west side here from the condos. Again, view from the condos, across the pond, the mound, the landscaping, the car, the truck, the additional landscaping, and then the parking up against the building. You’ve got a view; you see that arrow going to the top of the building and so that’s what we’re achieving there. Then, the one below that, number thirteen is the farthest south there. Again, the same drill and this is a little longer so, it’s kind of broken up into two different lines here. Really, the same effect where you’ve got the view coming across through the landscaping on top of the berm and then, really, eliminating the sight of the building. Sorry, I drug you through all that, but I thought it was important to mention that that was a key component of our discussions with not only Staff, but with the neighbors and I just wanted to point that out in detail. Sorry it’s hard to see on here and I’d be happy to answer any questions about that in particular. With that, that’s really the guts of the revised plan. We’re very excited about this project. As I’m sure you all know, Cincinnati metro area is a very popular and hot industrial market. We feel like we’ve got a great opportunity, with 4% vacancy, which is kind of historical lows for the industrial market in Cincinnati; a variety of reasons for that. There’s not a lot of great sites for these kinds of buildings in the whole area. It’s one of the reasons that the vacancy is so low, because it’s hard for people to buy sites in the right area and build these kinds of buildings. We’re really optimistic about this project. We think it will be a really good opportunity to bring logistics and office jobs to this City and so, anyway, I appreciate your time and I’d be happy to answer any questions.
President Vanover: Alright, we're still in a Public Hearing. Is there anybody in the audience who would like to speak? Come on down.

Mr. Ruzick: My name is Ken Ruzick. I live at 509 Salzberg Lane which is in the Crossings at the Park. You've heard in the past from our President, Board President, Don Rahe at least six weeks ago he announced that he was not going to be able to be here this evening for a family engagement. So, he asked me to at least make a remark for him. So, I will do that, not only in his name, but as a resident, I'm no longer a board member, but I speak for myself and I will just say that it's been a great, great pleasure to be able to work with John, with Strategic, with the Staff of Springdale, with Planning Commission, with Council Members at times too. We are just very excited and we certainly hope that the Council this evening will give approval to this plan. I'll keep mine brief.

Mr. Wahl: My name is Tom Wahl. I live at 401 Lisbon and I'm sure several of you here have seen me here many times before as I've been involved with this property for at least 30 years and I'm so happy that we're coming here to an end where we are extremely appreciative of all the work that's been put in to this by the City. This City is so great that I finally planned, after living away from a number of years, to move in here and I am so thrilled that I am here. The engineering staff here, the support that we get from the Police, the Fire Department, all the members of the Council here; fantastic. With that, I'd like to say that working with John Cumming has been a treat; a great treat. He's a super guy and he's going to do this right and when he said that that was hard to see, I can appreciate that. He appreciated that to the extent that we've had at least ten sessions with him when we really got down right on top of the paper and were able to see what he has been doing for us. It's outstanding. We just want to get it started. We're anxious to do that. So, again, thanks to the City and thanks to Strategic.

Mr. Sheffield: My name is Sam Sheffield and I live at 222 Edinburgh Lane. I live in Crossings at the Park. A lot of the residents at Crossings at the Park, the biggest problem and concern and worry is basically, the end effect of 747, especially during rush hour. Sometimes you wait five to seven minutes just to make a right turn out of there. I know you've had traffic studies and I actually saw one that you've done in the last month. Obviously, this isn't Springdale's fault. It's as a result of some of the prosperity of Fairfield and West Chester and also additional residents there, but it looks like to me, that all the infrastructure and improvements that are going to be going on Crescentville, but the problem is, that everyone is going to 275. Everybody needs to get to 275. With the amount of lanes that you have now, you're going to be squeezing more in there. That's really all I had to say about the lanes or the traffic problems. It's just not efficient for the volume. I did ask John a question at Planning Commission and my concern was because of whether they were going to be stacking containers on the property and he assured me that wasn't going to happen, but from somebody's testimony during the Planning Commission, they said there was 32 trailer parking locations on the property. Also, my understanding is that there will be no overnight parking there? Is that true? No overnight parking?

Mr. Cumming: (off mic) I said there could be trailers parked there.

Mr. Sheffield: Also, it was my understanding that there will be no outside storage?

Mr. Cumming: Correct.

Mr. Sheffield: That includes the trailers not being used in storage?

Mr. Cumming: There would be no containers stacked up like you see in some areas. That would be considered outside storage. We have provided, and maybe I'll come back to the site plan. Buildings Three and Four, the cross-dock buildings, do have, in between the two buildings, you can see some trailer parking areas in between the two buildings for both on the north side of Building Four and the south side of Building Three. Those type of buildings, to be marketable, do require some trailer parking area separate from up against the building and so we've placed those in between the buildings to try and conceal that as much as possible. It is possible that the tenants would leave trailers parked in those trailer spaces overnight, however.

Mr. Sheffield: I work for a chemical company and on the distribution side, we have six warehouses and outside the dock spaces, I think we have six spots for parking and on the other
Mr. Sheffield (continued): side of the street, which is the manufacturing part, we have like six buildings. So, it’s not a small facility. The other concerns that I have are really what is going to go into these warehouses, because if you get into technical type of stuff, you need to be concerned with any kind of rare earth, recycle programs. There’s certain types of materials that you need to have complete separate housing or warehousing for. Oxidizers, dangerous when wet, spontaneous combustible, flammable. Any of those have to be segregated and separated completely. With some of the law changes, a lot of things have been what they call “downgraded” to “limited quantity”. At my company, if we sold a bottle of acetone, which is about a gallon flammable material, we’d have to put a flammable diamond on it or ship it. If you go to a Lowe’s and buy it or if it’s shipped to a consumer, it gets a limited quantity. Also, if you happen to have a box of ammunition sent to your house, it would be a limited quantity they put on there. I just want the Springdale Council to look at it as we consider these properties. Thank you.

President Vanover: Anybody else? At this point, we’ll close the Public Hearing. Council we have had a reading and a motion seconded. Sorry, we haven’t done the motion yet. Okay, at this point, unless Council has discussion, I’ll entertain a motion.

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 24-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: John, Mr. Cummings, I’d like to echo my neighbor’s comments. I’ve not always been your biggest supporter, but I, from the treatment that the people in the Crossings got, I was very put to ease. We still have humps that we have to iron out, but I know we’ll get there. With that, almost welcome to Springdale.

Ordinance No. 27-2018
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC. FOR THE WEST KEMPER ROAD PAVING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Shroyer made a motion to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Ordinance No. 27-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 28-2018
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE NECESSARY EASEMENTS FROM THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12165 BROOKSTON DRIVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mayor Webster: Just very briefly, I think Mr. Parham gave a description of these two at the last meeting. These are two residences up in Beacon Hills on the west side of Brookston Avenue. There’s a drainage problem there. Especially in the wintertime, water coming over the sidewalk, so we’re going in to put a line in behind the sidewalk and so these people both have drainage problems in their rear yard and so we’re going to put a device in there where they can tap in to it at their choosing whenever they want to do it, but we need to go on their property to do this work, so this gives us the easement to do that.

Ordinance No. 28-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 29-2018
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE NECESSARY EASEMENTS FROM THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12175 BROOKSTON DRIVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Ordinance No. 29-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.
Resolution No. R6-2018

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PLANNING MINI-GRANT

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Mr. Anderson: Sorry. Just one question. It’s due next Friday. Are we in a position to actually fill out all the grant paperwork needed and have it in in time?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: The City submits a two page letter.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.

Resolution No. R6-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business

Mrs. McNear: This is a reminder for filing your annual Disclosure Statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission. It is due on May 15th. Don’t be late.

President Vanover: Before I forget it, Mr. Okum, I want to thank you in appreciation for your diligent work in bringing the mini-grant program to us. It helps to have people in the right places.

New Business - None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: May 8th at 7:00 p.m. we will have a Planning Commission meeting in these chambers.

Mayor Webster: I’d just like to remind everyone that this Sunday, April 22nd at 2:30 p.m., the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolutionary War will have a ceremony at the St. Mary’s Cemetery. St. Mary’s being the cemetery located across from Vorhis Funeral Home on State Route 4. It’s going to be a very festive occasion and we’re going to dedicate a monument to the 12 soldiers that are buried there. We’d like to invite all of you to come out and join us. At 2:30 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I have a couple of announcements for you. Civil Service will meet on May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room. Co-ed Softball signups are taking place for adults. Resident, non-resident, and business teams are accepted. Games are played Tuesday evenings May through July. You can contact the Community Center for more information. Swim registration is also underway. Members can register now, non-members can begin registrations in May. Classes are available for children ages three to adults. Believe it or not, Fall Sports Registration is starting to take place. Registration begins May 1st for all youth soccer and volleyball and you can contact the Community Center for details.

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on May 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room adjacent to here.

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 No. 24-2018; an Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Development Plan to the Crossings at the Park (PUD); that passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Two was addressed with Ordinance No. 23-2018; an Ordinance Amending Section 153.461 of the Springdale Zoning Code Regarding Temporary Signs; that passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Three; that was addressed with Ordinance No. 28-2018; an Ordinance Accepting Permanent and Temporary Easements from Property Owners Located at 12165 Brookston Drive as a Part of the Beacon Hills
City of Springdale Council

April 18, 2018

Mr. Hawkins (continued): Subdivision/Kenn Road Rehabilitation Project and Declaring an Emergency; that passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Four; that was addressed with Ordinance No. 29-2018; an Ordinance Accepting Permanent and Temporary Easements from Property Owners Located at 12175 Brookston Drive as a part of the Beacon Hills Subdivision/Kenn Road Rehabilitation Project and Declaring An Emergency; that passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Five; that was addressed with Ordinance No. 27-2018; an Ordinance Authorizing a Contract with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the W. Kemper Road Resurface Project (between Northland Boulevard and Jake Sweeney Place) and Declaring an Emergency; that passed with a 7-0 vote. We also had Resolution No. R6-2018; Authorizing the City Administrator to file an application with the Hamilton County Department of Planning and Development for a Community Development Block Grant Planning Mini-Grant. That passed with a 7-0 vote. We had Item Number Six; an Ordinance Authorizing a Contract with the Vendor Submitting the Best Bid for the Purchase of Rock Salt and Declaring an Emergency; set for the next meeting.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There’s a request for an ordinance Authorizing a contract with the Vendor Submitting the Best Bid for the Purchase of Rock Salt and Declaring an Emergency. There’s also a request for legislation regarding a PUD change at the Tri-County Mall to allow cars to be parked there for a first reading on May 2nd.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins moved to adjourn. Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council
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