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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on May 16, 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.

President Vanover: Council, at this point, the minutes are in review. We don't have a hard copy. To work off of tonight.

Mrs. McNear: I do have a hard copy of the minutes, just for the public's information. The minutes were very extensive. They were 36 pages on legal-sized paper. It does take quite a bit of time to transcribe them from the recording as well as to review them. The minutes have been sent to all of the elected officials for review. I have personally reviewed them as well as Mrs. Zimmerlin and submitted any of our corrections. All Council does have the minutes. If anyone does have any corrections, we're more than happy to take those tonight. I would recommend that we would vote on these at the next meeting when we have two sets of minutes to make sure everyone has had enough time to read it because, like I said, 36 pages, even if you're a speed reader, it takes quite an amount of time to read those minutes and look for any corrections. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: I just had one correction from page seven, paragraph three. Instead of "stop" it should say "sit". Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: Page seven

President Vanover: Paragraph three.

Mrs. McNear: It may be on a different setting than how you read it, okay. You meant the word "setting"?

Mr. Hawkins: This is in the part talking about the speeding and instead of, I think it says, "You're not going to stop all day or stop there all day". I think "sit there all day and watch cars going by".

Mrs. McNear: How about if I pass it to you if you just want to circle that. It may already have been corrected if Mrs. Zimmerlin or I had caught that mistake too.

President Vanover: Alright, while he's doing that, we'll go to the Administration. Mayor Webster or Mr. Parham. We have an introduction.

Mr. Parham: At this point, we're going to ask our Public Works Director, Mr. Jeff Agricola to come forward and introduce one of the new members of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Agricola: Good evening everyone. Mr. President, members of Council, Mayor Webster, everyone else in attendance. As always, thank you for this opportunity. It is always a great time to come here and introduce a new employee in the Department. It is especially true because we're also recognizing the upcoming National Public Works Week. I know there will be more on that in a little bit. But, as our newest Maintenance Worker, Morgan has been a great addition and I could not be more pleased with having him aboard at this time. When I'm in in the morning, he's always typically the first or the second employee to come in and say, "Hi" to me. He is always got a smile, even though it's probably 6:30 maybe quarter of seven in the morning. He is always that way and always has been. Morgan has been a long-time resident of Springdale. He moved here as a child from Lexington. He graduated from Princeton. He was very active in sports while at Princeton, especially in baseball. He actually excelled in baseball. After his senior year at Princeton, he first came to work for us as a seasonal maintenance worker and we were impressed with him immediately. We were grateful to have him. After that summer, baseball took him to Clark State University on a scholarship where he soon realized that college really wasn't for him, well, at least for now; right? After that, and around that same time, we had an opening for a part-time maintenance worker, so Morgan came back to us at that point. He worked with us in a part-time capacity for about a year. Earlier this year, when the

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Mr. Agricola (continued): position became available, he applied and he was on the top of the list obviously. We brought him on board and we're very happy to have him with us; this time to stay for a while, instead of going off on another career path hopefully. At this time, I'm pleased to introduce to you, Mr. Morgan Griffin. (Applause)

Mr. Griffin: Thank you. First off, I just wanted to start off by saying, "Thank you" to Jeff and Mike and everyone else who made this possible for me to be in this position. I know not many people first real job gets to start off with a great opportunity like this one. I'm very thankful for that and as well to everyone else who made this possible. I'm looking forward to a very long career here with the City. I really enjoy working for this City and that's pretty much it. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Morgan, welcome to the City of Springdale. You've joined a great organization. We take a lot of pride in trying to move our people up and as far as we're concerned, you're one of our people going in, so, we're very pleased to be able to promote from within if you will; especially since you're a Springdale resident on top of that. But, what really intrigued me that Jeff was talking about, is that you're pretty good at baseball. I know a team in town that could probably use your services. (Laughter) Probably even more than what we need. Welcome aboard.

Mr. Griffin: Thank you.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service

Mr. Coleman: Good evening Council. Civil Service Commission met on May 3rd. We'll share the following updates with Council. The top 20 candidates for the Patrol Officer position have completed the next portion of the process, which was the voice-stress analysis. They're moving forward in that particular portion. The test for the Police Sargent position; those tests have now been graded and those individuals are ready to move forward with the next portion of that process. The typing test portion has been completed for the new position of Police Administrative Supervisor and interviews will be forthcoming and scheduled appropriately. Lastly, three candidates are currently going through the background check process for the Fire Department position. So, there was lots of different activity that is currently taking place in regards to filling vacancies here for the City of Springdale. Optimistic that things are going to continue to progress so that we'll get those positions filled and things will go well for the City. That concludes my report.

Rules and Laws	Mrs. Emerson	-	No report
Finance Committee	Mr. Hawkins	-	No report

Planning Commission

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: On May 8, 2018, Planning Commission met in these chambers. Amanda Zimmerlin gave an update on the grant that was written for the Comprehensive City Plan and we all showed our appreciation for all the hard work that the City did to get that off in time. We will have the results later in the summer; we're very hopeful. Fingers crossed to get that through. The Calvary Church at 11965 Kenn Road came and Gregg Taylor from the City of Springdale gave a presentation. We have changed the way that our meetings are run. It used to be that the people who came would converse and they would talk and then the City would give a talk and now we've changed it so we're going to be doing presentations now before they come so that it kind of gets some of that out of the way and opens up for the information that we need. Gregg Taylor did give the presentation and then they came and said that they were wanting to have the daycare facility and the outdoor playground and it would be Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. which is different from when they first came to us, but it still wasn't unreasonable. It would have infants through five year olds about 77 kids total and they would have trees buffering to the north by the homes and that the playground would have a decorative front fence and shrubs around. There was information from the residents and everyone was happy with it. They didn't have any problems with it and, actually, they were excited about having a daycare there and seeing kids in that facility again. That did pass by a 7-0 vote. 11711 Princeton Pike, the former Princeton Bowl came. They came

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WHEREAS, Maple Knoll Communities, Inc. is celebrating its founding in 1848; and

WHEREAS, over the years its three historic Cincinnati charities, the Widows and Old Men's Home (founded in 1848), the Maple Knoll Home and Hospital (founded in 1854) and the Bodmann Widow's Home (founded in 1881), were among the oldest charitable institutions in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, these three historic charitable organizations distinguished themselves for their ability to meet the needs of the persons and the Cincinnati community they served; and

WHEREAS, since the merger of these historic charities in the 1970's, Maple Knoll Communities, Inc. has continued and expanded that fine tradition of charitable service through its sponsorship of a continuum of services for older adults; and

WHEREAS, Maple Knoll Communities, Inc. has distinguished itself not only in Greater Cincinnati, but on a national basis in the field of aging for its commitment to innovative approaches, quality facilities and caring services; and

WHEREAS, Maple Knoll Communities, Inc. has ingrained itself into the City of Springdale and is now one of our outstanding corporate citizens; and

WHEREAS, Maple Knoll Communities, Inc. is one of the Crown Jewels of this City and Maple Knoll Communities, Inc. makes Springdale a place where people want to live. Improving the quality of life would be a fitting motto for this wonderful organization.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 23, 2018 as

'MAPLE KNOLL VILLAGES 170TH ANNIVERSARY'

In the City of Springdale and commend this observance to our citizens."

I look forward to attending those ceremonies next Wednesday. The other proclamation that I'd like to issue is one for our Public Works Department.

"WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, solid waste collection, and snow removal; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depend on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20 through May 26, 2018 as

'NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK'

in the City of Springdale and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to

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recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.”

Mayor Webster (continued): So, Mr. Agricola, if you'd step forward.

(Presentation of Proclamation) (Applause)

Mayor Webster: The final item I'd like to touch on this evening is Ordinance No. 32-2018. The title says we're going to purchase real estate, but the Law Director says that's the way real estate people talk. I think it's really the way attorneys talk. But, anyway, we're going to sell real estate. Just to give you a little overview of what Ordinance No. 32-2018 is about. It's a contract authorizing us to enter into a sales agreement or purchase agreement with Bunnell Hill Development Company which is a subsidiary of the Schuler Group. We paid \$1,850,000 for the property. That's exactly what we're going to sell it for. We're giving them a 12 month due diligence period. If they ask for an extension, they can get one up to six months, but that's going to cost them \$4,000 a month and that money is non-refundable. We agreed upon the earnest money and they have seen the light of day and agreed with us that \$25,000 will be the earnest money. They'll be out in the market looking for companies, businesses to go in there. We still have the right to say, "Yay" or "Nay". They have to submit a plan that amends the PUD up there that we're comfortable with and we think works for the City. I would certainly urge your support or Ordinance No. 32-2018. Thank you. That concludes my report.

President Vanover: Mr. Agricola, it just seems "anti-climactic" that we give you praise in the heat of the summer. (Laughter)

Mr. Agricola: Busy summer though.

President Vanover: There you go. There you go. Exactly. Thanks.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director Report

Mrs. McNear: I have the General Fund Report for receipts through April 30, 2018. This is based on a Net Receipts budget of \$18.907 million dollars and we have received \$6.928 million dollars which is 37% of the budget that's anticipated. Those receipts are made up of five General Fund Receipt sources which are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Mayor's Court, and Local Government Funds. We have received \$6.494 million dollars or 94% of the receipts to date. For the summary for expenditures, we have a budget of \$18.834 million dollars. We have spent \$5.939 million dollars, which is 32%. Our ending balance for our General Fund through April 30th is \$3.284 million dollars. That concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Parham: Council, I have a few items for you. The first thing I'd like to touch on is a part of Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup's report. She identified two issues. One being the major modification for the preliminary development plan for 11711 Princeton Pike. The former Princeton Plaza. We would need to schedule a first reading and a second reading and public hearing. Recommendation is that the first reading occur at your June 6th meeting. The second reading and public hearing would occur at your June 20th meeting.

President Vanover: Any objections Council?

Mr. Hawkins: I just wanted to be clear. Is this for the Princeton Bowl that was referenced?

Mr. Parham: Correct. Thank you sir. The second is for the rezoning and map amendment for the 1.42 acres for the Maple Knoll property from Residential Single-Household Low-Density to Public Facilities. Once again, the recommendation is the first reading at your June 6th meeting and your second reading and public hearing at the June 20th meeting.

President Vanover: Go for it.

Mr. Parham: Thank you sir. Council, I believe at the last meeting, I gave you an update on the Beacon Hills/Kenn Road subdivision project. The fact that we were not, at that time,

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Communications from the Audience

Mrs. Jackson: Hi, good evening again.

President Vanover: Could you introduce yourself and enter and sign in for the records.

Mrs. Jackson: Absolutely. Hi, so, my name is Brandiss and good evening again. I'm with the Springdale Elementary PTA and so I just wanted to share with you that on this Saturday, which is May 19th, starting at 11:00 check in and we run at Noon, Springdale Elementary will be hosting our third annual Color Run. That's a 5k run or walk marathon. I'm happy to share that we actually have 157 participants that will be there on the track in between Springdale and the Rec Center out there and we're going to run in the Color Run. We also have medals for the competitor runners and competitive people. So, we have one medal for K-5 boy and girl. We'll have medals for the middle school, boy and girl. We'll have medals for the high school young adult male and female and then we'll have a medal for the adult runners male and female. Also, our sponsors, some of our sponsors will be there. We're going to have Maple Knoll. I was so glad to give kudos to Maple Knoll. Maple Knoll are having their 170 year celebration and service and that is fantastic. Maple Knoll is one of our sponsors and so it's going to definitely diverse crowd. We're going to have LaRosa's there, Great Clips is going to be there. They're going to be coloring hair for kids and adults before we even get out there and run, so that's going to be super fun and then we're going to have Kona Ice is going to be there. They're lovely. I did want to invite all to come out and cheer and support and just be around all the excitement. I also wanted to present one of our donors. Thank you so much, Councilwoman Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup. Is it okay if I approach the bench? Thank you for donating. (Presents medal to Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup)

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I didn't even have to run. (Laughter)

Mrs. Jackson: Because you'll be out of town. Thank you. Thank you so much for your support. Thank you for letting me be able to speak and it's a great event and the money goes to Springdale Elementary through the PTA. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you. Good luck.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 30-2018

APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO THE TRI-COUNTY MALL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) (AUTOMOBILE STORAGE)

Mr. Reed: Thank you Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Michael Reed. I'm legal counsel for Tri-County Mall, the applicant in this matter. We've asked for a major modification in the PUD governing the mall. The mall is asking for permission to add a new permitted use to its PUD. That being to allow the storage of new, unlicensed automobiles in the parking structure that's to the east of the former Dillard's store. As noted in the staff comments from the Building Department, the mall parking is currently significantly under-used, particularly in the parking structure, which contains 2,587 parking spaces. The Planning Commission has approved the request with certain modifications and conditions, all of which are acceptable to the mall. I respectfully ask the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the requested change. This change would be good both for the City of Springdale and for the mall. Use of the parking spaces for the storage of new unlicensed automobiles is good for the City since the availability of those parking spaces is in a parking structure and will take new, unlicensed cars away from other less desirable places. The mall also is benefited by this because it allows the mall to make better use of a greatly underutilized asset. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

President Vanover: Is there anybody else that would like to address Council?

Mr. Shroyer: Just a question. I assume that your arrangement with the auto dealers is some type of renewable lease. We all remain hopeful that someday the mall will need that parking.

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Mr. Reed: The lease, as I received a draft today, does call for an option for renewal. Currently, the original contemplation was for a fixed period. But, the idea is that yes, as the mall is able to redevelop and address the concerns that are afflicting most malls these days, that we're able to take advantage of these parking spaces and get them back.

Mr. Shroyer: Thank you.

Mr. Reed: Thank you sir.

Mr. Hawkins: With regard to the option; whose option is it?

Mr. Reed: Well, the draft that came through today is at the option of the automobile dealer. That's something that has to be discussed further with my client as the original proposal that went out did not contain an option for anybody.

Mr. Hawkins: I think it's important that the mall maintain control of that process because if it is in a position where the auto dealer has the option to renew over and over again and the mall gets to where it needs that space, then that could be a problem.

Mr. Reed: Yes sir.

Mr. Hawkins: I'm not going to write it for you, but that's not ideal.

Mr. Reed: In this case, it's not a perpetual option that's been requested and both the term of the proposed lease and the term of the renewal options are all relatively short in duration. So, I'll be working with the management at the mall to decide whether the requested option is acceptable, and, if so, under what terms and whether the initial length of the term of the lease is one that the mall felt that they could work with without adversely impacting the redevelopment and profitability of the mall. I would always welcome your input.

President Vanover: I warn you, he gets paid by the word. Any other questions? Anybody else that would like to address Council for any reason either for or against?

Mrs. Emerson: Mr. Forbes, is this something we want to vote on today before it's all written out legally?

Mr. Forbes: Yes, the ordinance is before you tonight and I guess what I would just remind Council; what you're voting on is a major modification to the PUD to allow the parking, the storage of vehicles as a use there. The specifics of any arrangement between the mall and whoever it is that they're going to allow to do that, that's between those parties. The City is not a party to that. I'd just remind you all you're talking about is whether you would add this as a permitted use in the PUD.

Mayor Webster: I hear what you're saying Mr. Forbes, but I also share the concern of these two gentlemen about what happens if six months from now the mall comes in, they've got this big tenant that needs the space. What happens to this lease? I was of the understanding from the first day I heard about it that it would have to be a mutually agreed upon thing that Sweeney couldn't just arbitrarily stay there if the mall didn't want them that there was a very short period of time that they could say, "Hey the lease is over with, you're out of here." Is that not the case anymore?

Mr. Reed: Mr. Mayor, sir, I'm not sure of the original understanding of the specifics of that, but the lease that's been requested is of relatively short duration. The proposed lease does not contain the ability of the mall to terminate it, for example, on 30 days notice, but, your honor, I happen to have attended a lunch earlier today that was put on by the Tri State Association for Renewal, and our guest speakers were realtors and developers from this region all talking about the retail environment and the impact on real estate. Based on the numbers that I'm seeing from these experts in the field and what they're anticipating happening, I do not envision the relatively short duration of the proposed lease to in any way impact the ability of the mall to fulfill its profitability goals internally. The revenue that's being generated by this is helpful, but it's not significant enough that if the mall thought that it had the ability to convert use to a higher and better use, that it would enter into this lease. I think

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Mr. Reed (continued): from based on all of the client, the mall is working hard and, I believe, attending the show in Las Vegas where the International Council of Shopping Centers meets in approximately two weeks and will have numerous appointments and is pursuing opportunities locally as well, they do not believe, in their best business judgement, that this lease with the automobile dealer will, in any way, impair their ability to regrow the mall and restore it to its former profitability and benefits to the community at large.

Mayor Webster: That issue set aside, we're anxious to see the Sweeney Corporation be successful, but we'd like to see those cars off of every place that you look in our business district. You have Sweeney cars parked there, so we're anxious to see them resolve that problem and this, on the surface, seems like a good solution. It makes use of some underused assets and it gets rid of a problem for the Sweeney corporation, but that's the only fly in the ointment is the one that these two gentlemen identified and I am a little concerned about that too. But, here again, if the mall loses the lease on a huge tenant because they can't accommodate the parking, then shame on the mall.

Mr. Reed. Yes sir. Thank you for your support. We very much appreciate it. We recognize that it's a difficult situation and unfortunately, as was illustrated in the luncheon I went to today, and all of the correspondence and articles that I've been reading for some time, this problem is not unique to this mall. It is more the norm right now. There are a lot of questions and different strategies being applied to make the malls what they were which is more of a community gathering place and to, again, provide the kind of tax revenues that everybody hopes will be issued. The mall certainly has a strong motivation to maximize the tenants and the profitability and quality of the tenants in order to draw the good people of this area.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: On April 10th when you came before us for Planning Commission, we asked several times about if things would start to go well in the mall how that would work as far as getting the cars out of there so that those places could be used for people who patronize the mall. It was said over and over that there was a 30 day. It was said more than once. I mean, Mr. Hawkins, you can correct me if I'm wrong, but I know that we talked about that several times. I just wanted to make sure that, like he said, "shame on the mall if it's not taken care of". I just want to make sure that there was going to be enough of that and I also wanted to point out in this that we had terms that were very specific about where the cars needed to be parked and the amount of cars that were allowed to be parked there. They were not going to be allowed to be parked close to the mall, they had to be, I believe it was the northeast side, 400 on the lower level and 400 on the second level; a total of 800 at the Dillard's lot. Like I said, it must be in the back northeast side as not to impede anybody who's coming to shop, or work there.

Mr. Reed: Yes. The statute does address the 800 spots and it does reference specifically it is 400 vehicles on each of the two lowest levels. We are, in fact, as discussed before, that it will be on the northeast side of the garage.

Mr. Hawkins: Just echoing what Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup indicated. Planning Commission, through the course of those discussions, there was, obviously concern about making sure that the mall is successful in a retail manner. At the same time, wanting to help alleviate an issue with regard to some of the parking of motor vehicles for sale around the City. But, that was a big thing that the Commission wrestled with was making sure this was not going to detract from the mall as the mall is trying to redevelop and improve its look and bring in new tenants. As our Law Director indicated, we're not here to work your deal, but it's important that the mall positions itself so that's going to be successful and doesn't find itself where you're stuck in an agreement that hinders your growth and development.

Mr. Reed: Thank you Mr. Hawkins. I appreciate your emphasizing that and I will certainly do that with my client when we meet to discuss the proposed language contained in the lease.

President Vanover: And as like all issues brought to us that are referred from Planning Commission, this will go back to Planning Commission for final approval. So, we're just basically approving the modification and Planning Commission will then work with the applicant and get the final details on it. Any other discussion? Questions? (None)

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

Ordinance No. 30-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Mr. Reed: Thank you very much ladies and gentlemen.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Ordinance No. 31-2018

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC TREASURERS 2019 WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RATING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Shroyer made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Ordinance No. 31-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 32-2018

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE WITH BUNNELL HILL DEVELOPMENT CO., INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hawkins: I'm going to abstain from voting on this as we review our Internal Memorandum indicates that the purchaser Bunnell Hill Development is part of Shuler Group which includes Hinkle-Shuler of which my mother-in-law is employed. I have not spoken with my mother-in-law regarding this. Don't know that it would benefit her in any way, but in the abundance of precaution, I'm going to abstain from the vote and recuse myself from this discussion.

President Vanover: Thank you sir.

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt; Mr. Anderson seconded.

Ordinance No. 32-2018 passes with five affirmative votes, one abstention (Hawkins) and one opposing vote (Shroyer)

Old Business

Mrs. McNear: At the last Council meeting, I brought to Council's attention that we had a liquor license for the Juicy Crab Incorporated at 1390 East Kemper Road which is an invalid address. In the last two weeks, several people from the City have tried to resolve this issue. I did speak with Christine Russell prior to the meeting. She said she did make a phone call about this as well. Still no resolution. I did want to ask Mr. Forbes, "Should we just sign this and say, 'We're declining this'." They do ask for this to be postmarked by May 18th. We can just drop a note on there that says it's an invalid address.

Mr. Forbes: Yes, that may be advisable. Remember when we get these, the decision point you have is whether to request a hearing or not. It's been awhile since we've ever discussed this, but the basis for any of those hearings are very limited, very narrow. Which is why, generally speaking, unless we're aware of something through law enforcement, that generally, we don't request those hearings. If that's Council's will, you can do that and you may want to make a note on it that we think we know what property that we're talking about, but that's not a valid address.

Mrs. McNear: Well, Mrs. Russell did say that she would send a letter with this, but I want to make sure that we get this postmarked and at least let them know that we don't want a hearing, but yet the address is invalid.

Mr. Forbes: Correct. For what it's worth, I suspect also that if you don't respond by the posted deadline, the worst that happens is that you forego your right to have a hearing which you're like not going to request anyway.

Mrs. McNear: Okay. Thank you. So, Council, with your concurrence, I will go ahead and mark that we do not want a hearing and then I'll turn this over to Mrs. Russell to add her

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Mrs. McNear (continued): note to it and dropped it in the mail so we get it postmarked appropriately. Any objections to that?

President Vanover: I don't see any.

Mrs. McNear: Great. Thank you.

President Vanover: Okay.

Mr. Shroyer: There is one issue from the last meeting that I would like to clarify. Mrs. Emerson, during her comments, made some comment that she felt that I may have felt disciplined in the Executive Session that was under discussion. That is incorrect. There were a number of comments made in that meeting. I may have, at some point, for lack of a better term, felt attacked. I was personally offended by some of the comments, but, disciplined would not be one of the thoughts or words that would come to mind. In my mind, discipline takes somewhat of a superior/subordinate relationship to occur. In addition, I think discipline, again, in my mind, results in some type of a consequence to the person being disciplined. There was, again, in my mind, no consequence, no subordinate relationship and no reason for me to have felt disciplined. If, as Mr. Higgins has indicated, that he was reading faces, if he mistook anger or disappointment for discipline, then that would be an incorrect assumption that would need to be addressed with Mr. Higgins. As to his comment regarding discipline whether he misquoted the reference he intended to make. I'm not going to speak for what Mr. Higgins thought process was, but I did want to clarify the point that, at no point did I ever feel disciplined in that meeting. Thank you.

Mrs. Emerson: Just a couple of things Mr. Shroyer and I'd have to review the minutes, but I don't believe I ever specifically said anyone.

Mr. Shroyer: You did.

Mrs. Emerson: Did I? Okay. My second thing is I agree with you. I think we should let Mr. Higgins make his references and stuff. They don't need to come through you.

Mr. Shroyer: Mr. Higgins can answer the questions. I am speaking for what I felt.

Mrs. Emerson: But you were reiterating what Mr. Higgins said. He can speak for himself. Thank you.

Mrs. Ghantous: Were we going to get some more information about the speed humps tonight? Didn't we leave it somewhere that we were supposed to have some more information about the speed hump thing?

Mr. Parham: As I recall from the last meeting, we had one request for copies of that information. That was from Mr. Anderson. I understand Mr. Anderson has been working with Mrs. Zimmerlin to acquire that information. Relative to Mr. Cassidy, I think that was the gentleman's name, what we indicated that we were going to place the speed sign up. That sign has been placed. It is now gathering data. The Police Chief did provide me with additional information, because I had shared at the last meeting, I think about five instances in which we had officers in that area. There were an additional four times other than those that were identified from the 23rd of April to the 28th of April. In addition to that, there was May 1st in which an officer was present. During that time, there were no violations identified. On May 2nd, an officer was present. There was one traffic citation issued. On May 10th, an officer was present and there was one warning citation issued. Then again, on the 16th of May, there was one traffic citation issued. So, that's some additional information. We continue to have officers in the vicinity. As I recall, the only two things that we talked about providing information on was one, to Mr. Anderson and two, placing the speed sign up to begin to allow it to gather data that we can then look to make a decision as to when we compared it to the information that was there two years ago. That information indicated at least, in my estimation, that we did not have a speeding problem there.

Mrs. Ghantous: So, I really wasn't speaking to the data. I knew we were going to get some more data to try and draw some conclusions, but about the speed humps themselves. I

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Mrs. Ghantous (continued): thought that, clearly I must have misunderstood, but I thought somebody said there was data available on speed humps like about the humps, the installation, the material, the humps and the success or failure that other communities have had. I thought somebody said we were going to ask maybe Chief Mathis or the Fire Chief to talk about that. So, I understand where we are with the data, I just was thinking that I don't really feel like I know very much about speed humps.

Mr. Parham: Correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't recall that we were going to bring those individuals here. We have gathered, over time, information from the various departments as to the experiences of talking to other jurisdictions and gathering that information. That's part of that packet of information that Mr. Anderson asked to receive. We're going to provide that information.

Mrs. Ghantous. Well, if you could put me on the list too, that would be great.

Mr. Parham: Okay. We can do that.

Mrs. Ghantous: Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: I thought I knew what a speed bump and a speed hump were, but Mr. Parham did correct me because I mentioned a location that we both attend and I said, "Oh, how do you like the speed humps? They just took out the bumps and replaced it with humps." He's like, "No, no, no. Those are speed tables. Which is yet another classification which he said is much wider and I can tell you that a speed table will cause some serious damage. I go there five times a week and, if you go more than eight to nine miles an hour, you have problems. I don't know the speed that you can go over a speed hump, but a speed table; it's very wide. It's probably, I don't know, I would estimate that it's maybe six feet wide, three to four inches tall, approximately. It's pretty large for these tables. I don't know what the speed hump width is, or length, I mean I think a hump would be about this big (raises arms) because, Mercy Healthplex is where I'm speaking about. They used to have the speed bumps there about this wide (raises arms), but taller than what we have up there now. They've removed those and put in the tables. So, now, there's three classifications that I'm aware of. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Well, let me go back a little bit. I think when the issue first surfaced by Mr. Cassidy, was two meetings ago and I indicated at the time that we had done a study on this thing a couple of years ago when the gentleman down on Cameron Road came in. Mr. Anderson took that to mean that we were going to provide you with that study. When you ask that question, last week I guess at the last meeting, we sort of looked at one another because I hadn't told him, Derrick wasn't here at that meeting as I recall. So, no one had told Derrick to pull that together and so I asked Amanda, "Amanda, were we supposed to do that?" And she says, "I don't think so. I don't remember" and I don't either. So there was a little miscommunication there, we get some information to you and we go back and pull it out. We didn't say that we would supply it, we don't think, but anyway, we're in the process of getting a packet together and that will be a packet for all the Council people and we'll share with you some of the information that we gathered two years ago and it deals more with the size and what a hump is versus a bump and some of the pros and cons and there are communities that yeah, they use them for speed control. There's other ones that say no you should not use them for speed control. So, I think it's going to come down to some people are going to want them and some people aren't. We'll have a packet of information for all of you.

Mr. Parham: When you begin to look at that data, you will see that they're referred to as traffic-calming devices. They have humps, they have bumps, and they have other islands that they put into play. They have, as I recall, the road that gives the appearance that maybe the road has shifted, they have roundabouts that you'll see a lot of in West Chester, on Hilton Head Island that I just returned from. So, the traffic-calming devices will slow traffic. They work to slow traffic. As Mrs. McNear indicated, the humps, bumps are a little shorter in width and maybe a little higher. The tables are wider in length and then, as I said, there are other mechanisms, but that's part of the data. I think we've been putting that in an electronic format and so we can send that out to you electronically.

Mr. Anderson: I just wanted to clarify. When we were talking about that, the reason I requested it, at the time, I think we were talking about being prepared for when the gentleman

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Mr. Anderson (continued): came back. There was discussion that there was this institutional knowledge and I know I wasn't there when that was first gathered which is why I was particularly interested. Because it seemed like Council had a "like mind" for a lot of what made sense. I just wanted to catch up. I didn't intend for it to be an ongoing endeavor. I am very interested in the research, not just the data of the speed that we talked about previously, but also that general study on what's effective for traffic-calming devices. Just so that, when these do come up again, because they will, they seem to reoccur and come back every time we do roadwork. It was largely so I can get on the same page. I appreciate the extra effort to bring me up to speed where several of us already are. I've learned a lot about speed signs and warning signs lately, so I'm just trying to add to that. So, thank you.

Mr. Parham: One other thing I just wanted to add. One of the other traffic-calming devices, the one that we use that I've found for us, has been most effective is that little sign. We post that sign initially placing it in stealth mode. Individuals really don't recognize that it's there and we collect information and data. Then, at some point, we go back and we activate the speed sign and so that then if you exceed the speed limit that is set in the system, usually whatever the speed limit is in the neighborhood, 25 miles per hour, it begins to "flash" at you. Individuals see that, and I'm sure, perhaps most of you that are no different than I am, doesn't matter if you're going the speed limit, or if you're not paying attention to your speed. Once you see that light flashing, you begin to pause, or you hit your brakes. It's just a reaction to that sign, but the sign does provide information of data collection and it provides a mechanism for slowing individuals when they begin to see the light flashing. Because they don't know whether or not there is someone in close proximity that sees the light that also has the ability to issue a citation to them.

Mayor Webster: We don't collect license numbers for you attorneys in the audience there, or the dais. (Laughter)

President Vanover: Well, if you want to see one in action, or signage, go down to Ross Avenue in St. Bernard because they have active signage and there are eight or ten signs in the front yards that try to drive 25 and then on top of that, the local officials have an enforcing arm out there too. So, they actively do that. I don't know if they call it traffic-calming device, I call it driver aggravation devices that notorious "michigan left-hand turn" that they employed on the bypass for up there in Fairfield and in my mind, there's no good reason but, somebody I guess smarter than I, thought that one up. While we've got a lull here, I got some questions this week and I just want to clarify on the Council Investigatory Committee, the legal entity that is the approval picking is the committee's responsibility. The contract and final would come back before the full body at Council to approve. There were some misunderstanding and I just wanted to clarify that in the process.

New Business

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None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: June 12th at 7:00 p.m., Planning Commission will meet in these chambers.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Civil Service will meet on June 7th in the Administrative Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. I also want to make a few announcements from the Park and Rec. Registration is underway for youth fall soccer and volleyball. You can contact the Community Center for information or to sign up. The Community Center pool opens May 26th and you can sign up for swim lessons this summer. Classes are available for ages three through adult. The Sailfish Swim Team is currently registering children for their program. They will host a "Meet the Coaches" night at the Community Center on May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the swim team. The Springdale Garden Club and the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs Region Four will present a spring garden show at the Community Center on May 19th and 20th. Judging will occur Saturday morning, 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with the show open to the public Saturday, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th, the Community Center and the City offices will be closed, but the pool will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. I just want to make everyone aware that the Law Enforcement Expo will be at the Tri-County Mall on June 3rd. Residents of Springdale either have or will receive a mailer or a little postcard in the mail from the Hamilton County Solid Waste District about recycling. The goal of this program is to increase awareness of the types of

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Mrs. Zimmerlin (continued): materials which are recyclable and an overall increase in recycling of 10% within the targeted communities is the goal.

Mr. Anderson: As mentioned earlier, the Council Investigative Committee will meet in these chambers on May 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Communications from the Audience - None

President Vanover: In fairness, I probably should have brought this under Old Business. I received a couple inquiries about the difference between the beginning of the meeting and the end of the meeting; a council member not being present. I said I told those individuals that they need to address that with that council member. I have nothing to say about that. Be that as it may.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number One, an Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Preliminary Development Plan for the Tri-County Mall PUD to Permit the Storage of New Vehicles which was addressed with Ordinance No. 30-2018 which passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Two, an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Springdale's Participation in the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers 2019 Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program and Declaring an Emergency which was addressed with Ordinance No. 31-2018 which passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Three an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into a Contract to Purchase Real Estate with Bunnell Hill Development Co., Inc. and Declaring an Emergency which was addressed with Ordinance No. 32-2018 which passed with a six affirmative votes and one abstention. Item Number Four, an Ordinance Authorizing the Contract with the . .

Mrs. McNear: That's not right.

Mr. Hawkins: I'm sorry, 5-1 (referring to Ordinance No. 32-2018). I wasn't here, I just assumed.

President Vanover: Five, one, one.

Mr. Hawkins: Passed with five affirmative votes, one dissention and one abstention (referring to Ordinance No. 32-2018) Item Number Four, an Ordinance Authorizing the Contract with the Vendor Submitting the Best Bid for the Purchase of Rock Salt and Declaring an Emergency is scheduled for the next meeting which is forthcoming.

President Vanover: Mayor Webster, you had a question?

Mayor Webster: I missed something under Meetings and Announcements. I wanted to announce that we are going to lay the wreath Memorial Day weekend on Friday, the 25th at 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial. As usual, it's a very low key affair, but Mr. Doug Stahlgren, a member of our Parks and Recreation Commission is a veteran and he's going to accompany me in laying the wreath. So, if you'd like to join us, it's about a 15 minute process, but we'd love to have you.

Mrs. Ghantous: What time?

Mayor Webster: 1:00. The 25th.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: We have an Ordinance Authorizing a Contract with the Vendor Submitting the Best for the Purchase of Rock Salt and Declaring an Emergency. We will also have an Ordinance regarding a Major Modification to the PUD at 11711 Princeton Pike, Springdale Business Center, and the former Princeton Bowl. We also will have an Ordinance regarding the Zoning Map Amendment at 11100 Springfield Pike regarding Maple Knoll Communities changing from single household, low density to public facilities.

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Mr. Parham: Item Number IV, the Rock Salt process, the Public Works Department is currently working on that. I was hoping to speak to him (Mr. Agricola) tonight to see whether we may need to push it back one more meeting. If things are aligning properly, and he's gotten it out to bid, then we would be ready for the 6th. If not, it may occur on the 20th. Thank you.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins moved to adjourn. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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