President of Council Vanover called Council to order on June 6, 2018.

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

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

President Vanover: Mrs. Emerson contacted me yesterday. Her husband has been in the hospital and so she will not be here with us tonight, but he is getting better. Good news.

The minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. The minutes were adopted with five affirmative votes and one abstention (Mr. Shroyer).

The minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Anderson seconded. The minutes were adopted with six affirmative votes.

Communications

Mayor Webster: I just wanted to explain to you why you were just delivered a copy of Resolution R8-2018. I came to the office this afternoon about 3:30 p.m. I check my emails prior, but I checked them again; and, at 2:29 p.m. I got a Call to Action from the Ohio Municipal League. It’s in regard to the Urban Farming Legislation scheduled for public testimony next Wednesday, the 13th. They’re asking us to either, if we’re opposed to this, either come up and testify or the alternative to pass some legislation supporting or documenting our opposition. Really, what this does; I won’t read the whole two pages here, but, it was currently written, “House Bill 175 disregards the needs of local zoning authorities, it ignores the Ohio city’s and village’s rights to determine what is best for their constituency should not be usurped by the ever-growing and expanding authorities of our State government.” It’s just another chip in the block to do away with home-rule charter and have all the authority vested in Columbus. Right now, if somebody wants to have a goat, wants to have chickens, wants to have rabbits, they could always appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and then get a variance to make that happen. The alternative, if this Council feels they want to allow goats, chickens, rabbits, they can pass an ordinance to do that. If this bill passes, then it’s totally out of our hands. In other words, anybody and everybody can have a chicken, a rabbit, or a goat and whatever else you want to throw under barnyard animals. Anyway, that’s why Derrick and I immediately contacted Mr. Forbes and had him cobble this resolution together, which this resolution encompasses most of the things that are in this email that the OML sent me. That’s why it’s being presented to you this evening and hopefully, you’ll amend the agenda and add that to it. I would appreciate it. Thank you.

Mrs. Ghantous: Is it just about animals? Or is it about growing crops?

Mayor Webster: No, no.

Mrs. Ghantous: It’s just about animals?

Mayor Webster: My understanding is this is just about animals.

Mrs. Ghantous: Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: I’ll preface this with saying I’m in support of the resolution. Just a question. Mr. Forbes may be able to answer it. If the State Legislature were to go forward and enact legislation banning such livestock, if the City wasn’t going to enforce that State law, is there any other means for someone else enforcing it or would there be a consequence?

Mr. Forbes: Well, the State law that’s being proposed is not a ban on those animals. It’s the opposite actually. The State law that’s being proposed would prohibit municipalities from regulating that and it would take that up to the State level. If that’s the case, I will tell you I have not seen the full text of the bill yet. It’s in the House; it hasn’t made its way out of
Mr. Forbes (continued): there yet. We don’t know what the final language will look like at this point either, or what the enforcement mechanism would be. But, the gist of the bill is to take away that right at the local level and instill it at the State level.

Mr. Hawkins: Okay. Thank you.

President Vanover: Any other discussion? (None). I’ll entertain a motion to add Resolution No. R8-2018 to our agenda.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to add Resolution No. R8-2018 to agenda; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Anderson: Just to be clear, this is to add it to the agenda, not vote on it.

President Vanover: Yes, yes. Right.

Motion passes with six affirmative votes.

President Vanover: Mrs. McNear, while we are with you, did we have any communications?

Mrs. McNear: Nothing this evening. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 33-2018
AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11100 SPRINGFIELD PIKE FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE HOUSEHOLD – LOW DENSITY (RSH-L) TO PUBLIC FACILITIES (PF) (MAPLE KNOLL COMMUNITIES)

President Vanover: Okay Council, you’ve heard the reading of Ordinance 33-2018. This is the first reading. We have a public hearing scheduled for our next meeting. Is there any discussion this evening? (None)

Ordinance No. 34-2018
APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO THE PRINCETON PLAZA PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) (SPRINGDALE BUSINESS CENTER)

President Vanover: Okay Council, you’ve heard the reading of Ordinance 34-2018. Like I said, this is a first reading. We have a public hearing scheduled for our next meeting. Is there any discussion this evening? (None)

President Vanover: Before we tackle our next item, I wanted to bring up that the Administration has requested an Executive Session and we will add that as “8a” and it was for Economic Development. Okay, next step. Oh, I’m sorry, “11a”. I said “8a”. I’m sorry. It is “11a”.

Resolution No. R7-2018
APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD FOR THE BEACON HILLS SUBDIVISION/KENN ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

President Vanover: Okay Council, before we can fill in the blank, we need to do just a little housekeeping. Do we have any nominations to bring forward for the Equalization Board?

Mr. Hawkins: Mr. President, I nominate Rodney Swope. He is a former Proctor & Gamble Associate Director in the Purchasing Department. Has an MBA from the University of Michigan. Currently is teaching at Indiana Wesleyan; Management and Economics. He is
Mr. Hawkins (continued): residing in Glenview, so he’s not in an area that is affected by the area the Equalization Board is going to be discussing. I also have a nomination for James Dunigan who is a Firefighter for Cincinnati Fire Department; an EMT, father of two daughters attending Princeton High School. One just graduated; the other one is still there. He also resides in Glenview in an area that’s not affected by the Equalization Board. I also nominate Tom Hall who is currently a member of the Planning Commission. He resides in Olde Gate. An area that’s not affected by the discussions for the Equalization Board.

President Vanover: Do I have any other names to bring forth? (None)

President Vanover: Well, since we need three names, and we’ve got three slots, by acclimation, Mrs. McNear, will you add the names of Rodney Swope, James Dunigan, and Tom Hall into Resolution No. R7-2018.

Mrs. McNear: Just one bit of clarification; that last name for Mr. Dunigan. Is it “D U N I G A N.”?

Mr. Hawkins: “I”

Mrs. McNear: D U N I G A N.

Mr. Hawkins: Yes.

Mrs. McNear: Thank you.

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

President Vanover: Discussion?

Mr. Hawkins: Just one question. I know in terms of the charter, indicates that Council is supposed to determine compensation. Is that something that needs to be done at this point or later?

Mr. Forbes: It does not need to be done right this minute. But, at some point, Council may want to take up that question. But it doesn’t have anything to do with the appointment that you’ll need to do now.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you.

President Vanover: For aid, Administration can we get a history of what we’ve done in the past with that issue?

Mr. Parham: In 1997, when the City had probably the initial Drive Apron Program it was a City-wide program. Three individuals were appointed to serve on the Board of Equalization. There were a number of residents who requested to be heard. I don’t have any information to demonstrate whether or not those individuals (Board Members) were compensated or not or to what degree they were compensated. We were able to find just the legislation that then shows who the individuals were and that they were appointed by the Council. I can take another look as we are moving through this meeting and see if there’s anything identified, but I don’t recall seeing anything.

President Vanover: Okay.

Mr. Parham: Actually, it’s right on the front page. I should’ve had my glasses on. (Laughter). It says that “…the Assessment Equalization Board Members shall be compensated fifty dollars for their services in this matter.”

President Vanover: Alright. Well, we’d still need a resolution to bring forward or can we go with concurrence of Council?
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Mr. Forbes: You could set that compensation. You could do a motion of Council if that’s what you would like to do, or, I suppose, you could amend this resolution right now to include that compensation, if you want it in the legislation.

Mayor Webster: We could have a record of it for the future

President Vanover: Yes, that’s probably a good idea. Alright. Then we’ll need a motion to amend Resolution R7-2018. Well, let’s first decide compensation.

Mr. Hawkins: For the record, I withdraw my motion to adopt.

President Vanover: Well, do we really have to do that?

Mr. Forbes: You don’t have to withdraw the motion to adopt if you want to consider an amendment, you can do that while the motion to adopt is pending.

President Vanover: Council, where are you on compensation?

Mr. Anderson: I know fifty dollars was 1920 dollars? I’m not sure what the inflation rate is. (laughter) Can you remind us what the other boards pay on average? I know they have longer term commitments, but what the monthly stipend is just for range?

Mr. Parham: There’s some at one hundred dollars. Parks and Recreation is fifty dollars.

Mr. Anderson: So, between zero and one hundred fifty. Is that the range?

Mr. Parham: Yes, somewhere between there.

Mr. Anderson: I know like Charter is zero. Thank you.

Mrs. Ghantous: Did they just meet one time or are there multiple meetings?

Mr. Parham: Well, right now there are six individuals who have expressed a desire to be heard. I would imagine during a one-day period those can be addressed. If they had to meet multiple times, but I don’t really see that occurring here.

Mrs. Ghantous: Okay. Thank you.

President Vanover: Council, direction?

Mrs. McNear: We very rarely change the amount that we compensate people, be it Boards and Commissions or elected officials. I would recommend that we keep it at fifty dollars.

Mayor Webster: I totally agree with Mrs. McNear, but maybe you’d want to say fifty dollars per meeting and if we wrap it up in one; it’s fifty bucks.

Mrs. Ghantous: That’s what I was thinking.

Mayor Webster: If they have to come back for a second night, it’s one hundred.

President Vanover: Council? Concurrence?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to amend Resolution R7-2018 to add fifty dollars per meeting as compensation to the Committee; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

President Vanover: Discussion?

Mr. Anderson: Sorry, not to drag it out, but, so there’s six this time? So, potentially we’re looking at six meetings? Is that on the high end? Is that what we’re looking at?
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President Vanover: No. At the very far end, yes, but, more than likely, I would suspect with timing and stuff one meeting typically does it.

Mr. Anderson: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Parham: Sorry. During that period (the 1997 process), there were four individuals who desired to be heard. Now you are at six. I think they can have them all in that one day.

President Vanover: Any further discussion?

Amendment to Resolution R7-2018 passes with six affirmative votes.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Resolution R7-2018; Mr. Anderson seconded.

Mr. Forbes: You don't need to withdraw the motion to adopt. You made a motion to adopt, which was seconded. Then it was amended. Now you'll be voting just on the amended version that's in front of you.

Mr. Parham: I just want to be sure of the language. Are you using the same language that was previously used? That language essentially said: "That the Assessment Equalization Board Members shall be compensated fifty dollars for their services in this matter."

President Vanover: Per meeting.

Mr. Parham: Per meeting. Okay.

Resolution No. R7-2018 passes with six affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R8-2018

STRONGLY OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HB 175 BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH PROPOSES TO PREEMPT MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES RELATED TO URBAN FARMING

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

President Vanover: Discussion?

Mr. Anderson: Mr. Forbes, are there any existing ordinances at the state level that regulate animals at the local level? Not necessarily barnyard, but other animals or livestock? Is this an extension I guess is my question or is this "new ground"?

Mr. Forbes: Again, I'm going to point out that I received the same email from the Ohio Municipal League late this afternoon, so I have not had a chance to see the entire text of House Bill 175. I'm not aware of any existing laws that this would just be an extension of. This does seem to be, when it talks about removing the authority of local jurisdictions to deal with it, I'm not familiar with that. There are State laws relating to other animals. There are vicious dog statute that’s at the State level. I know there are other laws at the State level that have to do with animal control. I can't speak to whether specific to barnyard animals as this is described. I can't speak to that because I just don't know.

Mr. Anderson: I just want to go on record saying that I do support the work that they’re doing. Not necessarily the way that they're going about it, but I do support changing zoning laws and ordinances to allow some amount of urban farming. That's a growing trend, it's coming across in a lot of areas. I've had a number of residents actually bring that up during the last election cycle and I continue to get conversations started and based in my area where people are asking, "What can we do in order to support at least some amount of urban farming be it small chickens, rabbits. The current ordinances that we have, in Springdale, require at least, I believe, three acres of land and those lots just simply don’t exist, so it might as well be a ban. I would ask that even if this does pass today, that we consider, we may consider doing something ourselves in lieu of the State. Thank you.
Mrs. McNear: Up in my neighborhood, Springdale Lake Drive/Ray Norrish area, we don’t have fences and we’re not allowed to have fences. So, what do we do there now? We have to have fences shoved down our throats as well if this passes? Also, I am opposed to having chickens in my neighborhood. I don’t live in the country, I live in the City, so I would be adamantly opposed to having barnyard animals in our City. Unless, you’re in some of those larger lots that we have in the City where it’s larger and maybe there would be room for that. But, I certainly don’t want to be woken up, even earlier than I have to be, by roosters. Thank you.

President Vanover: Any further discussion? (None)

Resolution No. R8-2018 passes with five affirmative votes, one no vote (Anderson).

Old Business

Mrs. Hawkins: Just had a question for Administration. Has there been any discussion or progress with regard to the Autism Center and their trailers and the fascia they are supposed to be building on the bottom part of that?

Mr. Parham: This issue was just discussed earlier in the evening in my office. The challenge that I think the Autism Center presented to us the night that they were before Council was they clearly indicated, financially, they’re not in a good place and they’ve not been in a good place. To our understanding, the work that is being accomplished there is primarily through volunteers. Individuals who have expertise who work day jobs, when they have time, energy, effort, and enthusiasm to be able to leave their day job and then go there to help finish that project. So, unfortunately, because of that, the project continues to draw on. Mr. Shroyer and I were talking about that just this evening and the question came up relative to their permit. Well, as long as you’re still actively working and they, from time to time, are actively working, the permit remains valid. The challenge is their financial status and not having the financial wherewithal to be able to pay individuals to come in and to complete the work, but, simply rely on donated time, effort, and energy.

Mr. Hawkins: As I’m recalling, this was a Planning Commission approval. Didn’t have to come through Council, right?

Mr. Parham: I thought it did. It seems to me that it did, because I remember the discussion about concerns of the appearance of the trailers coming into that neighborhood. There were a couple of elected officials who had concerns with that issue. The Mayor was one and I think Mrs. Harlow was the other who talked about those trailers sitting in the opening as individuals are coming into that street into that neighborhood. The gentleman responded, I believe, during that meeting that they really, after perhaps ten years, when the question was raised relative to how long would they be there, I think he indicated maybe ten years. They have also articulated their challenges financially.

Mayor Webster: Mr. Parham is exactly right. I had some reservations the first time that I heard that they were going in there, especially with trailers. I can honestly say that would probably have been the second ordinance I’ve ever vetoed had I detected any support from Council not to support that, but Council seemed to support it, so, why should I veto something. I did that once. It didn’t work out too well. So, why veto something when the majority of Council wanted it? If it had been a 5-2 or a 4-3 vote, I would’ve vetoed that ordinance, because I really don’t think, in the long term that that’s going to be good for the neighborhood. It’s a great cause. They do a wonderful job, but, it’s not doing any favors for the neighborhood. It’s not increasing the property values at all. Quite the contrary. My other concern, long-term wise, is, as Mr. Parham indicated, they stated before Planning Commission that probably in ten years, they’re going to outgrow that facility and so then they were going to have a vacated church and three or four vacated trailers. Who in the heck is going to want to buy that? We are where we are today. They’ve got an outstanding building permit and, to my knowledge, there’s no expiration on the permit as, Mr. Parham says, as long as they’re working on it, there’s not a whole lot we can do. Which is pretty sad.

Mrs. Ghantous: So, I just wanted to bring back up the topic of the speed humps. Mrs. Zimmerlin was so kind to send us all of that stuff. That must’ve been the worst job ever
Mrs. Ghantous (continued): scanning all that stuff in. I would've pulled my hair out. I read most of it. Thank goodness there was a lot of duplication, because I printed it and it was a big old stack. So, I don’t think we can just ignore this. Not just for the Cassedy’s, but, we’ve got the gentleman on Cameron. I know that people on Kenn Road complain regularly about the traffic and the speed and also on Glensprings. So, I read all this stuff and oh my gosh, there’s so many different ways to look at it, but I just want to say that I think that the residents need to make that decision about their own street. So, if we would want to duplicate one of the procedures that one of the other municipalities had for collecting signatures and what was it, two-thirds of the people in the area and ninety percent of the people on the street, but I can see both sides of it. I think the people on those streets have to make the decision about what’s most important to them. I think that they need to have a way to make that request if that’s what they feel is best for their street. That’s all.

Mayor Webster: I hear what she’s saying, but, at the same time I think we, as elected officials, have to decide what’s best for the overall City. I think for us just to yield that to the people on Kenn Road that said, “Yes, we want speed bumps all up and down Kenn Road”, I think that will be an absolute disaster for our emergency vehicles and our road maintenance equipment especially in the wintertime. Once again, we’ve checked with the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, and our Public Works Director and all three of these individuals are not in favor of any kind of speed humps or bumps put in the road. I think once we do it though, I think we are opening, I think, Pandora’s Box and we’ll have them all over the City. I don’t think that’s good. It’s not just me. It’s those other three individuals that certainly have to deal with the situation firsthand.

Mrs. Ghantous: I get it. I totally get it. I wouldn’t want to live in a City where the people in charge of our safety didn’t care that there was going to be increased time to get to an emergency. All of this information or damn near all of this information came from people who are opposed to it. These are people that we rely on to provide our safety and I get that that’s all important. I’m not sure I want them on my street. But, some of these people feel like they want them on their street and I don’t think that I should be the one to say, “Yay” or “Nay”. I think that if it’s their perception that there’s a speeding problem; it’s their perception that there’s a speeding problem. Again, I didn’t lose sight of, from the first page to the last, that the information was all presented from people who were against it with legitimate reason. I get all of it, except there was little to no data from a resident that believed they have that safety concern on their street.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: My question would be if we had the speed humps, you’re saying to go the residents now, which I think, they do have a lot to do with it, but the residents that are there now, may not be the same residents that are there next year, two years from now, three years from now and that could make selling houses in Springdale harder because I wouldn’t want to live on a street where every few is going to be hump hump hump or whatever. It could be a deterrent. I understand that some people may see it as a positive and there’s a lot of people who would see it as a negative. I just don’t want to negatively impact the residential area which we have. I also wouldn’t want them on my street because, with my street being a “u shape”, if there’s a bump, they could easily wreck into any car on the other side. I spoke to our UPS guy who delivers to our work because I asked him if he had any experience in it. He just happened to be in while I was reading everything the other day and he said that it’s really rough on UPS trucks and he said no one ever asks the UPS man how they feel about these roads. He said it’s really, really tough on their trucks, on their tires, on the undercarriage. There’s just so many different people who have to ride down there other than just the people who live there. I understand the people who live there are the ones who live there the most. We have people who zoom down my street, I think, but, it could just mean that their car sounds fast. I know that sounds odd, but some people have a louder car and it’s perceived as going faster than it really is. I don’t know what the radar ended up indicating. Do we have any information on that yet from the findings?

Mr. Parham: No. We had this discussion today earlier. We try to anticipate these things. Unfortunately, we have two officers who have the ability to retrieve the data from the machine. One just retired on Friday and the other is just returning tonight from vacation. What I’ve said to the Chief is that once he returns, then we’ll pull the data off and we’ll be able to take a look at it at that point in time. Then, we can share that information with you.
Mr. Shroyer: I guess I would not totally oppose some type of traffic control device similar to the speed humps. But, again, I would have to think that we’d be looking, even considering that, as a last resort. I agree with Mrs. Ghantous that we can’t just make this go away. We need to address the people’s issue. But, the underlying issue is they would like to see some way that we reduce the speeding issue on their street. Until we’ve seen that data, until we’ve tried enforcement on the street, until we’ve exhausted all other avenues, I think, it’s easy for the resident to drive somewhere that has speed bumps or speed humps and say, “Well, this would fix the speeding problem on our street”. To them, that’s the first and the last resort. I would still like to see us hold out to that being the last resort and focus on the underlying issue is can we control the speeding on their street to their satisfaction? Then, if the answer is we’ve exhausted all other avenues and we’re not there yet, then I may be in favor of revisiting the speed hump issue. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: You know, a couple of times, we thought about putting sidewalks on Kemper Road and we had the Engineer’s Department or the Public Works Department go out and put flags so that the residents would understand exactly where the sidewalks would be so they get a feel for what they have to live with. I’ve seen some form of temporary speed bump or speed hump at different places where it’s to protect wires on the street; that’s a temporary thing. I just wondered if it wouldn’t make sense if we could rent some of those temporary speed humps, put them on the street so people could understand what it’s like. I go over the speed tables at Mercy Hospital five times a week and, granted, it does control the speed at eight or nine miles an hour and I think that would get very old very fast for most of our residents. I think there are other things that we can do. We’ve just put all these brand new streets in. We spent eight million dollars on the streets and now we want to put these hideous speed humps/bumps/humps/tables, whatever the case may be. I just think there has to be a better way to control this other than putting these additions into the street. I’m just opposed to them. I don’t like them. I just don’t think it’s where we need to go. I think we need to look at other options. I’m not saying not look at other options, I just think that the speed tables and humps and bumps are not the way to go on our main streets. Thank you.

Mr. Parham: I guess my first response is that I don’t believe that at any point that we’re ignoring the resident’s concerns. I think the resident has come on a number of occasions, including Mr. Cassedy, before Council. We have all heard the concerns. We have gone back and gathered the data. We have provided the data for you (referring to Mrs. Ghantous). We also have placed, as I’ve read and shared with you in the last two meetings, the number of officers that were placed out on the street. That’s all being very responsive. We have also taken the one traffic-calming device that we do have at our disposal right now, which is the speed sign and we have placed that out there. We just don’t have the data available at this point in time, but as soon as we get that information pulled off, we can share what the results are showing. Each time, and I think the real key here is, that we’ve heard the comments or the term “perception”. That’s what it is. Each time that we’ve placed that sign in a location, it has shown that there is not speeding occurring. They are rare occasions. There are occasions when there’s one or two vehicles during a period of time that drives an excessive speed, but for the most part, the data shows that most of the traffic is driving around the speed limit. So, I think that’s the one tool that helps us get a better sense of whether or not we have an actual speeding problem. It is the perception of residents that live there. You can’t change their perception. You can try to gather information, show them the facts. Because, when I’m standing out there watching the car go by, I determine in my own mind, how fast they’re going or that they’re going above the speed limit. When I use a mechanism that can actually physically measure what they’re doing, then we get the real facts. The only thing I can ever do is present them with the facts and show them whether or not the data shows that there is a problem or not. I don’t think that we’re ignoring the residents. I think you’re responding to the residents. They’ve raised their concerns, we’ve done things to go out there and try to eliminate what they believe to be the problem. The second thing I’ll share with you is that I was just this past week in the City of Dublin and I think Dublin may have had information in the packet of information you received. Dublin is one of those communities that is far ahead of many relative to traffic-calming devices. Now, during my four days in Dublin this past weekend, they had speed humps on a sort of service road around their community center. They had roundabouts in several locations. There was one that I think, when I had a chance to talk to a resident about this particular roundabout, because it had three lanes and the traffic was moving fast. But yet, there’s a pedestrian crossing that is there and he said, “I’m not
Mr. Parham (continued): going to be the first person to try and use that”. I remember getting off Interstate-270 on Tuttle Crossing in order to get to my destination. I had to go through three roundabouts. Those are other traffic calming devices. There is another that I noticed in the neighborhoods where you are driving down the street and as you get close to the intersection, it’s as if they bring the curb more out towards the vehicles, giving you the perception that the curb is in your way and you react and you slow down. Then there was one neighborhood that I remember driving in that actually put an island in there. They are doing a number of things using traffic-calming devices. I did not go through the entire city, but I didn’t see speed humps or speed tables in the main roadway. You saw them on the service road, where it’s very controlled and in an environment where you have, perhaps, children and individuals walking, pedestrians, and so forth moving from the community center to maybe leaving the community center or moving to and from their cars. But, when you got out on the main roads, they used other devices.

Mrs. Ghantous: So, I wasn’t implying at all that I didn’t think that we had been appropriately reactive to those folks. I didn’t mean that. I think action was taken right away and that was great. I just think this is a bigger topic and that there are so many components of the topic from the ADA aspect of I guess some lawsuits because people that had some muscular/skeletal disability said that they weren’t given the right to use the street because it created a lot of pain and discomfort. I mean, there was so much stuff in there. There were lawsuits about that. You didn’t read that did you? I did. There was so many components to this and again, I’ll say I’m glad that I don’t live on a street where people are driving super-fast. Because, I don’t think I want it on my street. But, that’s my own personal feeling about my street, my house, and I don’t want to risk a few minutes delay on an emergency call. I want to make that decision for myself and I feel like the residents, the ones that have concerns about some of the speeding incidents that are on these more problematic street that they would have the right to make that decision also. But, I really like Mr. Shroyer’s approach. Maybe there’s a solution in this packet. All of the information in this packet was also very dated. What the most recent stuff was from 2012. I mean, maybe by now, there’s some other cool ideas for traffic-calming. I looked at photos of all those things you mentioned that you saw in Dublin because they had a good amount of information in the packet. I like that idea better than any idea trying to find a way to make the residents with these concerns that are fearful about safety give them some comfort and some visual. Something to say, “We do care, we are watching” and we’re going to come up with some idea to maybe try and slow people down. I just don’t think we can just let it go. Although, I think Administration has done an outstanding job at gathering data. But, it’s not bringing comfort to these folks. I don’t really feel like we should just blow that off. Again, I like Dan’s approach the best. Can we find some other ways to do it that are better and might not create the delay in the emergency calls. That’s all I’ve got to say. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: Mr. Parham, thank you for mentioning Dublin. My husband and I have spent a lot of time in Dublin especially up in their park. Their city is beautiful. I think they do things better than most places that you’ll ever visit. It’s always very nice and I did mention earlier about those temporary humps. I think that’s where I saw them was at Dublin. Because they put those temporary bumps up so that the golf carts were either ferreting people around and they go over all the wiring and they use those. Maybe we could make a call to them and see where they get those temporary humps if we decide to go down that path. Thank you.

President Vanover: Well, I think we need to wait and get the data as it exists today. Because I will agree completely Mr. Parham. I approached the Administration a few months back on a perception of a traffic issue in my neck of the woods and my perception and reality were two different animals. The Police Chief went back three years and the data didn’t support my perception. Part of it is it’s a sensitive topic. I’m more attuned to it. So, when it happens, it multiplies. It didn’t just happen once, it happened five times and in my mind I perceived that. So, let’s get the current data and then we can take a look and see what options.

New Business - None
Meetings and Announcements

Mayor Webster: I want to call everybody’s attention to a neat event that’s going to take place over at Tri-County Mall this coming Saturday. It’s the Food Truck Festival. They’re going to have like 20 food trucks. I’ll just read you the announcement. “Join us Saturday, June 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the first annual Tri-County Food Truck Festival in the Tri-County Mall parking lot.” I understand this is going to be up and down Kemper Road and Tri-County Mall. “Take your pick. Two, three, four are some of the best food trucks in Cincinnati and have a feast. We’ll have fun for all ages. They’re going to have three radio stations on site. The Heather Roush Band from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Face painter, balloon artist on stilts from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with 20 food trucks and beer provided by the Cincinnati Food Truck Association. Can’t wait to see you there.” You’re all cordially invited to the First Annual Tri-County Food Truck Festival.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Tomorrow we have our C.I.C. meeting in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. On June 12th, which is next Tuesday, we have Planning Commission in these chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I have several announcements from the Park and Rec. First, fall sports sign-ups are still going on for SAY Soccer and youth and teen volleyball. You can call the Community Center for details. It is a program for Springdale resident children fifth through eighth grade. They’re provided a “behind the scenes” look at different City departments. It’s a great program. I was lucky enough to be part of it last year and I’m excited for this year. The program runs June 18th through the 22nd, 9:00 a.m. to noon and the cost is ten dollars per child. You can contact the Community Center for more information. The Family Fun Day at the pool is June 17. You can spend Father’s Day with dad and the rest of the family at the pool at 2:00 p.m. Activities such as rubber duck races, balloon launch, master splash, deck art and more will be offered throughout the day. The event is free of charge to pool members and guest fees apply to non-pool members. Concerts in the park begins this month as well. The first concert will be Thursday, June 21st from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Community Center Amphitheater. We’ll have Lt. Dan’s New Legs here and they’ll please the crowd with popular country, dance, pop, hip-hop, r & b, soul, and rock music. You can bring lawn chairs and blankets and the youth boosters will be selling concessions. Finally, there’s an employment opportunity with the Park and Rec Department. Applications are being accepted for the position of part-time custodian in the Recreation Department for evening and weekend work. Detailed information and the application is available on the City website.

Communications from the Audience - None

Executive Session – Economic Development

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session as a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering Economic Development issues. Mrs. Ghantous seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0 to go into Executive Session. Council departed chambers at 7:56 p.m. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with a first reading of Ordinance No. 34-2018; An Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Princeton Plaza (Tri-County Towne Center) Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Approving the Preliminary Development Plan to Redevelop the Former Princeton Bowl into Flex Office-Warehouse Space. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 33-2018; where there was a first reading of on An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map for the Property at 11100 Springfield Pike (Maple Knoll Communities, Inc.). Consisting of 1.42 Acres and Changing the Zoning District from Residential Single Household-Low Density (RSH-L) to Public Facilities (PF). Item Number III was addressed with Resolution No. R7-2018; A Resolution Establishing an Equalization Board to Address Appeals of the Mandatory Drive Apron Improvements as a Part of the Beacon Hills Subdivision/Kenn Road Rehabilitation Project. Tom Hall, Rodney Swope, and James Dunigan were appointed. That was approved.
Mr. Hawkins (continued): with a 6-0 vote. We also had Resolution No. R8-2018; a Resolution Strongly Opposing the Passage of HB 175 by the Ohio General Assembly Which Proposes to Preempt Municipal Ordinances Related to Urban Farming. That passed with a 5-1 vote. Item Number IV, V, and VI are all forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There will be a second reading of Ordinance No. 34-2018; An Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Princeton Plaza (Tri-County Towne Center) Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Approving the Preliminary Development Plan to Redevelop the Former Princeton Bowl into Flex Office-Warehouse Space. There will be a second reading on Ordinance No. 33-2018; An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map for the Property at 11100 Springfield Pike (Maple Knoll Communities, Inc.). There will be 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 a Resolution Adopting the 2019 Tax Budget of the City of Springdale for the Year January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. That’s it for the next meeting I believe.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council
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