President of Council Vanover called Council to order on April 17, 2019.

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 3, 2019 meeting were considered.

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Hawkins seconded. The minutes were approved with five affirmative votes and two abstentions (Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup)

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: The Civil Service Commission did meet on April 4th at 5:30 p.m. The meeting provided an opportunity for both discussion and feedback in anticipation of the ongoing appeal hearings that have been taking place. To that extent, Civil Service has conducted two appeal hearings in the last 30-45 days. One was the result of an involuntary disability separation from employment and the other was due to termination of employment. Final resolution is pending in both appeals. The disability separation was the result of the employee being unable to perform the requirements of the position without restrictions. The termination was for a violation of departmental policy. The assistance of the Law Director, Mr. Braun, and the Assistant City Administrator, Mrs. Zimmerlin was invaluable in preparing for both of these hearings. Again, both hearing’s final determinations are pending. The next item was the Fire Department Examination for the Lieutenant Candidate which was scheduled for April 12th, was cancelled until further notice. I will defer to Mrs. Zimmerlin for additional information if appropriate. I’ll let her make that determination. Finally, one of the SAFER Grant Firefighters resigned to take a position in his hometown. City Administration is moving forward to fill this vacancy with the SAFER Grant Funds that are still available. The Civil Service Commission has been busy the last 30-45 days and that concludes my report. Any questions? (None)

President Vanover: Mrs. Zimmerlin did you want to add anything?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Just that we’re working through some contract negotiations for the Lieutenant’s position. Once we have that hammered out, we’ll go back to testing.

Rules and Laws

Mrs. Emerson - No Report

Finance Committee

Mr. Hawkins - No Report

Planning Commission

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: On April 9th at 7:00 p.m., Planning Commission met in these chambers. Our first business was PSA Architects on behalf of Red Dog Pet Resort and Spa Circle Storage for the property at 12010 Princeton Pike. We’ve talked about this before, last month, how we couldn’t come to an agreement. We asked them to work with the City to come up with an agreement and we had passed it pending on them coming to an agreement with the City on signage and a couple of other things. Unfortunately, they were unable to come to an agreement on signage, so they came back before us and we’re still unable to come to an agreement on signage. We asked that they meet with the City again and try again. They requested a special meeting and the Commission did vote 7-0 to table it and to have a special meeting on May 6th. So, Monday, May 6th we will be meeting back with them again. I do know that we do have Ordinance No. 8-2019 and Ordinance No. 9-2019 that are about this that we had continued last month. I will be requesting another continuance on those until the May 15th (Council meeting) when we get to those. The second person who came before us was the Housing Network of Hamilton County at 242 West Sharon Road. They came before us last month and we couldn’t come to an agreement on the building materials. We told them what we preferred them to use. They came back, after complying with what we asked, and that passed
Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup (continued): with a 6-1 vote. Professional Design Associates on behalf of Pipefitters Local 392 at 1300 Century Circle North came for a Revised Development Plan. They wanted to add an additional 45 parking spaces. This is just their training and meeting facilities and we voted 7-0 to allow them to add the additional 45 parking spaces. CF Partners Zip's Car Wash at 11345 Princeton Pike. This is where that small hospital was planning on going. Zips Car Wash is now interested in that and they asked for a Minor Revision to a PUD. They want to install a Zip's Car Wash that is similar to Mike’s (Car Wash), but it's more automated and it has free vacuuming. We voted 7-0 in favor of it contingent upon lighting and signage and that they will meet with the City and come up with a plan. Atlantic Sign Company on behalf of Ross Dress For Less at 485 East Kemper Road came for a Minor Revision to PUD. They came for signage on the south elevation of the building and we voted 7-0 in favor. Finally, we had a text amendment for the Springdale Zoning Code. Back in April 2007, the Springdale Zoning Code was amended with Ordinance No. 21-2007 to allow the inclusion of a large 300 square foot minimum to 720 square foot maximum electronic highway sign at Tri-County Mall. Since Tri-County Mall didn’t ever pursue this, we had decided with a 7-0 vote to eliminate the 153.460c which would allow for that large of an electronic sign at Tri-County Mall. We did get an update on Maple Knoll that they had decided to reduce structure and add parking in the back there so that was also in answer to some questions that we had when they were talking about building the additional facilities back there. Finally, we discussed with Ms. McBride and the City, we had discussion on what we would accept as far as signage for the Red Dog Pet Resort and Spa Circle Storage. What we felt was fair so that when they were meeting with them, they had an idea of what the board was looking for and we went back and forth with it and we finally came to a consensus overall of what it was that we felt was appropriate for that space and that was the directive that we left them with before they met with them. That’s all I have.

Mayor Webster: You said that Maple Knoll re-did their plan for their cottages back there? Are they still going to put 14 units back there?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: They had one small building. They had their new units and they had an additional small unit in the back and they were going to be knocking that small one out and adding parking back there. We didn’t have the new plans; it was just brought up during discussion, so I have not seen the plans.

Mayor Webster: Were the modifications all in the parking or in the actual structures that they’re going to build?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I believe it was all. Mr. Hawkins? I believe it was in the parking if I remember correctly.

Mr. Hawkins: Yes, as I recall, it was about the parking as opposed to construction of new buildings.

Mayor Webster: That’s been my concern since day one about because if you have any kind of a crowd there in the restaurant; any kind of events, they need that parking back there and if they were going to eliminate that whole parking lot, or most of it, my question was going to be how they were going to be able to host these events?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: That was something that we had brought up as well on Planning. When we got the update saying that they were eliminating that one building in the back and making that into parking, we were actually very relieved to know that they would have the additional parking.

Mayor Webster: So, that increases the parking?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Yes, it will increase the parking.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Good.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: We’ll have additional parking back there; yes.
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Mr. Shvegzda: That involves the buildings that will be on the eastern property line and there were originally six and they've eliminated three of those units and in that place, they're constructing a parking lot.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals met yesterday evening. We had two applications to talk about. Kerry Automotive at 150 and 155 West Kemper. They were requesting a variance to allow some lighting that they put up as part of their remodel to remain. They didn't check on the need for their permits or what the requirements were before they installed the lighting. We were here talking about it kind of after the fact. Not only did it not meet the zoning code requirements, but there's glare from the lights on Northland Boulevard and there have been complaints from residents about safety concerns about that. We talked about quite a long time. The applicant agreed to research some ideas that could correct or improve the situation and return to us next month so we did table that to the next meeting. The next item was the Homeowners’ Association of the Glenview Subdivision located at the intersection of Vista Glen and West Sharon Road. They submitted a request for a variance that would allow them to place an internally lit sign with the name of the subdivision in the public right of way. We did approve that with a 6-0 vote. When the subdivision was built, there was a brick sign on the right hand side and that had deteriorated beyond repair. They came asking for a sign to put in the center. If you have driven past there, there is an island or a median or grassy area in the center that separates the entrance and the exit lanes. That sign will sit in the middle of those two things at the front with the name of the subdivision on it. Like I said, that was approved with a 6-0 vote. I mentioned last time that we had decided that we would have the BZA meetings now on the fourth Tuesday of the month instead of the third Tuesday of the month and that will begin on the June 25th meeting. That's all I have unless Mr. Anderson wants to add. Any questions? (None). Okay. Thank you. That concludes my report.

Board of Health

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health met on April 11th. All members were present. With the Health Commissioner's Report, the Spring Sports Camp went off without a hitch this year, March 25th-March 29th. Well over 200 children attended and participated on most of those days. Around 350 community members and volunteers participated in the Family Celebration Day on Saturday, March 30th. The food drive that occurred there helped over 200 families. They gave out 288 soccer balls and Frisbees to the children. Needless to say, it was another successful sports camp this year. The Public Health Accreditation continues toward final submission date and for the Public Health site visit. The Health Department is currently looking into hiring a part-time intern to assist with this process. Springdale Health Department participated in the Ohio Department of Health Medicaid Administration Claiming Program in 2018. We were given a check totaling $37,000 toward our Health Department for that. The Mi Tierra Grocery is now opened and that's on 401 West Kemper Road. There was another successful Produce Pop Up on March 15th. It served over 150 families. The next one is scheduled for Friday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Hill Elementary School lunch room. Heritage Hill Elementary has agreed to continue this event over the summer months. Ohio EPA 2019 Mosquito Control Grant was approved for $20,000. The Health Department is looking for an intern to assist with this program this year. Ohio Department of Health swimming pools and spas annual audits was held on March 22nd. Reports are still pending, but a compliance report is anticipated. The Nurse's Report for Communicable Diseases for the month of March 2019. Hepatitis A outbreak continues. No cases in Springdale. Most cases are among people who use drugs and are experiencing homelessness across the United States. Springdale Health Department now has a small amount of vaccines available to give, if needed. The influenza season continues with an increase in Influenza A; that's the H3N2 activity. There were five cases that were hospitalized in Springdale. For the Narcan report, there was zero doses given for March. The Children's Health Fair is scheduled for May 3, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be 23 learning centers and it will be held at the Springdale Community Center. The Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio tentative date for the Latino Expo is on Sunday, October 6, 2019 and that is going to be from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. That concludes my report unless there is questions.

Capital Improvements

Mrs. Emerson: Capital Improvements met this evening at 6:00 in the conference room. We were discussing the 087 Fund. This is a fund that proceeds were drawn from the bonds and
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Mrs. Emerson (continued): this money needs to be spent by March 2020. If we don’t spend this money, we will get severely penalized for it. This money can only be spent on street improvements. There was discussion about the street improvements that had been placed on the agenda in the past and getting those started and underway. That concludes my report.

O-K-I

Mr. Anderson: OKI board of Directors met on April 11, 2019 last week. There’s two items of note that might be of interest. The first one is OKI is asking for public input on a survey related to smart cars and connected or autonomous vehicles. It’s open to the public. It’s about ten questions. It only takes a minute and they’re looking to get people’s feelings on autonomous cars and vehicles for planning purposes as we develop going forward our 2020-2050 planning structure. It really asks about your feelings and what your concerns are so we can get some measurements and do some planning. That survey is available on the OKI.org website or you can get to it directly through the website publicinput.com/2986. The other item of note is the OKI group also put out a new website called the job hub site. This is an interesting site. If you remember, about a year and a half ago, we had a group here, the Smarter Bus Coalition. They had some interesting data for us around public transit transfer times and they had some ideas about that. It is similar to that except that it was done by OKI, where they’re connecting public transit time information around the region; both public and private drive time, so they’re getting sensor data from highways and travel times. They’re connecting that to employment centers which is useful for planning. They’ve created definitions for job hubs, so Springdale is part of a job hub where there is concentrations of different types of jobs. You can get a feel for, based on where we are, how many jobs are in this area that are looked at by regional planners and what it takes for people to get to this region. They did that same thing across all the counties inside of OKI. The website itself is actually really interesting. It’s pretty to look at, which is why I mentioned it. You can zoom around and get a feel for where the hot spots are for employment, what type of employment is there and what it takes to get there on public and private transport. If you have a minute, you can take a look at it. It’s at jobhubs.oki.org. It’s just interesting to click around; it’s joining employment data with transit data, which I think is interesting. That concludes my report.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Webster: I have several things I’d like to report this evening. First off, last Friday Mr. Jones and I ventured all the way downtown to the Phoenix Hotel for lunch. Now, you wonder why in the world did they go all the way downtown just to have lunch. Well, the answer is we were there to support Mrs. Zimmerlin who received an award from the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. She was awarded the Early Careerist Award. A lot of people there, very well received and she gave a little speech and did well on that. We were very proud of her and the lunch was good also. Thank you very much Amanda for inviting us. We really invited ourselves, but anyway (laughter). Also, I think all of you got notification that the Springrose Subdivision is going to have a groundbreaking on May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Hopefully, if you didn’t get that notice, please mark your calendars. We’d like to see all your smiling faces there. Also, I think you’re all aware of the fact that April 26th is Arbor Day. We will have two ceremonies again this year. One at Heritage Hill Elementary School at 11:00 a.m. and then we’ll come back across town to the Springdale Elementary School and I believe that’s at 1:00 p.m. Here again, you’re all invited to that. Also, just to give you an update on our tax levy. Things are falling into place. We do have signs you’ve probably seen those pop up around town, “Vote Yes on Issue 4”. That’s what it’s all about is an increase in the earnings tax from 1.5% to 2.0%. I have signs available. We only had 40 of them printed. If you’d like a sign or give me some locations, I’d be more than happy to put those up. We need to get all of those out here in the next week or so. We’re also looking for volunteers. I think you have all, this evening received one of the flyers, the yellow flyer. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute those on May 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. If you’re so inclined, please let me know and we’ll get you the flyers and assign you a district of the City. Also, I think you have been notified that I have made my two appointments to the Community Reinvestment Housing Council; I’ve appointed our City Administrator, Mr. John Jones and also our chief Building Official, Mr. Gregg Taylor to the CRA and their term is for three years, concluding on March 31, 2022. Also, just to remind everyone, we have a special Council meeting next Wednesday night down at the Community Center. It will be to talk about
Mayor Webster (continued): R20-2018, which is the resolution that authorizes the increase in the earnings tax and that will be the only thing on the agenda. We will be in the auxiliary gym. It starts at 7:00 p.m. It will be conducted as a regular Council meeting and we'll have an agenda. Debi will be there taking the minutes and so everything will be official. Hopefully, we'll have some turn out and some questions. We do need to re-appoint to the TIRC, where we give tax abatements and once a year we have a meeting to authorize the continuation of those abatements. I volunteered to serve along with Mrs. McNear and Mrs. Russell. Our terms have expired, so if somebody wants to raise their hand, I'll be more than happy to step aside. If no one wants to do it, I'll be more than happy to continue. Although I did wreck my car last time when going down there, be that as it may. I didn't file a claim against the City.

Mrs. McNear: I'd be happy to volunteer again and I'll drive this time. (Laughter)

Mayor Webster: Is everybody okay with that. We'll send the forms in re-appointing the two of us. I think that's all I had. I also have two proclamations, so I can do those now or do them later?

President Vanover: Sure, go ahead and do them now.

Mayor Webster: This is for Building Safety Month.

"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

WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes 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 world; and

WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; which according to a FEMA-commissioned study by the National Institute of Building Sciences, provide $11 in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested; 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 protectors of public safety-our local code officials-who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America’s prosperity; and

WHEREAS, “No code. No Confidence.” The theme for Building Safety Month 2019, 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 2019 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses; 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 2019 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

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

With that, I’d like to ask Mr. Campion to step forward and accept this on behalf of Mr. Taylor who is under the weather. Randy.

Mr. Campion: Thank you very much. (Applause)

Mayor Webster: One that all of you could probably read for me here is the proclamation that I’m going to be reading next Friday on a couple of occasions.

“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 26, 2019 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”

I will present that on Friday. One other thing; April 15th is a day of significance. A lot of things have happened in this country. Tax Day, which is a dreaded day for everyone. Next, it’s the day that Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball. It’s the day for the Boston Marathon and will forever go down in history as the day that Notre Dame burned. But, let’s get back to the Boston Marathon. We were represented this year by one of our female police officers; Kayla Justice. I saw, I guess it was in the paper; I saw it on our
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Mayor Webster (continued): Facebook page, but anyway, she’s going across the finish line, so we’re very proud of Officer Justice and we wish her well. I’m not sure where she finished, but anyway, she participated and that’s a big thing. That concludes my report.

President Vanover: I was thinking I saw that. I’ve had some friends that would do it and there’s not enough reasons for me to run 26 miles. Council, your thoughts to maybe give her a resolution honoring her?

Mayor Webster: I think that’s very appropriate.

President Vanover: To honor one of our own.

Mayor Webster: We’ll get that on the agenda.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director’s Report

Mrs. McNear: The General Fund year to date through March 31, 2019 Receipts Report. Our Net Receipts Budget is $18.839 million dollars. We have received $4.748 million dollars or 25% of the budget. That is made up of five general fund receipt resources which are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Mayor’s Court. That has a total of $4.102 million dollars or 86% of our receipts to date. The General Fund Expenditures on our Net Budget of $19.156 million dollars; we have spent $4.265 million dollars or 23% of the anticipated budget. The General Fund Ending Balance through March 31, 2019 is $2.250 million dollars. That concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator’s Report

Mr. Jones: I received some correspondence from Warren Walker of Duke Energy. He is the Community and Government Relations Representative. He indicated that for the past three years, Duke Energy has been advancing a new natural gas pipeline to ensure their ability to continue safely and reliably; serving approximately 435,000 customers in southwest Ohio. I made a copy of that fact sheet that he presented and I am passing that out. Some questions are coming up so he though the fact sheet might be helpful. Read that at your leisure. Also, eight months ago, Mayor Webster hired me and he indicated during the job interview, in fact, Mr. President, you were present as well, that he would like for us to update policy and procedures. During the first staff meeting we conducted, Amanda and I probably the first week, I am assuming it was on the job, they talked about policies and procedures needing updated. I wanted to share that we are reviewing 65 different policies, ten of those have been completed to date. Six others are currently under review and will be completed in the near future. Many of the policies that we’re looking at; over 25% of those have not been updated since the ’90s. So, we have a few challenges on our hands. In fact, we’ve only had one policy updated since 2007. So, it’s just something that we need to review periodically and we’re working on that. We also feel that it will keep us from exposing ourselves to liability. In addition to that, we’re working on some job descriptions. They’re being reviewed and revised as well. We anticipate that those will be completed by the end of the year, along with those policies and procedures. With that, this week is my eighth month on the job and I appreciate the cooperation from staff and Council and the appointment by the Mayor. My final thing tonight, I believe April 15th was also, in 1912 when the Titanic went down. That’s all I have Mr. President.

Law Director’s Report

Mr. Braun: No Report

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Shvegzda: In regards to the Olde Gate Drive Reconstruction Project, the curb replacement is complete as well as the storm sewer work and the drive apron work. Work will pick up around June 3rd when school is out and they can close the road down and replace the pavement. We’re expecting it to be completed about mid-July. 2019 Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program will have bids open to that May 14th. Reported to Council on May 15th with award of the contract scheduled for June 5th. Construction will begin mid-July and finish up late September. Landan Lane Construction, that project that we received the SCIP loan on that project, we’re starting later on that. Plans will be finalized and it will be advertised for bid on October 22nd. The bids will be open November 5th, reported to Council on November 6th, award the contract on November 20th, and start construction in Spring 2020. Complete construction Summer of 2020. That concludes my report.
Communications

Mrs. McNear: There is one item this evening. I have a letter from Duke Energy from Amy B. Spiller who is the President. This is a letter to inform us that Duke Energy has the intent to file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio an application relating to our natural gas services. The application will propose the creation of a new rider to recover the cost of infrastructure investments made under the company’s capital expenditure program to improve services that will benefit both their customers and communities. If anyone would like to see additional details, I’ll have this on file in my office. That concludes the communications. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

President Vanover: First off, we’ll open the Public Hearing “In Continuation” on Ordinance No. 8-2019. I know we’re seeking a “Continuation In Process”.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to continue the Public Hearing in Process for Ordinance No. 8-2019 to the May 15th (Council) meeting so that the City and also the applicant can meet and come to an agreement; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion.

Mr. Shroyer: I think this is becoming a little unusual in our process and normally, by the time that these come to us, it’s normally minor details that we’re working out. Obviously, we don’t want to continue this in perpetuity that we believe that we’re going to get there; we’re not going to get there; we’ll go ahead and vote tonight and let them start over?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Right now, we don’t have the details on the signage, so we can’t vote on it without all of the information in the packet. That’s why we had, at the end of the Planning Commission, that’s why we met and had our little talk about what we were willing to accept and not willing to accept and at this special meeting it’s either going to be a yes or a no and go from there from my understanding. Mr. Hawkins might have more.

Mr. Hawkins: I think that Planning Commission is at a point where they’ve dedicated a significant amount of time to that applicant and that issue. I anticipate with us going through and having a special meeting and spending over an hour at the last meeting going over it to only get to a point where we weren’t going to resolve it. We’re going to have a vote on it, I’m pretty confident, when Planning Commission meets, one way or another. That matter still, in my understanding of the process, still could come to Council regardless of what Planning Commission does and Council will vote on it. I think that, I won’t speak for the Planning Commission in whole, but I think folks are growing tiresome of the process. They want to resolve it one way or another.

Mr. Shroyer: So that I’m clear, Council’s options, at this point are either to continue it or close the Public Hearing vote on the ordinance and, if we don’t believe that it’s going anywhere, we vote no on the ordinance and they start over? Is that accurate?

President Vanover: Yes.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: That is correct. If Council would decide tonight to close the Public Hearing and have a vote; it would end here if you voted no and they would start over.

Mr. Shroyer: I guess I’m willing to support one more continuance, but I don’t believe I would support it beyond that point. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: I’m with you.

Mr. Anderson: I actually had the same question. I just wanted to I say also have the same concern. It’s not just our time that’s being taken up. This is a continuation of a public hearing. We’re not giving, if we continue to do this, it doesn’t give the public a fair option to
Mr. Anderson (continued): know when to come in to talk about it. There’s nothing for them to review and we’re asking them to come in and now we don’t know if there’s going to be . . . yesterday was the meeting?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Last week.

Mr. Anderson: So, we should be able to give the public more notice if there’s going to be progress; not just keep continuing it. I’m very concerned about this process for this one. I get that we have invested a lot of time, and it makes sense to do that because I don’t want to change the rules if you’ve had that discussion with them already that this is possible. I think it should be clear to them that there’s a lot of concern about continuing again at the next meeting. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I do want to answer that. I feel that we made it very, very clear to the applicant that we wanted this resolved one way or the other and that it was, in fact, becoming an issue and I brought up the point of that we have already continued this public hearing once, and this is a problem. It was made very clear by myself and I know Mr. Hawkins said something as well during the meeting. It was made very clear to the applicant that this is not something that we are excited about having to continue over and over. We would like to have a resolution on it. I’m hopeful that, through discussions, that the City and the applicant can come to some sort of an agreement before they come to Planning (Commission) and so that we can go forward and if they can’t, then we take it from there. I, for one, again, I’m not going to speak for everybody on Planning (Commission), but I, for one, would not be in favor of continuing this any further than this special meeting. That’s just my personal on it. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: I don’t think I’ve got anything new to add except just to support the position that I hear being expressed tonight. I think it’s ridiculous. Planning Commission has bent over backwards to accommodate these people. They continue to take up staff time and Council and Planning Commission member’s time. It’s absolutely ridiculous. Either comply with our ordinances or they cannot come to town; that’s their choice. After the May 6th (special meeting), you two (referring to Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup and Mr. Hawkins) representing Council will express to them the frustration that we all share here and that this is it. If it’s not ready to be heard on the 15th, well it will be heard. It will be an up or down vote, then, if it goes down, then they start all over again. If they ever get it resolved. The next time around, we won’t have the first reading until everything is done at that point and then we’ll wait for the next reading in 30 days and so on and so forth. So, they darn well better get their act together on the 6th of May. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: Just one last thing to add. It was stated very pointedly to them that something had to be different when they came back. Because I think that was part of the issue and part of the frustration that several members of Planning Commission had was that there weren’t many things that were changed from when we had the first meeting with them. I think the comments they heard from the Planning Commission were pretty clear that it was not going to get a favorable approval vote had they continued on. I think they also know, at that point, that they have to do something different. Hopefully, they will make some changes when they come back. It was very pointedly brought up by Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup when we were going through the discussion and then tabling it. She specifically said, “Are you guys going to do something different? Because, if not, then let’s just vote on it and move on.” Planning Commission has been sensitive to the issue. It’s not something that we want to drag out for sure.

Mayor Webster: I think it’s just ridiculous for Planning Commission to have to continue to go over and over the same thing and stay until 10:30 or 11:00 at night for one applicant. That’s ridiculous.

Motion to continue the Public Hearing In Process on Ordinance No. 8-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to continue the Public Hearing In Process for Ordinance No. 9-2019 to the May 15, 2019 Council Meeting so that the City and also the applicant can meet and come to an agreement; Mrs. Emerson seconded.
Motion to continue the Public Hearing In Process on Ordinance No. 9-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 10-2019
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEC ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE’S TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Shroyer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2019; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Ordinance No. 10-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R6-2019
APPOINTING __________ AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

President Vanover: At this point in time, I will open the floor for nominations.

Mr. Shroyer: I nominate Mr. Bill Kortanik. He’s a long time resident of the City. He and his wife have raised three children here. Actually, currently live in their third home in the City, which I think, is probably a little bit unusual. I have provided a document in everybody’s mailbox relative to his background both with involvement in the City as well as his work history and the type of work that he’s done. I believe that he would be a good candidate for the position. Thank you.

President Vanover: We’ve got a motion; do we have a nomination?

Mrs. Emerson: I’d like to bring forth Doug Stahlgren as a candidate. He moved to Springdale in 1966 when he was five years old. He’s spent his entire life here in Springdale with the exception of three years he served in the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne. He’s married to Debbie and has two adult children. Both Doug and his children have attended Princeton City Schools and graduated from Princeton High School. Doug graduated from U.C. (University of Cincinnati). He played youth sports here, he’s coached soccer and both he and his wife were very involved with the Sailfish Swim Team for several years. Doug currently is on the Parks and Recreation Commission and has served on that since 2012. He works currently at Fifth Third Bank for the last twenty years and his current position is Senior Employee Benefit Analyst. I think he would be awesome in this position.

President Vanover: Well, we have two nominations. We will poll Council for a voice vote on the nominees.

Mrs. McNear: So we don’t need a first or second or anything like that?

Mr. Braun: I would just ask that you state both names and then you can poll Council based on first name, last name; however you want to do it.

Mrs. McNear: Okay. I meant calling in the order alphabetical, random? It doesn’t matter? Okay. I guess we’ll go alphabetical then.

Mr. Anderson: I’m sorry, am I just picking one of the two names?

Mrs. McNear: Yes. Doug Stahlgren or Bill Kortanik.

Mr. Anderson: I would support Bill Kortanik.

Mrs. Emerson: Doug Stahlgren

Mrs. Ghantous: Stahlgren
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Mr. Hawkins: Mr. Stahlgren

Mr. Shroyer: Bill Kortanik

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Doug Stahlgren

Mr. Vanover: Mr. Stahlgren

Mrs. McNear: Okay, we have five to two for Doug Stahlgren

President Vanover: Mrs. McNear will you then read Resolution No. R6-2019 with Mr. Stahlgren’s name.

Resolution No. R6-2019
APPOINTING DOUG STAHLGREN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R6-2019; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mayor Webster: I was just going to add some commentary. I wouldn’t want to be in your seats having to make that decision, because I happen to know both gentlemen and I think it’s one of these occasions where there was no wrong decision tonight. Both are two outstanding gentlemen and good luck to the winner.

Resolution No. R6-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I just have two quick items for you tonight. We are still working with Hamilton County Regional Planning to organize the bridging sessions. We actually have a phone call scheduled with them on Friday. Hopefully we’ll get some concrete dates and be able to come back to you to see what works best with your schedule and our other boards and commissions. The other thing; you’ll see on the dais, we have put the general RC-2, which includes the text messages. The Records Commission made the change in February to include the text messages; giving 72 hours for the retention. That would allow residents if, someone sends a text on a Friday, to be able to make a request for it on a Monday.

New Business

Mayor Webster: I think it was brought out in the Council report that we need to make a decision on our summer schedule. Go with not meeting for the first meeting in July and the first meeting in August and just have one meeting for those months. Administratively, we see nothing on the horizon that would cause us not to want to do that.

President Vanover: That was my next question. Council, what is your pleasure? We need a motion. If you want to go with the summer schedule, we would meet the second meeting in July and in August.

Mayor Webster: We would cancel the first.

President Vanover: We would cancel the first meeting and we would meet the second meeting in July and August.

Mr. Shroyer made a motion to observe what has historically been known as the summer schedule and cancel the first Council meeting in July of 2019 and the first meeting in August of 2019. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Motion to observe summer schedule for council meetings passes with seven affirmative votes.
Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. McNear: To all elected officials; this is your reminder to have your financial disclosure statements prepared and submitted to the Ohio Ethics Board. The deadline is Wednesday, May 15th. Please do not be late. They will fine you. It is very simple to do it online. If you’ve done it in previous years, it takes about five to seven minutes to actually submit it. Thank you.

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 in the conference room adjacent to here.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will have a special meeting on Monday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers and we will have our regular meeting on Tuesday, May 14th in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. Thank you.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I have a couple of announcements from Park and Rec. The Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Ross Park on Saturday, April 20th at Noon. The event is typically well attended and it has been a long standing tradition here in the community. Parking is limited, so you should probably arrive early or walk to the park if you’re able. The Park and Rec is also offering “Balance For Life”. It is a class that helps reduce the risk of falling. It’s offered on Fridays from 11:00 to 12:00. It runs through May 31st and it is free. Swim lesson registration which is also underway. Non pool members may register beginning May 1st and registration is currently underway for pool members now. You can contact the Community Center for more information.

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on May 21st at 7:00 in the chambers here.

President Vanover: One more reminder, the Special Council Meeting April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the auxiliary gym at the Recreation Center.

Mayor Webster: (Resolution No. )R20-2019 is the only thing on the agenda. It will be a Public Hearing.

Communications from the Audience - None

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Resolution No. R6-2019; A Resolution Appointing Doug Stahlgren to the Board of Zoning Appeals. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 8-2019; An Ordinance Approving a Zone change for the Real Property Located at 12000 and 12050 Princeton Pike in the City of Springdale which was continued with a 7-0 vote to the May 15th meeting. We also had Item Number III which was addressed with Ordinance No. 9-2019; a similar ordinance Approving a Preliminary Development Plan for the Real Property Located at 12000 and 12050 Princeton Pike in the City of Springdale which was continued with a 7-0 vote to the May 15th meeting. We had Item Number IV; Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with TEC Engineering, Inc. which was addressed with Ordinance No. 10-2019 with regard to the maintenance of the City’s traffic control devices. That passed with a 7-0 vote.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: Nothing requested for the next meeting on April 24th. For the first meeting in May, we are requesting a resolution of accommodation for Officer Kayla Justice with regard to what she’s done with the Boston Marathon.
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Mayor Webster: I just had a thought. Since we’re going to have this meeting down at the Community Center next Wednesday, we’re probably the only seven or eight people dressed up. Why don’t we dress down and have a casual dress code next Wednesday. So we’ll blend in with the crowd. (Laughter). I’m sure we’re going to have a crowd.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council
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