President of Council Vanover called Council to order on June 19, 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, Ghantous, Sullivan-Wisecup, and Vanover were present. Council members Emerson, Hawkins, and Shroyer were absent.

President Vanover: Mr. Shroyer, Mr. Hawkins, and Mrs. Emerson advised me that they would not be here this evening. We have a quorum, so the meeting will continue.

The minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting were considered.

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Anderson seconded. The minutes were approved with four affirmative votes. (Emerson, Hawkins, and Shroyer were absent).

President Vanover: Before we get into Committee and Official Report, I've had a request from the Administration to do a slight change on the agenda; move the Executive Session up prior to Ordinances and Resolutions, so, since it's published on the agenda, I'll need a motion to do so.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to move the Executive Session to 8(b); Mr. Anderson seconded. Council approved the motion to move the Executive Session to 8(b) with four affirmative votes.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Civil Service Commission did meet on June 6th. At that meeting, the Commission received a revised job description for the position of Zoning and Property Maintenance Inspector for the Springdale Building Department. With that request, the Administration had asked that that position have its testing requirements waived, because this position requires a specific skill set and Building Inspector Certification. A motion was made to approve the job description as well as waiving the testing requirement in order that this could move forward in the process for hiring in that position of the Zoning and Property Maintenance Inspector position. The other item to be discussed during the meeting was in the event promotional opportunities occur in the Police Department, the eligibility list for Sargent is valid for one more year, but we would need to test for Patrol Officer, Lieutenant and Captain, because these eligibility lists have expired. More than likely, this process is going to commence prior to the first of the year. Again, it’s all being dictated by the possibility of promotional opportunities. Given that scenario, we will be looking at that closely and making sure that we’re ready to move forward in the event of the promotional opportunities. Other than that, that’s the only items that I had to report on this evening. Any questions?

Mrs. Ghantous: What were the key differences in the job description for the Property Building Maintenance, whatever that job was? What were the differences in the past job description and this new job description?

Mr. Coleman: The new job description includes now the Property Maintenance aspect that before it was zoning I believe. It was a Zoning Inspector position. I may have gotten that backwards.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: The position also requires a Building Inspector Certificate now.

Mr. Coleman: Right.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: It did not before, but it does now.
Mrs. Ghantous: Oh, good.

Mr. Coleman: Well, we can because of the necessary skill set for the position, it didn’t make a lot of sense to test for it when, in fact, we’ll be having to review the resumes and make sure that the individual do have the appropriate skills.

President Vanover: Any other questions? (None) Thank you Mr. Coleman.

Rules and Laws Mrs. Ghantous - No report

Finance Committee
Both members (Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Shroyer were not present). No report at this time.

Mrs. McNear: The Finance Committee did not meet, so there would be no report.

President Vanover: Yes, they did meet. Before the last meeting.

Mrs. McNear: I’m sorry, I thought we already reported on that one. Okay.

Planning Commission
Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: The Planning Commission met in these chambers on Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m. We had six members present. The minutes were approved. Our first item was Pretzel Baron at 311 Northland Boulevard. They wanted to add an additional freezer. The freezer that they wanted to add was 8,465 square feet, so it is considerably larger than the one that they had before. We had approved this with a 6-0 vote. However, they do need to go to BZA for several variances such as setback, green space, things like that so, on our end, they were a go, but, they will be coming to see you guys at BZA. Our second item was Klusty Signs Associates on behalf of Princeton City School District, Board of Education, Springdale Elementary School at 350 West Kemper Road. They wanted an electronic sign. They want all of their signs in the district to look the same. They wanted a more uniform electronic sign throughout the district and so that was approved with a 6-0 vote. They’re going to use the same base that they currently have over there. It’s going to be a masonry base and then they’re going to have the LED up top. They agreed to all of our code. So, it will be switched once a day and things like that. Last, we had Klusty Signs Associates on behalf of Princeton City School District, Board of Education, Heritage Hill Elementary School at 11961 Chesterdale Road. Same thing; they wanted the electronic sign. They had even offered to “dim” it or turn it off at night because it’s closer to the homes than it is over here. We said at this time we didn’t think that would be necessary, but, if we got any complaints, we would let them know and they said they’d be more than willing to do that for us. That also passed with a 6-0 vote. Our next meeting will be July 9th. Thank you.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals met on May 21st and we only had one item on our agenda, which was tabled. It was DeCastro Management coming to discuss the lighting issues on the parking lot at Kerry Automotive. We did not end up discussing that and I suppose they’re going to show up at the next meeting. I did notice that it looked like they had made some changes that might be what we were looking for, so I guess we’ll get the details of that at the next meeting. That was pretty much it. It was a good meeting. Any questions? (None) That concludes my report.

Board of Health
President Vanover: Mayor, did you have that?

Mayor Webster: On summer vacation.

President Vanover: On summer vacation.
Mayor’s Report  
Mayor Webster: I really don’t have any official report, but I do have a proclamation that I would like to read.

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the city of Springdale; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community’s economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2019 as PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

In the City of Springdale and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens

With that, I would like to ask Mr. Karle, who is back here to step forward and accept this. I kept looking at this proclamation to see if it said anything about flood waters. (laughter). I think we’re going to need that.

President Vanover: Well, at least whatever water is falling is clean.

Mr. Karle: If I may, I’d just like to extend my sincere appreciation for the recognition of Parks and Recreation Month and also for the support of the Administration and elected officials in supporting Parks and Recreation. Obviously, it’s very passionate personally to me, but I think it’s something that our residents highly value. It’s been a high priority.
Mr. Karle (continued): throughout the many years of Springdale and I hope to think that it will be for many years to come. Just a few things coming up. We do have, as you know, activities throughout the year. The pool is open and in full swing on sunny days. Obviously, the rain has been a challenge for us, but we do continue with a lot of indoor activities. Coming up this month, we do have our concert. The first Concert in the Park is tomorrow night. Weather permitting, we have Lt. Dan’s New Legs. They’re an outstanding band. Coming back here for a second time and we’ll just hope that the weather cooperates and if it doesn’t, we’ll then have to look at possibly rescheduling that one. We do have other concerts coming up in July and August. The Booster Group sells refreshments and we hope that you’ll come out and support that as well as our other activities throughout the year. Thanks again.

President Vanover: Thank you Greg.

Mayor Webster: That’s all I have.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: The General Fund update through May 31, 2019 for receipts, based on a net receipt budget of $18.839 million dollars. We have received $8.539 million dollars, which is 45%. The receipts are from five general sources which are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Mayor’s Court. That is a total of $7.55 million dollars or 88% of the revenue that we have received to date. For expenditures, based on a net budget of $19.156 million dollars, we have spent $7.765 million dollars which is 41% of the budget. Our General Fund Ending Balance through May 31, 2019, is $2.496 million dollars and that concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator’s Report

Mr. Jones: We’ve received a few complaints recently on Cameron and our Police Department decided that they would monitor that both by monitoring the speed, but also by doing it “in-vehicle” as well. They did that June 7th through the 13th, a total of seven days. The speed limit there is 25 miles per hour. During those seven days, 2,031 cars passed through there, which is 290 per day. The average speed was 26.4 miles per hour. So, 85% of all the vehicles that were going through there was 30 miles per hour or less. Chief (Mathis) does indicate to me that a few tickets were issued, but the vast majority of the drivers were in compliance. Wanted to remind you, our Economic Development Director tells us there is a free seminar scheduled for tomorrow, which is June 20th from 6:15 until 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. That is, though specifically anyone can attend, but for those looking to build or buy a home. In addition, reminder that CiTiRAMA is coming to Springdale. That will be September 7th through the 15th. Along with that, 13 confirmed sales of lots over there with another four on hold, so, 17 total of the 50 lots. They tell us that at this point of the development, it’s the most that they’ve ever had. That’s it for this evening. Thank you.

Law Director’s Report

Mr. Braun - No report

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Shvegzda: Update on Olde Gate Drive Reconstruction, we just did receive word from the contractor today that they anticipate beginning construction again mid-July. I guess their other projects that they’re involved with are behind schedule due to the weather. So, they’re late in getting back to Old Gate. The 2019 Street Maintenance Program; that contract was awarded at the last Council meeting, based bids on the three alternate bids, the pre-construction meeting schedule for tomorrow, so after that, we’ll have a better idea of the schedule for the rest of the work on that. The 2019 Street Rehabilitation Program; all bids were rejected and possibly re-bid that later this year. Landen Lane Reconstruction; no change on that; no updates. Fire Department Vehicle Exhaust Removal System; that contract was awarded at the last Council meeting. Pre-construction meeting was held and the construction completion date is August of this year. That concludes my report.
Communications

Mrs. McNear: I do have one item that was an email from Shaun Davidson. This was addressed to all the elected officials and the subject is Forest Park Branch Library Community Listening Session. The email reads as such, "My name is Shawn Davidson and I am the Manager of the Forest Park Branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. While our branch resides in and is named for Forest Park, many residents of Springdale heavily utilize our facility, as it is the nearest public library in Hamilton County. Today’s library is a hub of activity; technology session have introduced our young people to coding, 3D printing and robotics. Our staff are always busy assisting job seekers with creating resumes and applying for positions online. Our home help sessions nearly doubled compared to the previous year. We are currently in the midst of our popular summer adventure program in addition to preparing for our branch’s 50th anniversary on September 14th. Furthermore, thanks to the residents of Hamilton County and the successful levy campaign, the library as a whole will receive approximately $19 million dollars in additional funding for the next ten years with the bulk of this funding going towards improving each of the library’s 41 locations. To ensure that taxpayer funds are used ethically, efficiently, and effectively, the library will work with experts to create a facilities master plan. The development of the plan will take place throughout 2019 and the library will work with consultant group Four and local company, Design Impact to hold hundreds of community engagement sessions to listen and learn from the community about what their biggest needs are and how the library can be re-envisioned to serve not just today’s generation, but also generations to come. The community listening session for Forest Park Branch is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m. I would love to see all of you there at the session to hear directly from community members and to share your thoughts about the library. Even if you are unable to attend, I ask that you please share the date and time as widely as possible. I would really love to have a large turnout for the session. Library staff, including administrators, will be attending and this will be an enormous opportunity to be involved with shaping the future of the library services in the community. I have attached a flyer that can be printed or distributed on social media. Sincerely, Shaun Davidson, Branch Manager, Forest Park Branch Library." So for any of those that are interested, you are welcome to join at the library to provide your input on what you’d like to see happen at the library in the future. That concludes Communications. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience

Mrs. Russell: Thank you very much. I’m here this evening with a guest to discuss a financing tool that property owners can utilize to fund energy efficiency improvements at their property. It’s called Property Assessed Clean Energy or “PACE”. If we can take a little walk down memory lane. In July of 2014, Council approved a resolution in support of establishing a PACE district in Springdale. Due to a number of reasons, this program was never launched following that resolution of support. Since that time, five of our neighboring jurisdictions have joined together and formed what is called the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District or Suburban Communities ESID. Those communities are Sharonville, Loveland, Deer Park, Symmes Township, and Sycamore Township. Very soon Blue Ash will be joining that ESID. Because we are contiguous, and adjacent to Sharonville, one of the communities in there, that is an option for us to join that ESID. In addition, we have received a recent request from Sheakley, large corporation here in Springdale; that they are interested in using PACE financing to make some significant improvements to their building which, we always love to see when our property owners are looking to make a big investment in their building, so those two things combined, has me here tonight to kind of refresh this discussion. Our goal this evening is not to ask for any action, but just to present this opportunity, answer any questions you may have, and, to that end, I’d like to introduce Chris Jones. He is the Director of PACE financing from the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance and Chris is going to give a bit of an overview about PACE. Kind of refresh all of our memories on exactly what it is and how it works. He’s going to talk about that Suburban Communities ESID and then also a little bit of specific information on the project that Sheakley is looking to do.
Mr. Jones: Good evening everyone and thank you for the time. Again, Chris Jones; I'm with the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance. The handout; I won’t go into great detail, but, for those of you that haven’t heard about us or know about us, we are a 501c3 non-profit founded in 2009. Simply, the mission of our organization is to grow energy efficiency and renewable energy in buildings, including homes as well. With regards to PACE financing, we’re only talking about commercial properties. It is also available because this is a voluntary special assessment request. It does afford even nonprofits. So, any churches or YMCA are nonprofits, even though they don’t pay the standard property tax as you’re aware. Again, this is a voluntary special assessment request to repay a PACE loan for energy efficiency and renewable energy type of improvements. So, I think a little bit of the background, although it was only five years ago, it seems a lot longer than that as far as kind of the work that we’ve done and I would just point you then to the very back of this and kind of the local community, just to give a big picture of what has been done here in Greater Cincinnati. The City of Cincinnati, actually, was the first energy special improvement district in our area. That got formed in 2014. Norwood actually came behind shortly thereafter, and then a couple of years ago, Sycamore Township had a project, actually, it was the kids first sports center up there on Kemper Road that had really a similar project here Sheakley which is going to be rooftop solar panels and then an LED retrofit of the entire building. So, what happened then is Sycamore Township created the ESID, as Christine mentioned, any joining local governments can simply “opt in” and kind of make that ESID grow rather than each community have to start their own ESID. All those communities that she mentioned, is what is a part of that Suburban Communities as we call it today. What is PACE financing just simply? It’s Special Assessment Financing. As I’ve done this now for five or so years, we also do this all throughout the state of Kentucky as well. It’s kind of hard to explain and I know Joe, some of you might know, has been a part of helping Loveland actually come on board recently. He knows the details to this, but, we’re always kind of amazed that, even though this is a real simple concept of a single property owner requesting the special assessment, I know you all are really familiar with how special assessments work in financing things like sidewalk improvements, where you have dozens of possibly property owners paying into that one improvement. This is, again, just simply one property owner asking for the special assessment and it only affects that single property owner. It doesn’t affect anybody else. The property owner pays all costs. There is no risk to the City. Property owner, again, pays all costs for the loan. Really, the local government’s part of this is obviously, authorizing and levying the special assessment request by that property owner and then someone asks, “Well, I was looking at the downside, what if the property owner wouldn’t pay their property tax and this special assessment included”. It is clearly written in all these local documents that the local government is at no risk should the property owner not pay. There’s again, no risk, no financial obligation. These are all private loans. I guess I should mention that. These are all private loans, private funders that are providing the capital so we’re not asking for any bonding requirements or authorization to this. So, it’s a private loan made to one single property owner that is repaid via a special assessment that’s added to the property. I’ll stop there for questions.

Mayor Webster: Who provides the funds?

Mr. Jones: So, these companies are not the Fifth Third banks or US banks of the world, but kind of in our PACE financing world, they’re all kind of known entities at this point. Companies like, they’re called Greenworks Lending, CleanFund Financing. We actually have one local bank that has started lending in the PACE world and it’s CenterBank out on the east side of town. We think that there will be more local banks as PACE kind of goes on and they understand the investment that they would be making, but right now it’s more like equity firms that have more of a national footprint.

Mayor Webster: What about the interest rate? Is that reduced?
Mr. Jones: The interest rates right now on the projects that we are closing are in the 6.0% to 6.5% range. One of the key things with regards to PACE that makes it really advantageous for a property owner is that you can stretch the term out as long as the useful life of the improvement. When you are able, obviously to stretch the term, it reduces obviously the financial payment amount so it really helps the businesses in the cash flow and a lot of these projects and Sheakley is going to be in one of them, is that the actual energy savings, or energy production with like solar panels, is actually more than what the repayment is going to be, it's actually kind of a cash flow positive from day one in a lot of cases.

Mayor Webster: Thank you.

Mr. Jones: The other thing that I would add just from kind of to the point of the real "on-the-ground mechanics" of all this is that, obviously, each property owner does have to have equity in their property, but what happens on an existing property, we have PACE lenders that will lend up to 30% of the appraised value of the property. Just to round numbers, if it’s a $1,000,000 dollar appraised value, a $300,000 dollar loan would be kind of the maximum loan. This also does work for new construction projects as well, but the maximum PACE loan would be 20% of the “as completed” appraised value. The new construction not only kind of locally in Ohio and across the country is really kind of taking off because, I won’t bore you with the details, but basically, that 20% at roughly 6% to 7% range is replacing 9% to 15% preferred equity or mezzanine financing and so for that aspect, it really has become advantageous.

Mrs. Russell: If I could just wrap up, as Chris alluded to, once we “opt in” to this ESID, any property in Springdale would have the option to, again, voluntarily take on a special assessment and do an energy efficiency project using PACE financing, so this becomes a tool that any of our commercial property owners can use. So, going forward, again, we’re not asking for any action tonight, but we will be bringing an ordinance in July asking to both opt into the ESID and also to appoint two people to the ESID Board and I’ll work with Administration in advance of that to make sure we have people identified and know clearly, in just a high level, an elected official, and then somebody from Administration are the two appointees. So, we’ll make sure we figure out who those will be. Then, going forward, I also want to mention we will bring that with the emergency clause because Sheakley does want to get moving on their project and this is a two-step process. The next step then is that in between our July meeting and our August meeting, assuming that this passes, the ESID Board will meet, they will approve the Sheakley project, then it will come to Springdale City Council to both approve the project and to levy that special assessment. That would likely come before you in August. I just wanted to lay out the future steps. Then, beyond that, any other property owner that decides to pursue this, it would just be the one time of coming for you to approve the project and levy the special assessment once we’re opted in, that’s just a one-time action. We don’t have to do that again. Any other questions? (None) Great. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Executive Session – Personnel Matters

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion that Council go into Executive Session as a Committee of the Whole and discuss discipline, dismissal, and compensation of a public employee; Mr. Anderson seconded. Council departed chambers at 7:31 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Anderson made a motion for the City of Springdale to enter into a Release and Settlement Agreement with Mr. Anthony T. Price; Mrs. Ghantous seconded. Council approved the motion to enter into a Release and Settlement Agreement with Mr. Anthony T. Price with four affirmative votes.
President Vanover: Council, just to be clear, we have two ordinances; 20 and 21 (Ordinance No. 20-2019 and Ordinance No. 21-2019) that do include an emergency clause. We have to have a super majority to act with the emergency clause. We’re going to do a first reading with the emergency clause and then do the second reading in our July 17th meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 20-2019
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 03-2019 TO REVISE THE PAY TABLE FOR FULL-TIME PART-TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ordinance No. 21-2019
AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS (MRF) RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF EAST KEMPER ROAD FROM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Webster: Mr. Shvegzda, could you give us some parameters on this? It just says East Kemper Road. Is that from (Route) 747 all the way to the corporation line?

Mr. Shvegzda: This particular MRF amount is for the repair to the bridge on Kemper Road over CSX.

Mayor Webster: Primarily just for the bridge?

Mr. Shvegzda: That is correct.

Mayor Webster: Thank you.

Resolution No. R9-2019
ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2020 AND THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

Mrs. Zimmerlin: It’s also a Public Hearing.

President Vanover: At this point then, we’ll open up a public hearing. Anybody like to address Council for either for or against the issue? Please come forward.

Mr. Anderson: I just want clarification on the fact that it’s a public hearing. I saw that it was in the resolution as being advertised as a public hearing. Is it sufficient that it was in our agenda that we were going to act on it tonight, or did we have to advertise it differently?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: It was advertised in the paper. As a public hearing for tonight.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.


Resolution No. R10-2019
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY QUICK RESPONSE TEAM

Mr. Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R10-2019; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. Resolution No. R10-2019 passes with four affirmative votes.
Old Business

- None

New Business

Mrs. Zimmerlin: You will notice on the dais you have a letter from Mr. Bauer, the Secretary of the Planning Commission. Planning Commission did approve at their special meeting on May 6th, after a public hearing, some changes to Section 153.460 of the Zoning Code. So, we’re requesting a first reading of an ordinance for these changes at the next meeting, which is the 17th of July and a public hearing and a vote at the second meeting in August.

Mrs. McNear: Council, you had a liquor license transfer request in your packet. You may be scratching your head saying, “Didn’t we already do this?” This is for the Juicy Crab at 1309 East Kemper Road. The transfer is coming from Harrison Home Company at 10490 North State Street, Building A, Harrison Township, Harrison, Ohio. The reason that we are revisiting this is the former transfer fell through and the Juicy Crab had to obtain another transfer. That’s why we’re revisiting this at this time. I’d ask Mrs. Russell if there is anything else that she has to add. (Mrs. Russell shook her head no). Nothing. Okay, good.

Mr. Anderson: Just a question. This is now the Cincy Crab, it was the Juicy Crab. Is all of their “doing business as” still under Juicy Crab? Is there going to be an issue with the liquor license transfer? Is that their problem?

Mrs. McNear: No, the problem wasn’t their name. They are Cincinnati Crab on their building, but I think their incorporation papers, Christine, correct me if I’m wrong, but their incorporation papers, are those still not under Juicy Crab?

Mr. Anderson: I’m just trying to avoid another delay for them if it’s just a paperwork problem.

Mr. Anderson: Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. Russell: So, they are still registered with the Secretary of State as Juicy Crab. Whether that will pose a problem, I’m not a liquor attorney, so I do not know. I can’t promise that we won’t see that again, but, at this point, they are moving forward using the name that is registered with the State.

Mr. Anderson: Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: This request is for a D5 license. This is spirituous liquor for on-premises consumption only; (beer, wine, and mixed beverages for on premises or off premises in the original sealed containers) until 2:30 a.m.

Mayor Webster: So, as you recall, the first request we got gave an address that was right out in the middle of the damn intersection. So then they opened up with a name that was in conflict with a company down in Georgia, so, they had to close up, rename the operation. I guess, did they ever get that initial liquor license or did they lose that?

Mrs. Russell: No, we did not have any available licenses, so they were not awarded a liquor license as part of their first application process.

Mayor Webster: So, I wish all businesses in Springdale well, but I think it’s pretty evident that this place does not know what to call themselves and they’ve gone out and bought this liquor license. I see it’s a TREX that came from Harrison. I don’t know how you object to it, but still and all, they’re not getting off on a very good note as far as I’m concerned.

Mrs. Russell: I’ll add that the first TREX that we brought to Council and Council voiced support for, that fell through; through no fault of their own. The person that they were purchasing the license from did something that resulted in their license being revoked, thus they had no license to transfer. That really was just, sadly, bad luck on the part of that business. So that is why they’re coming with this second TREX transfer. But, the Mayor is correct, they did at first, try to just receive a liquor license through the quota based program.
Mrs. Russell (continued): There were none available. There was a mix up with the address, we don’t know if that was a problem on the applicant’s side or on the data entry at the liquor bureau, so unclear. But, they have clearly had their share of hurdles in getting this liquor license.

Mrs. McNear: I’ll have the paperwork filed. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: This probably was more for Old Business, but in light of our attendance here tonight, or lack thereof, I’d like for us to keep this in mind next year when we decide whether we want to have a summer schedule or not. I think, and I’m not criticizing anybody. I mean everybody has vacation plans. Some people can control them, some people can’t. Some people have to take it whenever their employer says so. So, but in light of that, I wonder if it’s even wise for us to think, “Well, we only need one meeting in July and August”, because tonight we’ve got two relatively important topics that we would like to have gotten passed this evening. Well, okay, we can live with a two week delay, but then we look at the calendar, and it’s a five week delay. It will be five weeks before we meet again. So, I just had those things. I think we ought to take a good long look next year before we decide to take a summer vacation.

President Vanover: Well, would it make the Administration’s life easier if we called, at this point, it would have to be a Special Council meeting than our normal first of July week which would be . .

Mayor Webster: President Vanover I appreciate your offer, but I really don’t think that would be fair to the people that have scheduled their vacations thinking we had no meeting scheduled, so, they go out of town and all of the sudden, you find out that “While I’m gone, they scheduled a special meeting”? I would feel very uneasy doing that. I think I’d rather try to muddle through and wait the five weeks for the legislation.

President Vanover: Just throwing the offer out.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Appreciate that.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. on July 9th.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I have several announcements from the Parks and Rec Department. First, fall sports sign-ups are currently underway for instructional soccer, SAY soccer, and youth and teen volleyball. Swim lessons are also underway and the second session begins July 8th. Pool members are now being accepted and non-pool members may begin to register on July 1st. The cardboard regatta will take place on July 7th at 2:00 p.m. and participants must build a boat made of cardboard and tape with handmade oars in preparation for the day of the race. You can register at the community center by July 1st and this is a free event to all pool members. Also, the summer splash pool party, Club Rec is hosting that for children entering fifth grade through eighth grade at the community center pool on Friday, July 12th from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. The event is two dollars per community center member and four dollars for their guest. Members are permitted to bring one non-member guest. Members should bring their community center i.d. and non-members; a photo i.d. They’ll enjoy music, swimming, and games. You can contact the community center for more information on all of those events. I also have a few announcements from the Police Department. Particularly, on June 26th, which is next Wednesday, the Special Olympics Torch Run will come up Route 4 and go to our Rec Center. It will probably be here around noon. So, if you have time, you can come out and cheer everybody on. On July 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the neighborhood watch meeting, the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office helicopter is going to land. July 15th through the 17th the Commission on Accreditation and Law Enforcement Agencies will be doing their on-site review at the Police Department. That’s all I have.

Mr. Anderson: We have a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting here, a special meeting, on July 2nd in these chambers at 7:00 p.m.
Mrs. Ghantous: So does that mean we’re not meeting on the 25th? Does anybody know?

Mr. Anderson: We’re currently are scheduled for it.

Mrs. Ghantous: For the meeting on the (June) 25th and the 2nd (of July)?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: To the best of my knowledge, yes.

Mr. Anderson: Yes, so, we’re also meeting on June 25th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers. Sorry.

Mrs. Ghantous: June 25th and July 2nd.

President Vanover: Okay. Alright, good.

Communications from the Audience - None

Update on legislation still in development

President Vanover: At this point I would normally roll to our vice president, but I’m filling in tonight. Council as we review our packet this evening, you will note that Item I, was dispensed with under Resolution No. R9-2019. Item Number II, was likewise dispensed under Resolution No. R10-2019. Item Number III, was a first reading of Ordinance No. 21-2019. Item Number IV, a first reading of Ordinance No. 20-2019. Item Number V is forthcoming at our July meeting. That would cover that.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

President Vanover: Item we are bringing forward for that and also the Planning Commission recommendation.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Yes. And also the ordinance for the PACE program.

President Vanover: Right; the ordinance for the PACE program.

Mayor Webster: We’re talking about attendance and people missing and so forth. There’s one person on the dais that should be missing this evening and that’s Mrs. Zimmerlin. This is her 15th wedding anniversary and she gave that up to spend the evening with us. (Applause)

Mrs. McNear: Congratulations.
President Vanover: Yes. That’s awesome. Fifteen years and three boys, right?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Three boys and one girl.

Adjournment

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Anderson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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