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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on September 18, 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.

President Vanover: Council, we've got a presentation that we've inserted at 5(a) and, as we get down to Item Number 9, I have had a request by the Administration to withdraw that, so, I'll need a motion to withdraw when we get there.

Mayor Webster: I'd like to just take a couple of minutes and make a few comments. It's nice to see so many smiling faces out here. The only times we ever see a crowd like this is if we've done something terribly wrong; we've put sidewalks in somebody's front yard or one of our Departments has done something remarkable and I'm proud to say this is the latter. Welcome to all of you and come back; don't wait for something magnificent to happen to come and pay us a visit.

The minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting were considered. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Emerson seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: If Chief Mathis would like to come up and talk about his department.

Presentation by Springdale Police Chief Michael Mathis

Chief Mathis: I'd like to thank Council, Mayor, and City Administration for allowing us to come here tonight. I think this is a really important thing to talk about. When something critical happens, some type of critical incident happens in the City and discuss that and how that impacts our operations and on the City. On September 4, 2019, at about 12:45 p.m. our officers were dispatched to the Target store at 900 East Kemper Road on the report of a person armed with a knife. The store was being evacuated. Obviously, this is a very serious issue in today's day and age all kinds of things go through your mind. Whether it's an active assailant in this case, a knife attack or some kind of dispute. You don't know what the situation is. I just sat down to eat lunch and I couldn't have been any further away from Target than if I'd have pre-planned, but, when those kind of calls come out, all I could do immediately was to say a quick prayer for the safety of the people who are responding there because these people are a big part of my family and I respect the work they do and I'm going to tell you about the work that they did because it was remarkable.

Before I get into the "meats and potatoes" of what our people did, I do think it's relevant to say no community can ever do any kind of major critical incident by themselves. We have partners throughout this region that we utilize that played a critical role in the success we had that day. I would like to say that there were a lot of moving parts and a lot of people that played a role. Target's Management and Loss Prevention couldn't have done a better job in recognizing a threat, responding immediately to it, and getting the store safely evacuated of both their employees and their customers. They did a great job and really set the stage for a safer response for everybody. The Hamilton County Communications Center; they don't get half the credit they should ever get. That's the voice at the other end of the radio. It's kind of funny, myself; and the Captain went up there a few weeks ago for the retirement of a dispatcher who had been there forever. I had to go into the room and look around because I had no idea what she looked like until she spoke; then I knew who she was. Because they're just a voice at the other end of the radio, but, at least in our line of work, they do a lot to take care of us.

Then, we had the Springdale Fire Department; they came out because we anticipated there could be injuries. They staged, they stayed there for the entire time. Their Fire Captain, Captain (Terry) Bretz coordinated closely with us and it was comforting to know that we had that kind of medical support close by. Then we had mutual aid response from Glendale, Sharonville, Forest Park, and then, ultimately, the Hamilton County SWAT team. Their help was critical because we had our hands full.

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Chief Mathis (continued): What transpired was the call came out and our people immediately rushed to the scene, entered the store, and encountered a subject who was in the far corner of the store who was armed with a knife with about a six inch fixed blade. Also, was holding, at times, a gas canister. Would not listen to any commands, stood up and ultimately began coming at our officers; a nightmare scenario. Kind of a "suicide-by-cop" scenario. Our people deployed a Taser; twice. It hit him each time, but it really didn't seem to have a significant effect other than finally the person stopped advancing which was good. At which point in time, we had to create an "inner perimeter". Think about someone standing in the aisle-way of Target. Everybody's been to Target, right? Well, there's a lot of ways you can get out of that aisle. You can go forward, which would have been bad for everybody; him included. He could have retreated to a back wall and then he had the entire back of the store he could go through. There was a fire door not too far from where he was that we had to secure. We had to block the parking lot off. There was a lot of things we had to do and then we began to negotiate with the suspect to ultimately lead to a surrender.

I want to commend some members of our team and when you hear your name, if you'd stand up. Not everybody could be here, but first, another group of people that sometimes don't get the recognition they need in our agency which is our clerical team members. That day we had Suzanne Perry, Lisa DellaTorre, Connie Berter, Kristine Peterson, and we had Marsha (Hector), who's one of our officers, but she's on light duty because her foot is in a boot. So, we had all of those people there at the Police Department who basically were getting very terse communications from me. I was not "warm and fuzzy". I'd call Suzanne, "Get a hold of State Highway Patrol and have them handle all our crashes. Bye". "Call in second shift". "Get this going, get that going." They did what they always do, which is very professionally, very quickly, organize things at our end and took care of business.

We had a bunch of uniformed officers, obviously, who were some of the first people there. Officer Ritchy Tuazon, Officer Ben Schildmeyer, Officer Jim Beckman, Reserve Officer, Jim Grindle, Officer Keenan Riordan, and Lieutenant Neumann, who were some of the first people there. Ultimately, we had Investigative Supervisor Mike Schulz. There he is, with the camera. He's already standing; good job. Detective Melissa Abell, Detective Molly Norris, and Detective Erik Langevin. They were in there. I had the utmost faith and confidence in them. We've trained for these kinds of scenarios. We've talked about them, we've done tabletops, we've done exercises. We think about it. They got in there and they formed that inner perimeter. They had both lethal, which means there are handguns, and they had less than lethal, so Taser, and beanbag shotguns to try to maintain an inner perimeter in the store, then the negotiations began.

One of the things that I want to say, is no one wants to use deadly force. No one wants to be the next person on CNN or Fox News that the nation is talking about. For the next few years, your life is on hold as you go through the Federal Court System, the State Court System, media scrutiny, and everything else. No one wants to live with the fact that they took another human life. I don't have these people here today because this ended successfully with no one getting hurt. I thank God for that, because I prayed for that and I wasn't the only one that day that did. When I recognize them as heroes it is that they went in to harm's way for this community and they did it willingly. They get up every day knowing that that's what they may have to face and they did it anyway. What's doubly good is that the very next day after this happened, they came back to do it again. Because, this can put a twist on your head when you're standing there for an hour thinking, "One more step and I'm going to have to take a human life." That takes a special kind of courage. If they would have had to have shot that man, then that's what they would have had to have done; no one wanted it. But, what to me makes them courageous is what they did. Now, they're all heroes, they're all my family. I love these people deeply. When I get that call at 3:00 in the morning, that's always the thing that goes through my head is, "Which one them got hurt?" I'm glad that no one got hurt.

But, if Detective Langevin could come down. Of all of them I definitely feel like Erik felt the weight of the world was on his shoulders. I don't know if he's uniquely suited to have been the negotiator that because, those of us who work with him know that sometimes he starts talking and never stops (laughter). He's really quick, don't always understand what he's saying, but, he is one of our finest officers. I talked with Erik the other day and why I want to single him out is I think he saw what I classify as, "learning the difference between head knowledge and heart knowledge". Every one of us, before we have kids go, "Oh yeah, I'll love

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Chief Mathis (continued): my kids and I want to have kids". When you first hold your baby, that's when you truly understand your heart, that's what it's like to love your child. Every one of us goes, "Yeah, if I have to shoot somebody; that's what I'll do because it's what I have to do. It's my job." He felt that weight on his shoulders because he was the one that talked to that guy for 45 straight minutes to try to convince him to drop that knife. I think he felt that if he didn't get that resolution; that set squarely on his shoulders. That's not necessarily fair, but I get it, because every one of us has been in that situation at work where what we say we might have to do, crosses the intersection with what we may have to do and all of the sudden it goes from "head knowledge" to "heart knowledge". He did a tremendous job and I truly believe one of the reasons that young man is alive today is because he took the time to develop a rapport with him and talked him into surrendering.

The SWAT Team got there, they entered the store just a few minutes later. It's like anything, you call for somebody, they get there just in time for the guy to surrender, which is good. I just want to commend him and the members of this team for the job that they did that day. Because they took a critical incident that could have gone sideways in so many different ways and they worked with skill and dedication and courage and commitment and were able to take that young man into custody without anyone being hurt or killed and I'm thankful for that. He's currently charged with several criminal acts. That will go through the court system and we feel very strongly he needs to get some psychiatric help and that can be hopefully arranged through the court system. I wanted to take the time to personally thank these officers for the job that they did and to present them to you for the job they did and I think they're heroes. Thank you. (Applause) (Standing Ovation).

Mayor Webster: I'd like to take this opportunity to read a letter that I was given today. This shows the appreciation of the Target Store and what they think of the efforts that were expended there by the Police Department on September 4th.

"Dear Springdale Police Department:

I, Shannon Lackey, wanted to personally thank you for your services here at the Springdale Target Store. The events that occurred on September 4, 2019 was truly a visual of the way you, along with the other Departments, protect and serve our communities and that shows the type of dedication that all of you have for your jobs.

Because of you, my team feels safe and secure in knowing they'll be safe here at work. Also, it shows that if anything else in the future would arise, that you are here to ensure that we make it home to our families. As you know, my job is to protect the guests and team members in this store. You make that easier for me to do and I thank you for that. The men and women of the Springdale Police Department are amazing and we love all of you for your services. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Shannon Lackey, Asset Protection Team Leader, Target Store"

So, that's how Target views your performance that day. I'd just like to say that I can't say it any better than the Chief has said here. I think that we take what you guys do and what our other first responders do, we often take that for granted because you just make it so commonplace, we expect it and you're always there, just a phone call away, Police, Fire, EMS, whatever. We fail at times to tell you "Thank you very much" and we appreciate you laying your lives on the line, literally, day in and day out for this City and this Community. I personally couldn't be prouder of you or anybody else that works for this City. Thank you very much.

Mr. Shroyer: I would also like to echo my appreciation as well as the fact that I am truly impressed, I am truly thankful. I guess the one thing that I would say I am not is surprised. I've spent a lot of years around our Police Department, current officers; previous officers. I think I have a very good feeling and understanding for your department to the point that, like I say, I'm not surprised. I'm thankful it went the way it did. I'm certain that it did because of the training and your group of people. Knowing you all, as I say, it's not all that surprising that it went the way that it did. I appreciate it. Thanks.

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President Vanover: Well, I happened to be on Kemper Road and I pulled up to the light that is the entranceway into Target and see all these red shirts in that corner and it's like, "Okay, what's going on?" I'm kind of looking back down over the hill and I could see, what appeared to be the roof of a trailer or a substantial vehicle and then a car went by and I picked up the uniform of one of Hamilton County's Sheriff's Deputies. Actually, had I not seen the people out front, I would have never have caught my eye. Thinking about that how you guys just went in, you did your job, there wasn't any big circus develop around it other than what you needed. People were going by had no clue what was transpiring. I had made a phone call, actually, while I was sitting at the light and I started dialing Mr. Jones; it's like, "Okay, what's going on?" But, I too, this is one of the times that I probably enjoy my position up here more than any is when we get to pass out accolades to you guys. I've never put on the uniform, but I have a good working understanding of what it takes and I know several guys, well as I say, I've grown up with some of these. My son, with Lieutenant Neumann, we still have a joke about that. But, it's faces that you see that you're just thankful that they're there. We go to sleep at night and don't give a thought about what's happening around us and it's because you all are out doing this that we are able to do it. I heartfelt thank you for past, present, and future. I pray we won't have anything this serious again, but odds aren't in our favor at this, unfortunately.

Mrs. Emerson: First of all, thank you for the good that you all do. But, Chief Mathis, I think you left off part of the story. Rumor has it that you had left our City Administrator in a very hot car and took the keys and didn't return (laughter). That's a rumor now, I don't know if that's the truth.

Chief Mathis: Mrs. Zimmerlin has trained me in Risk Management, so, when we believe we may have a critical incident, I deploy the City Administrator nearby to take full responsibility for anything that goes wrong because that's what I've been trained to do. That is true, by the way.

Mrs. Emerson: But he was passed out in the seat. It was so hot.

Chief Mathis: It's entirely possible. I left him in a hot car and he couldn't figure out how to get out. (laughter)

Mrs. Emerson: Thank you all.

Mayor Webster: To follow up on that rumor, the City Administrator tells me he also stiffed him with the check that day. (laughter).

President Vanover: That is awesome. Again, thank you all every day, every night. We appreciate it.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Ms. Engle: I'm standing in for Mr. Coleman. Civil Service Commission met on Thursday, September 5th and they voted to extend the probationary period of Police Officers to one year from the completion of field training. That gives the Police Department adequate time to observe officers after the completion of training. Also, we have a written civil service test for our firefighter process on Saturday, October 12th at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center. That's all I have.

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

Planning Commission

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: On September 10th, the Planning Commission met and we had six members present. We had American Heritage Girls at 35 Tri County Parkway. They came for signage and that was approved with a 6-0 vote. They just wanted to add additional signage on their building. They already have the cabinet sign. My very favorite thing was that Lamount Properties LLC on behalf of Culvers at 11530 Princeton Pike, came. Culver's is my favorite restaurant and I'm very, very excited to say that, with a 6-0 vote, we voted for them to

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup (continued): come and they said that they will start building as early as November and they are hoping to be completed by my birthday on February 1st. It's just an extra little bonus for us. That was all that I had unless Mr. Hawkins has anything to add.

Mr. Hawkins: The only other thing that I would add; we did also talk towards the end a little bit about electronic signage, and Planning Commission will have more discussion about that and it's something that, at some point, it will either be addressed or will be coming to Council, I think, with regard to some changes potentially that may come. Thank you.

President Vanover: I've been advised that Board of Zoning Appeals has asked to make a presentation at our next meeting, so we will jump them.

Board of Health

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health met on September 12th at 7:00. All members were here. For our Public Health Accreditation, we did submit that on September 6th. The next part of that accreditation will be the site visit. That's anticipated to occur in late this year or early 2020. When we do get that accreditation, it is good for five years. The Medicaid Administration Claiming for the time period of August 5th through August 11th reimbursement for the Health Department was \$10,108. For the food program, Habaneros Mexican Restaurant on 925 East Kemper Road is open. It opened in August. (Looks to Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup), you stole my thunder about the Culvers. SMOQ closed which was on Pictoria Drive in July of this year. The School Supply and Book Bag Drive concluded in August. They had so much that they had a truck and two City vehicles that were stuffed with book bags and supplies. They served over 700 children. Those book bags went to Heritage Hill and some to Springdale Elementary and some to Stewart. So, very successful. The Produce Pop Up was August 30th at Heritage Hill Elementary and they served about 200 families. The next one is going to be September 27th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at Heritage Hill Elementary School in the cafeteria. We finished up with Mosquito Control Grant. We do have a few more samples that we're going to be sending in through September. The West Nile Virus positive mosquito pools were very, very low in Ohio this year as compared to last year. None were identified in Springdale this year. For the Nurse's Report; the Narcan Report we had in July, we had no doses and for August we had five doses. The Annual Health Fair is going to occur October 1st. Springdale Health Department is providing employees flu vaccinations and that is starting now. The Latino Expo for 2019 is October 6th and that will be from Noon to 5:00 p.m. at Heritage Hill Elementary School. They will have an audiologist checking for hearing, a dentist, they will be giving flu vaccinations, and they'll do some women's health where they will check for body fat, cholesterol, blood pressure, those kinds of things. For Communicable Diseases for Springdale, we had four Hep C's, and one Hep B. That concludes my report unless there's any questions.

Capital Improvements	Mrs. Emerson	-	No report
O-K-I	Mr. Anderson	-	No report

Mayor's Report

Mayor Webster: I have some comments on Ordinance No. 39, but I'll hold them until that is read. Thank you.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: The General Fund update through August 31, 2019 for Receipts; a net budget of \$18.839 million dollars. We have received \$13.259 million dollars which is 70%. Those are made up of five general fund receipt sources which are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Mayor's Court. That's a total of \$11.960 million dollars or 90% of the revenue that has been received. For expenditures from the general fund, we have a net budget of \$19.156 million dollars and we have spent \$12.100 million dollars or 63% of the budget. The ending balance for the General Fund through August 31, 2019 is \$2.621 million dollars and that concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Jones: A couple of announcements. The Springdale Fire Department is having their 29th annual Open House. It's free food and beverages. Firefighters are available for tours. You can learn the proper use of fire extinguishers, the importance of smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors. Try your skills at many combat challenges. Meet Sparky the Dog and

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Communications

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None

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Morgan: It's a new day. Good evening everyone. I'm Victoria Morgan. Address is 705 Cedarhill. I guess I'll start off by saying one of the things that I did notice was the speed sign on Kenn Road. I clocked myself at 29 going downhill, but that was because I was going downhill. I'm not a speeder, but on Saturday, I had a representative from Anderson Renewal, because I was at CiTiRAMA on last week. He came and he was really excited to meet me and he stated that he sat on the end of my street, on Cedarhill, and he seen at least 25 cars, because he came half an hour early, because he was really excited, and he said, "I seen about 25 cars speeding up and down your street". I was like, "Hmm". I said this once before, before Council, about my grandchildren being outside playing and that cars run up and down my street all the time going at an amount of speed; 25 going up Cedarhill is fast, being that if it hit a child, you're gonna hurt a child. So, not I, but a representative stated that to me so I bring that before the Council and notice that that sign is on Kenn Road, but it left my street and it wasn't working properly. Now, that sign works great on Kenn Road because, last night, it caught me doing 31. I wasn't speeding, but I was going downhill and so I think that it should be placed in places where it is going to be more visible and have much of a concern about children's safety versus catching someone speeding. We're not here to give tickets, I don't think, but I just want people to be more aware of the danger of speeding down a resident road. That was one of the things so I just I would address that since you had mentioned it. I didn't say it, this was, like I said, a representative who said it.

And then I did want to say something to the officers, but they are gone. I do appreciate the things that the officers do. Being that that is one of the things that I am into, wellness, and we are working with first responders to help keep people well, at peace, making sure that they are living their best lives. So, you know, what they do is greatly appreciated. But, being that be said, I also think that we need to take more concern with more of the things that are going on with the community. Another thing that was on my heart, because I sit here all the time and I listen and I just wanted to make sure I get out what I need to say, but every year we have a garage sale and I appreciate doing that, but I was suggesting that maybe the hours be extended to 5:00 p.m. given buyers longer time to engage with one another, make this event more enjoyable for everyone because we put time and effort in preparing this for the community at large and I think it's a way that we engage the community versus just a couple of hours. That was one of the things that I saw.

And another thing was on August 17th, I was invited to the block party in up in the Crossings of Springdale. Enjoyed it; it was great meeting all the people fellowshiping and one thing I would like to see is us doing more of a national day out versus just housing it at one section of the community is doing something like this. Because I do a lot of work in the City of Cincinnati, so I want to bring what I have to offer, not outside my City, but I want to bring it in the City. So, Cincinnati, they are always looking for myself and my partner to come and do a lot of community services like we did the National City Out. We serviced the Police, we serviced the Fire Department, MSD (Metropolitan Sewer District), Water Works; we do a lot of things in the City. So, them were one of the things that I would like to see for us to do is to engage the community and be more supportive; not just one time, but not just one community, but as a community at large. This is what I do all the time. This is not just something I do every now and then. Everybody in my community knows me. When I'm out in the yard, cutting grass, everybody knows my name. If they don't know me, they know my face because I speak to everyone and I want us to be a community that socialize, that communicate, that have a concern for one another. CiTiRAMA was nice. I went through the five houses and they were decorated nicely. But, if we're bringing in \$383,000 homes, we also need to be a community that's a fellowship in place because you want to bring new residents, but you also want residents that are of longevity to also fill with much care and concern also so, when I walk around and I'm very aware of the community, what's going on, what it looks like.

Here on Glensprings, the BP sign has been damaged for almost a year. Why is that? When we're bringing in \$383,000 homes. I personally don't like it. It's a sore eye. First impression is lasting. As a 28 year resident, I want to see our infrastructure revamped, reconditioned so that we can make it pleasing to everyone. So, these are some of the things that I have a concern about with the community that I want to address and bring before Council,

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Ms. Morgan (continued): making sure we stay on top of everything and not just meeting and just speaking about it, but we want to also make sure everything is coming together. So, I have a lot more other things that's on my heart, but one of the things I want to do is just come up and say more community engagement and support of the City and then like when we was talking about walks, the pathways, that's nice, but let's also make sure we're keeping our community kept up because we don't want to look like Forest Fair. Forest Fair is a beautiful place, was, but we don't want that to be so, that was one of the things, quite a few of the things that I wanted to put out there. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Just really quick, the yard sale thing, you can have that go as long as you want. I know that a lot of people, it's the advertised time is from this time to this time, in my neighborhood back here, we had plenty of them that went on much later and they even continued on the next day on Sunday, which was actually the same day as the Goldfish Swim because when I was coming back from the Goldfish Swim, there was a whole bunch of yard sales still going on. So, that's just like the suggested time and the time that we advertise. People can keep their yard sales open as long as they want to since it's each individual person, they can do whatever they want to with their own individual yard sale and the community; you're talking about getting the entire community together. We just had the ComeUnity Bash and we have the two different nights during the summer where we have the bands playing and things like that, so, we do have community things going on, it's a matter of people engaging in those and attending. We advertised. I feel like our Administration and everybody else did a really, really great job at getting the word out, putting it on the electronic sign, putting it on the internet, and I've been very, very proud of how they've actually stepped up here in the last year or so it's been that the advertisements have been a lot better. More people have been coming and have been noticing these things. Hopefully, as people realize that we do have these things, they'll start attending more and we'll get a bigger, bigger crowd and I think that's the aim is to bring the community together as much as possible.

Ms. Morgan: So what about maybe like the 9-5 because I notice that when people see 9-2, the crowd kind of dwindles off because it's that 9-2 where if we put the signs up for from 9-5, then maybe people would stay longer because I know I prepare a long time for that.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: It was longer before. I want to say we had it a lot longer in the past. We've had longer hours before. I don't know who settled on 9-2. That wasn't something that we as a body do. So, I'm not sure exactly where that timeframe came up with. Maybe somebody can, I don't know, Administration who handles that if there's something we can.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: We can talk to the Park and Rec Department. They're the department that handles the advertisement. I'm not sure why it was changed, but we can definitely look into that.

Ms. Morgan: Yeah, I think that would be something. Because, you know, community engagement and you know that's just something that would be great to have that. That block party that I was invited to, it was just up there.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Right, which is why it's the block party. We have one down on actually my parent's old street on Mangrove, we had a block party and it just, some people organize it and it's just an individual organization from each block.

Ms. Morgan: So, anybody can do it at any given time.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Yes, community members can organize a block party and you would submit a letter to the City Administrator asking for permission so we can close off streets and do things like that, but yes, anybody can set up a party.

Ms. Morgan. That sounds great. I mean, that was one of the thing that I seen when I went up there and I thought, "This was so nice". They had the whole street from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and I stayed and thought that that was a good thing, so, you know, comments, suggestions, concerns, you know that's what I'm here to say. I sit in the meetings all the time and I listen, so, you know, I try not to say something all the time, but I want to say something and I've got a list of things to say, but when I want to say something, I want it to be effective

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Ms. Morgan (continued): and, again, I'm community all about community. Mr. Anderson knows me, like I said everybody in my area knows me, but I make myself known, not just there, but everywhere I go. I'm just wanting to be involved in the community and that's one of the things that I believe in is community involvement.

Mayor Webster: I wanted to comment on the garage sale too. The sign may say 9-2, but you can keep it open as long as you want.

Ms. Morgan: I understand.

Mayor Webster: I personally, was up in Beacon Hills that day and 2:00 or 3:00 in the afternoon people had their garage sales going on.

Ms. Morgan: I had mine going too, but what I'm saying is when I read a thing, if school is from 8-4; school is from 8-4 and you're gonna say it's over. But if it says, 9-5, that gives the people a longer slot. That's what I'm saying.

Mayor Webster: The other thing I'd like to take exception with is the BP sign is a disgrace. I've personally told them that. It has not been a year; it's been a matter of months. It happened sometime in the spring and it should have been fixed long ago. I know there's a letter from the City telling them they're in violation, they must replace that. I'm not sure exactly how much time they gave them, but I personally paid them a visit to tell them to get it fixed and they showed me a work order that's been issued and I'm absolutely amazed it hasn't been done. But, it is a disgrace, but it's not been a year.

Ms. Morgan: No, I didn't say a year, I said almost a year. The grass, that's like coming into the community.

Mrs. Ghantous: It looks terrible.

Mrs. Emerson: Just a little sidebar on garage sales. Several of the resident around me had suggested, if you all remember when we used to do the garage sales here at the community center? They used to have a Goodwill truck there for anything that didn't sell, they took it and I think we had a dumpster. But several of the residents thought it would be a good idea if we could park one like at the truck at the community center so people after the sale could just go to that truck and drop it off. I saw after the sale these huge trash piles at the curb and some of that stuff is salvageable, so, if they had a truck that they could just drop it off or a dumpster we could throw the larger items in, that would be awesome if that's possible.

Mayor Webster: We'll pass that on to Park and Recreations and see if they can't incorporate that in next year's program.

Mrs. Emerson: Thank you.

Ms. Morgan: Thank you.

President Vanover: I have a request to remove Item Number 9 from the agenda. I'll entertain a motion.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to remove Item Number 9 – Executive Session – Collective Bargaining from the agenda; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Do we have an explanation on why we want to withdraw that?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: It's all public record. We can talk about it on the floor if you want to discuss it.

Mayor Webster: It really revolves around Ordinance No. 39-2019. I think we've talked about that openly and back there enough. If somebody wants to go back and huddle, then we'll be more than happy to do so, but we don't think it's necessary.

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Motion to remove Item Number 9 – Executive Session – Collective Bargaining from the agenda passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 38-2019

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE KEMPER ROAD/CSX BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 38-2019; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Anderson: Just one question. I do support checking our bridges. Was this a budgeted item in this year's budget or where were we pulling the \$45,000 from?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: This was one of the projects that we talked to Capital Improvements about last year. This is the one we applied for MRF and SCIP funding to fund the project. The funding for the engineering is coming out of our capital budget, but it has been transferred from the General Fund.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.

Ordinance No. 38-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 39-2019

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AND THE SPRINGDALE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 4027 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 39-2019; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mayor Webster: This is really a monumental day as far as I'm concerned in the City of Springdale and especially with our firefighter force. This is something that has been in the works for 15 years. I think it's only come to fruition because we had a number of things happen. Number one, we got the SAFER grant earlier this year which authorizes us to hire three new firefighters. That provided the impetus to go ahead and move on this issue once again because the people were there. It was a matter of some intense negotiations between the City Administration and the Fire union and I certainly would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the efforts between Mr. Jones, Mrs. Zimmerlin, the Fire Chief, the Assistant Fire Chief, and also the union, including the Captains. I think once we got the Captains involved, they sort of pushed this thing across the finish line for us. I think it's a great day, like I said, for the Fire Department because all of the sudden, now we've got a promotional path, a career path for some of these young firefighters. Three of them are going to get a promotion, a raise naturally, I think it shows the remaining members of the Fire Department that there is a career path here. You don't have to go from Firefighter to Captain. There's an intermediate step. The other thing, I think it saves the City a lot of money in overtime since we have two command people per shift. Before we just had one, so, if the Captain was off, we had to pay another Captain overtime to fill that shift. So, now we have two command people per shift so it's going to save us a great deal of money in that regard. I think overall it gives us a much better command structure in our firefighter service and so we would certainly urge Council's support on this. Thank you very much.

Mr. Shroyer: Just a note of clarification, I believe their local number is 4027; not 427.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: You are correct. It is. It is a typo.

Ordinance No. 39-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 40-2019

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ENTITLEMENT THE "ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FUND" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 40-2019; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Ordinance No. 40-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R15-2019

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEER PARK, LOVELAND, SHARONVILLE, SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP, SYMMES TOWNSHIP ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.

President Vanover: Council, I jumped the shark here on this. I emailed all of you about that we have to make an appointment. In talking with Christine (Russell) and all the other jurisdictions, one person filled several roles or filled both roles. So, she said she'd be more than willing if that was Council's concurrence to do that.

Mayor Webster: In light of that, I think all of you were copied on this memo on September 12th where I hereby appointed the position not the person, but the position of Springdale Economic Development Director to the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District Board. And as you (President Vanover) indicated, several of the other communities have made their councils that have followed the mayor and so we've got one person representing the City, but they get two votes when they go to the meeting. But that's your call; you can use her also or you can appoint someone else.

President Vanover: So, at this point, I'll open up for nominations to the position.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to appoint Mrs. Christine Russell to the Board of Directors; Mr. Anderson seconded.

President Vanover: Are there any other nominations? (None). Hearing none then, by acclamation, we will add Christine Russell into the blank on Section One. It would be "Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.04, City Council hereby appoints 'Christine Russell' to serve as its representative as a member of the Board of Directors . . .".

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R15-2019; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Resolution No. R15-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business

Mr. Anderson: I just wanted to follow up on an item from two or three sessions ago. We had asked for some feedback or draft legislation on the parking ordinance. We were told to expect something about this time. Could we get an update on where that's at?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: We haven't forgotten. We're working and give us a couple more weeks to keep working. I do not have anything for you tonight.

Mr. Anderson: Is that something that would go to the Rules Committee first or are you expecting to bring it straight to Council?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I would think that it would go to Rules and Laws, but that's really your decision to make if that's where you want it to go first.

Mr. Anderson: It's your committee (addressing Mrs. Emerson).

Mrs. Emerson: I have no problem with you guys initiating it. (addressing Administration)

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Mrs. Zimmerlin: Okay. We can do that.

Mr. Anderson: That's fine. Thank you. I just wanted to update expectations so you're planning to bring it, hopefully, for the next session.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Yes.

Mr. Anderson: At least have a draft that we could discuss?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Yes.

Mr. Anderson: Okay. Thank you.

New Business - None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet on October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

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

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on September 24th, that's a Tuesday, and it will be 7:00 in the chambers here.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I have several announcements from the Park and Rec Department. First, we have a winter youth sports registration is underway. That includes basketball and cheerleading and you can contact the Community Center for details. The week of September 30th through October 4th at the Community Center is Active Aging Week. It's a full week of programs and activities to celebrate active aging adults 50 and over and to promote the benefits of leading an active, healthier lifestyle. There will be a variety of programs to meet social, educational, and physical interests and needs of adults and seniors. You can refer to our website or contact the Community Center for more information and to register.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to report that the S.O.S. had a fundraiser scheduled for October 5th. It was a Euchre Tournament. We had a meeting today and we elected to cancel that event due to lack of interest.

President Vanover: I have an item. Council, I was approached by Mrs. Fultz and Mr. Chabot's office. She would like to make a presentation to us about constituent services available and she will be here on October 2nd.

Communications from the Audience

Mrs. Matheny: I just wanted to make an announcement that the Springdale Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their 14th Annual Business Community Expo and Chili Cook-off on Tuesday, October 1st at the Community Center from 11:00 until 2:00. It's open to the public. It's free to the public. Stop on down and get yourself some chili and check out some of the City. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 38-2019; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with CT Consultants for the Design Engineering Services Necessary for the East Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Repairs Project and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 39-2019; An Ordinance Adopting an Amendment to the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Springdale, Ohio and the Springdale Professional

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Mr. Hawkins (continued): Firefighters Association, Local 4027 and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number III was addressed with Resolution No. R15-2019; A Resolution Making an Appointment on Behalf of the City of Springdale, Ohio to the Board of Directors of the Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Sycamore Township, Symmes Township, Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. with Christine Russell as the appointed representative. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number IV was addressed with Ordinance No. 40-2019; An Ordinance Establishing a Capital Projects Fund Entitled the "Energy Special Improvement District Fund" and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. All other items are forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There's a request for A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for 2020. That's it unless there's anything else from any members of Council or the Administration. And, a draft of the parking as well.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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