President of Council Vanover called Council to order on January 15, 2020.

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, Ramirez, Sullivan-Wisecup and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Emerson seconded. The minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Presentation to Springdale Police Chief Michael Mathis

Resolution No. R3-2020
COMMENDING MICHAEL H. MATHIS FOR HIS LONG, DISTINGUISHED AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R3-2020; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R3-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mayor Webster: You've thrown me totally off guard here, because I was going to urge Council not to adopt this (laughter). Too late now. You got it Chief, even over my objections. I guess I could veto it maybe. Anyway, let me start off by saying that we had a great going away party for the Chief down at the (Police) station today. The guys, the Captain (Wells) and all the rest of you guys you did a great job of organizing that. It was a real great send off to the Chief. I sat down there today, well, before I get into that, you've got to realize that I was lucky to find enough good stuff for one Proclamation or one testimonial to the Chief, and I can't, I certainly didn't find enough information for two. So, I'm going to have to repeat some of the things that you've already heard today, so, please bear with me. First thing this morning, I came into the building and the first thing I see is our Police Chief all dressed up and, “Where are you going Chief?” “I'm going to retire today, I'm your Chief for a few more hours.” “Well, I said, “I understand that. That's why I'm here. I'm here to do a little research to try to find some good things to say about you.” So, anyway, I worked for hours and hours and I never did find anything. (Laughter) So, I go down to the ceremony today and I shared that with the group that's standing here today, but, anyway, I do want to say a couple of serious things. We're very, very pleased to have had the Chief with us for all these years. These are bittersweet events. We're happy for the Chief and his family, and at the same time, we're going to miss him. There's no way we can show you this evening the appreciation that we really feel towards you and your family and everything you've given this City. I'm one of the few people, I think, that has had the pleasure to serve with four police chiefs. John Stemmann, when I first came into office, and then Jim Freland, and Mike Laage, and then the Chief here since 2011 has been our Police Chief. I think that the resolution really, really sums up in four words, the core values that the Chief has tried to portray in his staff and everything else down there. That's Integrity, like I said, who in the world could ever question the integrity of one Chief Mike Mathis; it's beyond reproach. Professionalism; one of the most professional people I've ever had the pleasure of working with. Cooperation; never a problem with trying to get the Police Department under the direction of Mike to buy into anything or any direction we were going in. Commitment; I think he was totally committed. I remember very vividly, we had a discussion when we named Mike the Chief. Because, I think he was the first Chief that we've had that did not reside in the City of Springdale. The other three did. So, there was some reluctance there and we talked about that at some length. He assured me that even though he didn't physically sleep here at night, that he would certainly be a member of the community. He certainly has fulfilled that ten times over. Chief, thank you very much for that. I think that a couple of their high points in the resolution here is that the Chief was responsible for starting the Citizens Police Academy. That is something that I guess you really have to be a member of that to appreciate it. I think we've got 35 or 40 members of that. More than that? Okay, but these
Mayor Webster (continued): people provide just another set of eyes and ears for all of us and certainly for our enforcement agencies, Police, Building, so forth, and so on. If you talk to any of those people, they just swear by the program. They love it and they are really dedicated to it and I know a lot of them, it’s almost a religion with them. The other thing that the Chief has been very supportive of is our S.O.S. Program. I think I have a report on that last Council meeting, but we helped 80 families this holiday season, and over 255 children were help with the program. We always had the support of the Police Department, thanks to Chief Mathis. So, Chief, thank you very much for that. So, in conclusion, I’d just like to say, “Thank you for everything you’ve given to this City and enjoy your family and your retirement and thank you from the bottom of my heart”. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: Again, Chief Mathis, thank you for all your time and service. I want to note that there has been no job that has been beneath you through your time here. I recall, I don’t know if it was our last parade or one of our last opening day parades, as we were turning the corner down there, I think, on Kemper and Lawnview, and I see an officer out there directing traffic and we get closer and it’s you (Chief Mathis). I don’t know of any other Police Chief in a city of this size who would be out directing traffic. It just goes to show your dedication and you’ll do anything for the department. Having been a prosecuting attorney, and now criminal defense attorney, I have seen a whole bunch of different police officers, detectives from a variety of different counties, and, I have been critical of them as prosecutors will do sometimes with regard to investigations or lack thereof and people’s professionalism and effectiveness. I’m very proud to be a Springdale resident, and an elected official. Particularly with you in the position you’ve been in, and, under your leadership, our Department has only gotten better. It’s only become more professional and more effective. I really appreciate that and I’m just proud to be in this City because of you. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I have a special honor with Chief Mathis. I’m the only person that’s ever had him be the City Administrator in all of his years here. The way it works is I go to John first, if he’s not in, I go to Amanda, and then we get an email if they’re both not in that says, “Go to Chief Mathis and this and this whatever”, and, it happened to happen on, was it Memorial Day? It was on a holiday and I called him and he says, “Well, I’ve never actually gotten a call being the administrator.” You did a very, very fine job, so, not only are you a phenomenal Police Chief, you’re also a great administrator and I’m so glad to have gotten to you and gotten to work with you. Thank you so much for your time and dedication.

President Vanover: Well, Mayor, you have eclipsed me by one. I remember Chief Freland, being under Chief Freland, and Captain or Chief Laage, and Captain Mathis is my third Chief and it’s amazing to see the metamorphosis of the (Police) Department that has occurred through that timeframe. It has gotten much more professional. It used to be primarily a military or almost paramilitary operation, but, you (Chief Mathis) have carried the torch to a new level and the community involvement that you involve yourselves in. I can’t think of any activity whether it’s Christmas Tree Lighting, or whatever, that I don’t look around or end up standing next to, that you’re there. That’s not required. That comes from inside and that’s something that you can’t preach or teach. And, I think the biggest thing is I can consider you a friend and that, to me, makes it super special. With that, Mrs. Zimmerlin.

Mayor Webster presented Chief Mathis with framed copy of Resolution No. R3-2020. (Applause)

President Vanover: Chief (Mathis) hang on because we’ve got a couple more “to do’s”.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: So, I’ve been given the honor of presenting you with a “Challenge Coin”. For 33 years, you have faithfully served the City of Springdale. Over the course of your lengthy career, you have served in many capacities. You’re a Patrol Officer, Investigator, Task Force member, Patrol Lieutenant, Investigator Supervisor, and, Chief of Police. You have been an excellent steward of the responsibility conveyed to you as a leader of the Police Department. You have earned the respect of your peers and have made a difference with your leadership. It is normally the custom of the Chief to issue praise for noteworthy achievements. Tonight, as your supervisor, it is my privilege to issue this challenge coin to you on behalf of the grateful City for your commendable performance and leadership as Springdale Ohio’s Chief of Police. (Applause)
President Vanover: Hold that thought.

Chief Mathis: Yes sir.

President Vanover: We have a couple of individuals in the audience, that I know, want to join in.

Mrs. Miranda: Good Evening. State Representative Jessica Miranda here to do some honoring myself on behalf of the wonderful Chief. I really hate to go after you Amanda. You made me cry. So, a lot of folks don’t know, but I actually had the distinct privilege to work hand in hand and side by side with Chief Mathis in a lot of other capacities within the City and I think it is just such a wonderful evening for us all to be here honoring you tonight and your steadfast leadership for the City of Springdale. So, I come bearing gifts from the Ohio House of Representatives to honor your 33 years of service here. Just so I can try not to continue to cry, I’m going to crack a joke real quick in the spirit of Mayor Webster and say, in 1986. I was negative five months when you started here (laughter), so if that’s any indication of the wisdom and experience you bring to the City, I think, you know, it’s phenomenal. So, I’m very, very proud to be here tonight. It is very much so a bittersweet moment because I know you’re starting such a wonderful chapter of hopeful relaxation with your wonderful family. But, we are going to miss you. You will be sorely missed here in the City of Springdale and for folks that don’t reside in Springdale, but have had the privilege to work for you or with you I should say, we will miss you very, very much. So, sending my best from Columbus, the State Capital, sending my best from the City where I reside in Forest Park. Thank you for being you, thank you for your compassion and your leadership, and thank you for your 33 years of service to the City of Springdale. (Applause)

President Vanover: Chief, it’s your show now.

Chief Mathis: So, we had a debate earlier about when I’m officially off-duty. Amanda reminded me that I’m still on the clock until this is over. So I have to behave myself. (laughter). Then, my wife told me I was going to behave myself and that was a done deal. So, Mayor Webster, I want to thank you for appointing me as Chief of Police, and for Council, I feel, always being very supportive of the City employees and of the Police Department and providing for us. I always felt like I won the lottery when I got hired here. This has been a wonderful community to work in. It’s been a great police department to work for and your words are very kind. But, they’re based on the foundation that came before me. A lot of people trained me, supported me, corrected me, forgave me, and taught me. So, I wouldn’t be where I’m at if it wasn’t for the people who came before me. Just like anyone, it’s my desire that we get better. It will not hurt my feelings at all that somewhere in the future, when someone else is getting sworn in as Chief, and someone else is retiring at some point in time, for everybody to say, “This Police Department has only gotten better”. Because, I love the men and women of our Police Department. The better we are, the better they’ll be. I want to thank my family because this job takes you away from your family a lot. I’ve always regretted that. I’ve always tried to put my family first, but it’s not always easy to do when you’re working all these different shifts, weekends, holidays. I’ve had a pretty good gig. I have the opportunity to kind of have a Monday through Friday job with weekends off, technically for a while, so, that’s been good. I’ve made family here. I’m not going to miss being Chief of Police. I’m not. (laughter) I’m ready to be Mike Mathis instead of Chief, but I’m going to miss the people here because I have a lot of people that I love that I’ve had as family. So, I deeply appreciate it. The only thought I had is there’s 5,675 of my brothers and sisters since April 16, 1986 to the day who never made it to retirement. I think about that all the time. Be safe, be strong, and take care of yourselves. If there’s anything I can ever do for you, let me know. I brought Lieutenant Coombs with me from the State Highway Patrol because they have roadblocks set up when we leave here, so everybody that has ever wronged me is getting a ticket (laughter). And, the list is long (laughter). Thank you. These people have been great. The things you sing my praises for, were done by them. They deserve it. They earned it. Thank you. (applause) Captain Wells, 19:21 hours, my final order is you have Administrative and Operational control of the Springdale Police Department. God Bless. Best of luck.

Interim Chief Wells: It will be my honor sir. Thank you. (applause)
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President Vanover: Well, we’re back to the mundane stuff.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service
Mr. Coleman: Happy New Year to members of Council. In that this is indeed Chief Mike Mathis’ night, and, since you’ve already prefaced it by saying “the mundane”, I have no report. (laughter)

Rules and Laws Mrs. Emerson - No report

Finance Committee Mr. Hawkins - No report

Planning Commission
Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I do have a report tonight. It’s not fair to have to do the first report after that, but, Planning Commission met last night, January 14th and all seven members were present. We introduced Carl Lamping. He is going to be replacing Gregg Taylor in the Building Department and he joined our meeting last night. Under New Business, we had AZP Incorporated for Gold Star Chili at 11551 Springfield Pike. They came for a Minor Improvement. They are going to be remodeling the outside and inside and we were dealing with the outside. There were various things we talked about; the façade, the lighting, the colors, of course, some of the signage, and then one of our major points that we had made was that Public Works had said that on the monument sign that they had to replace the bottom part, because it was starting to come off and it had been down on the sidewalk area, so that was part of our thing in addition to what they had proposed was that was the City was saying had to be done as well. All of that passed with a 7-0 vote. Under discussion, we did talk about Springdale Commerce Park. Springdale Commerce Park, formerly, GEEAA Park, they are scheduled to come next month before us on their ongoing lighting plan that we have been waiting on. There were some hang-ups and they had asked some different questions about if they can show us some lighting and see what we felt about it and we just had a lot of discussion about that. A lot of discussion about the project, in general, and we are waiting to hear back from them on what our next steps will be and if we will or will not actually see them next month is going to be dependent upon the conversations and things that are coming up and their plans. That was everything that we had, unless, you have anything to add Mr. Ramirez?

Mr. Ramirez: The only thing that I might add is that Gold Star (Chili) will have to go to BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) for the two signage changes. Thank you.

Board of Zoning Appeals Mrs. Ghantous - No report

President Vanover: Just to clarify for the listening audience, BZA has changed their meeting rotation, so that is the reason why there’s no report this evening. That will catch everybody up.

Board of Health
Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health met on January 9th. For the Health Commissioner’s report, we had our third reading for the Resolution R2-2019. That was the proposed policy for the scheduling of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) clinic at the Springdale Health Department. That passed unanimously. The Public Health Accreditation site visit is scheduled for May 14th and 15th. The Medicaid Administrative Claiming time study reimbursement for the week of November 18th through the 24th. We received a check for $5,938. The next study is expected in February of this year. They are four months behind in paying us the check after each study is completed. Produce Pop Up is going to be on Friday, January 24th at the Heritage Hill Elementary School in the cafeteria. That runs from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. They’re continuing to plan for the Spring Sports Camp and that is for the week of March 23rd through the 27th. For the Nurse’s Report, I have no report from November or December on the Narcan and I am told by the next Board meeting, we will have November, December, and January, so, I will fill you all in on the next Board meeting with that. The flu continues to be widespread. We had 47 hospitalizations in the County and Springdale had three. Flu restrictions now are in place in most of the hospitals throughout the tristate. The CDC came out in October with a
Mrs. Emerson (continued): rapid test Ebola testing and it's kind of like the rapid strep test. So, if a patient comes in with symptoms, they can do this rapid test. It's not 100% accurate. We do get some false positives and some false negatives, so, they still have to run the actual lab test, but it allows us to get a quicker start on the patient's treatment. That's here now. The Children's Health Fair is scheduled for May 1st. Their first planning meeting is going to be tomorrow. Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio had no meeting in January. Their next meeting is going to be February 6th. That concludes my report unless there are any questions.

President Vanover: I don't see any lights. Thank you.

Mrs. Emerson: Thank you.

Capital Improvements 

Mrs. Emerson 

- No report

O-K-I

Mr. Anderson: The O-K-I Board of Directors met on January 9th for its first meeting of 2020. It was largely administrative. There were two items of note. One, there was an interesting presentation by the City of Silverton, a collar suburb from Cincinnati, where they described a revitalization effort and what has been successful in that area. If anyone is interested in the details of the presentation, let me know and I can get that report. Largely, it was investment by the City itself and then building and actually acting as a landlord and the other main point of it was investing budgetary and revitalization efforts so they could, every year, operate opportunistically make investments to further enhance their area, which I thought was an interesting way to do things. The other note is there is a new survey available through OKI that is open to everyone. I'd encourage everyone on the dais and out there to take it if you can. It only takes a couple of minutes. It's the OKI 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. To take it you go to “oki.org” and there’s a link on the front page. What it is, is asking simple questions about your preferred transportation methods and the routes that you use. This is an opportunity for people to give feedback for the group that uses to make investments so, if you're an avid bicycler, or a walker, it’s a way to be heard, or if you have concerns about public transportation, it’s a way to be heard. I’d encourage you to do that just to better represent how people in the suburbs use. There are real investments that OKI makes so this is good input. So, if you’re able to go to “oki.org” and there’s a link on the front page. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Webster: The only thing I want to just relate to you. At the last meeting, I indicated that I had a first draft of a letter to the Tri-County folks. We did get that out; not until Friday, unfortunately. But, most of the members of the board reside in Hong Kong. So, it costs us $32 per letter to send it Priority Mail. You could send it for $1.41, but no guarantee it will ever get delivered. It’s a slow boat to China, literally. So, anyway, that letter went out on the 10th, so even with the Priority Mail, it’s six to eight days. So, Stephanie told me she tracked it this morning and it’s still in transit. So, we’ll let you know as we hear anything back from these folks. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you Mayor Webster.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: I have the General Fund update through December 31 for receipts. Based on a net budget of $18,839 million dollars, we received $19,791 million dollars, which is 104% of the anticipated budget. Our five major general sources of receipts are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Mayor’s Court. That was a total of $18,043 million dollars, or 91% of our receipts. For expenditures through December 31, based on a net budget of $19,156 million dollars, we spent $18,085 million dollars which is 95% of the budget. Our ending general fund balance through December 31st was $2,684 million dollars. That concludes my report. Thank you.
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Administrator’s Report

Mr. Jones: I wanted to kind of roast the Chief (Mathis) a little bit. Since he’s not here, I’m not going to bother doing it. But, I do want to say that he stuck me for lunch yet again yesterday. I could add a few other things in, but I’ll clean that up a bit. Also wanted to mention that, many of you already know this, but Gregg Taylor, our Building Official, who’s walking out the door right now. (laughter), I guess he’s leaving early (laughter), his last day is actually scheduled for Friday and will be retiring and there is an Open House just outside the doors on Friday, from 2:00 until 4:00 and everyone is invited if you would like and have an opportunity to come in and say goodbye to Gregg, we’d appreciate that. He’s been here for, I believe, seven years with us and five? It seems like seven, how about that (laughter), but, he’s been here five years and we appreciate his service as well and want to wish him luck in retirement and he’s looking forward to it. The other thing is that an upcoming meeting. The next meeting in February, we will be introducing Gregg’s replacement; our new Building Official, and we’ll also be introducing our new Economic Development Director. So, just thought I would share that. Our new Economic Developer; you’ll get to hear more later; he’s actually in the audience, beside Christina (Ingle) out there. If you get a chance after the meeting, say, “Hi”, but we’ll do a true introduction later on. That’s it this evening. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Law Director’s Report

Mr. Braun: I have two issues to bring to Council’s attention. Number one, you should have in front of you and, also received by email, a copy of a short brief introductory memo that I did on the DORA. Council member, (Joe) Ramirez had brought this to your attention at the last meeting, and asked me to prepare a brief summary memo. My suggestion would be for you to take that memo and read it. I can be prepared at the next meeting, if you would like, to answer any questions or if you want to have a more substantive discussion about the DORA and the possibilities for it, we can do that. But, I did want to let you know I prepared that memo as you asked. Number two, I just wanted to put on your radar screen that over the course of the next couple of meetings that, and I’m not exactly sure when, but I’ll be working with the Police Department and with City staff to amend our code of ordinances. As you may be aware, the Ohio legislature last year passed something that became effective in December that says, it basically preempts the ability of local governments to put any restrictions on the right to carry, possess, transfer, or purchase firearms. And while the City of Springdale does not have many regulations, we do have some regulations that will need to be revoked as a result of that or we could face civil penalties. I have spoken with the Police Department and Captain Wells about that and so we’ll be bringing legislation to you and I wanted to put it on your radar to revoke some of those that, it is our belief, might run afoul of that legislation. So, if you’re wondering why those will be coming to you, it’s because the legislature has issued that mandate from Columbus that we are preempted from having those regulations. Many of which have been on the books for many, many years. But, that is something that they have passed. So, I wanted to bring both of those items to your attention. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Shvegzda: On Landan Lane Reconstruction; that will be out to bid next week and bid opening will take place and hopefully we will have a recommendation before Council at the February 19th Council meeting. Beacon Hills Subdivision Streets Grind and Resurfacing is currently out to bid and, again, its bid opening will take place and we’ll have a recommendation to Council at the February 19th meeting. East Crescentville Road, the Stage One plans, we have received the comments from ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) and we’ve also met with the folks from Sharonville and Butler County to kind of review the comments so we’re in the process of beginning Stage Two – Plan Development, and that concludes my comments.

Mayor Webster: Yes Don, where do we stand on rebidding the improvements at the Police Department?
Mrs. Zimmerlin: I actually talked to Nestor yesterday and he is putting together a new timeline for us to get it back out to bid. So, I should have that by the end of this week.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Thank you.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Monzel: Thank you. My name is Chris Monzel, former Hamilton County Commissioner and I'm supposed to write my name and everything.

President Vanover: Yes.

Mr. Monzel: Do I do that now or do I do that after?

President Vanover: However it makes you comfortable.

Mr. Monzel: Well, first, I want to compliment you on a fine, well-run meeting. I have been involved in city councils before, and your meetings seem to be very well-run and on-time, which is a testament to your leadership. So, thank you very much for what you do for the citizens of Springdale. I’m actually, as I said, a former Hamilton County Commissioner, and I’m actually going to be running for State Representative for District 28, which is in Springdale and it’s up for election this year. I’ll be getting to meet with most of you folks and talk to you about the issues in Springdale that you are facing. I know there’s a lot from public education with Princeton School District, to our local government fund, which is something, I know, is really important to resolve, but, I think one other thing is I have a lot of roots in District 28. Specifically in Springdale. I’ve worked about eight years in Springdale for two different companies, one, TK Engineering Consulting Company, and then the other one, General Electric. I definitely have contributed to your budget for a few years there. But, also, one other interesting fact is that I coach a lot of my children’s sports. Much to their detriment, they didn’t quite like their dad coaching all the time, but, I’ve had a lot of opportunities to be in your sports facilities so, the Rec Center and the baseball fields; coached many games there for basketball and baseball and, again, I think that’s just a testament to what a great community you have to have those resources for your youth is just really incredible. I think it’s those types of things that we need to make sure that are able for all our communities within District 28 and I want to be able to do that and fight for you up in Columbus to make sure you have those resources available. Specifically, lastly, on Public Safety. We just saw tonight with the Chief retiring just how critical that is for our community and how blessed you were to have Chief Mathis’ leadership for that long and I want to applaud him for his leadership with the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force and for the great work he’s done for us there, because it is really important that we want to make sure that our communities are safe. People want to move here, families, and businesses, and to be able to have that leadership by Chief Mathis is just truly incredible and just want to wish him the best in his retirement. Thank you again for the time and effort. Any information you want to find out about me you can just check our website, monzel.com. Real simple. But, again, thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight and God Bless. Take care. Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

President Vanover: First off this evening, I have Ordinance No. 04-2020. This is a second reading and there is an attached public hearing.

Ordinance No. 04-2020
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 153 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO

President Vanover: At this point, I will open a Public Hearing.

Mr. Braun: I just want to remind Council that it was suggested by the Mayor at the last meeting that we add the language in the "WHEREAS" Clause about the Public Hearing. It’s
Mr. Braun (continued): not in the binding portion, so we don’t need to formally amend it, but I wanted Council to know that it’s been added.

President Vanover: The floor is open for anybody that wants to speak either for or against this ordinance at this time.

Ms. Fields: Thank you Council. My name is Elizabeth Fields with McBride, Dale, Clarion. I’m here on behalf of Planning staff to present a short presentation; just a brief overview of the amendments that are before you tonight and to answer any questions that you may have on those amendments. You’ve received all the amendments and then a summary of each amendment and the page reference. So, as you can see, there’s a lot of little amendments throughout the codes that we don’t want to address each of those individually, so, the presentation kind of addresses the topical; high-level topical segments of the amendments and so we can kind of address those one at a time. As stated, these amendments were before Planning Commission on December 10th and their comments have been incorporated into the amendments before you and in this presentation. So, first off, we are proposing a number of amendments to the permitted uses in the code. A number of uses were added that were not considered in the previous amendments, including breweries, distilleries, e-commerce, things that weren’t really prevalent when we first drafted the code.

We revised, are proposing revisions to some of the terms and categories. The current code has a lot of commercial recreation activities, like bowling alleys and skating rinks and golf courses, all as separate uses. We’re proposing to simplify that by just having a commercial recreation indoor and outdoor use because there’s just no way that we can address every commercial recreation activity, so, instead of listing some, but not all of them, that helps to clean that up. We are proposing some revisions to what uses are allowed and not allowed. For instance, parks were conditional use in some of the residential zones and parks should be promoted and encouraged, not conditionally permitted, so, cleaning up some of those things. One proposed change to one of the use-specific regulations for used car lots. Currently, the code stipulates that used car lots are an accessory use to a new car lot that need to be either on the same lot as that new car lot, or on the lot adjacent. We are proposing to remove that allowance that they can be on a lot adjacent to a new car lot since they are an accessory use of the code, by the definition of accessory, they need to be on the same lot. So, we want to make sure that this regulation is in line also with our other regulations in the code, so, we are proposing that change to used car lots. We’re proposing a few changes to PUD regulations in the code. Currently, the PUD process does not have the ability to combine a preliminary and final process; you have to go through the preliminary process, then the final process. We’re adding an option that if it’s typically a small PUD, usually single lot, a single building on a single lot; if the developer or applicant is ready and is willing to take that leap and develop final plans, then they could skip a step and just come and do the zone map amendment to PUD, and present their final plans to both Planning Commission and Council and that would allow them to avoid going back to Planning Commission with the final. So, you would get more information up front, more information that you would typically see, but it would save the applicant time. Today, they would have to request that, and the Building Official would have to kind of ensure that their plans were up to that quality to qualify for that, but we wanted to add that allowance if the applicant or developer was ready to do that. The other amendment to the planned unit development section was clarifying what constitutes a major and a minor amendment. That language can be tricky, but we wanted to clarify that if any substantial changes were proposed to the conditions that City Council places on a planned unit development, that that would qualify as a major amendment because if it qualified as a minor amendment, then City Council wouldn’t see that again; it would just go to Planning Commission, so we wanted to make sure that if you all see something and put a specific condition on, that that condition can’t be taken off without Council seeing it again. For the corridor review district, we’re proposing a reduction in the setbacks for sub area B. Currently, the setbacks in that area is 50 feet for the front yard setback, 50 feet for the building, and 30 feet for the pavement. We are proposing to reduce that to 15 feet for the building, and five feet for the pavement. This will be able to allow buildings that want to build closer to the street, with parking in the rear to occur. This is the same set back that sub area C has, so it will bring those into alignment as well. We’re also proposing to remove the requirement that signs must be done in earth-tone colors. This a constant issue that we see people requesting relief from that section. So, in order to allow it to be a little bit more business-friendly and understand about trademark colors and things like that, removing that signage requirement, but we’re still
Ms. Fields (continued): leaving in the requirement that buildings have to be the earth tone colors. We’re also proposing to remove the parking lot height restriction from the corridor review district. All parking lot lighting in the corridor review district would then just fall under the standard outdoor lighting districts that apply to the whole City. So, we’re just basically saying that there’s not a special lighting height for the corridor review district. They would be regulated by the lighting section that applies to the whole City. The Landscaping section was reviewed by the City’s landscape architect, and we’re proposing some changes mainly to clean up some of that language; adding some clarifying language, some minimum quantities and heights and size requirements. We’re also proposing to delete some repetitive language. We had language both in the text and in the table requiring perimeter landscaping around parking lots and to make sure that we weren’t repetitive and contradictory to each other, we’re proposing to remove some language from the text and just allowing the table to that also states that requirement to apply to perimeter landscaping around parking lots. We’re not removing any requirements, just cleaning up language there. A number of proposals or changes that are being proposed to the signs section; one being that we’re proposing that political signs be exempted from regulation. This was on recommendation of the City’s Law Director. The second being currently how you measure a wall sign is you only get one box to measure your wall sign and, so, if you have your sign, your business name, and then a logo, it kind of doesn’t really matter how you have those organized, you just get one box, and that’s your sign size. We’re proposing that you could have two boxes, so, if you do have a separate logo from your text, you could use two boxes, then you would combine the square footage of both boxes to get your total sign area; a little bit more user-friendly and receptive to how a lot of signs are designed. Currently, also, our code regulations require that wall signs be channel cut letters and not cabinet signs. We’re proposing an allowance of 15% of the proposed sign area to be a cabinet sign. This is in response to a lot of times there is that sign name, and then some sort of logo aspect which usually qualified as a cabinet sign, even though it’s not the kind of cabinet sign that we’re trying to avoid with this regulation. So, by allowing them to have a small area of a cabinet sign, they could have some sort of logo element or graphic for their business without allowing them to have the full box cabinet sign which is what we’re trying to avoid. We rewrote the temporary sign regulations based on feedback from staff. The existing regulations are pretty confusing and hard to administer and so, we tried to simplify and streamline how those were written and regulated to make them easier to administer from a staff standpoint while still maintaining a similar allowance for your businesses. We revised the whole time for electronic signs. We’re proposing a reduction for twenty seconds for signs less than 50 feet in height, and eight seconds for signs over 50 feet in height. So, this is a reduction. Currently signs, I believe…I don’t know the exact breakdown. I have it in my code, but, the lower electronic signs have a 24 hour hold requirement so they can only change once per day, and, based on discussion at Planning Commission, Planning Commission recommended reducing that to 20 seconds to allow a more business-friendly change in rotation of those signs and this is a constant violation that the City sees as well, so it can help clean up some of those kind of repetitive violations. We’re also establishing new regulations for off-premises signs based on some of the recent legal cases and case law regarding content-based regulations. Technically, if we regulate a sign based solely off it being off-premises, that means you would have to look at that sign and read that sign to understand that it is off-premises, which is a consent-based regulation. 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We added new definitions based on some of the text amendments, such as brewery and distillery added definitions that you didn’t have such as earth tone color. That was kind of constant discussion of what constitutes an earth tone. We wanted a definition for that. Again, added that definition for off-premises advertising and signage. Vacant, temporary, occupant; just things that had come up that needed definitions and we revised a couple of existing definitions including commercial recreation, pole sign and ground sign and outdoor advertising devices. I have a couple of notes on these definitions. The pole sign and ground sign were revised to clarify that, basically, any sign that is eight feet or shorter, constitutes a...
Ms. Fields (continued): ground sign, and anything eight feet or taller is a pole sign, no matter how it is designed to get away from people being able to request variances for a ground sign that exceeds that maximum height. We want it to be clear in the definitions that if you’re eight feet or shorter, you’re a ground sign. If you’re taller than eight feet, you’re a pole sign, kind of regardless of how that sign is designed. For the newer definitions for brewery and distillery, I know that there was some comments and questions that we received on some of those definitions; one being kind of where we have for micro-brewery and macro-brewery, we have a barrel amount to kind of qualify how those are distinguished. Those came from the American Brewers Association. Those are industry standards for how that industry qualifies what is a micro-brewery and a Nano-brewery. So, that’s where those came from. There was also a typo that I corrected in the definition of micro and then there was a question about that kind of where tap rooms would be allowed, so, we’re proposing that basically anywhere a brewery is allowed, that they can have an attached tap room. So, macro-breweries are permitted in the industrial district where restaurants are not permitted. That would be the only district where they would kind of get that allowance of having a tap room where you wouldn’t typically get a tap room. But, we do allow for kind of of accessory restaurants and retail for office users that don’t serve that office park, so, it’s kind of in line with some of those existing regulations that we do have in our industrial areas. There was also a note that our distillery definition doesn’t have the kind of level that the brewery definition does for what qualifies a macro versus a micro distillery. I looked into that today, and there is a gallon distinction between a micro and a macro distillery, so, we can add that to the code to clean it up and to have a similar distinction. It’s 750,000 gallons produced in a year; if you produce more than that, you’re a macro. If you produce less than that; you’re a micro. So, I learned something today. There was another note about the definition of tap room and how that applies to distilleries because a lot of time if you’re craft making spirits, that doesn’t come out of a tap, so we could add or kind of amend that tap room definition that it could also be considered a tasting room; kind of have those be one in the same, because they serve the same function; they are an accessory use to the brewing operation; kind of regardless of what you’re brewing; I think it’s just the terminology, but, if we want to make sure that we’re being inclusive, we can make that amendment. I think that covers everything, so, that’s kind of the summary of my definition things. I have one last slide. So, this is just kind of the summary of the other amendments that didn’t really fall into one of the categories. We added a time limit for conditional use permits. So, if a conditional use goes vacant for six months or longer, they would have to come back and ask for a new conditional use. We don’t want that to be kind of ever ending. So that was added. We also added an impervious surface maximum of 50% for residential front yards so people couldn’t pave their entire front yards. And then, lastly as you can see on that table that we provided you, we fixed a couple of typos and terminology errors and things like that throughout the code that really didn’t change the substance of it, just cleaned things up. So, with that, if you have any specific questions, I’d be happy to answer those.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you for addressing those notes and questions efficiently. I know that’s a lot of work. I just have one final question on the tap room brewery discussion. I know you talked about, I do think we need to update the definition for distillery for the quantities otherwise it just feels like a wide open thing that we’re going to get into trouble with. Likewise for adding tasting room as opposed to tap or adjusting the tap room definition. In the tap room, since we’re adding a restaurant capability to it, obviously the breweries don’t have kitchens, so, we’re already adding outside food to that as an accessory use for the brewery or distillery. Are they permitted also to have taps and spirits that weren’t brewed or distilled there in those locations? Or, is the intent limited to just what would be brewed or distilled at that location? Is that a wide open restaurant; if they have a still, they can do anything? Or, is it limited to just their craft product?

Ms. Fields: I know that is also regulated with what liquor law they get, but, I also know that a lot of smaller breweries do put on tap other breweries, beers and options or they serve wine for people that don’t drink beer. So, I don’t believe that the intent was to just limit it to the alcohol that that brewery or distillery made. Some breweries act that way, but a lot of them don’t. So, I don’t know if that gets to your question of opening it up that any restaurant could go into it.
Mr. Anderson: I’m fine with it having guest taps and these other options. I just wanted to make sure that’s the intent and that it’s clarified in the code that that’s what’s allowed. My only concern is or question is because if you brew anything yourself or distill anything yourself, you’re now able to go into SS and GI locations in Springdale. I don’t know how many of those we have, so, I don’t know if it really matters because restaurants are allowed everywhere else anyway. How substantial of a space is that SS and general industry space that would be open now to these breweries and distilleries?

Ms. Fields: SS is fairly limited in size. I believe it’s just, is it Northland? Northland Boulevard is the primary area where that is located. The GI would only allow for the macro scale of those, so, those would be your very, large scale production entities which, a lot of them don’t have a restaurant component, but we aren’t saying that they can’t. But, it’s not something that if they were deep hidden in an industrial park that that would probably work with their business model at the same time, but you are seeing some breweries go in to kind of industrial parks and have a restaurant component. Rivertown in Monroe is an example of that. It’s a very industrial building, but they have a large restaurant inside. So, it is our intent not to limit that in the GI district, but if that’s something that is worrisome or concerning, we can look into that.

Mr. Anderson: It’s not worrisome to me, I’d want to encourage it. I just want to make sure that we do it with intent, not as an accident. That’s why I’d want to have those definitions added and just recognize that that’s what we’re saying if we approve it as we would amend it. What do we need to do to make those amendments to add the barrels to distillery? Do we need to do that here now? Or, how would we do that?

Ms. Fields: I believe it would need to be done here.

President Vanover: Would have to come from this body (Council).

Mr. Anderson: As an amendment?

President Vanover: As an amendment. So, I guess that would be where it’s got to originate and then we have the final say on that. If we have an amendment that we want to get there, then we need to do the proper action.

Mr. Braun: If you do want to make an amendment, I would propose that you do it after the public hearing, when you’re actually considering the legislation, and then after you amend it, you could adopt it as amended.

President Vanover: Okay.

Mr. Anderson: Would it be just as efficient to get the language written correctly with these? I don’t have the barrel numbers for distilleries at the top of my mind. Would it be almost as efficient just to do it as a follow up, or do we have to go through the whole process then again of going through Planning (Commission) for that change?

President Vanover: I think we can do it; wrap it all up here.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: We have the number.

Ms. Fields: I have the number.

President Vanover: She’s got the numbers and it’s primarily industry standards. So, yes, to me, there is no sense to send it back through Planning (Commission) if this is what our intent is. Let’s put it to bed now. Any other comments, discussion?

Mayor Webster: This is sort of a question in general. The ordinance says that this has been recommended and approved by Planning Commission and recommended to Council. Were all the definitions and everything thoroughly discussed at Planning Commission? So they recommended, as is, to Council? I see one head saying, “Yes”. I see two heads saying, “Yes”. Okay. Alright. There are a lot of things that concern me. I’m not saying I’m
Mayor Webster (continued): against them, but I’m concerned about the frequency of electronic sign changing them. I’m concerned about the setbacks, I’m concerned about the color of the "no earth tone", now the sign has to conform to earth tones; we’re doing away with that. I’m concerned about all that, but, having said that, I have a lot of confidence in our Planning Commission. If our Planning Commission has thoroughly looked at this and approved all these definitions, then I say, “good”. Let’s go for it.

President Vanover: Just a quick question. This is one of those because I’ve gotten on a mailing list for a contractor that does semi-permeable surfaces. I know that one in residential, can’t be more than 50%. What about this. Right now, I know the cost is prohibitive, but it’s like everything else; as the cost comes down, somebody may get the wild hair and they want to pave their front yard and get through it with a semi-permeable material.

Ms. Fields: The code language says, the “impervious surface ratio”, so, if they do technically have a pervious surface material, then that wouldn’t apply to this. So, the impervious would just be if it’s asphalt or concrete, or that pavement, so, is that, from an engineering standpoint? (Looks to Don Shvegzda, City Engineer).

Mr. Shvegzda: That’s true. And, to truly have it as a pervious pavement, there’s a lot more involved with sub-surface drainage, those kinds of things that do add quite a bit of cost than just the surface of that system.

President Vanover: I mean, I’m aware of a lot of that. I know, right now, it’s not cost effective, but future, down the pike, and over the horizon, because, in some of the cases, I would like to see that. It would solve a lot of issues for us as far as controlling groundwater and runoff. But, that just kind of piqued my interest as we were rolling through it.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I did want to address some things that the Mayor brought up about the earth tone thing. We’re not saying that you can’t have any earth tone; you can. But, what we have found is that, since I’ve been on there for these past two years, I would say at least 90% of the signs that we get have red; and red is not an earth tone in it and there’s a lot of logos that have red, so, and a lot of the different colors of blue; they’re not earth tones, so, we get a lot, like I said, at least 90% if not more of people that we have to do variances for simply because they have the color red or an off color of blue or a color of green that isn’t on that scale, so, I believe that the intent was, and we did discuss this one in length, is that, instead of having them keep coming for variances every single time, and us always allowing it because it’s either a logo, or it’s a branding thing, that it was just easier to allow them to have it on the sign now. That’s only on the signage; that does not include on the building. On the building, that’s still a requirement and things like that, so, that’s why I personally was still good with it because I don’t, I wasn’t worried about somebody painting their entire place red, or black, or something like that. I was okay with that. The electronic sign, we had the longest discussion about that. I think that was a little over 45 minutes about the signage and, please correct me if I’m wrong, I know that Mr. Taylor did a lot of research on this and there was a math equation that was involved, and it was found to be safe at the heights that were given for the lower heights it was safe to switch at ten seconds. After a whole lot of discussion, we finally ended that by saying if ten is safe, 20 seconds is “double safe” and it was okay because there was a lot of discussion of everybody arguing over five to ten second intervals in there and we kept coming back to 20 and we had all settled on 20 seconds for that and then the higher ones did not change. That has been eight, and it’s still eight, but the lower ones we did change. I believe that we said in the one area over on Princeton Pike, there’s four different times that people have with their variances on their electronic sign and that’s incredibly hard to make sure that they’re doing what they’re supposed to do. Some people are 24, some people are at four minutes, some people at ten minutes. If we set it at one time, and this is what everybody is expected to do, it’s a lot easier to regulate and keep on top of. So that was something that was definitely a hot topic with us. I know it was a hot topic with you guys, and there was a lot of research and work done and I thank you, seriously, for everything that you guys brought to the table and told us about. That was a hard one to go through, but, if we switch that to be the ten seconds on anything below 50 feet, it helps to regulate it. It helps it to be more manageable to check on and to manage that way and then it keeps the taller ones exactly where they were before; nothing has changed with that; it’s still eight seconds. Really, the only change was at the lower level and to define exactly what height because we had
Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup (continued): someone who wanted the monument sign because it was 24 hours before at eight feet. They wanted to go eight feet and like four inches so that they could change it every eight seconds. Eight seconds wasn’t safe at that level, so this absolutely helped clean that up and make it safe, by industry standards; time. As far as the breweries and the distilleries, we were told that it was basically going to be going by the industry standard on that as well, so there really wasn’t a whole lot of question as to that because we weren’t incredibly picky about how it was defined as far as restaurants or not restaurants. We didn’t really think about it in that term to be honest. We weren’t thinking about it like that. We were thinking, “Okay, we have these definitions, we have broken this out”. We were just excited that we actually had those in here now, where we didn’t have them before. Honestly, we hadn’t really thought any deeper than that and that’s where that came from because we hadn’t brought it up in discussion. It wasn’t anything we had even thought about. We were, again, happy we finally got those definitions in there. I hope that that helps clear up a little bit of where Planning Commission was and, of course, Mr. Ramirez if you had anything to add to that. We had a lot of discussion there and I feel like we dissected nearly every single thing. I felt horrible for Liz (Fields) by that point of the meeting, but she handled it with grace and I thank you personally for that.

Mr. Ramirez: I would add that yes, it was a very long discussion and the changing of the signs was what had the most input on what people wanted and I struggled with it quite a bit going from 24 hours to 20 seconds, so, in the end, we all came to an agreement with Mr. Taylor’s math and we all believed on the Planning Commission it was the right thing to do.

Mr. Anderson: I don’t doubt that there was a lot of discussion and smart minds applying their craft to this. My only concern that remained with the distillery definition because it did not include the standards that we have discovered in the past 24 hours, that the concern if we don’t add it is that somebody could “self-declare” to be whatever size they want, which would then give them entry to that part of Springdale. So, if there’s no definition using the standard of a micro; a macro distiller could go into a “micro” zoning code, into SS instead of GI, just because they say, “Well, I’m relatively small and that’s sufficient based on your code”, and we would be stuck and they would be allowed in that space. So, that’s why I’m stuck on that. It’s not a question of being picky, it’s that concern I want to make sure that it’s clear, just like the standard’s defined. I agree; I think there was a lot of work done on this, and I’m not minimizing that with the number of questions that I sent to you, I appreciate the work. Thank you.

President Vanover: I don’t have any more lights, so, Public Hearing is still open. Is there anybody else that would like to speak either for or against? (none)

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 04-2020; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion.

Mr. Anderson: In light of the conversation that we had on distillery definitions, I’d like to propose an amendment to the ordinance as it was submitted to amend the definition for Nano distiller, micro, and macro distiller to include the barrel limits that were described during the public hearing that came from the industry standard body. I’m sorry, I don’t remember the name of the body if we need to reference that now, I need somebody to remind me.

Ms. Fields: Sure. It’s the American Craft Spirits Association regulates the distilleries and the American Brewers Association regulates the breweries.

Mr. Anderson: So, Mr. Braun is that sufficient to include the text from that, or do you need me to speak the numbers into the amendment?

Mr. Braun: Just as long as you indicate what section that’s going in, that can be part of the amendment. It’s going into the definitional section?

Ms. Fields: The definition section.

Mr. Braun: Okay.
Mr. Anderson: The definitional section please.

President Vanover: We have a motion proposed.

Mr. Hawkins: Second.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 04-2020 to amend the definition for Nano distiller, micro, and macro distiller to include the barrel limits that were described during the public hearing that came from the industry standard body of the American Craft Spirits Association which regulates distilleries and the American Brewers Association which regulates breweries passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 04-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 05-2020
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 32.05 (E) (1) AND (7) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2020; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I just had a question for Administration. Is this basically, is this the standard in other cities and things like that? Is this the way that other cities are going?

Mr. Jones: I have not personally, this is the third city I have worked in, so; I guess I have trouble holding a job (laughter). Every thirty five years, it happens. This is actually the first city I have worked in that I’ve experienced this. So, it was a little different for me to come in and see this. I’m not sure how some of the surrounding communities do this. But, just want to make sure we point out too, this is pertaining to the Police and Fire unionized employees only.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: There are several communities who do this. Actually, several of the communities that I came from. Just like Mr. Jones, I can’t hold a job either (laughter). Have done lateral entry and it is a relatively good way to help recruit people.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Thank you so much.

Mayor Webster: If I might clarify something. We haven’t hired these people because they can’t keep a job (laughter). It sounds that way, I know.

Ordinance No. 05-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 06-2020
AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 32.05 (F) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 06-2020; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Jones: Just as kind of a point of reference and clarification here, we worked with the recruiting firm, as Council is clearly aware and authorized, Management Partners. One of the things that kept coming up as we’re recruiting for the Economic Developer and also the Building Official was, basically, John, you’re looking at people that have Masters Degrees and ten, 15, 20, 25 years of experience and you’re going to ask them to take no vacation during the first year on the job. By the way, that’s not going to work for you. So, just to let you know, that has been a problem here. We’ve had other department level heads say that that is an issue, you ought to look into that, you ought to address it. In fact, one of the things Christine Russell told me when she was leaving, was, “You need to address that”. Well, that’s kind of what we’re doing, not because Christine asked, but because we kept hearing it and then Management Partners kept telling us the same thing, “You’re going to have issues with this.”
Mr. Jones (continued): So, we knew that. We were aware of it and we thought it’s finally time that we get this addressed. I just wanted to offer a little information on that as to how that came about.

Mr. Anderson: The only thing I would encourage you to do is also look at it beyond the Department Head level. It’s a competitive job market out there and I think you should have the flexibility to do that beyond that. I don’t think it’s asking too much if people are willing to serve Springdale that they should be allowed to use vacation not just at the highest level, but at all of our levels. That’s my opinion. Thank you.

Ordinance No. 06-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business - None

New Business

Mrs. Ghantous: Did everyone get the email from the gentleman on Crescentville about the car accident? I got one. Tom (Vanover) got it. Holly (Emerson) got it. Did you get it? (Addressing Mr. Ramirez)

Mr. Ramirez: I did.

Mrs. Ghantous: So, four of us. Did you guys know about that? It was an accident on Crescentville and Tivoli. A resident, I thought everyone got it, except he said he didn’t send it to you, Mr. Mayor. He was clear about that. But, I thought everybody else probably got it. So, I just wanted to make sure that somebody’s reaching out to this gentleman. Tom, he’s in your district.

President Vanover: I haven’t talked to him on this specific (issue). This gentleman lives on the corner (Mr. Ross) exactly. I’ve talked to him on other issues and this kind of piggy backs on that; concerns that he’s had in the past. In the past, he’s had concerns about the speed limit on Crescentville Road, which we have since addressed that. I think that what I would like to do, and I was talking with Mrs. Emerson, prior to the meeting, that I’d like to get the Police report and find out what happened in the accident. Because, that may, it could be operator error is the issue and not, I think that, probably in fairness to the Administration, is that we’ll make a copy of that available to everybody and Council too if they didn’t get one, we’ll get that to everybody and then take it, maybe at the next meeting if we get everything assembled, then we can talk.

Mrs. Ghantous: Until after the next meeting, someone will get back to him? Is that what you’re saying?

President Vanover: Well, actually, probably before that, I will contact him and say, “We’ve gotten it. We’re in the process of investigating the situation and whatever the resolution, somebody then will get back to you.”

Mrs. Ghantous: Okay. He may not even know that we talked about reducing the speed limit, because that was one of the things.

President Vanover: I talked to him after the traffic study, the recent traffic study and the recommendations for that.

Mrs. Ghantous: I just want to make sure that we don’t leave it hanging. Thank you. I appreciate that.

President Vanover: Not a problem.

Mrs. Emerson: Also in that letter, he addressed an accident that had happened two months prior to this one that happened last night. So, if we could look at that and find out what the reason for that accident was, to see if it was speed related, or operator error before we make any decisions on that. Thank you.
Mrs. McNear: Council, you have, in your packet, a TREX to JC Cincinnati LLC at 11340 Princeton Pike. It is coming from Telsat Inc. dba Solaire 1st Floor Front West Only and 2nd Floor at 111 First Street, Hudson, Ohio. This location is the former Friday’s building. This is going to be our newest crab restaurant.

Mayor Webster: Juicy Crab?

Mrs. McNear: Juicy Crab. This is a D5 and D6 and D5 is “spirituous liquor for an on-premises consumption only beer, wine, and mixed beverages for on-premises or off-premises in original sealed containers until 2:30 a.m.” And the D6 is a “sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. and midnight”. Any concerns or issues with this particular transfer? (None) Alright, we’ll take care of getting the paperwork filed. Thank you.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Emerson: We have a Board of Health meeting on February 13th which is a Thursday, at 7:00 in the conference room adjacent to here. We have a Rules and Laws meeting on February 19th, that’s a Wednesday, at 6:00 in the Administrative conference room.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers on February 11th at 7:00 p.m. and I do have the papers if anyone did want to sponsor a horse race for the horse races this year. I do have those. They’re $50 a race. SYB (Springdale Youth Boosters) is asking that you turn everything in by the 9th and everything will be turned to the Community Center. The sponsor’s name will be printed on the tickets as well, so, when people buy their horse race ticket, it will say, “the Sullivan-Wisecup race” or whatever when they get it, so, if anybody wanted that, I do have the forms here and, again, the horse race is being held on February 29th. It’s the last Saturday of the month of February. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. The first race starts at 8:00 p.m. Thank you.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I just want to remind everyone that City offices will be closed on Monday, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day, but the Rec Center will be open from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. Youth sports registration is currently underway for baseball, t-ball, girls’ softball, spring soccer and spring volleyball. You can contact the Community Center for details. Like we do every year, the AARP income tax help will be available beginning Friday mornings, January 31st through April 10th. They are one hour appointments and are for seniors with simple State and Federal tax returns. Again, you can contact the Community Center to schedule an appointment at 346-3910.

Mrs. Ghantous: Thank you. I’m having a little tickle in my throat. BZA will meet on January 28th, 7:00 p.m. in the chambers here.

Mr. Ramirez: I know I’ll probably forget, so, Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup, would you reach out to me. I would like to sponsor a race.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I have them right here. I’ll hand it to you on the way out.

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 Ordinance No. 04-2020; An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 153 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 05-2020; An Ordinance Amending Sections 32.05 (E) (1) and (7) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number III was addressed with Ordinance No. 06-2020; An Ordinance Creating Section 32.05 (F) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. That also passed with a 7-0 vote. We had Resolution No. R3-2020; Commending Chief Michael Mathis for his long, distinguished and
Mr. Hawkins (continued): dedicated service to the City of Springdale; that passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters are forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There was discussion from Mr. Braun with regard to legislation revoking ordinances regarding firearms and that’s all I have, unless there’s anything else from Council or City Administration (none).

President Vanover: Well, I guess the question is Council, will you be prepared to discuss the DORA at that time?

Mr. Braun: I wouldn’t anticipate legislation on it.

President Vanover: No, not legislation.

Mr. Braun: I’ll be prepared under New Business if you want to have a discussion about it. I’ll bring my notes and be prepared to answer any questions.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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