

City of Springdale Council

December 16, 2020

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on December 16, 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 November 18, 2020 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Emerson seconded. The minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting were approved with seven affirmative votes.

The minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting were considered. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Ghantous seconded. The minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Good Evening everyone. I wanted to take this opportunity to basically, give a recap of the various activities that have occurred for Civil Service for the year 2020, which was a very busy year. There were in excess of 180 interviews that took place during 2020 for, and by the various departments. From this effort, there were 34 new hires and promotions. Of that number, that 34 number, 26 were full-time hires, and eight were promotions. In addition to the full-time, there was also ten part-time. Most of these activities involved testing, as well as the interviews. And, it seemed like every time we would conduct a test for a particular position, right around the corner, was another vacancy that would require testing again. So, again, we were fairly busy and we've already identified for 2021, at the very least, we're looking at probably six new hires, as well as, six promotions. The reason for the activity was that there were seven retirements in 2020, along with eight resignations. We're hoping that we don't see such a flood of activity for 2021, as, again, it would certainly seem a bit unusual for that much activity. But, again, I thought it was important to update Council on the activities and the personnel changes for 2020 that has occurred here in the City of Springdale. Any questions? (None)

Rules and Laws

Mrs. Emerson: Rules and Laws met this evening at 6:00 in the Administrative conference room. I'm going to let Mr. Braun discuss some of the things that went on the meeting.

Mr. Braun: Do you want me to go through those changes now, or when we get to them on the agenda?

Mrs. Emerson: Let's do it now.

Mr. Braun: As you may recall, at the last meeting, there was some discussion about the two agenda items which are under Section 10. We have moved to make some recommendations to address what Council had asked us to do which was address a "dually" vehicle and how those would be handled when an individual would buy a vehicle known as a "dually" which has more than two tires on the rear axle. And, what we've done is we've added some language into both the proposed zoning amendment and the proposed parking ordinance that will say, "unless for personal use only". And, we believe that will solve the problem. Additionally, we've added what Council member Anderson suggested by stating that in the future these violations, a first offense, should be a written warning, and each offense thereafter will be a minor misdemeanor. I think that encapsulates everything we talked about. One other thing that you'll see, in eventually what will be an amended ordinance coming before you is we had inadvertently chopped out what used to be Section G which will now be Section H, which is unrelated to this, so we'll also insert that back in. That's what we did, so we feel like we've addressed it. One may ask the question, "How can

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Mr. Braun (continued): you determined if something is for personal use only?" I think as the members of the Committee indicated that this will be a case by case basis that they'd have to bring in evidence and show the magistrate or judge if they do get a citation and want to contest it, that maybe this is not for commercial purposes. That's the change we made.

Mrs. Emerson: Mr. Braun, didn't we discuss about the unclassified?

Mr. Braun: Yes, we're going to keep that a minor misdemeanor.

Mrs. Emerson: Okay.

Mr. Braun: It had been suggested as well that we consider making each offense an unclassified misdemeanor and we decided that it would be appropriate consistent with all of the other parking violations to keep it as a minor misdemeanor. But, we did add the sentence that a first offense is a written warning.

Finance Committee

Mr. Hawkins: Finance Committee met on December 2nd of this year. All members were present. We went over the budget that is before you that we will go through the Budget of 2021 Presentation. Everybody has had the opportunity to look at that. I will say that it is, as usual, detailed, comprehensive, and, in our opinion, fiscally responsible. The Committee reviewed and recommends approval of said budget. We'll get to that later. Thank you.

Planning Commission	Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup	-	No report
Board of Zoning Appeals	Mrs. Ghantous	-	No report

Board of Health

Mrs. Emerson: Board of Health met on December 10th at 7:00 in these chambers. Most of the discussion, I should probably say all of the discussion was over the COVID-19. We had from November 12th to December 12th. So, the past month, we had 198 new cases in Springdale. From March until current date, we had 536 cases with five deaths. That was since March. We've had 58% of those that were female and 42% were male. We have 77 Springdale residents from 68 homes that are under COVID-19 isolation, and we have 42 Springdale residents from 20 homes that are currently in quarantine. Springdale had been approved for the COVID-19 pandemic vaccine provider from the Ohio Department of Health for mass vaccinations. We were awarded over \$200,000 for 2021 grant from the Ohio Department of Health for COVID-19. For Public Health Accreditation (PHAB), site visit has been postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19. The Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC), we got \$8,718 for August and \$8,552 for June, and, the money for November is still being processed. Recent Food Program activities include Home2Suites food service on Pictoria Drive plan was approved and its opening date to be determined. Two Times Nutrition on Northland Boulevard opened on November 18th. Juicy Crab on Princeton Pike opened on December 2nd. I'm going to pass off for the Mayor's Report for the Springdale Offering Support. We had pending legislation. It was the third reading on all of these Springdale Board of Health Regulation R1-2020 proposing for Food Program license fees passed unanimously, and Springdale Board of Health Regulation R2-2020 and that was for the swimming pools and spas fees and that passed unanimously. Springdale Board of Health Regulation R3-2020 that was for license for hotels and motels that passed also with a unanimous vote. For the Nurse's Report, we do not have the Narcan report for November. They did do a flu clinic over at the Willows (Park at Springdale). They were gracious enough to let them use a model apartment and they vaccinated 18 children and eight adults. That's about it unless there's questions. Thank you.

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

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Webster: It is with great honor tonight that I get to present a proclamation to a long-term person that's contributed greatly to the success of the City. So, without further ado, I'd just like to read this proclamation,

WHEREAS, upon the retirement of Donald (Don) G. Shvegza, who has served as an engineer for the City of Springdale for forty-one years, always maintaining the honor and dignity of his profession; and

WHEREAS, Don graduated from the University of Cincinnati in the spring of 1978 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and began his professional career with CDS Associates (now CT Consultants) in February 1979; and

WHEREAS, Don began working with the City of Springdale on the West Crescentville Road Improvement Project in the summer of 1979; and

WHEREAS, Don was named the Assistant City Engineer in 1983 under the supervision of then City Engineer and President of CDS Associates Wayne Schuler; and

WHEREAS, Don assumed the role of City Engineer in 2006, continuing to provide engineering expertise faithfully and conscientiously to the City of Springdale and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Don's years of service are defined by an exemplary dedication to performing private development plan reviews, municipal engineering, capital improvement projects, funding acquisition services, private developer coordination, and presentations to Council, Planning Commission, and at other public meetings; and

WHEREAS, Don has been instrumental in preparing public improvement projects which have contributed to the health, safety, and comfort of this community, to include the Beaver Run Creek Riparian Corridor Restoration, Springdale Veterans Memorial, Springfield Pike Streetscape, West Kemper Road Rehabilitation, Kenn Road Improvement Project, State Route 4 Southbound Lane Addition, State Route 4 / West Sharon Road Intersection Improvements, State Route 747 / CSX Grade Separation Project, and many more; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the entire City Council, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Don for his loyalty to the City of Springdale over the past forty-one years and wish him much happiness as he begins this new chapter in his life.

NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 16, 2020 as

Mr. Donald G. Shvegza Day

In the City of Springdale and commend this observance to our citizens.

Mayor Webster: Don, would you and your wife want to step up. (Applause)

Mr. Shvegza: Mayor, Council, Administration, I really appreciate this honor. It's been a joy working for the City, for all the different elected officials, and the different department heads and staff. It's been a great joy for me to have the spent the forty years plus working with the community and, hopefully, I've contributed something that has benefited the residents and the area in general. So, again, I appreciate this and hopefully in the coming years I'll have a little bit more opportunity to express ourselves without facemasks and everything so it'll be a lot better time period for me being retired anyways. Thank you very much. I appreciate it. (Applause)

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Mayor Webster: I'd like to continue with my report. As Mrs. Emerson indicated, I would pick up where she left off on the SOS (Springdale Offering Support). I've taken several members of Council downstairs this evening to give you a picture of what this SOS this is all about. I tell you, if I do say so myself, I'm extremely proud of this. This year we've had 81 families that we put out for adoption, if you will. The response from the corporate community, from the residential, from the churches, and service organizations have just been absolutely mind-boggling. We were very concerned going into this season because of COVID-19 situation, a lot of people were working from home; they weren't going to their office every day and bringing in food to drop in the food bins and so forth. So, we were worried about how much food we were going to have. Well, I think the people who went downstairs to look at that will verify that it's not a problem. We've got tons and tons of food. So, anyway, these 81 families will all get one or two boxes of food, they'll get a gift card from Kroger's or Target for additional groceries. They supplied us with a shopping list for the children. Those gifts have been purchased, they've been wrapped, and all put in bags ready to be picked up. So, the next two days, I think it's the next two Debi (Boggs)? When everybody picks up their gifts. So, it will be somewhat of a zoo up here for the next two days if you pay a visit to City Hall. Anyway, it blows you away with the support that we've gotten, and then, also, along with the 81 families, at the last minute, we picked up another 11 families that we discovered that needed some assistance, so those families have gotten \$100 gift card to Kroger's or Target or somewhere to buy food with. So, anyway, that takes us up to 92 families. So, we're heading close to that century mark, so, we're off to a great start. In addition to the generosity with the food and everything, just the donations have been coming in like crazy, and for any of you that participated, I just want to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you very much". And, what we don't spend this year, will be there for a running start for 2021. Thank you very much. Also, I wanted to talk a little bit about the budget. Mr. Hawkins made some comment about the budget. About the comprehensive nature of it, and so forth. I think that here again, you get accustomed to these things when you get this big budget book and you sort of take it for granted. But, I'll tell you there's an absolute ton of work that goes into that, and John and his staff start working on this thing in July I guess I think the initial budget letters go out in June or July and it's a constant effort in putting this together. John and his team, being assisted by Mr. Uhl and his Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Morgan, the three have sort of spear-headed the thing, and all the Directors are involved with it. It's a team effort, but I think we've put together a very comprehensive document. I think it's served us well. It's gotten us through a lot of financial crises. I think not only the annual budget, but also the fact that we have the five year budget and that's really been key to helping us navigate some of the hard times financially. So, John and your staff, great job. One other thing, since we're talking about money here, Matt Clayton, our Health Commissioner, is constantly looking for grants and help for the City. He has applied for some funds that would allow us to create a food service operation that we could help the food service operators. So, I'm going to let Brian fill you in on some of the details here. But, anyway, it's a fund that would, if he's successful getting this funding, we'd create a fund that would help out small businesses in this community. If you hold a legitimate Springdale food service operation and some other qualifiers on there. Anyway, he submitted all this criteria to the County, and we hope to hear affirmatively that we've gotten that grant. If so, and the reason I'm bringing it up this evening, is that on the January 6th agenda, we will be asking for another appropriation order if we're successful in getting that funding. Brian (Uhl), do you want to straighten out the details.

Mr. Uhl: Sure. A couple of things with this. This is a grant from Hamilton County. It's a Community Development Block Grant. It's specific to businesses that are affected by COVID-19. So, Mr. Clayton reached out, there were still funds available, and he applied for those. We should be hearing word any day now as the Mayor indicated on our approval for that. So, he's heard from several business owners that they have been struggling as a result of different shutdowns and limited service times. So, this will be spearheaded and geared towards food service operators and retail food establishments located within Springdale. They'll have to provide some documents to show the need and show the loss and what not, but, pretty proud of Mr. Clayton's efforts to help and support our business owners here. This will run concurrent with a current grant with the State of Ohio aimed at bars and restaurants as well. Hopefully, both of these will help them along.

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Mayor Webster: The good thing about this is they were successful that we have until September 30, 2021 to spend this money.

Mr. Uhl: Correct, we have until September 2021 to use the funds.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to talk for a few minutes here. I know we've got a big agenda and I apologize, but, I really would like to reflect a little bit on some of the activities that have taken place during 2020. Due to the pandemic, we've had a terrible year. Unfortunately, we've lost five of our residents in Springdale. In addition to that, we've had to cope with the tragic loss of Police Officer Kaia Grant in March of this year. That in itself is a monumental undertaking to try and cope with that. Our Police Department has responded very well, and a lot of support from a lot of people. Getting back to the pandemic, that has certainly played havoc with businesses, businesses closing, losing business, and also with kids not going to school regularly, and so forth and so on. It causes the Rec Center to have to cancel most of the events down there, all of the social events. It's been a terrible year. Yet, there's a lot to be thankful for. I think that we all need to pause at times and reflect on where we are and I think that if you look at the City, I think we've got a lot to be thankful for. We've got a very financially sound City that as will be evidenced by the presentation of the budget with Mr. Hawkins later on here. And, there's not a whole lot of communities that can brag about where they are financially as we can. From a personnel standpoint, we've had, this year alone, we've had to replace, or we've had the opportunity to replace our Assistant City Administrator, Brian Uhl, our Economic Development Director, Andy Kuchta, Carl Lamping, our Chief Building Official, our Police Chief (Thomas Wells) has been promoted (after the retirement of Chief Mathis) and Mr. Charlie Wilson has also been promoted down at the Recreation Department through the retirement of Greg Karle. So, that's a pretty heavy load there to have to replace those people, but I am very pleased with the quality of personnel that we've been able to occupy those jobs. I'm sure John will be ably assisted going forward. We've also had the opportunity this year, and this is a long time desire of ours, is to create some career paths in the Fire Department. Probably ten or 12 years ago, we tried to implement a structure in the Fire Department of some Lieutenants between the Firefighters and the Captains. Because, up until this year, if the Captain's position is open, we look down to the Firefighters, so it was a pretty big jump there. So, we wanted to institute another level for command purposes there, and also, to be quite truthful, to try and eliminate some of the God-awful overtime that we were paying the Fire Department. So, anyway, thanks to John's efforts and the union, I want to thank those guys for cooperating with us, but we now have three Lieutenants in the Fire Department. We also restructured our new Chief in the Police Department, Chief Wells, wanted to institute a Corporal level, and we've accomplished that this year. And, sounds like a lot of people, and it is a lot of people, and as Mr. Coleman indicated, we've hired 34 full-time and ten part-time people this year. So, there's a lot of interviewing, a lot of time and effort spent on that, and, I don't know how we would have done that without having a full-time Human Resource Director, which is something we added two years ago. Had we not done that, that chore would have fallen upon our Assistant City Administrator. I don't know how he would have spent his time between that and all the CARES funding management that he has done. Anyway, we accomplished all of these staffing objectives with increasing staff by two people. Last year, we had 120 full-time people. This year, we had 122. So, it sounds like a lot of people, being hired, they were, but as Mr. Coleman indicated, we had some resignations, some retirements, so a lot of these are just replacements, so we had 120 last year, 122 this year, and we're projecting for next year to add two more full-time people. So, I think we've been pretty judicious with adding to the payroll. I don't want to go on, and on here, but I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank the residents for their understanding and the sacrifices they made this year during this terrible pandemic with no social events and all the recreation stuff being cancelled and youth activities. We appreciate their patience and their understanding and, finally, I'd like to thank the City Council for all of their help in helping us cope with some of these things and times you gave us some unbridled authority and hope we went out of our way not to abuse that and hopefully, we won't have to do that again. With that, I'd just like to say, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year", and I think I'm going to leave now and you guys can take care of the budget. How's that? (Laughter). Have a good evening.

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Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: First this evening, I would like to thank Mr. Hawkins for filling in as Acting Clerk of Council/Finance Director in my absence at the last meeting. So, thank you very much. I appreciate it. Hope you enjoyed it. No comment? (Laughter) Thank you very much for doing that very well. Next I have the General Fund Update through November 30, 2020. For our receipts based on our Net Receipts budget of \$22.359 million dollars, we have received \$20.425 million dollars. Those receipts 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, for a subtotal of \$18.967 million dollars, which is 93% of the received budget. For expenditures, through November 30, 2020, based on a net budget of \$20.172 million dollars, we have spent 86% of the budget. Our General Fund Summary Ending Balance through November 30, 2020 is \$3.515 million dollars. That concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Jones: I've got a few things this evening. Different than what Mr. Uhl was reporting on, on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funding, we also received from Hamilton County Planning Development this week we were notified that in 2021, we will receive \$15,000 for Homeowner Repair Program and in 2022, \$15,000, and in 2023, \$10,000. In 2021, we will receive \$25,000 for two new bus shelters on Kemper and Springfield Pike, and then for tree planting, that will make Mr. Agricola happy, we will receive \$15,000 in 2021. I have a few other things Mr. President, tonight you will see a new face with us; we have Lori Thornton who was recently hired with us in the Building Department. She's under the supervision of our Building Official, Carl Lamping. She comes to us with eight years of experience in Building from Clermont County. She started last Monday, and we told her, her hours are 8:00 to 5:00 and you can see that works out just fine. That's a little inside joke. So, we do welcome her to our team and we're pleased to get that position filled. I also want to congratulate my friend Don (Shvegza). Don and I have gotten to know each other the last, I've been here 28 months, and boy, he's tough to get a lunch from, but he's still a good guy (laughter). Don's 41 years; that's amazing to me. Don, we appreciate it. You, Mark, Shawn, you guys know we appreciate what you do for our jurisdiction, but 41 years is quite a commitment. So, thanks to you for that. We also want to congratulate you on your retirement, and for you and your family. Look forward to hearing some of the things that you get to do and heading out west to visit some of your grandkids. We do appreciate Shawn being here. He will be our new Engineer. He's got some really old shoes, I mean he's got some really big shoes to fill. Sorry Don, that was too easy. But, we appreciate him being here as well, and with that, I think that's it for right now. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun

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No report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: The East Crescentville Road Improvements Project has no changes there, but I do want to point out that Stage Three Plans are to be completed late January next year. The Beacon Hills Subdivision Street Grind and Resurface Project is complete. The final paperwork has been received and the final payment request has been approved. The Community Center Reroofing Project. We had a warranty inspection that took place on December 4th. We had a follow up inspection and it was determined that all noted punch list items were addressed. The Northland Boulevard Reconstruction Project Survey began last week and it's anticipated to be completed by the week of January 4th. That concludes my report.

President Vanover: Well, before we leave the Engineer's Report, I just want to congratulate Don (Shvegza) on your retirement. Well, in my term up here, I've only worked with two engineers; Wayne and you. The hardest thing about working with you is pronouncing your name (laughter). Other than that, we all have enjoyed it the whole time, and wish you nothing but the best.

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Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Kuchta: The kickoff survey is live at planspringdale.org. As of an hour ago, 35 surveys have been completed and these surveys are heavy with free form comments, so there's a lot of text to read already. We expect the survey is going to run about through the first week in January, so we hope to get at least 100 to 200, to almost 300 surveys completed. That's going to be a lot of information to go through, but there's really good responses already. Some good feedback from residents and some business operators that have completed it and we are going to be posting daily on Facebook because that seems to get a really good response in terms of surveys completed within minutes of putting up a post on Facebook. Apologies in advance, you're going to be seeing this daily for the next three weeks at least on Facebook, including weekends. Any questions? (None)

President Vanover: Thank you sir.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Matheny: I just wanted to give our Charter Revision Committee report. We met on Wednesday, December 2nd. All five members were present. The two new members, Marci Haungs, and Michelle Gilmore were there. Tom Vanover swore them in as members. I gave everyone a copy of our Charter, and basically, Sharon Conrad re-nominated me as Chairperson, and Dan Jacobs is still the Secretary. Just wanted to give an update on that. Took all of about five minutes. Michelle Gilmore had so much fun at that meeting that she can't wait for you guys to re-appoint her again tonight. Thank you.

Presentation of 2021 Budget

President Vanover: At this point, Mr. Hawkins, I will go to you and you can pass the football on the Budget Presentation for 2021 Budget.

Mr. Hawkins: Before we go through Department by Department, I'm going to give the Administration the opportunity to give an overview, but, before I do that, just piggybacking on what the Mayor had indicated. As I was going to say, this document takes a lot of time to put together and it's a lot of effort from Mr. Jones, Mr. Uhl, Department Heads, and Directors. They send out their "wish list" so to speak or things they want/need. That information gets pared down by the Administration, and then pared down again, organized, and edited into the document that we have before us. So, special thanks to all of you guys, and extra special thanks to Stephanie Morgan who is consumed with this document. So, without her, we wouldn't be able to go through this like this. But, Mr. Jones or Mr. Uhl, anything that you want to say as a preview before we jump into this document?

Mr. Jones: I don't think there's anything I can improve upon what you just articulated and what the Mayor has already said. We appreciate the kind remarks. You both are 100% correct. There's a lot of effort that goes into it, but it's mine and Brian's effort is just minimal compared to some, and Jeff Williams, our other Department Director, and Stephanie as you've already mentioned. Just a great job and we're proud of it. When we get to the end, I will say, it's not without some hiccups, but, thank you for your patience. They Mayor spends an inordinate amount of time in there with us too on it. He downplays that a little bit, but he's with us all the way on it. Thank you and Joe Ramirez for serving on the Committee, and I'll yield it back to you.

Mr. Hawkins: So, we'll go through Department by Department and, Council any questions, comments, issues. So, we're starting with the Police Department. Any questions or comments?

Police Department Budget - No questions/concerns
Fire Department Budget - No questions/concerns

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Health Department Budget - No questions/concerns

Mr. Hawkins: This is a department where we've had some benefit from the COVID-19 grants that we've received that have helped out significantly as well as everything that our Health Commissioner does in terms of going and finding grants.

President Vanover: I'd also add too that he probably more than earned his keep through this because I know vacation was interrupted, and his personal life interrupted through this, but, really a tip of the hat to Mr. Clayton for his operation and the whole Department over there. They did a yeoman's work through this mess.

Mr. Hawkins: Definitely.

Parks and Recreation Budget - No questions/concerns

Building Department Budget - No questions/concerns

Mr. Hawkins: To give you just an example of the fiscal responsibility in terms of the department needing some new vehicles, the Department is purchasing two used vehicles instead of new vehicles. It just goes to show again, folks trying to save money and make good decisions there.

Mr. Jones: Mr. Hawkins, I just want to add in, since we're on the Building Department, as of December 31st of this year, we will no longer have contractual employees in there doing our Property Maintenance. Mr. (Carl) Lamping and Ms. (Christina) Ingle today went ahead and offered and a person has accepted that position so we no longer will utilize contractual services. Which is very helpful to us. Obviously, when you're doing contractual services, you have contracts with them and then you also pay fees and different things, so, we like our own full-time people, and we like that we have control over them and have set hours and all of that. Just wanted to say, because I know it's been a big thing for us. Those are hard positions to fill with the different specifications and stuff, so, we're really excited about that. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you. Any other comments or concerns concerning the Building Department Budget? (None)

Waste Collection Budget - No questions/concerns

Public Works Department Budget - No questions/concerns

Administrative Office Budget - No questions/concerns

Economic Development Budget - No questions/concerns

Finance Department Budget - No questions/concerns

Legislative Body Budget - No questions/concerns

Other Commissions Budget - No questions/concerns

Tax Department Budget - No questions/concerns

General Administration Budget - No questions/concerns

Transfers and Advances Budget - No questions/concerns

Adult Sports Fund Budget - No questions/concerns

Street Maintenance Budget - No questions/concerns

State Highway Improvement Budget - No questions/concerns

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Grants Fund Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Court Computerization Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Springdale Youth Boosters Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Commerce Park TIF Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Drug Law Enforcement Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Law Enforcement Budget	-	No questions/concerns
DUI Fund Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Law Enforcement Training Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Insurance Trust Fund Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Health Insurance Trust Fund Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Street Improvement Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Street Improvement Debt Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Capital Improvement Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Residential Recycling Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Tri-County Mall TIF Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Parks and Urban Forestry Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Northwest Business Center TIF Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Unclaimed Monies Budget	-	No questions/concerns
OBBS Assessment Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Fire Insurance Proceeds Budget	-	No questions/concerns
Revenues	-	No questions/concerns

Mr. Hawkins: Any questions or concerns, or comments or requests for additions or deletions?

Mrs. McNear: I just wanted to make a comment about the budget. It's a fabulous budget. Lots of hard work goes into it. Thanks to everyone who works on it. This is not the first time everyone that is in here is seeing it. They had their packets in advance, the Finance Committee has met and gone through these documents page by page. But, one thing I like about our budget versus any budget I've ever worked with in my entire career is that typically a budget is all numbers. However, this particular document it is all numbers on one side, and on the left hand side there's a narrative that just about any question you could ever have about the numbers is indicated in this document. I really appreciate that and I know there's a tremendous amount of effort that goes into providing that bit of information. Just wanted to thank everybody again, and also urge Council to please approve this budget this evening. Thank you.

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Mr. Hawkins: Thank you. And, also, thank you Mr. Jones. The email you sent out, I don't recall if it was last week or this week, but, again, asking if anybody had questions that you and Mr. Uhl making yourselves available to address any concerns beforehand as well.

Mr. Ramirez: One last side of it. It can't be said enough of the thanks for the hard that's gone on into this budget with the Administration and the staff. Stephanie (Morgan) did a phenomenal job putting this together and, finally, Mr. Hawkins leading the Finance Committee, I'm happy to be a part of that and I appreciate his leadership. Thank you.

President Vanover: Well, the only other comment added, again, a tip of the hat to all of them. I know poor Miss Stephanie, and I know her name has been thrown out, but her poor monitor was worked so hard that it's now leaning over sideways.

Mayor Webster: I don't know. I guess this is probably the 48th budget that I've been a part of. Needless to say, this is the largest one, and this is the easiest \$24 million dollars that I've ever gotten approved through Council (laughter). A lot of money, but a lot of work went into it and hopefully, we adequately explained what we're doing. We appreciate your support. Thank you very much all of you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 48-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 73.041 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to table Ordinance No. 48-2020 until the next Council meeting to be held on January 6, 2021; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Council passed the motion to table Ordinance No. 48-2020 until the next Council meeting to be held on January 6, 2021 with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 49-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.252(F)(8) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to table Ordinance No. 49-2020 until the next Council meeting to be held on January 6, 2021; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Council passed the motion to table Ordinance No. 49-2020 until the next Council meeting to be held on January 6, 2021 with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 50-2020

ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION/ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND ADJUST ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 50-2020 Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 50-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 51-2020

ADOPTING A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021, UNTIL THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 APPROPRIATION PERMANENT ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 51-2020; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Ordinance No. 51-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 52-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 53-2019 TO PROVIDE FOR WAGE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 52-2020; Mr. Anderson seconded.

Ordinance No. 52-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 53-2020

AUTHORIZING A PRELIMINARY ORDINANCE WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENTS ON STATE ROUTE 4 WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 53-2020; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mr. Hawkins: Just checking to see. Through the course of the work that's going to be done on this. Is Route 4 going to be closed at any point in time? Or will that remain open?

President Vanover: Mr. Agricola, you're the "street wizard".

Mr. Agricola: No, Route 4 will not be closed. There could be some individual lane closures while they're working adjacent to the roadway, but State Route 4 will remain open.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you.

Ordinance No. 53-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 54-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MILHAUS PROPERTIES, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11911 SHERATON LANE IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 54-2020; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Ordinance No. 54-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: Next up, we have Resolution No. R26-2020. As Ms. Matheny mentioned, Michelle Gilmore is interested in continuing on Charter Revision. At this point, I will open the floor for nominations.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to nominate Michelle Gilmore to the Charter Revision Committee; Mrs. Ghantous seconded the motion.

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President Vanover: Then, by acclamation, Michelle Gilmore will remain on Charter Revision.

Resolution No. R26-2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHELLE GILMORE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R26-2020; Mr. Anderson seconded.

Resolution No. R26-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: Next up is Resolution No. R27-2020. This is for a member of the Civil Service Commission. We reached out to Mrs. Kathy Nienaber and she is interested in continuing on at that post. So, at this point in time, I will ask for a nomination.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to nominate Kathy Nienaber to serve on the Civil Service Board; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

President Vanover: Then, by acclamation, Mrs. McNear will you read Resolution No. R27-2020 with Kathy Nienaber's name.

Resolution No. R27-2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHY NIENABER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R27-2020; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Resolution No. R27-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: Resolution No. R28-2020 is dealing with a member of the Springdale Tax Review Board. Mr. Gregory Johnson has stated that he would like to continue, at this point I will open the floor for nominations.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to nominate Mr. Gregory Johnson to serve as a member of the Tax Review Board; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

President Vanover: Then by acclamation, Mrs. McNear will you read Resolution No. R28-2020 with Gregory Johnson's name.

Resolution No. R28-2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GREGORY JOHNSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE TAX REVIEW BOARD FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R28-2020; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Resolution No. R28-2020 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

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Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on January 14th in these chambers at 7:00.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers on January 12th at 7:00 p.m.

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. 48-2020; An Ordinance Amending Section 73.041 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio. That matter was tabled with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 49-2020; An Ordinance Amending Section 153.252(F)(8) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio. That matter was tabled with a 7-0 vote. Item Number III was addressed with Ordinance No. 53-2020; An Ordinance Authorizing a Preliminary Ordinance with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for Guardrail Replacements on State Route 4 within the City of Springdale and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number IV was addressed with Ordinance No. 54-2020; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Milhaus Properties, LLC for the Purchase of the Real Property Located at 11911 Sheraton Lane in the City of Springdale and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number V was addressed with Ordinance No. 52-2020; An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 53-2019 to Provide for Wage Increases for Certain City Employees and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number VI was address with Ordinance No. 50-2020; An Ordinance Adopting a Supplemental Appropriation/Estimated Receipts Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures and Adjust Estimated Receipts for the City of Springdale, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020. Item Number VII was addressed with Ordinance No. 51-2020; An Ordinance Adopting a Temporary Appropriation Ordinance for the Period January 1, 2021, Until the Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation Permanent Ordinance is Adopted by City Council. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number VIII was addressed with Resolution No. R26-2020; A Resolution Appointing Michelle Gilmore to Serve as a Member of the City of Springdale Charter Revision Committee for the Term Ending December 31, 2025. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Resolution No. R27-2020; A Resolution Appointing Kathy Nienaber to Serve as a Member of the City of Springdale Civil Service Commission for the Term Ending December 31, 2023. That passed with a 7-0 vote. As well as, Resolution No. R28-2020; A Resolution Appointing Gregory Johnson to Serve as a Member of the City of Springdale Tax Review Board for the Term Ending December 31, 2022. That passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters were forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There is a request for Ordinance No. 48-2020; An Ordinance Amending Section 73.041 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio. There is also a request for Ordinance No. 49-2020; An Ordinance Amending Section 153.252(F)(8) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio. There is also a request for An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Hamilton County for the East Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Repair and Declaring an Emergency. There is a request for An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Appropriations Estimated Receipts for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021. As well, as a request for a Resolution Authorizing the Investment of Municipal Funds. There is a request for a Resolution Requesting Advance Payment from the County Auditor. That would conclude the requests for additional ordinances and resolutions unless there's anything else from Council or the Administration.

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President Vanover: With that, before we move to Item 17, I'd just like to take a moment and wish everybody, our family, my cohorts here, and all the residents of Springdale a blessed and Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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