

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on June 16, 2021.

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 June 2, 2021 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. The minutes were approved with six affirmative votes and one abstention (Mrs. Emerson).

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: For this evening, I have an update report regarding the hiring process and hiring activities. The Account Clerk I hiring process in the Tax Department; the two new employees began work and are on board. Firefighter II – EMT and Firefighter II – Paramedic hiring process; the two successful candidates are currently in the background investigation phase. Maintenance Worker hiring process in the Public Works Department; the two new employees have already begun work. Police Clerk hiring process within the Police Department; the successful candidate is currently in the background investigation phase. That concludes my update. Thank you.

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

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, June 8th in these chambers, and we had an Urban Redevelopment for 134 and 144 Merchant Street. In our charter, it states it must go before Planning (Commission) for approval for an Urban Redevelopment; that's part of how they're going to get their financing and things like that for their redevelopment, so, that passed with a 7-0 vote. We had an Urban Redevelopment Plan for 11911 Sheraton Lane; same kind of situation. And that passed with a 7-0 vote. Finally, we had on the Springrose Subdivision, a Minor Modification to a PUD, which both myself, and Mr. Ramirez found to be minor, and, basically, it was to keep the honeysuckles as part of the barriers between the creek and the houses, because what they had had said that they originally were going to take those out and so they said they would like to keep them there as an added barrier. That also passed 7-0, and that is all that I have unless Mr. Ramirez has anything or if there's any questions.

Board of Zoning Appeals	Mrs. Ghantous	-	No report
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Board of Health	Mrs. Emerson	-	No report
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Capital Improvements	Mrs. Emerson	-	No report
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Mr. Anderson: The OKI Board of Directors did meet on June 10th. Aside from normal business, the one thing that might be interesting to folks is as a sign of general recovery in the area, the traffic reports in terms of OKI measures all the traffic that's going on the highways regularly for infrastructure planning, automobile traffic is almost at pre-pandemic levels. It's still down about ten percent. For the first time since the pandemic started, truck traffic is up almost 18% to 19% from pre-pandemic, which I think shouldn't be a surprise if anyone's been on the highways, so traffic is back, so be careful and be patient, and then that's it for that. Thanks.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Webster: I have a proclamation I'm sure you guys are glad to hear that proclamations are back, but, anyway, I do have one proclamation to read tonight, and it's for the Park and Recreation Department. I'd like to ask Mr. Wilson to step forward and meet me down here at the dais.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2021 as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

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

I'm very proud to present this to a very capable, and able-bodied Park and Recreation Director, Mr. Charlie Wilson. (Applause) You know, we joke about the proclamations, but it really is, I think, a nice gesture. We go out of our way to acknowledge not only our Park and Recreation Department, but our Public Works, our Building Department, our Health Department, and our Police Department and then, in September, we will do one for the Fire Department for our Prevention week. So, that covers about 75%, I would guess of our employment base, but the other 25% don't get a proclamation, but I think, I'd just like to take this opportunity to tell the Administration to please share with the elected officials, our appreciation for a job well done for those folks also. And, maybe we ought to have an all-encompassing proclamation for all City employees. How's that? With that, I'd like to introduce our Police Chief, and he's got some introductions he wants to make and I'll be back on the floor.

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Chief Wells: Mayor Webster, Mr. President, members of Council, City Administration; thank you for giving me this opportunity tonight to speak before you. We all know that 2020 was a very difficult year for everyone, in particular for the Police Department. A lot of things came up last year that we had never dealt with before. But, one of the things we're very proud of is we've accomplished a lot and one of the things we've accomplished was the hiring of seven new police officers, which is a record for our Police Department. We've never hired that many before in one year, and we probably won't ever again, but, I'm happy to say we are extremely pleased with the candidates that we selected. It was a difficult year for recruitment, but, we're very fortunate this City provides a tremendous reason for people wanting to work here, and I think I would be able to speak for everyone here that's standing behind me and the Police Department they would agree that this is a fantastic place to work and our new candidates feel exactly the same way. So, with that said, what I'd like to ask is of our new officers could maybe come up here, and I'll have each one of you come down and I'll just say a little bit about you, and let me have Derek Setters come down first. I'm going to take them in order of when they were hired. Two of our new officers are not here tonight because of their military service commitment, so they'll be here next month, and they'll be introduced when we do the promotional introductions. Come on down.

Derek Setters comes from a public safety family. Derek has been a Police Officer prior for 13 years in the City of Saint Bernard and his wife Jennifer works at the City of Reading as a Police Dispatcher. They have two children; Jessamine and Cort, and they also welcomed a new granddaughter Jerrica. So, they're extremely excited about that. Derek served on the Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard. He and I served on that together for many years. When I found out that he had applied here, I was extremely excited about the possibility of him working here, and he did a terrific job in the process, and earned a place here with us, so, we're extremely happy that he's here. I do want to again, I want to thank him also. He was a member of our Honor Guard unit when Kaia was killed. He was invited to come into our Honor Guard to serve with us. He was in the process here, and we felt it was only right Sargent Langevin extended an invitation to have him on there because of his experience and because of what he brings to the team. He did an excellent job standing with us and thank you for that.

Now we'll have Melinda Hoskins stand down. I almost introduced her as Melinda McIntosh because that's what I'm used to addressing her as, but she actually just got married last weekend, so congratulations to you (applause). In fact I actually had her name wrong on here. She's here with her new husband Alex, and they just returned from their honeymoon in Florida. Nice and tan I see, so, very good. Melinda's dad, Tom is a detective with the Middletown Police Department, and her mother-in-law is actually our very own Heritage Hill School Principal, Shari Hoskins. A nice connection there too. I just want to say just a little story, well, let me tell you a little bit about Melinda. She's a graduate of Ohio Northern University. She was President of her sorority, which is Zeta Tau Alpha, and she's a fitness guru. She so impressed us in the interview, when we got done, one of the things we asked her was, "Are you in any processes anywhere else?", and she said, "Well, I'm actually right at the end of the process in West Chester." And, Mr. Jones was actually off that day, and our normal protocol, is obviously to make a recommendation through the City Administration, and this was before Mr. Uhl was here, and I was concerned that we were going to lose here to West Chester, so in a break from protocol, I knocked on the Mayor's door and I said, "Hey, let me tell you about this young lady. She's amazing, she's going to do a terrific job, she's going to be an excellent Police Officer, and we're going to lose her if we don't make a move." I appreciate your trust and your permission to move forward and thank goodness we are happy to say Melinda is with us. Welcome aboard.

Sarah Luken, come on down. (Applause). Sarah came to us from Blanchester Police Department, and she's from the area here. She's actually the middle child of three and she grew up in Fairfield. Might shock you to learn she played volleyball in high school. (Laughter) Sarah is soft spoken, but she brings a tremendous amount to the table. In an interesting link again, it was sort of interesting to us that of the seven people we hired, several had actually been linked to the situation with Kaia. Sarah was one of the investigating officers when the suspect, who actually ended up killing Kaia, had committed the act of violence in Blanchester, and Sarah was one of the investigating officers on that. I had an opportunity to read her casework along with that of her co-workers, and they did an excellent job, and I'm really

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Chief Wells (continued): excited about having Sarah on the Department here. We had a little scare where she was hit by a drunk driver here recently. I'm sure you remember that back in February, and we are very, very glad that she was not injured severely and that she's here with us. Again, congratulations and we love having you on board. (Applause) I forgot to mention, she has an avid love for her dog, Bruno. We gotta mention Bruno.

Ezell Leonard, is Donesha here? There she is. Ezell's children are Josiah, Jayda, and Jalen, and "EZ" as Ezell is affectionately known as, you can see by his smile, he came to us from the College of Mount Saint Joseph. He likes to coach basketball and football for his sons. I've got to tell a little story about him, a little personal story that made me cry to be honest with you. One of the things I enjoy about my job is being to call people and offer them conditional offers for employment. It's wonderful to hear people's reactions. When I called Ezell here, he said, "You know, I want you to tell you what this feels like. It's like I've been training for something my whole life, like, for example, being in the NFL and now the coach of the (Dallas) Cowboys is calling me up to the team." Despite being a Steelers fan, of course, he had to reference the Cowboys (laughter), but, none the less, we both had a good cry over that. I thought that was so awesome and so special that he said that, so, thank you and welcome aboard. Glad to have you. (Applause) In fact, two of Ezell's children and his niece participated in the City Service and You this week. Fine young kids, just like Ezell was.

Last but not least, Onam Williams. Onam is here with his wife Vicki, his children Liam, Gionni, Gabriel, Braxton, and Bryce. Onam came to us from the City of Mt. Healthy Police Department, and he was there for eight years prior to joining us. He started out part-time there, and moved into a full-time position, and then came over here to Springdale. Kind of a neat story. We actually had a meeting earlier this year because of them being all new to us, especially since everything happened last year, just wanted to give everyone an opportunity to tell them a little bit about the Department, so we had a meeting one night where we were talking, and it turns out that Onam was Ezell's Field Training Officer. They both happened to work for Lincoln Heights together at one time, so he was his Field Training Officer, but actually, Ezell is senior to him here. Onam is a body builder. He's competed in several events regionally, he's taken seven first place trophies. He's about to compete in Nashville. A fine looking man here. Quite the physique underneath that uniform. He is also a certified instructor through OPOTA, and I wanted to also share something that he said during his interview. I'm sorry during when, there's a section on our background where it says, "Give an example of the time that you would lie." His response was, "There is not an example where I would lie. I swore an oath under God". What quality, other than that could we want for a Springdale Police Officer. Thank you for that (Applause). If these fine young people would come down here and come to the front, the Mayor is going to swear you in.

Mayor Webster swore in Officer Setters, Officer Hoskins, Officer Luken, Officer Leonard, and Officer Williams. (Applause).

Chief Wells: While they're still standing there at the front, I just wanted to close by saying there's been a lot of criticism about law enforcement in the past year or so, and some of that founded, and some of it not, but as I stood here the other day and we were swearing in the new Firefighters and promoting Chief Stanley, I look at these bright young faces here and I mean it when I look out and I say, "There's no question that we're in good hands here in Springdale", and I really appreciate the fact that you wanted to come here and serve and I couldn't be more honored to serve with you, and I really appreciate everybody here from the Department who came here tonight in support of you and your families of course, because, without their support, we couldn't do the job. So, thank you very much. Thank you all (Applause).

Mayor Webster: Mr. President, if I may say a few words.

President Vanover: Sure.

Mayor Webster: I don't know about you folks, but I'm very proud of what we've witnessed here tonight with this group of candidates and I would just like to say to the residents of the City of Springdale if you think we all of the sudden went on a spending spree, that's not the case at all. Most of these were retirement replacements, and we had a couple of vacant positions going in and this is from all of last year really, all of last year up until now. So, due to COVID-19, we

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Mayor Webster (continued): didn't want to have a big gathering like this, and so we put all that off and so that's why you had seven new Police Officers sworn in this evening. I'd just like to thank a lot of people; the Civil Service Commission, Christina Ingle, our Human Resources Director, John (Jones) and Brian (Uhl), and the Chief (Wells), and his staff down there. So everybody did a tremendous job of not only recruiting, but also of vetting these people and I think we've really added seven quality people to the Springdale Police Department to serve our newly appointed quality Police Chief. Thank you very much guys and girls and good luck to you. Thank concludes my report.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: The General Fund update through May 31, 2021; for receipts, based on a net budget of \$22.941 million dollars, we have received \$10.968 million dollars, which is 47%. I'll hold for a moment until the noise dies down just a bit. The receipts are made up of five major general fund receipt sources, which are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Mayor's Court for a total of \$10.396 million dollars, which is 95% of those receipts. On the expenditures side, we have a net budget of \$21.372 million dollars, and we have spent \$8.348 million dollars which is 39% of the budget. Our ending balance is for the General Fund through May 31st is \$5.304 million dollars, and that concludes my report.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Jones: A couple of things. We'll start with Police providing us with the speed radar. From May 7th until June 3rd, on Kenn Road, speed limit is 25; average speed was 26.2 miles per hour; average cars per day 2,454. On Rose Lane May 5th through June 3rd; speed limit 25 miles per hour; much better. Average speed 15.8 miles per hour, and average cars per day 117. From the Parks Department, from Charlie Wilson, Concert in the Park this Thursday, June 17th at 7:30 p.m., the band is My Girl Friday; music is 80's rock and modern hits. Family Fun Day at the Pool is this Sunday. Starts at 2:00 p.m. and games and activities are at the pool. Document Shredding Event at the Rec Center on Saturday, June 26th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. July is Parks & Rec Month, as you know with the Mayor's Proclamation, but also the Rec Center is doing bingo cards. They are available on Facebook and/or at the Rec Center. I saw those for the first time this week, and it's actually pretty cool. If you do the events, you get them in a row, and you can get Bingo and then there you have it. Good stuff, Mr. Wilson that your staff is putting out. That's it for this evening. Thank you.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun: I just have two quick items to report. Number one, you may be aware, but Ohio is officially no longer under a State of Emergency, and, although we lifted ours some time ago, it's important, I guess, for you to know that. It does affect various things, like electronic meetings, and other things. I also wanted you to know that in response to some comments from the citizens here related to some issues that they had in their subdivision, my office has been working with Administration to research the issue of peer to peer car rentals and I'm going to work with Mrs. Emerson and the (Rules and) Law(s) Committee to hopefully talk about some possible solutions and see if we can address that as it was brought to us at the last meeting. That's all I have at this time.

President Vanover: Thank you sir.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: We'll start with the Community Center Reroofing Phase II Project. The weather wasn't cooperative as we had hoped, so it pushed our start date back to June 8th. Work is underway now and we're looking to get wrapped up some time in August with the re-roofing portion of it. The skylights will happen later on, just due to the long lead time on that item. Northland Boulevard Reconstruction; there's really no change, but there has been a change in the scheduled Stage I and Stage II submittal which was going to happen this July, November is getting pushed back to this fall, September and January of 2022. September 2021 actually. The reason for the delay is because of the new software requirements that ODOT is requiring us to use so everybody has been struggling with it, but it did cause us to have a delay in the schedule. The Princeton Pike Curb Replacement Catch Basin Repair Project; plans are almost wrapped up. They're 95% complete. They'll be finalized once we get closer to the actual advertisement date and we believe that's going to be in September this

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Mr. Riggs (continued): year. The CSX Railroad Bridge Repair Project; as you know, the ordinance was approved last year to authorize the preliminary engineering agreement with CSX. We sent that, the preliminary agreement, and the fee to CSX just yesterday. The Ross Park and Chamberlain Park Bridge Repair Projects; we had draft plans submitted to Public Works toward the end of May and final plans are expected to be provided later this month and work being solicited next month in July. Northwest Business Park and Springdale Industrial Park Rehabilitation; we had draft plans of about 80% submitted to Public Works. We had a field review on June 9th, and due to the current bidding climate, we're going to look at delaying that bid opening until fall of this year to help hopefully get some better pricing and that will allow for the resurfacing contract to follow immediately, so it will appear to be as one complete single project, so concrete repairs, and catch basins are going to be wrapped up sometime in August, going out to bid in September, with construction beginning in October and that's all anticipated, then the resurfacing project will follow after that. That concludes my report.

Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Kuchta: I'd like to direct everyone's attention to the screen. The screen that you see is the new survey landing page on planspringdale.org. Planspringdale.org/surveys, all four surveys for the focus group areas are now available and they're live. Economic Vitality, Parks and Recreation, the Housing Survey, and Transportation and Connectivity. So, we have a plan on how we're going to promote the survey to residents and people visiting the City through several different methods. We have a large poster that you see the image of on the screen there. That's going to be 24" by 36" or roughly that size and that's going to be displayed on an easel stand kind of like what you see when come into the building on days where there is Mayor's Court. We're going to have one here in the Municipal Building lobby area, and one at the Community Center lobby area as well. And, that's going to be there for the entire month of July because that's how long the survey is going to be open, and Mitch Wilson is able to respond pretty quickly because we just literally got these designs done yesterday, and he thinks he can have his staff print up this poster in a couple of different locations for the Concert at the Park tomorrow. So, while people are listening to music, or waiting for music to go on, that they can get on their phone and scan the QR Code with their phone and fill out a survey or two or all four if they wish, and also it's going to be there for the one in July as well. Another way we're going to do it is through a kind of a normal letter-sized sheet of paper that's really the same poster, but shrunk down, and between Julie and I, we're going to work on contacting as many local restaurants as we can and asking them to post it either on the entry door into the restaurant, and/or the drive-thru window, so, if somebody is picking up at drive-thru, they can scan it with their camera real quick, the QR Code, and they can take the survey when they get home, at the counter perhaps, and we're going to try and hit as many restaurants as we can here in the City and some retail establishments as well. So, we're hoping that that is going to drive up response rates. Then, we also plan to do a postcard to all the residents. We're getting pricing on that right now. You see the front and back of that, and it's basically the same thing; it has a QR Code, and it also has the website for those that don't feel comfortable or aren't "tech savvy" enough to scan a QR Code with their phone, they can go to that website address and complete whichever surveys that they would like to complete. So the schedule is we're going to start promoting this on the City Facebook page next week, the displays in the Municipal Building and the Community Center by the end of next week, restaurants and retail businesses; we're going to hit them hard next week as well. Postcards; we hope to get them out early July, first week of July hopefully. And, it's going to remain open through at least the end of July and if, for some reason, we feel like we don't have adequate responses by the end of July, we'll keep it open a little bit longer if we need to and we'll adjust our strategy if we feel like we're not getting good responses, we're going to look at some different ways we could try and get the word out. Any questions? (None) Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you sir.

Communications

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None

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Communications from the Audience

President Vanover: At this point, I will open up Communications from the Audience. I would ask that you keep your comments to a three minute time frame and when you get up there, introduce yourself. There's a pad of paper up there; put your name and address.

Mr. Mutigli: Do I have to sign that?

President Vanover: Yes.

Mr. Mutigli: Can you hear me okay? My name is Daniel Mutigli. I reside at 2201 Milton Road, Apt. 406 in Cleveland, Ohio, 44118. My telephone number is (330) 324-1624. This is regarding to a resolution submitted to Council President Tom Vanover to censure Springdale

Mayor Doyle H. Webster for abrupt and sometimes vulgar remarks made to a woman caller and to me recently. On June 3, 2021, at approximately 10:00 a.m. a young lady from New York State called the Mayor's house. I would like to read a transcript of the comments the young lady made to the Mayor, and what the Mayor said in return. A copy of this transcript has been handed out to each Council member. This is a typed response from Facebook Messenger that I received. These are the comments that the lady made. "Hi Dan. On June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. I called his home phone. I should have called the office phone. My bad. I said, 'Is this the Mayor's office?' He said, 'Yes, this is the Mayor'. I said, 'I'm calling about the goldfish event.' I spoke calmly and kindly. He said, 'Go to hell.' And, he hung up. I didn't get to say anything else. I hope this helps. Thank you for speaking up." Information regarding the young lady and her address and phone number are included in the handout to Council. Her name is Heather McCall. She resides at 2063 State Route 38, Moravia, New York, 13118. Her phone number is (607) 745-8025. In addition, I left voicemail for the Mayor recently. He called me back and I asked to sit down in a meeting with him. He said, "No. I will not sit down with you because you are wasting my time." This was the first time I had ever talked to him. Two telephone calls, and inappropriate statements may not be grounds for censure. It will be up to a committee, if Council chooses to investigate these phone calls, and any other statements of an inappropriate nature that the Mayor may have made. The decision is entirely yours. Thank you.

Mrs. Webster: Lavonne Webster, 12142 Peak Drive, Springdale, Ohio. Greetings everyone. I'm here to talk about what this man just said. The phone rang, as he said, at 10:00 on June 3rd. The telephone number he gave is correct. I have it right here. The woman called and I had a bad connection because we had a lot of rain. She asked for Doyle, and I said, "Can you please call back and he can talk to you." So, she called back and he got on the phone and he did say, "Go to hell." I heard it and that's all he said, and he hung up the phone. A couple of days later, we had another phone call and I answered the phone and she wanted to talk to the Mayor and I said, "In regards to what please?" "The Goldfish Swim". I said, "Well, he's not talking about that." "Well why not?" I said, "Because it's stupid." And it is stupid. To bring that up about goldfish. Everyone up here has had kids, including myself, participate in the goldfish swim. Even a couple of Council people I would be willing to bet. And, this is now taking up time, costing the City money, and everything else for something like that. I am a big animal lover. I am not a lover of goldfish, although I have had quite a few. I really resent that you have implicated in your letter that he said more than, "Go to hell", and he did say it. I heard it, and you didn't. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Huff: Hi, my name is Joyce Huff. I'm in Heritage Hill. My address is 985 East Crescentville Road, where all the traffic and we're going to be widening the roads and everything. I live right across the street from United Rental. All these big freightliners come in and they have all this big heavy equipment on and they're pulling in and everything, pulling out. I have friends that come to my house and they're afraid to leave. They have to keep waiting for all of the traffic to stop. I have cracks in my house. I mean, it's been a really bad, I mean, I just got new windows, May 24th. The best windows that I could get thinking that would get rid of all of the noise and stuff. But, I still hear everything in the morning with all these cars going to work and everything. I don't know what's going to happen when we widen the road and we get a lot more new traffic coming down there, you know. And, those buildings that they built down by GE Park, I mean that's going to be manufacturing probably. There's going

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Mrs. Huff (continued): to be a lot more trucks coming down the road and all. I mean, I've had nail heads coming out of my ceiling in one of my bedrooms from my attic from all the heavy traffic going down there. They had a big pot hole. I called and they came and they fixed it. All of the sudden, there was a water main break right there when they fixed it. My neighbor at 969 E. Crescentville Road, she's got a big hole in the driveway and they said they've called a number of times, and nobody came to fix it. I don't know what's going to happen if I ever get to sell my house and they hear all this traffic and everything. How am I going to sell it? You know. I think I said all that I need to say. On the weekend it's beautiful. There's no traffic going up and down the street. It's like a whole new world, but, during the week, it's terrible. There's a lot of racing on Crescentville Road too. It's supposed to be a 40 miles per hour, but there's a lot of racing on it. So, I don't know what's going to happen with Crescentville Road. They're going to put another lane of traffic on the other side. I heard they're going to put a traffic light down on Benadir, or Chesterdale. But, I don't know. It's gotten really, really bad. I've lived in my house since 1976. And, I mean, it just seems like it's gotten a lot worse. That's it.

Mayor Webster: Mrs. Huff, as you know, you heard the Engineer's Report. There is a massive improvement going to be made to Crescentville Road. I'm not going to sit here and tell you that it's going to be better for the residents. It's a regional type thing. We're paying 36.5%, Sharonville is 13.5%; Butler County is 50%. And, OKI (Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council) is paying \$3.7 million dollars of this project. So, I can't sit here and tell you it's going to be better for the residents, but I think it is going to move traffic through there better hopefully, and there is going to be another traffic signal down at Chesterdale.

Mrs. Huff: Yes. That's what it said in the newsletter.

Mr. Riggs: So, you may, as odd as it may sound, with the extra capacity of the lanes, you may actually not hear as much traffic. The amount of traffic isn't changed by the road. The surrounding area is what controls the traffic.

Mrs. Huff: Another thing, they built a senior living (area) down by GE Park right? Beautiful, beautiful condos down there. Then, they go and build these big maintenance buildings. Those big buildings down there, naturally that's going to be more trucks coming down Crescentville Road and all.

Mr. Riggs: So, a lot of the surrounding development; they've had a traffic study and they do show somewhat of an increase in traffic, and that's a lot of what the improvements that are going on are around to accommodate, but, it's the proposed infrastructure improvements we'll be able to accommodate that.

Mrs. Ruff: You said you counted the number of cars on some street. You should do it on Crescentville Road and see the number of trucks and cars go down there.

Mr. Riggs: Yes. We have done that. And, I don't remember the numbers off of the top of my head, but, we can definitely look at that.

Mrs. Ruff: It's not only my house that's being destroyed, it's other's people's homes too. They have to come in and they've got to fix the concrete because there's cracks in it and everything. So, anyway, that's what I've got to say.

Mr. Anderson: Just to add to that. I grew up over there too.

Mrs. Ruff: I know. I know your mom and dad.

Mr. Anderson: I've seen you around. My parents still live there. I drive that road a couple of times a week at a minimum. We also go to Amy's Hair Boutique right there on Crescentville, and I can tell you that I spent a lot of time talking with her and other people on Crescentville when we were discussing the changes that were happening. Part of the challenge, as the Mayor mentioned, is we only have part of the road. One thing that was encouraging to me is that some of those changes should help with the flow and deal with some of that surging and those big rushes of traffic because it's adding turn lanes and turn offs. What I see happening when I go there is when somebody is trying to turn, one of those trucks is trying to come out of

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Mr. Anderson (continued): those warehouses and goes; it slows everything down and people like jet to get in front of it, or they're cutting around. I think, I'm hopeful that some of that widening will deal with some of that more dangerous interaction on that road. The other thing we did recently was change the speed limit on that entire stretch to make it uniform. Before it wasn't. If you remember, at one end, it was like 35, and then it's 45 when you get to a different spot. I believe we reset it just a month ago to now it's consistent and lower. So, hopefully that consistency and those lane changes and adding turn lanes will help a little bit. Because, I know I hear what you're saying. Whenever we go to Amy's Hair Boutique, like we started parking off of where that light is because pulling out of those driveways, it just didn't feel good and that's when the Police Officers were here earlier, you remember that one officer was on an accident. It was on Crescentville and it was that same problem. Somebody was speeding up on that blind and hit it so we know.

Mrs. Ruff: And that extra lane too. That extra lane, when you crossing 747 and people in that one lane and then they know that it's going to end, then they hurry up and move over to get into the other lane that's going to go straight.

Mr. Anderson: Right. And that's exactly what I was referring to that I think will help with this expansion. The widening and adding lanes isn't as much to enhance capacity, but to improve the flow. At least that's what was described in the engineering reports and from Butler County. I think that widening, I'm hoping, will take care of some of that more reckless, or aggressive driving. I, like the Mayor, can't guarantee that. I'm hoping that we'll get some benefit out of it, but it is a regional hub. It's the only way to get through. The other thing that I'd add is when those warehouses got put in, there was a lot of discussion about what that would do to the traffic pattern, especially on Crescentville, and I know we spent a good amount of time talking about how those trucks will be getting to the highway, and if you look at what was built, and the lights that are going in on 747 and Crescentville, it's intended to keep the trucks from going down towards the residential area. There's signs posted. They're not supposed to be coming through that past the residences unless they're delivering there. I know that post office depot further down in Sharonville, they're supposed to go to Cincinnati-Dayton and Reading. The ones from the warehouse are supposed to go right to (State Route) 747. So, those changes might feel like it's making it worse, but I think, as that gets set in, we might see some improvement. At least that's what I'm hoping. So, I wanted to give you that so that there's some hope.

Mrs. Ruff: I called the West Chester Police to ask them about certain things. They said they're a township, they're not a City like Springdale. They don't have the same rules and regulations like we do.

Mr. Anderson: One thing I think we can look for is good that you came tonight to mention it, is once those warehouses become more used, it might be something worth watching and having some enhanced police presence there to help the truckers learn the pattern they're supposed to use to make sure they're not coming down the residences when they're not supposed to because if they get backed up at the lights, they might look for shortcuts. So, it's good to know that you care. So, thank you for coming in. I'm worried about it too because my parents live there too.

Mrs. Huff: Yes. I know, I know your parents. I don't know why they didn't do that by the Sheraton; make those big buildings there and they could get right on the expressway.

Mr. Anderson: So, we're talking about that tonight too. There's changes happening there too. Not warehouses, but we're doing work there.

Mrs. Huff: They should have been over there, and leave the senior people okay.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you for coming in though. I appreciate that.

Mrs. Huff: You're welcome.

President Vanover: Well, Mrs. Huff, I drive that every day. You know where I live. I've been to your house.

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Mrs. Huff: I know where you live. You've got a quiet street.

President Vanover: Well, it's not so quiet because I can hear (Interstate) 275 inside my house. A couple of weekends ago, it was horrendous. But, part of this problem we can thank West Chester or, actually Butler County, for. Because it was ten or fifteen years ago we had a mutual project. Springdale, Sharonville, and Butler County that we were actually shoving the road north. We were going to build a side service road, much like Route 4 up here. Sharonville, Springdale, all got their permits filed. Butler County didn't do it. So, we were left hanging back and then they turned around and put those it was Kraft Food, now US Foods warehouses right on the road. So, any hope of that is gone. Now, you mentioned the Crossings at the Park. The people that developed those structures met with them, and almost to a person, the residents of the Park signed off on that. They were very happy with what they got.

Mrs. Huff: I know they came to a lot of meetings before it was actually built, because I have friends that live there.

President Vanover: Sure. Yes. The developer sat down with them over there and met with them and, in the end, which it surprised me when it first started, they were as pleased as they were with the developments. They got what they wanted. And, that is the history of that situation over there.

Mrs. Huff: See there's condos right next to United Rental too. When I worked nights, I would come home at 6:30 in the morning and the trucks were warming up and the motors were running. I feel sorry for those people in the condos. It's probably right there by their bedroom windows. You know, they should have never put anything like that where there was houses.

President Vanover: Well, Crescentville Road is a major east/west artery. And, it's not going to change. They're not going to reroute. It was that way, well, a matter of fact, it's been expanded to the east, or, excuse me, to the west of us since we moved in, but those terminals have been there since before I got there and that was in 1981.

Mrs. Huff: What? United Rental?

President Vanover: No. The terminals. Roadway, all the terminals. The industrial park over there in Butler County. So, unfortunately, that's our property line. And, we share it with Sharonville, we share it with Butler County, up towards this direction, we share it with Fairfield, so, you know, it's a multi-jurisdictional situation.

Mrs. Huff: Across the street is Butler County, two blocks down is Sharonville, we're in Hamilton County. It's like on the end of everything. Okay. I won't say anything more. Thank you for listening to me.

Mayor Webster: I just would like to make a couple of comments regarding the gentleman's comments here. I plead guilty. I told that lady to "Go to hell". If that lady calls me tomorrow, and invades my privacy to talk about goldfish. I'm gonna tell her to go to hell. I don't care who calls me, invades my privacy. I'm going to tell them, especially if it's a non-Springdale resident. Over the years, I have taken thousands of calls from Springdale residents with legitimate complaints about something in this City, and I'm more than happy to help them. That's what I'm here for. But, I'm not here as a sounding board for a bunch of wackos that are protesting a goldfish "grab" as you call it. We call it a goldfish swim, and we've called it that for 47 years and we'll continue to call it that for the next 47. Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

President Vanover: Council, I've had a request that we move Resolution No. R11-2021 forward. So, if anybody would like to make a motion, we'll make the change.

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Mr. Anderson: I'd like to make a motion to move Resolution No. R11-2021 to the top of Ordinances and Resolutions as the first item we attend to tonight.

Mrs. Emerson: Second

Motion to move Resolution No. R11-2021 to the top of Ordinances and Resolutions as the first item attended to passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. McNear: Also, Council, Mr. Williams is here this evening in case you have any questions related to this resolution.

Public Hearing

Resolution No. R11-2021

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R11-2021; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mr. Williams: Sorry, but we need a public hearing.

Mayor Webster: Public Hearing?

President Vanover: It's not on here.

Mayor Webster: I announced it last meeting and I asked John (Jones) to make sure we got it advertised. It has been advertised right?

Mr. Uhl: Correct. It has been advertised.

President Vanover: Alright, then at this point, I will open a public hearing for comment either for or against.

Public Hearing was closed since there were no comments.

Mr. Mutigli: You just held a Public Hearing for that?

President Vanover: Yes.

Mr. Mutigli: Don't you have to give notice?

President Vanover: It was given. Ten days ago.

Mr. Mutigli: So, the advertisement is going to be today?

President Vanover: Yes.

Mr. Mutigli: Where does it say that?

President Vanover: On the website, and the legal advertisement.

Mr. Mutigli: Okay. I was just checking.

Mr. Braun: I would point out that the individual is out of order. We don't take questions after the Public Hearing has been closed. But, during the Public Hearing, members of the audience are permitted to speak.

Resolution No. R11-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 20-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11911 SHERATON LANE IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

President Vanover: At this point, we'll open up a Public Hearing. I assume we have a presentation.

Mr. Kuchta: Mr. President, a representative of the developer is here to provide a brief overview of the project.

Can you hear me? Thank you. My name is Richard Tranter, I'm an attorney at Dinsmore Shohl. I'm sorry, I'm the stand-in tonight because you would have had Jake Dietrich or Lindsay Goddich who, unfortunately are on vacation when this was scheduled. So, I'll try to be brief because I know how much people love to talk to attorneys (laughter). First of all, Mayor, City Council, Administration, thank you for allowing me to appear here. I am a lifelong resident of the area. I grew up in Kenwood, and remember Showcase (Cinemas) when it opened up in the 70's, and it was the best place to go to see a movie. And, also, I remember when they built the hotel. Obviously, the hotel has been demolished, and there was a very nice opportunity here for Milhaus, which is based out of Indianapolis; very successful multi-family developer and they obviously are attracted to not just the site, but your community. In terms of the presentation, I'm just going to be very brief here. We have a couple of slides. So, you know your corner at (Interstate) 275, and on that site, it is proposed that eight buildings will be constructed and the unit count is about, I think the exact number is 216 units. Though it 25.7 per acre, I would like to note that your zoning code requires 20% open space and actually 30% open space will be provided. Also, the parking ratio requires 1.5 spaces. They are achieving actually almost up to two spaces per unit because they are providing about 415 to 419 spaces. I emphasize that because, obviously, density is something that every community looks at. It's nice when your developer is overachieving on open space and also parking. I'm going to go to the next slide. This is a schematic and we obviously understand tonight is just the approval of the zone change. But, Milhaus wanted to also give you some sense of look and building materials. When we went through, and I did attend all the Planning Commission meetings, we took note of the comments from the Planning Commission. I know Mr. Ramirez is on it, and Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup. They were aware that they use Hardie Panel, Hardie Plank. There was some expressed concern about other building materials. I know my client will take that to heart. It's been discussed. Also, that will be handled at the next phase, because I know that you will go through building materials and landscaping and the like. Again, it's just to give you a sense of the look. The look is a very contemporary look, which is something that I think is attractive to Springdale. It gives a fresh look at a very important corner of your community. Some of the amenities I wanted to talk about, which is very important with projects, and I'm going to have to admit I have to put my glasses on. I can't see my own notes here. But, if you have children, because I am 62, and I would probably not be the prime candidate to live there, but for the youth, those who have graduated from college, or young professionals, which I assume the community is trying to attract, the amenities are really important. This is something that Milhaus does a good job of. So, your indoor amenities; they'll have a fitness center, yoga studio, coffee bar, co-working places, a lounge, gaming, I assume that is we're talking about legal gaming, like pool tables. Package room with Amazon hub, and a pet spa. In terms of outdoor amenities, swimming pool, grilling stations, fire pit, car wash, and a dog park. Very important if you have anybody that you work with that's younger. The dogs and the cats, but mostly the dogs are getting a lot of attention and these are important amenities for apartment complexes so, Milhaus is someone who has really paid attention to the Planning Commission and I do want to thank the Planning Commission members. The meetings were very good; instructive comments, and, again, I just want to emphasize because I even have my own notes here tonight from the Planning Commission comments. I know that they will pay attention to that when they get to the stage of the building materials and the landscaping. I really don't have a lot beyond that. I'm here to answer any questions to the best of my ability. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to present. I think this is an exciting project, I can imagine, for your community. It's always nice when you're bringing the next generation in and attracting obviously taxpayers that will contribute to your community. Thank you.

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Mr. Ramirez: I would like to say as a member of the Planning Commission that the folks at Milhaus were very open-minded about some of the comments we had, what we'd like to see, and they took it to heart, and I believe they came up with everything that we asked for; they made those changes. I look forward to this project. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-2021; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mr. Anderson: I'm also excited to have the development start. I hope it happens quickly. One question on the traffic flow. I know it was discussed probably at Planning (Commission). What was the discussion around how these units will get out? What does that look like? I know a traffic study was done. Are they coming out Ray Norrish? How does that look? And, what is the impact expected to be?

Mr. Riggs: They did complete a traffic study. The traffic engineer had some comments with regard to the existing signal timing and I have not seen the revised traffic study yet. But, there's no proposed change, at least at the moment, with any access to the site.

Mr. Anderson: So we believe the existing infrastructure outside of what they're building in the site will be sufficient for these units? It's just a timing change for the lights to keep things flowing?

Mr. Riggs: At the moment, yes. That's what we anticipate.

Mr. Anderson: Great. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: I do live up there, and I can tell you that the traffic light is something I curse daily. It's not trying to get out of that area; it's trying to get back in. The turn signal; you can only get three to four cars through safely, and that's if the first driver is awake enough to notice the light has changed. There is not enough time for the cars to empty. The other problem is that that stacking lane is too short because Route 4 backs up too far. So I can tell you that it's not sufficient for people who live there. I've lived up there for 34 years and it's never been good, but since they changed the light and you can't make a left hand turn on red, it's made it worse. It's a very frustrating light to have to circumvent every single day. I can also tell you that a lot of times that light does not work. I've actually had to drive into Fairfield and then turn around in a driveway, come back and turn right up into that area. It's not just happened once, it's happened multiple times. So, I hope we really take a look at that intersection. It's a very dangerous intersection. There's a lot of traffic that comes through. A lot of people running the traffic light all the time. I'm sure many of them do it out of frustration too because you wait for a long time to turn left, and then you can't. There's also a lot of people that will still turn left on red, even though it's not a permitted thing. As a matter of fact, my husband and I were sitting in the stacking lane one time, and there was a car in front of us and the light turned green, and we waited, and we waited, and we started beeping the horn and nothing happened. We beeped the horn; the guy got out of his car, and came down and he wanted to fight my husband, and we said, "Look at the light; we've got a green arrow". Because the light is here, right in front of the intersection whereas the other light is on the other side of the intersection. If you're not familiar with that intersection, people from out of town or whatever, that can be very confusing. So, it really does add to the frustration, tempers, and people sitting there for a very long time, so I hope that will be looked at a lot more closely.

Mr. Riggs: It's something that we can do even outside of the development. If we have issues now, it's something that we can work on, take a look at and then, of course, we will definitely evaluate it with the development as it moves through the process.

Mrs. McNear: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: I live up there also and negotiate that intersection. It is a very busy intersection, but if you stop and think about the choices of what we want to put on that site, maybe put an employer in there, with 200 or 300 people all coming to work at the same time, leaving at the same time, it would really be a bottleneck and I think something like this will be,

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Mayor Webster (continued): at 216 units, you're going to have people coming and going, hopefully, at different times. You're not going to have a big influx all at once. So, I think that's going to somewhat mitigate the situation. But, I think you raise a good point. Maybe that stacking lane needs to be extended down there. There's a lot of traffic coming westbound and making a left hand turn going southbound on Route 4, and if you increase the cycle time for people like us to make a left turn, then you're going to have to take it away from the people going west, and also the people going north and south on Route 4. So, there's only so many seconds in an hour. We have to share. Unfortunately, there's no other way to get in and out of the site.

Mrs. McNear: I'm not opposing the development, I'm just opposing the fact that it's not appropriate, or acceptable the way the traffic situation is right now. If you think getting five or six cars through there per cycle is good; it's not. But, I have no opposition to the development. Thank you.

Ordinance No. 20-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 21-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11911 SHERATON LANE

President Vanover: At this point, I'll open a public hearing. Does anyone have anything else they want to add? (None)

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2021; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Anderson: Just one thing, and it's been bothering me for a bit now. Is there an opportunity here, or any desire to change the Sheraton Lane designation for that road since we tore the hotel down, or is that just going to live as a ghost in our City forever?

Mr. Jones: We have actually talked about that internally, and we thought perhaps that we might get recommendations as the new development goes in, we thought that we would kind of bounce back and forth to see what, if there is something that they want in particular, but, I'm pretty sure that Mr. Kuchta will work with us as part of the Economic Development to figure out what they would like.

Mr. Anderson: And that sounds great. I would hope that we could give them the opportunity to have some input on that, or at least get naming rights/fees from Sheraton if we're not going to change it (laughter).

Mr. Kuchta: Mr. President, I can confirm that the developer has discussed with me the opportunity to rename the street and I think, as we get closer to having perhaps a name for the project itself, that we're going to coalesce around discussions and should we tie it into the name of the new apartment project, or should we look at something different, so they are interested in that. Absolutely.

Mr. Anderson: There's the spelling right here if you need it (pointing to his nameplate) (laughter).

Mr. Kuchta: Duly noted. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: My only concern about that is that there are other businesses on Sheraton Road that currently have the Sheraton Road address. Would that affect any of their address changes and things like that? I didn't even know if that was a problem, or if they even cared; I'm asking.

Mayor Webster: I think you always have that. I know when we named Ray Norrish Drive, that was Yorkhaven Road initially, so, the Council was concerned, and rightfully so, that people would associate that with the one over in Oxford Hills and once that's developed, that would be

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Mayor Webster (continued): a cut through, so, that was twenty, thirty years ago we renamed that section Ray Norrish Drive, and some of those businesses were already, well, in fact, there's one that is still called Yorkhaven Plaza. But, those people had to change their address and were concerned about that. You would have the same thing here, but that's a good point. Sheraton Lane is gone.

Ordinance No. 21-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 22-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTION RELATED TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE ELECTED POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR AND CREATION OF THE APPOINTED POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I ask that this be read by title only.

President Vanover: Do I have a second?

Mrs. Ghantous: Second.

Mrs. McNear: Is that Mrs. Ghantous that did the second? Yes? Okay. Before I do that I have a question for Mr. Braun. We do have this proposed version. Is that something we should be replacing then? The one that you handed out this evening before the meeting?

Mr. Braun: Mr. President, I did circulate to Council, I was going to save it for the discussion period, the "red-line" version of both Ordinance 22-2021, and Ordinance No. 23-2021. It includes the emergency language and the other change that had been recommended by the members of the committee. I was going to suggest that we not amend this until the next meeting. The reason for that was I was listening tonight to see if anyone is going to bring any additional changes before the final reading since this is going to receive three readings. If it's your pleasure of course, we could go ahead and amend with the "red-line" changes tonight if you would like, but, I would rather have them all at one time amended so everyone knows what you're voting on. But, I'm certainly going to be listening tonight, and if additional changes are brought forth, we'll incorporate these in to what I circulated and then you'll have a final amended version to consider at your next meeting.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: The reason I was doing "title only" is because I figured we would be reading these so, I didn't want it to be redundant to read the original then re-read with changes in it. Just so everyone knows the intent behind it.

Mayor Webster: Why do we have copies like this when we can't read it?

Mr. Braun: It's all there. The changes are in red. This is just a watermark on the side. Mr. Uhl and I copied it and we couldn't figure out how to get rid of that box. So, you will see all the changes that we did make are in red, and they're on there.

Mayor Webster: If you say so. (Laughter)

Motion to read Ordinance No. 22-2021 by title only passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: Council, this is the second reading. As Mr. Braun said, we have one more. At the next meeting. Is there any discussion this evening?

Mr. Hawkins: The issue with regard to the recall discussion will be in the next one. Thank you. Nothing further.

President Vanover: With that, we will revisit it finalized on 22-2021 next meeting.

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Ordinance No. 23-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTION RELATED TO VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I ask this be read by title only.

Mrs. Ghantous: Second.

Motion to have Ordinance No. 23-2021 be read by title passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 24-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE MERCHANT STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THE CONSUMMATION OF REAL PROPERTY TRANSFERS AS SET FORTH THEREIN, THE EXECUTION OF ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT RELATED DOCUMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2021; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Ordinance No. 24-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 25-2021

ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION/ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINANCE TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND ADJUST ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-2021; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Ordinance No. 25-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R07-2021

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 134 AND 144 MERCHANT STREET

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R07-2021; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Anderson: This might be a question for Mr. Braun; I'm not sure. So, this is an urban redevelopment plan change. One of the things that we're talking about in the previous resolution that we're putting forth for residents in the fall potentially, removes urban development plan approvals from the Planning Commission, is that right? So, this went through the existing process that has it go through Planning (Commission). What would happen to something like this if we were to pass the previous resolution in the future?

Mr. Braun: In the future then, an urban redevelopment plan would only come through Council. It would not also go through Planning Commission.

Mr. Anderson: So, in this case, that earlier resolution would allow us to make these changes more quickly. That's fantastic. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: In my understanding, this is only here because the charter says that Council has to do this and I think it's one of the recommendations that the Charter Commission is making that we do away with this in the future.

Mr. Anderson: I'm sorry. I misunderstood. I thought Mr. Braun said that in the future, it would come just to us, and avoid Planning (Commission).

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Mr. Kuchta: That's correct. So, the urban redevelopment plan is a requirement of this type of TIF to be created and I'm going to have our Public Finance Attorney that the City has engaged Andrew Spoor with KMK (Keating Muething Klekamp Law Firm) to get up and say a few brief words about that. But, the requirement to have it go and be approved first by the Planning Commission, that is in our Charter, and all that does is add another step and potentially a month to the process and as we've seen, when these projects are finally ready to go and have all these documents approved, everybody is in a hurry and adding a whole month to the process could really impact negatively some timelines for developers. So, that's the reason for the charter change is to just eliminate the Planning Commission step.

Mayor Webster: I'm sorry. Okay. So Council would still do this in the future, but we wouldn't have to go back to Planning Commission.

Mr. Anderson: Perfect. We're on the same page. I had the same question, which is why I asked because I was confused. I thought we would still get them, so this is better. Thank you for clarification.

Resolution No. R07-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R08-2021

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 11911 SHERATON LANE

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R08-2021; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R08-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R09-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE WARREN COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE BOND ISSUANCE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE MERCHANT STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R09-2021; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Resolution No. R09-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R10-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE BOND ISSUANCE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE SHERATON SITE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R10-2021; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Resolution No. R10-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business - None

New Business

Mr. Braun: Earlier we were going through the Charter Amendments and I just wanted to bring to your attention a couple of things in the revisions. I noticed in the copy that I gave you of the second revision that remains to administrative changes, Mr. Hawkins pointed out, the version that I printed to you did not include the recall change, so I was going to read that to you very quickly, but I have already, while I was sitting here, emailed it into all of your inboxes the correct version, so you'll have it when you get home tonight. But, the language that I came up with to address the issue on recall is the addition of this as the second to last sentence to read, "If the elective officer to be recalled is a member of Council elected from a district, then the 15% needed for the petition shall be comprised of voters only from that

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Mr. Braun (continued): district". So that language will be added. One other change that I made that I wanted to point out to you because this was not something you brought to my attention, nor the Committee, but I think it's important. As everyone here is aware, there's been some concerns about the future of our Health Department. And, there's been a lot of chatter on the Municipal Attorney's Association about various ways that you can protect your local Health Departments. And, I changed, and you're going to see it in the revisions, Section E which reads, Board of Health currently says that "Council has established a local Board of Health, which shall be comprised of five members." I recommended the change of one word, that "Council shall establish..." The reason I think that should be changed is because it will make crystal clear that our charter mandates the creation of a Board of Health, which I believe will provide us and additional layer of protection under home rule should, in the fall when the budget goes through, somebody tried to, in any way, mess with our Health Department. So, I think that's an extra layer of protection we would have. I'm not saying that the version as it's written now doesn't protect us, but, what I am saying is I think it would make it crystal clear and provide us additional protections should the State try to tinker with some of the support and acknowledgement of these Health Departments. So, those are the only changes, and I would also encourage you, if anyone has any other changes, to get those to us in advance of the next meeting so that I can prepare them in a form that will be circulated to you, or if there's one now you want to share, that's fine. But, I think having it in ink in front of us would be the clearest way that we can make sure the language is drafted, vetted with the other members of the committee as I have been doing with Julie (Matheny), and just getting everything to you so you can see it. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to comment on the one topic there about the Health Department. Mr. Clayton tells me that the budget provisions were taken out. It was a clean budget; no provisions in there about a health department or a study or justification for a health department. It's all now going to revert back to being accredited. And so, our Health Department, we think we've jumped through all the hoops, they've made their final visit, and we're waiting for the Ohio Board of Health to meet sometime early August and at that point we should hear the results and, hopefully, it's going to be that we were accredited. And, if you're accredited, then evidently, the State's going to leave us alone. That's good news. And, also, Matt (Clayton) tells me they've extended it for another five years, the time limit to get accredited, so it's going to allow smaller health departments to achieve what we've been able to do.

Mrs. Emerson: A question for Mr. Braun. On the recall, it was mentioned at the last meeting that, I think the Mayor had mentioned about redistricting, so, if we redistricted, that would occur prior to the election, so the 15% would be a different number according to how each district is redistricted for the voting. Did that make any sense?

Mr. Braun: I think I know what you're saying. In other words, if you were to change the district, it might change the makeup of that district from the last gubernatorial election. Is that your question?

Mrs. Emerson: Correct. So, how is the 15% figured?

Mr. Braun: The way it would be worded in the section before it, it would still look at, just for purposes of determining the number for a recall, you would look at the last gubernatorial election of the district as it existed.

Mrs. Emerson: Okay. So, that could go either way I guess.

Mr. Braun: It was also pointed out at the last meeting that you typically try to keep the districts in about the same number of people.

Mrs. Emerson: Correct.

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Mr. Braun: So, I would think that that difference would be negligible if the number is kept to about the same number of people. But, the only static thing we have are the election results to look at, so I think it would be most clear if we just said, "We're going to go back and look at that election as it was. I don't think there would be a way to really determine a new district if it were to change between there.

Mrs. Emerson: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Anderson: So, to be clear, the proposed language that would still have to be amended, it currently isn't, it's not just the number of people, the 15%; it's 15% of that district, but then also those are the voters that have to sign the recall petition. I mean, obviously, they'd be the only ones that would vote on it, but which way is it? So, the way it's proposed, the 15% is of just that district, but that number of people; say it's 200 people, that 200 can come from anywhere in Springdale, even if it's a District 1?

Mr. Braun: No.

Mr. Anderson: It has to be 200 from that district?

Mr. Braun: From that district.

Mr. Anderson: That's what I thought, it wasn't clear when you were explaining it just now.

Mr. Braun: I think her concern was if redistricting occurs.

Mr. Anderson: It would be from the original district.

Mr. Braun: The number would be calculated based on the voters from the previous district, but the signatures could come from the new district. Are you following? We could change it.

Mr. Anderson: I know, for me, it seems like to maintain the intent of what we discussed before, it should be based entirely on that previous gubernatorial election, which was what put that person into office. So, even if there's redistricting, it should still go back to that previous election; that district; those people; that percentage. Because those are the people that put him in office. The intent of recall is to give those voters recourse if they want to recall their elected official. So, because there's redistricting, that shouldn't change the history of that person.

Mayor Webster: Once you change the district, how would you go back and have the people that used to live in say, District 1, but now they're District 2, so how would you go about having an election with the people that used to be in the district are no longer there.

Mr. Anderson: I agree. It would be a logistical challenge. I just want to make sure we're doing...it's been explained both ways. I'm fine with either way, I just want to know what the language we're proposing would do.

Mayor Webster: Like Mr. Braun said, I don't think you're talking about a large number. Number one, we very seldom redistrict. If it would so happen that we did a redistricting and had a recall in a district, then yes, you could have some people that are going to vote on the issue that weren't part of that district when that person was elected. I don't think that's going to be a large number.

Mr. Anderson: I agree. I think it's okay. I just want to make sure we're clear on what will happen. I think it's a really edge case we're spending too much time on. I think it's fine, as long as we're doing the number off of the district initially. I think what you're describing makes a lot of sense. I mean, really, have we had any of these in the history of Springdale that have actually gone to the voters? I know we've had threats of them, but have we actually had a recall? Thank you for clarifying. I'm good with that.

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Mr. Hawkins: The issue, if I'm in your district, and I vote for you and then we redistrict, and I get moved to a different district, you can look at that either way as being an issue, but I'm not in your district anymore, so whether I'm signing a petition, or I'm voting, you run into the same issue that we dealt with initially of making sure it's the people that are in the district that are going to address it. So, I think it's not going to be perfect. If you redistrict, you're going to have some changeover. The main thing is the focus on the folks that are in that district is the idea.

Mrs. Emerson: One more quick question, so is that 15% based on the voters in that district that voted, or registered voters?

Mr. Braun: It's electors who voted in the preceding gubernatorial election.

Mrs. Emerson: So, you're only looking at those individuals that came and actually voted; not the registered voters in that district.

Mr. Braun: Correct.

Mrs. Emerson: Okay.

Mr. Anderson: It's important to note that actually increases the bar, not decreases it. The current charter is off of the previous election, not gubernatorial, so it was always off of who voted, but now it actually will raise the bar to an election that tends to draw more voters. So, we're setting it more appropriately, and, in essence, it will be more active voters, so, it will take more signatures in most cases, is how I understand it.

Ms. Matheny: Just to give you an idea from the Committee's viewpoint, that's what Mr. Anderson said is exactly true. We didn't want to go too far, but we thought that ours was a little bit out of date, a little bit too lenient. And, in light of the world we're living in today, if you will, we felt that that was a very reasonable and for Mrs. Emerson's purpose, since you weren't here at the last meeting, all of these changes were unanimously accepted by the Charter Revision. And, I just want to emphasize too, this 15% that we're talking about; that's just to get it on the ballot. So, I just want to emphasize that to the viewing public as well. This is not like 200 people can just recall somebody. So, I just think that's important. Thank you.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Tuesday, July 13th, Planning Commission will meet in these chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Emerson: As Mr. Braun had addressed earlier in the meeting, the Rules and Laws Committee is planning on getting together and scheduling a meeting. I don't have that date or time yet.

Mrs. Ghantous: Believe it or not, Board of Zoning Appeals is going to have a meeting. Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00. Be here.

Mr. Jones: Just a reminder that Council is adhering to their summer schedule. So, we're going to have about five weeks before our next meeting. The next meeting is July 21st. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience

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None

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Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 20-2021; An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change for the Real Property Located at 11911 Sheraton Lane in the City of Springdale, which passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 21-2021; An Ordinance Approving the Preliminary Development Plan for the Property Located at 11911 Sheraton Lane, and that passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number III was addressed with Ordinance No. 22-2021, and Ordinance No. 23-2021; Two Separate Ordinances Approving the Submission of Amendments to the Charter of the Municipality of Springdale, Ohio at the November 2, 2021 Election. That was a second reading. Item Number IV was addressed with Ordinance No. 25-2021; An Ordinance Adopting a Supplemental Appropriation/Estimated Receipts Ordinance to Adjust Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures and Adjust Estimated Receipts for the City of Springdale, Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number V was addressed with Ordinance No. 24-2021; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement With Respect to the Merchant Street Redevelopment Project, the Consummation of Real Property Transfers as Set Forth Therein, the Execution of Ancillary Development Related Documents, and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number VI was addressed with Resolution No. R07-2021; A Resolution Adopting an Urban Redevelopment Plan for the Redevelopment of 134 and 144 Merchant Street. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item number VII was addressed with Resolution No. R09-2021; A Resolution Authorizing and Requesting the Warren County Port Authority to Provide Bond Issuance Services in Support of the Merchant Street Redevelopment Project. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number VIII was addressed Resolution No. R08-2021; A Resolution Adopting an Urban Redevelopment Plan for the Redevelopment of 11911 Sheraton Lane. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number IX was addressed with Resolution No. R10-2021; A Resolution Authorizing and Requesting the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to Provide Bond Issuance Services in Support of the Sheraton Lane Redevelopment Project. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number X was addressed with Resolution No. R11-2021; A Resolution Adopting the 2022 Tax Budget of the City of Springdale for the Year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. That passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters are forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There's a request for Ordinance No. 22-2021 and Ordinance No. 23-2021; Two Separate Ordinances Approving the Submission of Amendments to the Charter of the Municipality of Springdale, Ohio at the November 2, 2021 Election. That will be a third reading. There's also a request at the next meeting for An Ordinance Declaring Improvements to Real Property to Be a Public Purpose; Declaring Such Property to Be Exempt from Real Property Taxation; Authorizing the Execution of a School Compensation Agreement with the Princeton City School District and Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development; and Declaring an Emergency with regard to 134 & 144 Merchant Street. There's another request similarly An Ordinance Declaring Improvements to Real Property to Be a Public Purpose; Declaring Such Property to Be Exempt from Real Property Taxation; Authorizing the Execution of a School Compensation Agreement with the Princeton City School District and Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development; and Declaring an Emergency with regard to the property at 11911 Sheraton Lane. There's a request for An Ordinance Authorizing the City to Fund the Employees' Health Savings Accounts in 2021 and Declaring an Emergency. There's a request for An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement with Respect to the Sheraton Lane Redevelopment Project, the Execution of Ancillary Related Documents, and Declaring an Emergency. There's also a request for An Ordinance Granting a Tax Exemption for Real Property Improvements Made In Accordance with the Sheraton Lane Redevelopment Plan and Declaring an Emergency. That would be it unless there's anything else from Council or the Administration.

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Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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