

## City of Springdale Council

October 6, 2021

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on October 6, 2021

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council members Anderson, Emerson, Ghantous, Hawkins, Ramirez, Sullivan-Wisecup, and Vanover were present.

President Vanover: Council, before we go further, we're going to interject the introductions after Communications, but before Communications from the Audience.

Mr. Jones: And, Mr. President, a swearing in.

President Vanover: Sure. Thank you.

The minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting were considered. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Ghantous seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Communications - None

Introductions of New Employees

Mr. Jones: We have introductions tonight with Tax Department employees, Police Department employees, and then subsequent to that, the Mayor will do a swearing in ceremony, so let's start with the Tax Department, and our Director, Jeff Williams.

Mr. Williams: Hello. I would like to introduce Kristen Sullivan. Before starting with the City, Kristen worked for Miami University in Oxford as a Food Production Leader for 15 years. Responsible for feeding hungry college kids. In May, Kristen was hired as the Tax Department Resident Account Clerk, and started right before tax day, when she jumped right in. Kristen has also been a big help regarding the Tax Department website, and she's been a great addition to the Tax Department. Kristen Sullivan (Applause). I'd like to introduce Natasha Allen. Before starting with the City, Natasha worked for Meggitt Aerospace for six years, and the National Transportation and Safety Administration for four years, where she analyzed auto crash data. In May, Natasha was hired as Account Clerk over delinquencies and Mayor's Court. Also started right before tax day. Kristen and Natasha started on the same day. She also jumped right in, and Natasha has been a great addition to the Department. One thing I'd like to mention about Kristen and Natasha is they started a week before tax day, so it was a crazy time of, "Hey, we've got to go into the conference room, we've got to sit down, we've got to teach you guys what's going on here so you'll be a great addition to tax day". It was great having them during tax day and everything went very smoothly. Natasha Allen (Applause). I'd like to introduce Rachel Naegele. You guys probably know Rachel. Rachel started with the Tax Department part time in October 2001. She was the first contact at the Tax window, she prepared resident tax returns, accounted for business withholding documentation, and she could always be counted on when I needed a special project. Rachel remained part time until February 2020, when she was hired full time as the Tax Department Resident Account Clerk. Then, recently, Sandy Fohl, who was with the Tax Department for a long time, she retired. She was the Business Account Clerk, and then, based on Rachel's experience within the department, I knew she would be a great fit for this position. She became the Tax Business Account Clerk II. Rachel Naegele (Applause). Thank you for your time.

Mrs. McNear: Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to say to our two new hires, congratulations ladies, you've joined a great organization, and Rachel congratulations on your promotion. These ladies provide a lifeblood of the City. They take in money, keep up the good work. Thanks.

Mr. Jones: Up next, we'll have our Chief Tom Wells of the Police Department.

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Chief Wells: Hello. Good Evening. Mayor Webster, Mr. President, members of Council, and City Administration, it's always a pleasure to be here before you. I know Mike Mathis used to say this, I couldn't echo it more succinctly, there's nothing more fun than introducing new employees to the City, as well as to our residents. Here tonight, first of all, I'm going to have Mr. Steven Garren step up. Steven is married to wife Jessica. He's got three children, Ella, Mila, and Jaxton, who was just born this year. He's a long time resident of Springdale. He has coached for the Springdale Youth Boosters and came highly recommended by a member of that organization when he first applied, and he saw the process through, and bore out. He is an excellent member of our Department. He has served in the United States Marine Corps from 2005 through 2013 before "jumping ship" to the US Navy (laughter and groans). He serves as a, I had to, I had to, I had to, sorry. He was recently promoted to Second Class Petty Officer, which we're very proud of him for as I know his family is as well. Previous to Springdale, he worked at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, and one of his duties, you talk about connections and how Law Enforcement is interconnected; one of his duties was to guard the prisoner who had killed Kaia Grant. We appreciate his attention to detail in making sure that that was seen through for a successful prosecution in that case. Earlier this year, he was invited by Mayor Webster to present the ceremonial wreath at the Memorial Day Service in May, and I just wanted to say that one of the things that really impressed us when we were interviewing Steven was the fact that he talked about his employment there at the Sheriff's office, and one of the things he said was what he had volunteered for a position to deal with people there with mental illness and he would go out and assist. He would actually go out into the field to assist people in that regard, and that's one of the most important things I think we can do, and I think it just shows the caliber of person that he is and his character, and again, it's one of those qualities that made us certain that we wanted him to join the team here. So, welcome aboard Steven, Thank you. (Applause).

Mayor Webster swore in Officer Steven Garren. (Applause)

Chief Wells: There's no question in Police work that the Police Officers typically get the attention because they're out there in the field and on the front line doing the work, but, if we didn't have a support staff in the Police Department, we couldn't get the job done. Our civilian staff are truly the unsung heroes of our department. Roger (Whaley) just joined us recently and joins a very effective group of people that handle the support services in our department. And, one of those positions is called Police Clerk, and that is what he is here to do. Roger here is joined tonight by his wife Portia, and his children Mercedes, Reese, and Cameron. He began working with us in July this year and he's currently in field training. He should be cut loose here pretty soon. He's currently working with another Police Clerk. He has been a long time resident also of Springdale. It's always nice when you can bring somebody who's a resident here on board. We were very pleased to be able to do that. He's got a degree in Computer Networking. He also has experience in banking and food service, and Roger has also had the military service, serving as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, which we're also very proud of. So, thank you for that service. Along with his wife and children tonight, he's joined by his father Roger Sr., and mom Jody. So, again, want to welcome Roger on board and tell you how happy we are to have him here (Applause).

Mr. Whaley: I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you to the members of the Council, Mayor. Thank you. I'm honored.

Chief Wells: Thank you all again. I do want to say just briefly in closing tonight that next week with COVID, there's been a lot of the Police Week ceremony that was supposed to be held earlier this to honor Kaia (Grant) and the other officers from this area, as well as the United States, had to be postponed, and myself and a contingent of officers will be heading up there next week to represent the City of Springdale, and we'll also be travelling with members of the Cincinnati Police Division, the Clermont County Sheriff's Office, and the Colerain Township's Police Department to honor their officers who were killed in the line of duty. The officers that were being recognized next week; there are 491 officers being added to the wall from 2019 and 2021. I just wanted to tell you again how much, on behalf of our department, how much we truly appreciate the support that we've received from the governing body of this City. It's been outstanding and we thank you so much. Appreciate it.

President Vanover: Thank you Chief.

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Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 36-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, FOR STAGE II DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE NORTHLAND BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 36-2021; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Jones: I was talking to Councilman Jeff Anderson prior to the meeting, and he asked that we talked just very briefly about this project. It's a huge project, and we'd received funding, even back in 2020, we'd received funding in the amount of in excess of \$5.3 million dollars toward the project, and we're very grateful for that, and Mr. Riggs, our City Engineer is going to touch on a little bit. (Addressing Mr. Anderson), Jeff, he's better prepared for that than I am with regard to that because he's the one that seeks that funding for us. But, there's other opportunities for additional funding, and appreciate you bringing it to our attention and if you don't mind, Mr. President, I'll turn it over the Mr. Riggs.

President Vanover: Go right ahead.

Mr. Riggs: We actually just submitted a MRF fund request, Municipal Funds through the OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) and we requested \$150,000, so it's relatively small, but sort of the "sweet spot" for awards. So, we feel really confident that we'll get that. We also have SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority) transportation funds, so, it's a relatively new funding program. I believe they get \$30 million a year and, in fact, we submitted for the Kemper Road Bridge project, and we were successful in that this year. It was a long process and I think there was a lot of people who didn't apply because of it being the first round, there was a lot of kinks in their application process, but, what ended up was that there was more funds than actually what was requested, so being, hopefully, the next round, which this first round was only eligible to go to construction funds, and you have to expend that within one year, so, we were outside the timeframe for Northland, so, looking at next year's program, we'll be within that, because construction is scheduled to start in 2023. So, SORTA is going to be another huge funding source for us, and those funds, it is not just a "little ask". We can request \$1,000,000 easily. So, that's another great opportunity for us next year. We're also working with the Mill Creek Alliance to update their nine element plan, which, basically, once we get, their nine element plan helps address water quality within the East Fork Mill Creek watershed. If we get their plan updated to include the Northland Boulevard project, then we're eligible to receive "319" funds too. So, that's through another water quality project in which Northland Boulevard does do that with the bioswales in the median; we're inverting the crown, so that's another huge funding source for us. You can always have OPWC funds that we can go after, but a lot of that; the way that they award them or prioritize them is based on the condition of the road, and Northland Boulevard is fortunately, or unfortunately, it depends on how you look at it, is not in bad enough condition to score well. So, that's always another option for us. It's just not likely to be funded. And, even at that, it's limited with their awards. But, I think the SORTA funds and 319 funds are going to be the biggest opportunities for us next year. So, that application process starts summer and fall next year for those two.

Mayor Webster: And what would, if we were successful with those two grants, how much would they be combined?

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Mr. Riggs: I believe SORTA, the way this funding round, and this was the first one, like I said there was more funds than actually what was being requested, I think next year it's going to be a lot more competitive, but they funded projects \$5 million dollars to \$6 million dollars. So, it wouldn't be unrealistic for us to have all the local matched. We can request the remaining local share or matched portion. Can't make any promises that we'll get it, but there's no reason that we shouldn't request it. And, we have 319 funds, which, generally, I've been looking at that, and those rewards are about \$300,000 dollars to \$500,000 dollars range on average, so that seems to be the "sweet spot", which that puts a nice little dent into the local share as well.

Mayor Webster: Just to give everybody a little bit of background on this. This is a project that we did in 2009 or 2012, and it was part of President Obama's "shovel ready" projects. So, we jumped in and we did it, because the funds were available. Well, in retrospect, I think that was probably a big mistake because I personally don't think that the project was properly engineered, and I don't think it was ready to go to construction, but we really didn't have a choice. In order to get those federal funds, we had to declare it "shovel ready" and go for it. So, now we're having to go back and tear up some of the concrete and everything else that we did back somewhere in 2009. Do you know the date in 2009 or 2010? Somewhere along in there wasn't it?

Mr. Riggs: Yes. I think it was 2009 because submission was in 2008.

Mayor Webster: So, back in 2009. So, anyway, I understand everybody's concern about the project because if you look at John's report and the five year budget, a year ago we were looking at a \$6.8 million dollar project, and now all of the sudden, we're looking at an \$8 point, where is that number here? It was \$6.8 (million dollars), but now the new engineering estimate is what is it?

Mr. Jones: \$8.1 (million dollars)

Mayor Webster: \$8.1 (million dollars), so, I don't think we can stand a whole lot of jumps like that before, all of the sudden, we're going to wonder, "How are we going to pay for this thing?". So, I think it's maybe too early to say we've got to scrap this or anything. I think it's definitely a viable project. It's one that's certainly needed. But, at the same time, I don't think it's too early to ask the (City) Engineer to start trying to identify things that we could take out of this project, if, at the end of the day, we don't get all of the funding that is necessary, and we're saddled with a couple of million dollars that we have to contribute to the project that we don't have. If the "work from home" thing goes south on us, then we're going to be looking, if we still want to do this project, we're going to be leaning on the Engineer to say, "What can we take out?" So, maybe it's not too early to have him start looking at that as he puts these final plans together. What can we treat as an increment that we can take out of there, and then decrease the cost of the whole project?

Mr. Riggs: I will say that we had a meeting with Public Works earlier this week, and we started going through some items, and we did discuss the estimate, and there's a lot of padding in that \$8.1 million dollar number. Because there's still so many unknowns. We're further along than we were at the conceptual plans when we requested the grant, but, at the same time, we're getting more into the weeds, and we're realizing, "Oh, well, there may be some utility impacts", so, for us to really look into the utilities, we have to do some subsurface utility investigations; just "hone in" the design a little bit better, but right now we're carrying that contingency forward, just so we're not "sticker shocked" at the end. It may be somewhat of an early sticker shock now, but, we're going to continue to refine those numbers and get something within the budget. There's things we can do to even phase the project. For example, we don't, and it can be bid alternates, it could be phasing. There's several things, like, for example, the sidewalk. You can do the road without building or extending that sidewalk. That could be something that could be an "add-alternate", and it wouldn't change the plans any. The same with storm drainage. There's a lot that we could potentially not replace. A lot of the stuff that we're doing on the existing grates; they're just old, and they need to be replaced. They've been out there for quite a while, and they're in bad shape. But, we don't necessarily have to. It's just generally that's what you do when you're doing a complete redo on a road. So, there's some opportunities to have some cost savings along the way. And, honestly, right now with the way, and we're using

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Mr. Riggs (continued): current bid prices, and, as we all know, the bid prices are a lot higher than they were a year ago. Maybe two years down the road, when we go to bid this, it won't be that way.

Mayor Webster: You know, a year ago when Jeff (Anderson) I think you announced to Council the five point whatever million dollars' worth of grant, that OKI was awarding us, that was great, and it still is, I mean, \$5.6 million dollars is nothing to sneeze at, but now, with this new estimate, the total cost, and the engineering and everything in there, it comes out to like 55% of the total project cost. And when we've got it come in, this is about 85% or 90% of the cost, but now all the sudden it's 55% of the cost, so I think it's something we need to watch; keep an eye on.

Mr. Anderson: And that's exactly why I was asking the questions earlier. When we first approved the project to start, it was great, and I believe it's still needed, and I understand the underlayment at Northland is going to take some work, but when we originally approved the engineering and the project, that was after our tax increase had passed, so we were in pretty good financial state, and it was before the COVID and work-from-home changes. And now, with the five year budget projections coming out, I just wanted to make sure that we stopped for a second before we approve another \$450,000 or \$430,000 for engineering without taking a minute to look down and make sure that we'd be able to follow through on the commitment. So, I think it's great that there's other funding opportunities, and we should pursue those. I also think that we should look at bid alternates as we go along the way and staging if necessary. I'm also curious if there's opportunities to start doing some of the funding later now to take advantage of the interest rates the way they are as opposed to waiting three years to fund that difference. That \$1,000,000; should we start looking at financing other things now to save money for this project later and take advantage of interest rates and kind of smooth out that cost that we'll be seeing later? Because I know we did bond projects for the road projects in the past. Is there opportunities to do some of that to take advantage of the financial situation today that we have? So, I appreciate the discussion, and I am hearing that Administration is still committed to the project and thinks it's viable. That is correct. Because I don't want to spend another \$430,000 if we don't think we can fit it in at the \$8,000,000 number or the \$6,000,000 number. So we still feel that we could do the project in the budget?

Mr. Jones: Yes.

Mr. Anderson: Okay. So, hopefully maybe there's an opportunity to do some financing too or look at these other opportunities, but, I appreciate digging in. Because I think it's important to stop. We're not pot-committed to the project yet, but I think it's good to stop before we spend a half a million dollars. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: And I'll echo Mr. Anderson in terms of making sure that we're being fiscally responsible, and I think Administration is demonstrating through, what Mr. Riggs is indicating, that we're trying to find some other resources to make up that gap. I know, I think everybody on Council when we went over this stuff last year and saw there's about a \$2,000,000 dollar increase in what was expected and everybody was sort of, mouths were agape and sad, but the block grant helps, the fact that there's some other opportunities out there help. I think as long as we're looking at all those things, it's good. The only other thing I wanted to say was this project really is important for the City for what's going on connecting up Route 4, and Kemper, particularly what we're going to have going on with regard to those condos and apartments and what would be hoped and anticipated is some more growth and life in that building district as well as moving down towards the mainstay of our retail and business area with regard with getting down to Kemper and 747, and so, it's a significant thing. That thoroughfare is not super long, but the connectivity of that is going to be critical, I think, as we're going forward in the years to come.

Mayor Webster: Well, if we could figure out a way to prove that the deterioration of Northland Boulevard is COVID-related, I think we could get it funded 100% (laughter), hands down. Want to work on that counselor (addressing Mr. Hawkins).

Mr. Hawkins: We need to talk with Mr. Clayton about that. I'm sure he could figure that out for us.

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Mr. Anderson: I think Loveland is building a parking garage with COVID funds, so I imagine we could make an argument for some of that. One other question on this as we do engineering, I know inside of OKI, there's a lot of discussion about smart infrastructure, and looking at opportunities to do more of that when you do major projects. I saw that there was traffic signal work being done in general. Are there other hooks that are being included in this project around smart infrastructure in terms of traffic management or lane counting, dynamic signals, or is that out of scope for this work?

Mr. Riggs: We are doing a traffic signal replacement. I don't believe there's much in the way of smart. I think they're with radar, not radar, but video detection, so, there's opportunities for that, but it wasn't necessarily part of the project. We have discussed with Public Works other areas within the City to look at smart infrastructure and that may even come out of the comprehensive plan update too, to look at holistically, not just one corridor.

Mr. Anderson: And I think that makes sense. The other reason I mentioned it is I believe there will be other funding opportunities if we include components of that in the project, especially if we end up going back to an OKI for funding or additional funding request. The amount that was approved for this was based off the cost estimates we had two years ago. If we end up going back, that might be an opportunity to get additional funding if we include other things like that as an alternate, or an additional project component. I just wanted to see if we were looking at that or not.

Mr. Riggs: It's definitely something that we'll talk to our traffic engineer about. I know that's been discussed, and I think it was more, again, holistically throughout the City, so, we'll see how we can apply it to Northland.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you. It's a big project. I appreciate the extra research to try and save us some pennies. \$150,000 here and there adds up to real money, even in a City budget. Every one of those that we can do, I think is great.

Ordinance No. 36-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

### Ordinance No. 37-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE, DISPOSAL OR TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

President Vanover: This is a first reading. We will have it back. Is there any discussion at this point? (None)

### Resolution No. R14-2021

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R14-2021; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Resolution No. R14-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

### Old Business

Mrs. Emerson: I think this is the proper place to plug this in. Rules and Laws met today at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the topic of car rental and car sharing within the City. We are going to meet again before the next Council meeting. That will be October 20<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Braun will have legislation brought forward to Council for them to look over and approve.

Mr. Anderson: About a month ago, or a month and a half, we had a number of residents here regarding the development of the Springrose development, and there were three items they asked us to follow up on. I was hoping Administration could give us an update. I haven't heard anything about progress that was being made there. Have we made progress? Are there things we can do to help those people, or is it still in the works?

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Mr. Braun: I can provide a brief update on that on behalf of Administration. In addition to myself, Mr. Uhl, and I think Mr. Jones as well have all had some conversations with residents in the community, in addition to the questions they brought before Council. They've kind of evolved and morphed into some additional questions that were brought to Council. To the best of my knowledge, we have answered all of those questions for them that have been raised. Not all of them were answers that they wanted to hear, but we definitely provided information and, in addition to that, I provided some documents pursuant to a record request that they filed about information that we had on the development. It's my understanding that they're moving forward, or in the process of moving forward with establishing their HOA for that subdivision, and, as we were over the past few weeks, we're prepared to answer any additional questions that they have. But, we have had dialogue with them actively about several issues.

Mr. Anderson: And, have the roads been certified and turned over yet, or are they still in the developer's hands?

Mr. Braun: No. There's been no change in the dedication. It would come before you; the dedication or acceptance of the roads or the sewer infrastructure. There's also been some other concerns that they've had on a host of other questions and issues. Like I've said, we've provided answers, but, there's been no change to the best of my knowledge on any of the matters that, at the time, they appeared here before Council that we provided them with info about.

Mr. Anderson: Do you feel there's anything that this body can do to help at this point? I feel like this is squarely in the developer's court at this point.

Mr. Braun: I will say we've offered assistance in the ways that we can. We're pressuring the developer to take care of these issues. It's about that time of the year where we'll be sending a letter again to them indicating that as inclement weather occurs, and we begin to have snow, it's the developer, now the HOA's responsibility to take care of the maintenance of those roads. The City stands ready to accept them, but they have to be brought up to our standards. I will indicate that during one of the correspondences with one of the individuals in the community, it was represented that the developer was moving forward on some of the punch list items that we had pointed out to them, but I have not heard an update yet on how many of those have been accomplished. But, again, we've tried to be helpful in the best way that we can right now, which is through knowledge and information. So, we've been trying to give that to the residents.

Mr. Anderson: Do you feel that they're on track? I'm a little concerned at this point about the roads more than the HOA side of things, specifically as inclement weather comes, I'm concerned about public safety being able to get back there and help the residents if there's issues, and the danger that would pose to our Departments as well.

Mr. Braun: I can tell you that Mr. Agricola is aware of that, and I know that our Safety Services are aware of it as well, and we've not in the past allowed a situation like that to occur, and what I mean by that is if there is a situation where the roads aren't being cleared, we've gone back and cleared them and then we've billed those services. So, I assume standard policy will operate the same way in the future.

Mr. Anderson: That's good to know. I just get worried, especially with COVID and incidents going up. I just want to make sure we can get back there if we need to. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: Council, at a previous meeting, we discussed a liquor license request for Aldi dba Aldi at 425 East Kemper Road. We now have a situation where there's a two level process. We get a pre-authorization request which we approved, and then the second final one came in. I just wanted to let everyone know that has been signed off and sent back to the Liquor Control Board. Thank you.

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Mayor Webster: I have a comment I wanted to share with Council in regard to Mr. Anderson's question about the homeowners over there. What concerned me more than anything else that evening, was that there was some statements made. I won't call them allegations, but some statements made that the City wasn't enforcing the building code, they were allowing smaller units to be built, the lots were too small, we just sort of threw out the code book, and we're letting them do whatever they damn well please. Well, I personally went to our chief Building Official, and he assures me that there has been no permits issued. No building permits issued for any house to be built over there that doesn't comply with the present building code, or with the approved plan that Planning Commission recommended or passed. So, that's just not the case. They might not like the size of the house, but there's not a whole lot we can do if it complies with one of those two, but if it complies with the final development plan, or the present code, then he doesn't have any choice but to issue the building permit, and that's exactly what he's done in all cases. There's been no houses constructed on lots that weren't properly plotted and approved in the original plan. So, I felt good about that.

Mr. Hawkins: The only other thing along those lines of that subject matter for that development, and Mr. Braun correct me if I'm wrong, but, it appears that the best thing they can do right now is get that HOA formed, and they can add in some other protections possibly. They're not going to do anything retroactively to what's there, but, it also appears they would be in a better position to pursue any kind of legal remedy as that HOA opposed to a bunch of individuals trying to go through and get the builder to comply with things that they're supposed to have done. So, it would appear that that's a step that needs to get done and the faster that happens, the better position they're going to be in to advocate for those things that they're looking for, whether it's road dedication, or making sure that, you know, limiting the amount of homes that can be rented out or whatever, that HOA is going to have some more control if they get that going.

Mr. Braun: Yes, I would agree Mr. Hawkins. I would also indicate originally when we reached out to them, we were concerned about them forming the HOA. They got some commitments from the developer as a result of that that they were going to take care of some of those items. Now they're forming the HOA, and I think their concerns now are once they form the HOA, they want to tighten some of the regulations to make sure some of their concerns don't come to fruition, and that's some of the information that we've provided to them, guidance about what our code does, and doesn't allow. And, like I said, if they continue to reach out, we'll try to be as helpful as possible, and update you if anything serious develops.

New Business - None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet next Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in these chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room adjacent to here.

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the chambers here.

Mr. Uhl: I just want to make an announcement that Civil Service Commission has cancelled their meeting for tomorrow. There was lack of an agenda item. So, there next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.



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### Communications from the Audience

Ms. Matheny: Hello. I just wanted to give a little reminder to the voting public out there and everyone that early voting has started on Tuesday, and there are two charter issues on the ballot, and I'd like to encourage all the public to please support those issues. These issues will not raise your taxes, and as Chairperson if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Administration and I'm sure they'd be happy to answer them. Thank you.

President Vanover: I have received several questions and comments, as a matter of fact, that's part of my travelling show right now. And, it is, once you explain what it is, and the process of it, and that it is a good thing. So, I have been endorsing it as I go.

Mayor Webster: I had a question for our solicitor. I know we can't spend City money to promote the passage or the defeat of these charter amendments, but can we advocate for or against the passage from the dais here?

Mr. Braun: The short answer is that you already have by voting to place them on the ballot in the affirmative. You can't use the dais to advocate, I would say. You definitely voted in the affirmative to place them on the ballot. I think the best thing that we can do, is what we've already done. Consistent with the Ohio constitution, we are sending a copy to every registered voter of those changes. We are also directing them to the City website on that. There's a letter that's introducing it so everyone can go on to the City website and read those changes, and, as Ms. Matheny pointed out, you can also call Administration, and they'll be willing to answer any questions people have about those. I think as individual Council members, sure, you're always welcome in a meeting to speak in favor, or against any topic that you want. To the extent we're using City resources though, it's primarily in an informational role.

Mayor Webster: What I'm hearing you say is that if I sit here and say to the public out here, "We would ask you to support the passage of those two issues". Is that against the law?

Mr. Braun: No.

Mayor Webster: City Council has unanimously recommended those to be put on the ballot, the Charter Revision Committee of five members unanimously recommended to Council that they put those on the ballot, so we would implore you to please vote "yes" on those two issues. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you Mayor Webster.

### Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 36-2021; An Ordinance Accepting a Proposal from CT Consultants for Stage 2 Design Engineering Services for the Northland Boulevard Reconstruction and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 37-2021; An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Said Surplus Property. That was a first reading. Item Number III was addressed with Resolution No. R14-2021; A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for 2022. That passed with a 7-0 vote.

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Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: We have a second reading for Ordinance No. 37-2021; An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Said Surplus Property. There's also going to be a request for An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Related to the Widening of Crescentville Road and Declaring an Emergency. As well as A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File an Application for Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Funds. It sounds like there may also be some legislation regarding car rental; either at the next meeting, or the one following. And, that would be it unless there's anything else from the members of Council or the Administration.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear  
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:  
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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