

# City of Springdale Council

May 4, 2016

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council members Diehl, Emerson, Ghantous, Harlow, Hawkins, Shroyer, and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 City of Springdale City Council meeting were considered. Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded. With a vote of 6 – 0, the minutes of the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 City Council meeting were approved as published. Mr. Vanover abstained as he was absent from that meeting.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience - None

## Ordinances and Resolutions

### Ordinance No. 13-2016

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2017 WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RATING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

With a vote of 7 – 0, Ordinance No. 13-2016 passed with seven affirmative votes.

## Old Business

President Vanover: I understand that we delayed the vote on the. Mr. Diehl?

Mr. Diehl: Yes, we have some Old Business to talk about on the terms of Council on Planning Commission and BZA. We did have general conversation last meeting.

President Vanover: Okay. Does anybody have any other input they want to bring in at this point in time?

Mrs. Harlow: Yes sir, thank you. I pulled some old minutes from the Charter Revision Committee from 2000 and I emailed those to everyone. I, after reading those minutes and speaking with Mrs. Boice and Mr. Galster, who were instrumental in getting Planning to a one at-large and one district Council person representation, I have come to the conclusion that I can support the two-year term, but I still think it needs to be one at-large and one district for each of those two boards. My thinking on that is for the balance, as Mrs. Boice stated, when they were talking about it previously that they felt like the at-large Council member viewed, or might view, happenings in the City with a broader eye than someone representing a residential district, so that's how I'm going to be looking at it.

President Vanover: I'll reiterate - I think the two-year term of appointment would be extremely beneficial. I can take referral and information back from the two sitting Presidents before me that are up here, that was actually not part of the Charter Revision issue that came up in discussion. I'm really not that overly, well, as grandpa would say, I don't have a dog in this fight, about either the make-up of one at-large and one district. I did have a quick phone conversation with Mr. Diehl and, quite honestly, he reminded me, and the example of that I think that my thought process was always that we all take the bigger picture whether we're district or at-large, but I was reminded, just recent, with the GEEAA development that obviously is in my front yard and I was critical of some points of that, so I guess it was kind of a touché' and a point taken that it probably is not a bad idea to get the balance but at least, at this point in time, if we could get the two-year appointments, I would be extremely pleased with that.

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Mayor Webster: I'm like you – I don't have a dog in this fight, so it really doesn't make any difference to me. I think the two-year thing is a big step forward. I just happen to know – you know I've worked very closely with various Presidents of Council, including you, Mrs. Harlow; you, Mr. Vanover; and you, Mrs. McNear and I know what you guys have to go through to try to get these committee assignments and I think it's extremely tough especially when an at-large person is sitting there with a gavel - that only leaves two at-large members. One of them has to go on BZA; one of them has to go on Planning whether they want it or not. So you've got four other people sitting down here begging – they'd love to be on Planning, but, no, you're district, you can't be there and I just think that's wrong. I think we've functioned for a long time without that provision in there and what year did we – 2006?

Mrs. Harlow: It was 2000 that it was brought before Council and then it was probably put on for the electorate maybe in 2001 or 2002.

Mayor Webster: Okay, but anyway, so we functioned from 1959 to 2002 without it. We functioned from 2002 now until 2016, so the last 14 years, we got it. I'm just saying once you're cleaning up that two-year, I suggested, I think, that you take a look at that. If Council doesn't want to do it, that's your prerogative but you're the people that are going to suffer, not me, not the Administration, not our appointments. My appointments are for four years so but I just think it's a great opportunity to clean it up and give everybody an opportunity. I've always been of the opinion, and I've never been a Council person, I'll admit that, but once you take that oath of office, I don't care where you come from - what part of town you come from or whether you're representing the whole city when you take that oath of office down there, you are representing the entire city; you're not just representing one little section of town. Now granted, maybe you're more familiar with what's going on with that section of town, if there's a resident that wants to talk to the Council person that's closest to them, then yes, they probably should call that district person, but that doesn't preclude them from calling the three at-large people. We all represent the entire city. I know my good friend, Mr. Diehl, down there said that he looks at things totally different now since he's wearing a different hat – you can his district hat on him; just look at him – quite different than that large hat he used to wear. Anyway, you guys do what you see fit.

Mrs. Emerson: Couple of comments. I believe that it was in the year 2006 that it was brought up to Council about shortening the four-year term on the BZA and Planning to the two-year term. It went down; we did not pass it and part of that discussion, which I'm not sure Mrs. Harlow had that discussion with Mr. Galster, but it was the continuity that we wanted - those are the two biggest boards, the most two important boards in the City and we wanted some continuity with the rotating election of the district and the at-large people. With the two-year terms, it was too easy to get all new people, which is what we're having right now on BZA. I've talked to all of you all up here about that. We've had a couple meetings of BZA and basically, they're all fairly new people; we have no continuity because of the switching of the districts with Lawrence and Mr. Diehl and those kinds of things and that's what concerns me. We even changed the Chair this year for BZA so there's a lot of people that really aren't strong on that board and that's my concern - I don't care about district and I don't care about at-large, I care about the four-year term. I know it makes it difficult for the President; I understand that, but I think it's really important that we keep the four years.

Mr. Hawkins: We had this discussion back in 2009 as well with regard to the four years versus two years and I had indicated that I've come around and have a little bit more of an open mind at this point with regard to having the two-year term versus the four-year term but the battle is about continuity and you can't have a lot of turnover like we're experiencing with the Board of Zoning Appeals and that's tough. That's the fastest way for Mr. Forbes to have to go down to Hamilton County Court House and represent the City, so it's important. I'm open to the idea of putting two-year terms on the ballot - let the electorate look at that and make a decision. I do think that, going forward, the President has to be mindful of - that they have that option, but they don't need to necessarily exercise it all the time, so that's going to fall back into the President's lap - to make sure that part of their job is to protect those boards and make sure that continuity is there and so some of that is putting faith on future Presidents to do that if that is so selected by the Electorate. I do think it's important to maintain the balance with regard to Council having one at-large and one district representative there and I do understand and agree with the Mayor that we're all representing the entire city, but there is a difference.

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Mr. Hawkins (continued): If you're a district rep, those are the people that literally put you in office, those are the people that you're beholden to immediately and you do have to take care of their interest first and foremost I think as you're going out and looking at the entire city. Obviously, you care about the entire city, but if someone from District 1 is calling Mr., Diehl, they want to make sure that he's taking care of the interest for that district. So I think that it's important just for the balance here, of the Council, as well as the balance in terms of looking at the City's interest, to have one from each.

Mrs. McNear: With regard to the two years - as a former President of Council, I do like the option for the two years. From the other standpoint is, when I started with my career with the City, it was on the BZA and that was prior to my Council years, so I had a couple of years on BZA, when I was elected to Council, I was on BZA. I never had the opportunity to go on Planning or anything else, so from that standpoint, continuity is great; however, you do get into a rut and we don't grow as Council people, we can't support each other and I also reference Mr. Vanover - how many years did you spend on Planning - was it 16 years, 18 years?

President Vanover: Eighteen years.

Mrs. McNear: So quite a long time so that's why, when our hands are tied when we're making those assignments, we preclude the ability to move around to other positions and it's not just for the fact that - it's not that you're stuck on that board, but no one else gets an opportunity to move into that board either. So from that standpoint, I would really support that we allow those two years. Also from the standpoint of one district, one at-large - when Mrs. Harlow was giving the report last week saying well it was really a matter of if you're tied to a district versus you're tied to an at-large type of responsibility for the City, perhaps I don't understand this because I was an at-large Council person and then moved into this role which is also the entire City. We're such a small city, I just can't imagine that we would need to isolate ourselves to a district and only have a viewpoint of that particular part of the City. It's not like we're hundreds of miles wide; we're a little tiny city. I can understand the logic behind doing the one district and one at-large but it does make it very difficult to accomplish what we are trying to do and do one district and one at-large unless you say we can't have an at-large person who's President of Council because it just makes it too difficult. I would be in favor of doing the two years as well as eliminating the one district and one at-large position. Thank you.

President Vanover: The continuity is important but the Council members, whether it's on BZA or Planning, are only two of seven. At some point in time, we have are guys in blue down here that the department has seen one of the downfalls, and Chief, you've had it, and the Fire Department too - one of the downfalls of being a good place to work is people are there for long periods of time. Well then, when they leave, we now have a huge turnover and then it will settle out and hopefully we'll run for a long time again. I think that's part of the BZA issue right now is, with some board movement and stuff that people got moved to different boards and we had some turmoil, and, to be honest, in my mindset, that was part of why I put Mrs. Ghantous on BZA where she has been the liaison and so that kept a little continuity there. The two-year terms doesn't mean that you have to make the change - it just gives you the option to do that if it's necessary or allow for more growth and see another aspect. That's my two cents on that.

Mayor Webster: Mrs. Emerson brought up the issue of continuity. As I understand the recommendation from Charter, is that this would only apply to the Council representatives, so you still have your two at-large, or your residential appointments, plus you got the three from the Mayor's office, so you still got five people that are coming back on those boards. It wouldn't necessarily have to change and, as Mr. Vanover just pointed out, even the two Council people could still return - it wouldn't necessarily have to change. There's no prohibition against serving for fifteen, twenty two-year terms; you could continue to serve. It's happened before and I think all of us want to maintain some of that expertise and I think this doesn't prohibit that from taking place.

Mr. Diehl: Also I would add that this gives us the opportunity to get more Council people on the boards. I can tell you, once you're on BZA or Planning Commission - that knowledge makes you a better Council person. So I think the more opportunity we have to get new people on the boards, the better. That's it.

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President: Any other discussion? (None.) Well then, I guess we'll take a motion. Let's do, yes, we have to do two separate.

Mayor Webster: I'll sort of yield to Mr. Forbes here but I think what you need to do is to take a vote to see if you want the Law Director to bring in the proper legislations to get the issues on the ballot.

Mr. Forbes: That's exactly what I was going to say because remember, at this point, I need to prepare legislation to submit the proposed Charter Amendment to the ballot. What I really need is the direction then - how do you want this? Do you just want it to be exactly what the Charter Review Commission has proposed; Council can make changes to that. I just need – you need some motion directing me to prepare the legislation. And for what it's worth, I know we've only been talking about this one particular one; there are other recommendations that came from the commission and I'll need to know if you want those brought in too. The last point I'll make, just as we talked about the Charter Amendment process for the November ballot, Charter Amendments, remember, are governed by the Constitution. The Constitution says they have to be to the Board of Elections 60 days before the election so you actually have more time on Charter Amendments than you do on other normal ballot issues.

President Vanover: Let's do this – setting the BZA and Planning assignments, are there any issues with the other recommendations coming from Charter? One was the definition, vacancy, and basically we'll pull verbally from the fourth line, the oath of office and qualifications under Article II, Qualifications, you had a third sentence that states a person seeking a Council position must first resign from the Council position, if any they hold, vacancy shall be filled and the adding is at the second Council meeting following the effective date of the vacancy and the other is under Article V, Political Elections, no person not already a City of Springdale-elected official on the date of this Charter Revision shall serve more than three consecutive terms in that position.

Mrs. Matheny: There's only four items that I presented to Charter. I think you may be looking at our minutes from our other discussion.

President Vanover: You're right. This is it, the four. It was A. Under Article VI, Planning Commission, the two-year assignment; B. was the Board of Zoning Appeals two-year assignment, then under Article IX, the definitions we delete "verbally" from the fourth line of vacancy and under D. General, still in Article IX, the Oath of Office, we add that the oath shall apply to all positions held within the City by the individual during the uninterrupted term of their position or office. Repeated oaths will not be necessary for those filling more than one position.

Mrs. Matheny: Right, and I would respectfully ask that whatever kind of motion is made, and assuming it passes, that it's emphasized in the BZA and the Planning, as we did, that it can stay the same.

President Vanover: Exactly, right.

Mrs. Matheny: Thank you.

President Vanover: Let's just do each because they would all be separate. Mr. Forbes, those would all be separate voting issues, correct?

Mr. Forbes: That's correct.

President Vanover: Well, let's just start with the first one – Article VI, the Planning Commission, we would take it from a four-year assignment to a two-year assignment and it is at the option of the sitting President to make that change; it doesn't necessarily mean that you have to but that option is there. Is there a motion on that one?

Mrs. Harlow: Yes, I make a motion for Article VI, that we change it to a two-year assignment with the option that the sitting President can keep the person in the position if they so choose and the person so wishes to remain in that position.

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President Vanover: Do I have a second?

Mr. Hawkins: Mr. President, are we just moving for legislation?

Mr. Vanover: Right.

Mr. Hawkins: So you just need a motion for us to request legislation, to bring forth legislation?

Mr. Forbes: Basically directing the Law Director to prepare the legislation.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you.

President: Okay, I have a motion – do I have a second?

Mr. Diehl: I believe we need to amend that motion to direct the Law Director.

President Vanover: Okay

Mr. Hawkins: I move to amend the motion previously made for the purpose of bringing forth legislation before Council.

Mr. Diehl seconded the motion.

President Vanover: Any further discussion? (None.) Mrs. McNear, will you poll Council?

Mrs. McNear: So we're voting on the amendment?

President Vanover: On the amendment for Article VI.A, Planning Commission.

Mrs. McNear: So that's just an amendment to the language that we're going to ask the Law Director to prepare legislation?

President Vanover: Right, correct.

Mrs. McNear: That's it and then we'll vote on the motion to make the

President Vanover: To make the referral for the electorate.

Mrs. Emerson: So Mr. Forbes is going to draw up the legislation, next meeting we'll vote on whether we want that on the ballot or not? Because I don't think we – did we clarify we even wanted them to go to the ballot yet?

Mrs. McNear: That's what this is for.

Mrs. Emerson: So that's what you're drawing up and we're going to vote on this next Council meeting?

Mr. Forbes: Remember, nothing goes on the ballot until you adopt a resolution submitting this question to the electorate. All this is really doing is telling me of the recommendations that came from Charter Review, what do you want me to do with them? As I understand it with this first one, what you're directing me to do is prepare the legislation consistent with the recommendation from Charter Review on that topic.

President Vanover: Right.

Mrs. McNear: Mr. Forbes, we did have a motion from Mrs. Harlow - I think we need to have that withdrawn?

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Mr. Forbes: Maybe everyone should just withdraw all the motions that are on the floor right now.

Mrs. Harlow: I'll withdraw my motion.

Mr. Hawkins: I'll withdraw my amendment.

President Vanover: Alright.

Mrs. McNear: Great, thank you.

President Vanover: Okay – this is for directing the Law Director to draw up a resolution to refer back to Council for final decision on forwarding to the electorate in November. So, do we have a motion for Article VI.A., the Planning Commission appointments, making them a two-year appointment and they may – it is not required that they change, but they may change.

Mrs. Harlow: I will make that motion, sir, as you instructed, and instruct the Law Director to do so.

Mr. Diehl seconded the motion.

With a vote of 6 – 1, the motion was passed. Council member Emerson voted “Nay”.

President Vanover: Now dealing with the Board of Zoning Appeals – again, this would be changing it to a two-year term assignment that they may continue or they may be rotated - do I have a motion to direct the Law Director to draw up a resolution?

Mrs. Harlow: I make a motion to direct the Law Director to draw up a resolution for the two-year assignment for BZA and present to Council for consideration.

Mr. Diehl seconded the motion.

With a vote of 6 - 1, the motion was passed. Council member Emerson voted “Nay”.

President Vanover: Now we need a motion to amend Article IX.C., under definitions, we would delete, from the definitions, it's dealing with vacancy – delete “verbally or” from the fourth line – so it would be a written notification.

Mayor Webster: I think, with all due respect to the Charter Revision Commission, I think that's a ridiculous recommendation for us to consider to put before the Electorate of the City. Common sense says if you're going to resign something, you put it in writing. To put it in the Charter - that's not going to make somebody do it. If they're ticked off at the Council, if they're ticked off at the City and say I'm outta here, the hell with this, they're not going to stop and give you something in writing; they're gone! What are you going to do? Are you going to have them arrested because they didn't comply with the Charter? This is just trying to legislate common sense and I will be voting against this amendment.

President Vanover: Alright. Do we have a motion?

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. President – not a motion but just a comment. I understand and appreciate what the Mayor is saying; however, you couldn't make somebody necessarily even verbally resign if they just want to take off. I agree with you - it's common sense that you should go through certain formalities but if we're going to have those formalities, we might as well make them as professional and proper as possible. You're right – someone may not comply with it; they might not even comply with verbally resigning, if they just want to take off and move to Hawaii but I don't think there's anything wrong with, if we're going to sort of set up the way things should be done, and if people are going to conduct themselves the way they ought to if people from Springdale have chosen to elect them, to put it in there as professionally as possible and I think it would be the most professional thing to present some type of written form of resignation.

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Mr. Hawkins (continued): If someone wants to be unprofessional and not do that, they may; I understand that but I think that it's appropriate to put that in there and bring it before the Electorate to make that decision. I understand why Charter Committee brought that before us.

President Vanover: Okay. We're back to then do we have a motion to direct the Law Director to bring in a resolution on this issue?

Mr. Hawkins: I move to direct the Law Director to bring before Council a resolution with regard to amending Article IX, with regard to removing "vacancy" from that section with regard to someone leaving office, specifically, from the fourth line.

Mr. Diehl seconded the motion. (No further discussion.)

With a vote of 4 – 3, the motion passed. Council members Diehl, Ghantous, and Harlow voted "Nay".

President Vanover: We would need five, correct - or is this just simple majority?

Mr. Forbes: No, this is just simple majority.

President Vanover: Okay. Finally, under Article IX.D., we are adding, under the Oath of Office, "the Oath shall apply to all positions held within the City by the individual during the uninterrupted term of their position or office. Repeated oaths will not be necessary for those fulfilling more than one position." Essentially what this is, is we don't have to swear an individual in on Planning Commission and on BZA and, well, Council, we get sworn in, but those would cover those - basically eliminates some duplication.

Mrs. Harlow: I know that's in the Charter, but how many people does this really impact that we're taking this before the electorates? We've got a liaison on Planning and BZA and you've got the Council people who've already been sworn in as Council people, so you've got those members. What is it – maybe four or five? I'm not going to support taking this before the electorates in light of every item that we put on the ballot is costing money and I know this probably can't be handled in our Rules of Council – that probably cannot be handled there, but I can't see putting something on the ballot when it affects four or five people every so many years.

Mayor Webster: I couldn't have said it better myself. I think it's going to affect a handful of people every two years, maybe, and I think it's another one of those things – it's a common sense type thing and I just can't see where anybody is put out by having to administer this oath. As a matter of fact, administering the oath to these boards is a relatively new thing. I don't know where that originated but I don't know that that's even in the Charter. Do you know, is it – where the boards have to be sworn in?

Mrs. Matheny: I don't know that. If I can add something?

Mr. Forbes: Sure, go ahead.

Mrs. Matheny: The first two that you guys discussed and voted on for legislation are the most important. These other things were brought up by one person and I don't personally think they're worth wasting any of your time or taxpayer time on it either, but the first two, I do.

Mr. Hawkins: Mr. Forbes, do you interpret the Charter currently to say that once a person's sworn in, they have to be sworn in again, particularly when the oaths are all the same with regard to following the Charter of the City of Springdale, the Ohio Constitution, and the U.S. Constitution?

Mr. Forbes: Right. They're all the same until you get to the last line that says, "and I'll uphold the duties of ..." and the Charter does say that all elected officials and appointed officials have to take the oath before entering upon the duties of their office so the position has been you take an oath as a Council member that says you'll uphold all those things as a Council member and then before you take on your duties as a member of a board or a commission, you would take a separate oath. That's been the interpretation.

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Mr. Hawkins: Would it be a fair interpretation?

Mr. Forbes: It takes 30 seconds.

Mr. Hawkins: Right.

Mr. Forbes: To take the oath.

Mr. Hawkins: I guess my question is - is this an issue, if we're dealing really with Council members serving in other roles and one could interpret the oath as a Council member that our duties include serving on boards and commissions and, as such, when you take an oath to be a City Council person, you're also taking an oath, if you're to be on Parks & Recreation or BZA, or whatever - you've already agreed to doing that without. So I don't even know if this is an issue to go and do a separate oath. You kind of have already sworn to do that when you get sworn in, I think, as a Council person. I'm not asking you to be the First District Court of Appeals and necessarily agree with me but that's my interpretation. I don't think if every Council member that was on BZA or Planning said I'm not taking an oath again, I don't think they've done anything out of line because they've already been sworn in to be a Council member and that's part of your job as a Council member.

Mr. Forbes: I certainly don't particularly care if they take another oath as a BZA member of Planning Commission member. The question came up. I looked at the Charter. It says you're supposed to take an oath before you assume the duties of a particular office so I said when in doubt, - we've already talked about it longer than it would take just to administer the oath. My position before was, when in doubt, just do it. But if you want to clarify that, you can. That being said, if you don't take a second oath, it's not going to negate necessarily anything you've done that the oath you've taken as a Council member already says you'll uphold the Constitution, the Ohio Revised Code, the Charter and the ordinances of the City of Springdale.

Mayor Webster: We've functioned for a long time without administering additional oaths to these Council people going on these boards. In the 24 years that I sat in the Finance Director's office, I never once administered an oath to a Council person serving on a committee. As Mr. Hawkins indicated, you raise your right hand, you take the oath of office. Yes, you have to perform all the duties. It just so happens in this four-year term, one of your duties is to serve on BZA or Planning - why should you have to take another oath for that? I think this is another useless exercise.

Mrs. McNear: If you think about it, every so often we do have ad hoc committees that we create - they might be for a few months, they might be a little bit longer but they're not permanent committees and we never swore anybody in for any of those.

President Vanover: Does Council want to direct the Law Director to bring in a resolution to make this change - is there a motion? Seeing no motion, it will die. Mr. Law Director, you have your direction, three of them. Any more Old Business?

Mayor Webster: Just a clarification - when he brings in the resolutions, those do have to have five votes, supermajority on those?

Mr. Forbes: That is correct, and again, that's based on the Constitutional Provision about how to amend the Charter - it takes five votes of Council to place it on the ballot.

Mr. Shroyer: I'll make a motion that we direct the Law Director to bring in a resolution to eliminate the Charter requirement that Council appointments to Planning and BZA be one district and one at-large and simply make those two Council appointments to each of those boards.

Mrs. Ghantous seconded the motion. (No further discussion.)

With a vote of 5 - 2, the motion was passed. Council members Harlow and Hawkins voted "Nay".

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President Vanover: So Mr. Forbes, you have one more to bring to it.

New Business

Mayor Webster: I have a couple of Proclamations I would like to read at this point:

*“WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and*

*WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, solid waste collection, and snow removal; and*

*WHEREAS, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depend on these facilities and services; and*

*WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and*

*WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 through May 21, 2016 as*

*"NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"*

*in the City of Springdale and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.”*

Mayor Webster: Mr. Agricola, if you'd like to step forward please.

(Presentation of Proclamation to Mr. Agricola, Public Works Director) (Applause.)

Mayor Webster: I have a second one:

*WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the calendar week of each year during which such May 15<sup>th</sup> occurs as Police Week; and*

*WHEREAS, in the United States, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across our great country, including 37 full and part time officers within our own department; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including 128 officers during 2015; and*

*WHEREAS, in conjunction with the observance of Police Week, May 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the Springdale Police Department will host the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Law Enforcement Expo at Tri-County Mall on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; and*

*WHEREAS, in conjunction with the observance of Police Week, several Springdale Officers will participate in the annual Police Unity Bike Tour, involving a several hundred mile bike ride to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial; and*

*WHEREAS, these events are to honor the men and women who have died in the line of duty to protect and serve; and*

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*WHEREAS, the men and women of the Springdale Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service by safeguarding the lives and property of their fellow citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country, state, and city internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations; and*

*WHEREAS, this administration joins in this special tribute to acknowledge all officers who have given the supreme sacrifice -- their lives -- in defense of all citizens.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as  
Police Week  
in the City of Springdale and urge all citizens to observe this week in ways appropriate to its significance.*

Mayor Webster: Chief, Captain, please step forward.

(Presentation of Proclamation to Police Chief Mathis and Captain Wells) (Applause.)

Mr. Shroyer: Gentlemen, thank you for your service. Mr. Agricola, especially thank you to your guys. I know the Police Department and Fire Department have an advantage because they have red lights and sirens and they say, here, look at us – we're doing our job and people notice. Your trucks just kind of make their way around the city and the grass gets cut and the snow gets plowed and short of giving you red lights and sirens, I don't know how we could get you noticed more than you are but I notice, folks notice, and thank you and thank your folks.

Mr. Agricola: Thank you.

President Vanover: I would echo that. Of course we did put back-up beepers on the trucks (laughter) so we know when they're out, at least in my cul-de-sac backing up and turning around. Again, a tip of the hat to our streets and roads. You're right – it goes unnoticed until something doesn't get plowed or the salt doesn't get down, then everybody's in an uproar. To our men and women in blue, you guys are probably serving at one of the most precarious times, at least in recent history and our thoughts and prayers are with you always because you are one of the few that you put that uniform on and head out. There's unfortunately no guarantee they come back and we're thankful every night that you do. You guys do a yeoman's job so my greatest respect and honor go out to you and I pass that on to all of them.

Mrs. Harlow: It was with great pride that I watched the news last night and saw a Glendale City Council meeting and Officer McKee being honored for the work that he did in assisting the Glendale Police Officer with the incident on I-75 Southbound. It was very pleasing to have Springdale recognized that way. Thank him for us, please.

Chief Mathis: Absolutely. (Sirens in background.)

President Vanover: There they go, right on cue.

Mr. Diehl: I would just like to say thank you. There's not enough words to describe the job you guys do for the City; you're representing the City. With the biggest thank you I can give, thank you!

Meetings and Announcements.

Mrs. McNear: Just another reminder that it is time to file with the Ohio Ethics Commission for any elected officials. Please be on time – the deadline is May 16<sup>th</sup> and it comes along with a fine if you do not meet that deadline. Thank you.

## City of Springdale Council

May 4, 2016

Mrs. Harlow: Planning Commission will meet on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers and OKI has a meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. downtown.

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health meets May 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room adjacent to these quarters.

Mr. Hawkins: I just wanted to announce we have a guest with us from our neighbor to the north, Fairfield City Councilman Craig Keller. Welcome, and thank you for coming out tonight.

Mrs. Ghantous: The Board of Zoning Appeals will hopefully meet on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Thamann: A couple of registration announcements. The Recreation Department is accepting swim lesson registrations that begin the first of May. That is being put on by the American Red Cross. They're also taking registrations for the Sail Fish Swim Team. If you need any information, contact the Community Center for registration forms. Finally, the other registration that just began – it seems kind of odd because we haven't hit summer yet, but we're taking fall registration sign-ups for soccer as well.

Mr. Diehl: The Finance Committee will meet on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Communications from the Audience

- None.

Update on Legislation Still in Development

Mr. Hawkins: With regard to your memos, if you look at Item I, that was resolved with Ordinance No. 13-2016, Authorizing the City of Springdale's Participation in the Ohio Municipal League 2017 Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program and Declaring it an Emergency. That passed with a 7 – 0 vote. We have Item II, which is forthcoming. We also had four motions with regard to directing the Law Director to bring legislation before Council to change the Charter regarding changing the Planning Commission to a two-year term, that passed with a 6 – 1 vote; a motion to change the BZA to a two-year term, which passed with a 6 – 1 vote; a motion to delete the term verbal with regard to a Council member's resignation, which passed with a 4 – 3 vote; and a motion to change the requirement to have a district and an at-large Council member on BZA and Planning and that passed with a 5 – 2 vote to bring legislation before us.

Recap of Legislative Items Requested for next Council Meeting

Mr. Hawkins: We're requesting an Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Said Surplus Property and Declaring that an Emergency. Also legislation to put on the ballot a change to the Charter regarding Planning Commission terms being only two years for Council members, a resolution to change the Charter to change BZA terms for Council members to two years, a resolution to change the Charter to change the term delete "verbal" resignation as well as a resolution to change the Charter with regard to the requirement to have a district and an at-large member on both Planning Commission and BZA.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear  
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:  
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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