

President of Council Marjorie Harlow called Council to order on May 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Vanover took roll call. Present were Council members Diehl, Emerson, Hawkins, Knox, Squires, Vanover and Harlow. Mrs. Harlow said Mrs. McNear is absent tonight. She is at Princeton High School. They are having their scholarship presentation and she donates a lot of time to activities over there.

The minutes of May 1, 2013 were approved with seven affirmative votes.

PROCLAMATION – Public Works

Mayor Webster read a proclamation proclaiming May 19, 2013 through May 25, 2013 Public Works Week. Mayor Webster presented the proclamation to Jeff Agricola.

Mayor Webster said our public safety forces get a lot of acclaim and justifiably so. A lot of times those people are out there in the middle of the night running snow plows and cleaning the roadways for us. That's not an easy task. A lot of times they risk their safety doing that. They're also out there during the day repairing the streets. On behalf of the City of Springdale please convey to your workforce our sincerest gratitude.

Mr. Agricola stated I was asked by Mr. Parham to give you a brief summary on our mulch deliveries which occurred last week. This year we had 172 deliveries over the four day event. We delivered 662.5 cubic yards of mulch to our residents. If you take a commercial value of that mulch at \$30 a yard, it works out to be just under \$20,000 that we supplied to our residents. Last year we had 187 deliveries of 620 cubic yards of mulch. It is a tremendous benefit we offer. It provides us an opportunity to utilize the material we collect and it supplies material back to the residents.

Mrs. Harlow said we also use that same mulch for all the campuses here in the City. Do you have any idea what the total production is?

Mr. Agricola replied I don't have that number with me but we do have that number. Our facility is a regulated Class 4 facility through the EPA and we do track every cubic yard of material that goes and comes out.

Mrs. Harlow said that is a great savings for the City as well.

Mr. Parham said I asked Jeff to share that information with you, just reflect back years ago when the City decided we'd create our own mulch pile from the leaves and brush we collected. It has served as a great product, not only for our operations, but to also be able to share with the residents. Just imagine the amount of mulch they are delivering to the residents. It's quite time consuming, but it also assists the residents at no cost to the resident.

Mr. Vanover said this also keeps it out of Rumpke's paradigm. It's a win-win. We've got this year's and now you already have next year's working.

Mr. Agricola said after Hurricane Ike in 2008, that was the first year we were able to develop enough of a reserve that now we are two years in storage. Since 2009 we have been giving a better product back to the residents because it actually has two years of age on it. During that additional year we properly rotate it and maintain it in that regards.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission – Mr. Thamann said the Civil Service Commission met May 2, 2013. The Commission was given an update on the hiring processes for the following positions: the administrative secretary in the Tax Department, the recreation programmer, the assistant fire chief, and the fleet mechanic in the Public Works Department. Also,

there was some discussion that centered around the promotional process for the fire captain's position. The Commission is expecting additional information on the fire captain's process at the June Civil Service Commission.

Rules and Laws	-	no report
Finance Committee	-	no report

Planning Commission – Mr. Vanover said they met last evening and all members were in attendance. We had a conditional use permit for outdoor seating at DJ's Sports Tavern, 380 Glensprings Drive. They were proposing to build a deck on the back of that with a seating capacity of sixty. It was fifty-eight feet wide so it went from one side of the building to the other and was twenty-seven feet deep. They said there would be no evening service and no sound out there but that site is short on parking and the deck took out additional parking. The vote was 4-3. Any action in Planning commission requires five votes to pass so it was denied. The second item was a conditional use permit for outdoor seating at Mi Familia, 318 Northland Boulevard. They were proposing a deck on the front of the building. The two glaring issues on that were that they would need variances because there is a fifty foot setback from the right-of-way to the front of the building and a ten foot setback on the side. After a long discussion and seeing the prior vote, they requested that it be tabled. They were going to try to work through alternatives with staff. A building elevation change at Skyzone, 11745 Commons Drive was requested. They are adding accent cubes that they are painting on the front of the building in varying shades of yellow. That passed 7-0. There was a minor revision to the PUD for the location of signage for the Springdale Farmers Market. Due to the situation there, the farmer's market is being moved to the south lot. They have been meeting with some of the vendors and a restaurant may be coming into one of the out buildings so that may push them further south. If that happens we will need additional signage. They looked at other locations but they wanted to stay on SR 4 for that visibility. That was approved 7-0.

Mayor Webster said the back at DJ's. The back would be I-275. Is that where they wanted to put the outdoor seating?

Mr. Vanover replied no, it's the east side.

Mayor Webster asked wasn't there a porch or something when Chi Chi's was there?

Mr. Vanover replied no, not that I remember.

Board of Zoning Appeals	-	no report
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Board of Health – Mr. Squires reported they met May 7 with all in attendance. We had a guest speaker, Dr. Judith Feinberg, a professor of medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. She gave a presentation to the board regarding the spread of infectious diseases in this region. Those diseases were Hepatitis C, Endocarditis and HIV. She talked a great deal about the cost associated with those diseases. She is an advocate of a program that is showing progress in the reduction of the spread of such diseases. There are 186 cities in our country that have a program similar to what Dr. Feinberg is to suggest. The board was very impressed with the presentation and rather than have the Health Commission just go into such a program, they want Council on Board. They have requested that the Administration get Dr. Feinberg to address Council on that program. We hope to have that very, very soon. The Springdale Health Department has been granted a subsidy from the Ohio Director of Health for \$893.98 to be used in support of public health in this area. ODH has notified the municipalities that they will no longer provide testing of mosquitoes for West Nile virus. The Children's Health Fair will be held tomorrow. The Heritage Hill summer food program will be held June 3 to June 21, 2013.

Public Utilities	-	no report
Public Relations	-	no report
Capital Improvements	-	no report

Public Welfare, Safety & Education – Mr. Squires said I have no report but we will have a meeting this quarter as required by the chair.

Housing Board	-	no report
Public Works	-	no report

Redistricting – Mr. Knox had no report. Mrs. Harlow said I did have conversations with the Board of Elections after their board meeting and my understanding is that everything went through as submitted. Mr. Knox said with that being successful I think we should close the committee.

O-K-I - Mr. Knox said most of the information came from the legislative people. An application was made by the State to the Feds for funds for the proposed MLK/I-71 interchange. If anybody read the Enquirer or other media this morning the price of that went up \$11 million or more. A proposal has been made at the federal level for an increase in fuel tax to be paid by trucks. If the increased income is used and dedicated to railroads and their facilities, the increased funds would be considered a public/private partnership. That’s where the people who pay the tax get to remove that from their income tax. Mr. Frank Burkett of the US ODOT said that the annual audit had recently been completed for OKI. If you get two commendations you are considered outstanding. OKI got five commendations this year. Mr. David Shuey of the OKI staff noted that the Raven 911 system was developed by OKI using a commercially available application as a basis. It was very useful in Boston following the bombing there. The system is used to alert authorities by monitoring the social media sites. HB 145 has been introduced to a committee. It would require a three foot clearance for any vehicle passing by a bicycle on the left.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Webster said I’d like to expound on Mr. Squires’ Health Department report. The Health Commissioner has the power to do this infectious disease program on her own. Needless to say she’s not going to do that. The Board of Health also has the power to do it but they want Council on board. The whole city needs to be behind this program for it to be a success. Therefore we’d like to request to have Dr. Feinberg come in at the next meeting for a presentation. If we move forward with it, it would be at no cost to the City and also be a program that we propose for a site off the City campus . With your permission we’d like to have her at the next meeting.

Mayor Webster said Frisch’s is coming down and we have a groundbreaking ceremony for McDonald’s on Monday. We also have a ribbon cutting for Cincinnati Overstocked, an overstock furniture store that has advertised for years as being in Springdale, which they weren’t. They are going into the Rhodes Furniture site which has been vacant for a number of years. There have been several articles in the news about Tri County Mall. We’ve had several calls asking if they are going out of business. Tri County Mall is being sold at a sheriff sale on July 11. It’s just another change of ownership. We even know who the successful bidder is going to be. On June 5 we’d like to introduce to Council our new assistant fire chief.

Mr. Diehl asked could you elaborate a little more about what the program is?

Mr. Squires replied yes, I can. It’s very involved. There are 186 cities that do this program. It involves among other things, a syringe exchange. It will be done off site. The cities that are doing this say it is reducing the spread of these diseases, endocarditis, Hep C and HIV that can come from these needles that are used over and over. That might be the most controversial program.

Mrs. Harlow stated last evening at our Neighborhood Watch meeting, the Chief of Police mentioned the heroin problem we have in our region. He mentioned the diseases that are attributed to needle sharing are one of the main issues for the people who have drug addictions. I’m not surprised to see this coming up tonight after how he spoke of it last night with the heroin problem in the region. He didn’t say it was necessarily in Springdale but it is on the news and in the Enquirer practically every day.

Mr. Squires said it is not a Springdale problem; however, it is a regional problem. The cost of treatment for these people is enormous. She can run this program on the grant

that she has for about the cost of one-third of one hospital patient. There are literally hundreds of these. As the Mayor said, the Commissioner has the authority to go ahead and initiate this but the board wants Council on board with them.

Mayor Webster said it's not only the disease aspect of it. We have first responders out there responding to people who are unconscious. We have police officers searching people with needles in their pockets. We have addicts going into their doctors' offices. Dr. Webb, our medical director, said if someone was semi-unconscious, he would never put his hand in someone's pocket. He would use scissors and cut the pocket open. One of our paramedics was explaining some of the situations they were faced with. We had two needles found in the basement restroom of the Police Department. We've had them in the parks. It's a growing problem. This would be housed in an RV and we are talking with some people who may agree to house this. The user has to bring in an old needle in order to get a new one. It's not just a needle exchange. It's counseling, referrals. Eventually as these addicts exchange needles and build up a little trust with these folks, some of them ask for help. It's more than just a needle exchange program. You need to hear from the good doctor firsthand. I'm sure Jim and I aren't doing the program justice. If I asked you what hospital services the most addicts in this area, I bet the majority of you would say University Hospital. It's Bethesda North. We are one of five health districts in the county. The program has been presented to the City of Cincinnati. The Council wants it, the City Manager does not want it so it's sort of dead in its tracks in Cincinnati. She has made the presentation to the Hamilton County Board of Health. They want it and the Health Commissioner wants it. Her next step is to make the presentation to the County Commissioners. Hopefully, even before we can get the program up and running here, the Hamilton County Health District will approve it. She has not yet made the presentation to the Norwood and Sharonville Health Departments. I think it would be great if we could show some leadership and move forward on this and prove the worth of our Springdale Health Department.

Mrs. Harlow said another thing the Chief pointed out last night is because of our location at I-75 and I-275 we are a crossroads in the region.

Mr. Squires said Chief Mathis was at our Board of Health meeting as was the Fire Chief. These are first responders.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director - no report

Administrator's Report – Mr. Parham said I met with the new executive director of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Mr. Gregory Johnson. CMHA is in the process of meeting with the administrations of various communities as well as the elected officials trying to enter into a partnership, particularly where there are CMHA properties. The message they are delivering to us is that they want to have a relationship with us so if we are having a problem with one of their tenants, one of their properties, that we have a direct link to them, we know how to contact them, let them know and they will help us address the issues with the tenants of their properties. He wants to come in to introduce himself to Council so you also know who he is and then briefly talk about the program and the direction he's trying to take the program. We've asked him to come to the July 17 Council meeting.

Mr. Parham said in the pending legislation report, Item 2, we outlined the request we received from Maple Knoll Village as well as their bond counsel. At the February 20 meeting Council passed Ordinance 4-2013 to approve the issues of what's called health care facilities refunding and improvement revenue bonds. Essentially, Maple Knoll is attempting to refinance and refund their debt for the projects that it has in Springdale and Butler County. At the time, with Ordinance 4, the partnership agreement the City was entering into was with Maple Knoll and Butler County because Butler County was going to issue the debt for Maple Knoll. They have decided that Butler County is not going to issue the debt. Instead the Port Authority of Butler County is going to issue the debt. Not much changes outside the issuing body as well as the sections of the Code that address the issuer, if you will. They've increased their amount from \$70 million to \$75 million. That really doesn't affect us. The key for us remains that Maple Knoll will provide an indemnity agreement for the City of Springdale to protect us in any event. At the same time there's no financial risk for the City of Springdale. We are in the process of reviewing their

legislation to make sure they have everything proper. We are looking to have that before Council at the next meeting in June.

Law Director's Report - no report

Engineer's Report – Mr. Shvegza said the 2013 street program will be advertised May 16, 2013 with an anticipated start of construction mid July with completion in October. The SR 4 urban paving project administered by ODOT has an anticipated start date of May 27. The SR 747/I-275 drainage correction, which is also administered by ODOT had a start date of April 23. We have seen some activity but we haven't heard anything officially. The culvert replacement project on SR 4 between Cameron and Sharon has been completed.

Mr. Parham said Mr. Shvegza talked about the 2013 street program. If you recall, during the budget process, we talked about the basic bid as well as alternates for the street program. At the same time we were discussing street improvements to Woodvale and Ashmore, the other two remaining cul-de-sacs off of Glensprings. The other three are included in the 2013 project. The budget showed improvements for Woodvale and Ashmore outside of the 2013 street program. We were hoping to receive SCIP funding to cover a great deal of the costs for those because they are in dire need. However, we have also taken steps that if we were unsuccessful we would have an intermediate step and make sure improvements would take place on those two roads. Because we have received notification that we're not going to receive the SCIP funding, we decided we have to move forward with improvements on Ashleigh and Woodvale. The plan now is to include those two streets as part of the bid process. The bids are going to be advertised tomorrow. These are two projects that we had already committed to make because the streets are in desperate need of it. We're going to include them as part of the base bid but they will still be handled in our budget process on the two separate line items which are identified as part of the Capital Improvements budget.

COMMUNICATIONS - none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Julie Matheny, Springdale Chamber of Commerce said it is the season for our fifth annual Springdale Farmer's Market. It will kick off on Thursday, June 6, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. We are still at the Towne Center but closer to Peach Street. Some of the returning and new vendors we will have are: Brown's Market, John Walker's Market, Miller's Amish Bakery, Brite Soap Works, two local ladies from Heritage Hill who have not come up with a name for their business, It Smells Good, a local woman who sells flowers, Five Generations, a gentleman from Glendale who is hoping to sell his eggs and oats. He is getting his eggs tested for salmonella for insurance reasons. Unfortunately, Riley's is unable to commit to the market again this year but Randy Cooper of the Town Center has given me the okay to get a food vendor in there. I haven't accomplished that in the last twenty-four hours but I have a lot of leads.

Mr. Vanover asked if there will be any picnic tables like there used to be.

Mrs. Matheny replied the problem is Riley's always set those up and they are pretty heavy. I will try to work something out.

Mayor Webster asked are the eggs that are being tested the same ones that are being sold on June 6?

Mrs. Matheny responded no, he is getting his eggs tested. He found a company that will do it and once he gets his results, he can give this paper to his insurance company and can get liability insurance.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2013
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.480 OF THE SPRINGDALE ZONING CODE (REGULATING THE SIZE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES)

First reading.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Webster brought up the summer schedule. Do we want to forego the first meeting in July and August? Council agreed to the schedule.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Thamann said the Recreation Director asked that I remind Council and the public that the pool will open May 25. They are taking registrations for both the Sailfish Team and swim lessons. Fall soccer registration will end the end of this month. The Law Enforcement Police Expo will take place at Tri County Mall May 18 and 19.

Mr. Squires stated the Board of Health is on summer recess and will not meet again until September 12.

Planning Commission - June 11

Mr. Parham said I'm not under Meetings and Announcements but we want to share some information with you. To piggy back on Police Week we are having the Click it or Ticket campaign that's running from May 20 to June 2. We will have a display on the outdoor advertising device along the interstate just to remind the traveling public to make sure they buckle up. The e-bay sales for the police vehicles: we had five vehicles on e-bay during the second round. The 1996 Ford Taurus sold for \$1,776. The lower bidder has picked the vehicle up and the transaction has been completed. The 2000 Ford Crown Victoria sold for \$1,075. However, that particular buyer is refusing to pay and states that he know longer wants the vehicle. We have reported him as a non-compliant with e-bay. The 2006 Crown Victoria sold for \$1,300 as well as the GEM electric vehicle. That sold for \$1,982. The same individual was the high bidder. Unfortunately, he has refused to respond to our calls and e-mails at this time. The 1997 Chevy van sold for \$703. The individual expects to pick the van up this weekend and will be paying us in cash. When we put these vehicles out there some are listed as is and some are not necessarily in the best shape or running. With the van, at the request of the buyer, we'll have our mechanic give it an oil change. He has a three-hour drive back to Indiana when he picks it up this weekend. Relative to the 2006 Crown Vic and the GEM, we will try to make contact or we'll go to the next highest bidder.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION STILL IN DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance 16-2013 - Jun 5

RECAP OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS REQUESTED

Issuance of bonds for Maple Knoll - Jun 5

OTHER REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL

Infectious Disease Containment Program - Jun 5

Introduction of Assistant Fire Chief - Jun 5

CMHA Executive Director Gregory Johnson - Jul 17

Council adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:

Marjorie Harlow, President of Council

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