

# City of Springdale Council

January 20, 2016

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on January 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mrs. McNear provided the Invocation.

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

The minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 City Council meeting were considered. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Harlow seconded. Minutes were adopted as published with six affirmative votes. Mrs. Emerson abstained as she was not present at the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Committee and Official Reports

### Civil Service Commission

Mr. Higgins: Officially, the Civil Service Commission cancelled the meeting for January 7<sup>th</sup>, so there is no report on that but I would like to make a couple of quick announcements. The test for the Violations Bureau Clerk will be this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium if anyone would like to attend to see how the testing is done. Second, the position for Patrol Officer, we are still accepting applications up through February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m., especially if anyone is watching that is interested in the position of Patrol Officer, we are still accepting applications for that. Thank you.

Rules and Laws

Mr. Diehl - no report

Finance Committee

Mr. Diehl - no report

### Planning Commission

Mrs. Harlow: Planning Commission met on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Under New Business, we had Oak Hills Mausoleum and Gardens in for Development Plan Review. This was where they are going to be adding a mausoleum with a circular half-moon type driveway in front of it. They will be coming before BZA, if they haven't already done so, for a variance. It is a secondary building on the property, so it would be normally restricted to a 16' height and they are asking for a 32' height on this building so they would be coming to BZA for that. Planning Commission voted 7 – 0 to accept their Development Plan Review. We also had Riley's Restaurant, which is going to be now called J. Austin's American Eatery. The two Council Members determined that this was a Minor Change to the PUD; it was basically just for signage and they are actually reducing the total amount of signage. The proposed signage area is 87.39 s.f., which is less than the 160 s.f. permitted, so that passed with a 7 – 0 vote. Then the new Zoning Map was voted on to pass on to Council and that was approved with a 7 – 0 vote as well. That would end my report and I would be happy to answer any questions.

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Ghantous: The Board of Zoning Appeals met yesterday evening and we had two items on the agenda. We had the Oak Hills Mausoleum that Mrs. Harlow was just referring to and they came applying for a variance for the size or the height of their building and that was passed with a 5 – 2 vote. Also we heard from Sunoco and they just came for a variance on their sign and they were requesting a LED-lit gas price sign. That was passed with a 7 – 0 vote. That concludes my report unless you have any questions.

### Board of Health

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health met January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016; all were in attendance. Under Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments, the interior construction of Chipotle at the Tri-County Mall out lot is scheduled for completion at the end of February. They will begin operation at the new location in early March. Public Health Accreditation Board - Matt Clayton, Jean Hicks, and Ella Jergens met with a consultant in December to pre-accreditate Springdale Health Department and it said we had significant strengths that would support the accreditation process. So we are moving ahead with that and looking good.

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Mrs. Emerson (continued): The Willows Work Group (WWG) held a meeting in December - in this meeting they discussed recent public health concerns and public safety concerns at the Willows. The Willows Work Group Partners formed a subcommittee and they are planning on a neighborhood block party at Chamberlain Park, May 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. The event will be family-friendly and alcohol-free. The intent of the event is to provide the residents of Springdale with information about the City's services and to develop a community involvement in the WWG. The Springdale Health Department will host a Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at the Springdale Community Center and that will take place tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Information will be presented about services available to our residents who may be experiencing visual loss or visual impairment.

Jean Hicks, for the Nurse's Report, there were no confirmed cases of Ebola virus up to the first week of January. Influenza activity in the United States is down, that was through December 26<sup>th</sup>; it remains low throughout the United States. The most frequently identified Influenza virus has been the Influenza A. There has been no deaths that have been associated with the pediatric population. Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky have reported low incidences of influenza so far. That concludes my report.

Capital Improvements

Mrs. Emerson - no report

O-K-I

Mrs. Harlow: OKI met on January 14<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting we elected the 2016 OKI Board of Directors. Kevin Lynch was elected President; T. C. Rogers, First Vice President; Kris Knochelmann, Second Vice President; Kenneth Reed, Treasurer; Todd Portune, Past President; and Mark Policinski as the Secretary. They gave us a book that has all of the Directors' and the Board of Directors' contact information and I gave that to Administration so that could be on file. Some of the items on our agenda was the federal funding opportunities and OKI is telling us that Ohio's STP funding for Fiscal Year 2019, 2020, and 2021 is going to be \$42.5M for those three grant years and the Ohio TA funding will be \$6M for those three years. OKI will be hosting a workshop on March 8<sup>th</sup>, working with a lot of the new people on the Board on how to apply and work through the application process for grants; the applications are due May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Prioritization Subcommittee will meet in September of 2016 and on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 these projects will be awarded the funding. They also reported that Mark Policinski met with Kentucky Governor Bevin the day before and they discussed the Brent Spence Bridge, so that is still an ongoing conversation. Also it was reported that Congress passed a Transportation Bill, this is a five-year Reauthorization with \$305B in funding, so that averages out between 2016 and 2020 to be at \$56.2B per year average. That would conclude my report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Webster: I would like to start off with informing everybody that we were sad to hear this morning that one of our former Council persons, Mr. Gene Nell, passed away. Gene was eighty-five and lived in Mason the last two years. Gene was really part of the founding fathers of this community; the paper this morning said that he initiated the Knothole Baseball Program and I know he was very, very active in that. Mr. Nell was very instrumental in convincing me to run for public office back in the early 70's. He served on Council several different terms and served on, I think, probably every commission and board up here. If you notice on a lot of the plaques, you have seen Mr. Nell's name there, so he was truly one of our founding fathers and we express our sympathy to his family.

I want to give you a report on SOS. I don't think I've shared these numbers with you folks before but it was a rousing success again this year. We took care of 67 families, 221 kids. We started with a coat and hat drive and a lot of those were donated by Princeton Closet. That effort was headed up by this lady to my immediate right here, Mrs. Ghantous; I think she told me that 120 children were outfitted with a hat and a coat, gloves, and so forth. In conjunction with Calvary Church, we had 20 families receive turkey dinners at Thanksgiving and we had 10 kids that were invited to Shop with a Community Helper Program; nine actually showed up and got a \$100 gift card for each one of those kids - this program was sponsored not only by SOS but by Target and by Chic-Fil-A. Sixty-seven families were adopted by numerous employees, business owners, and residents of Springdale and SOS. They received gifts from their adoptive families; additionally they received a ham and a bag of canned goods. This program included 72 hams donated by John Morrell – Smithfield Foods, who are strong supporters of our program and every year we go out of our way to thank them. We couldn't put the program on without those folks.

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Mayor Webster (continued): Canned goods were collected throughout, I think, about 20 different businesses. Overall, we had 120 generous Springdale residents, employees, and/or businesses that participated in the program in one way or the other. Our local food pantry down at Soul Ministries received some of the hams; the hams got in late and some of the people did not come back for their hams and those hams were donated to the Soul Ministries. Monetary donations are still being accepted for our 2016 Springdale Adopt a Family Program, so please keep us in mind. I would like to take this opportunity, once again to thank everybody here on the dais and anybody in the audience, television land that helped us with the program, it has grown by leaps and bounds and I could not be more gratified than to see the participation that we have in this program; it is something that all of us could be very proud of.

Finally, Process Plus, which you folks approved an Incentive Agreement for, I am going to cut the ribbon on February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. It is about 115 new employees in the City and so if any of you are available to attend the ribbon cutting please join me at 2:00 p.m. there at their building on Boggs Lane. That concludes my report; thank you very much, Mr. President.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: I have a General Fund update through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015; receipts based on a budget of \$16.153M, we actually had receipts of \$17.316M, which is 107% of the expected income. Of that General Fund amount, we have five major sources of income; that being Earnings Tax, which is the majority of it, Real Estate Tax, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Mayor's Court, that is \$16.256M of the \$17.316M, so that is 94% of the Revenue. Expenditures, based on a net budget of \$16.830M, we actually expended \$16.292M, which is 96%. Our General Fund, at the December 31<sup>st</sup>, was \$3.064M. That concludes my Financial Report. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer those.

Mayor Webster: I do not have a question for Mrs. McNear but I have a correction to my report - Process Plus is located on Merchant Street, not Boggs Lane.

Administrator's Report                      Mr. Parham       -       no report

Law Director's Report                      Mr. Forbes       -       no report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Shvegza: Just a couple of updates on the 2015 Street Program. We are waiting on the contractor, JK Meurer, to give us a starting date for his work this year in regards to the work that the Public Works Department has contracted for. The collector line work has been completed on that. Boggs Lane Rehabilitation, no change on that - we are still waiting on the final paperwork to clear out the project. State Route 4 South-Bound Lane Addition, the Stage 3 Plans that were submitted to ODOT, we did receive comments on them and those comments have been addressed and final plans have been submitted to ODOT last Friday. The Interchange Operations Study, which is the traffic report, was submitted to ODOT and on January 14<sup>th</sup> it was approved. As far as the newsletter article that had project information and gave a contact name for any comments about the project, a copy of the article along with comments and responses was submitted to ODOT and that will be included with the overall documentation for the environmental. Regarding approval of the environmental document, it is expected that ODOT will approve this by the February 8<sup>th</sup> scheduled date and ultimately we are looking at ODOT bid opening for this on May 19<sup>th</sup> of this year with ODOT contract awarded on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. That concludes my report.

President Vanover: Council, we are going to deviate just a second; there was an item omitted on our agenda and we have an introduction of a new employee. Mr. Parham, I will turn it over to you.

Mr. Parham: Thank you, Mr. President. Council, as President Vanover has mentioned, we have once again brought on a new employee. As I think we mentioned during the budget process, in the Health Department and the Building Department, we have two new Administrative Assistants and we have two relatively new Department Directors. This evening we want to bring forth and introduce to you and the public one of our newest employees in the Building Department. I am going to ask our Building Official, Mr. Gregg Taylor, to come forward and provide the introduction.

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Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Parham. Good evening everybody. I am very, very excited and happy to announce that we are fully staffed for the first time in quite some time. I would like to introduce to you all Liz Morsch, Mary; everybody calls her Liz. She comes to us with a wealth of administrative and customer service experience throughout her career. She is a long-time Springdale resident, so we are happy to announce that we are supporting our own. You can also catch her in a couple of part-time arenas at the Cincinnati Cake and Candy Company and occasionally at Bed, Bath & Beyond. She is quite the hard worker. A little brief story, if I might - as you know, our Department is under a lot of newness, if you will. Our Home Improvement Program, I am happy to say that Liz was about the fourth set of hands that got involved in this thing and successfully completed it; fully funded by Hamilton County. I think she did an admirable job coming in on the tail end of that. Come on up Liz.

Ms. Morsch: Hello, it's nice to meet you all. I have not seen very many of you but a few times and I have seen a lot of you other times. I am very grateful for the opportunity. As he said, you will probably see me at other places in addition to here. I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to not only live here in Springdale but to work for the community as well.

Council: Welcome.

Mayor Webster: Welcome to our fine City.

### Communications

Mrs. McNear: Thank you, Mr. President. I do have one letter from the Ohio Municipal League. They have offered an opportunity for newly Elected Council folks to join a training program; there are several dates that are available. There is a minimal cost involved. The closest one is in Mason on March 12<sup>th</sup>, so for our newly Elected Officials, if you are interested in seeing the particulars, let me know and I will let you see the letter after the meeting. That concludes my report on Communications; thank you.

Communications from the Audience - None

### Ordinances and Resolutions

President Vanover: The first step before we proceed is that we need to open the floor for nominations for the Tax Review Board.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. President. I nominate Gregory D. Johnson for the Tax Review Board, term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. He graduated from Tiffin University with his Bachelor's Degree. He also has a Master's Degree and he is the Chief Executive Officer for the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority and has been very involved in serving the community around the Greater Cincinnati and Dayton area; he wants to get involved closer to home.

Mr. Diehl seconded the motion.

President Vanover: Seeing there are no other nominations, we will close the nominations and, by acclamation, Mrs. McNear, will you read Resolution No. R4-2016, with Mr. Johnson's name there?

#### Resolution No. R4-2016

APPOINTING GREGORY D. JOHNSON AS A MEMBER OF THE TAX REVIEW BOARD  
FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded. Resolution No. R4-2016 passed with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: At this point, we will open up the floor for nominations for another member of Tax Review Board.

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Mr. Diehl: I would like to nominate Roy Mitchell, for the term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Mr. Mitchell had been on the Tax Review Board for many, many years; he is a CPA here in Cincinnati. He is just an outstanding member of past boards and we would like to keep him on for a good number of years.

Mr. Hawkins seconded the nomination.

President Vanover: Are there any other additional nominations? (None.) Seeing none, we will close the nominations. Mrs. McNear, you can read Resolution No. R5-2016 with Mr. Roy Mitchell's name in there.

Resolution No. R5-2016

APPOINTING ROY MITCHELL AS A MEMBER OF THE TAX REVIEW BOARD FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Mr. Diehl made a motion to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded. Resolution No. R5-2016 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Mayor Webster: I would just like to remind everyone, according to the new regulations governing this Board, that the Mayor makes the final appointment on there, the third one. I announced previously that Mrs. Barbara Slaughter, who is a retired IRS employee, has accepted the appointment to the board. So that rounds it out now.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Thamann: Just a couple of items. Again, I would like to report that the Community Center is offering AARP Income Tax help again this year, free of charge. Appointments can be made for an hour in length and they are beginning on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, down at the Community Center from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. It is free of charge and they are there to help individuals with simple Federal and State returns. They can call the Community Center to schedule an appointment and they will also find out what information they need to bring for that appointment.

Also, the SYB Cinema Horse Race event will take place, it is also their Monte Carlo, which will be Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Community Center and they are going to have the Cinema Horse Races, Blackjack, Seven Card Stud, Money Wheel, Texas Holdem, and other various door prizes; all these proceeds support the SYB. Tickets for admission are on sale for \$6.00 each and they are available at the Community Center; the doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the first race for the night will start at 8:00 p.m.

Communications from the Audience - None

Update on Legislation Still in Development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item I was addressed with Resolutions R4-2016 and R5-2016 appointing Gregory Johnson and Roy Mitchell both to the Tax Review Board, both with 7 – 0 votes. Item II and III are forthcoming and Item IV is forthcoming but was in part was addressed with the introduction of Ms. Liz Morsch, here before us this evening.

Recap of Legislative Items Requested for Next Council Meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There is a request for an Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of not to Exceed \$3M Real Estate Acquisition Bond Anticipation Notes by the City of Springdale, Ohio in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds Providing for the Pledge of Revenues for the Payment of such Notes and Declaring an Emergency. Also an Ordinance Adopting the New Zoning Regulations for the City of Springdale will be presented to Council at the next meeting. That's all I have unless there is anything else from Administration.

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Mr. Parham: Relative to the zoning regulations or the Zoning Code, at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, we are scheduled to have the consultant here to make a presentation about the suggested changes to the Code. Then, at the meeting of February 17<sup>th</sup>, would be scheduled for the first reading of the ordinance. The Public Hearing and subsequent maybe passage of the new Code would take place at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Relative to Item II, the issuance of the notes, we have received a number of proposals from financial institutions; we think we will have the legislation prepared and ready for that February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Some financial institutions have chosen not to participate but I think we have received proposals from at least three or four financial institutions. So we will be ready for that on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins moved to adjourn, Mrs. Harlow seconded and Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear  
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:  
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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