

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on December 7th, 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 November 16th, 2016 City of Springdale City Council meeting were considered. Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded. With a vote of 7 – 0, the minutes of the November 16th, 2016 City Council meeting were approved as published.

Introduction of New Employee – Police Officer Garret Welander

Mr. Parham: Council, once again we have a new employee that is being added to the organization. At this point, I will ask that our distinguished Police Chief Mike Mathis to come forward please.

Chief Mathis: Again, it's a privilege to come before you as I've said on many occasions. I think we have a great working relationship here within the City of Springdale with all the different departments as well as with the elected officials. We appreciate the support you show us at the Police Department, and how you work with the community and allow us to work with the community. So we thank you. Officer Welander, come forward. In case you get confused, he's the tall good-looking one. I'm the old broken-down guy. (Laughter) Garret here grew up in Texas, and moved to Ohio when some of his family came here. He's worked in the retail and restaurant business mainly through the early part of his life. He attended the Great Oaks Police Academy and graduated in 2013, became a certified police officer, and went to work part time for Owensville, in Clermont County. He worked there for a period of time, and then got hired by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department where he worked until we got him. He worked in the Corrections Division at the jail. He has his wife, Courtney, here live-streaming this to Facebook; and then the little blond-haired Grant that is now ducking out of sight, his mom Nancy, and step-father Steve. Steve is a business-owner in Springdale. He owns Becca's Deli over on Merchant Street. He brother Ian is here as well. So his family is here. We just wanted to introduce Officer Welander to you and have the Mayor swear him in and put him to work. You do realize you've got to work tonight?

Officer Welander: What?

Chief Mathis: If you've come in to get sworn in, you've got to work tonight.

Mayor Webster swore in Officer Welander.

Chief Mathis: Are you ready for your impromptu speech?

Officer Welander: I just want to say thank you all. I'm glad that I was given this opportunity. I'm excited to do good things here, and I just want to thank everybody and say hello. I'm sure you all will see me around.

All: Welcome.

Officer Welander: Thank you.

Proclamation

Mayor Webster: Ms. Russell, do you want to come up and do the introductions?

Ms. Russell: It's my pleasure to introduce Marty Adams, who is the Executive Director of Core Incorporated and Beth Pagano who is also one of the founders. They are celebrating their 30th Anniversary, which is quite an accomplishment. I'm going to let them, and the proclamation, tell you more about their organization, but they've been in Springdale for 21 years. They are over on Tri-County Parkway, and again, celebrating their 30th, so quite an accomplishment. I'll ask them to come forward and the Mayor can read the Proclamation.

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Mayor Webster: Thank you, Christine.

Whereas Cincinnati Optimum Residential Environments Incorporated, called Core, is a non-profit organization that was formed by Martha Adams, Elizabeth Pagano, and Kathy Graff on December 1st, 1986;

And whereas Core Incorporated is dedicated to providing quality support to meet the needs of adults with developmental disabilities in a safe, comfortable, pleasing, and stimulating environment;

And whereas Core Incorporated moved to Springdale in 1995, purchased their current location in the year 2000, and has grown to 175 employees;

And whereas Core Incorporated positively impacts the lives of 115 adults in Hamilton County each year;

And whereas Core Incorporated became a Hamilton County Gold Standard Provider in 2016 for their high standards of cooperation, solutions, and trust in delivering services to people with developmental disabilities, their families, and communities;

And whereas Core Incorporated employees have received numerous awards including the 2012 Direct Support Professional of the Year and the 2016 Community Member of the Year Awards from the Ohio Provider Resource Association;

And whereas Core Incorporated is recognized on the occurrence of their 30th Anniversary for its outstanding and distinguished service to the City;

Now therefore, I, Doyle H. Webster, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim December 7th, 2016 as Core Incorporated Day in the City of Springdale and command its observance to our citizens.

Mrs. Adams: Thank you so much for taking the time to honor us tonight. We appreciate it so much. We have been in the business for 30 years. Both of us have been in the field for about 42 years. We provide services to adults only. There are only 4 people that live here in Springdale, but we have about 20 workers, both at our office and in at-home that are working out of Springdale locations. We really appreciate being in Springdale. It's a beautiful City. It's well-maintained. Everyone is always so helpful to us, and we thank you so much for the honor and appreciate that you're willing to welcome us into your home here today. We love doing what we do. It's what's kept us in the field for a long time. We love serving other people, and we really value the people that we serve, and we're glad that you took the time to honor them as well. Thank you so much.

Mayor Webster: Keep up the good work.

Presentation of the 2017 Budget

Mr. Diehl: Mr. Chairman and fellow Council members, the Finance Committee met on Monday, November 28th to review the projected 2017 Budget. This budget is a no-frills type budget. It keeps to the basics and we are very confident in the presentation of the budget. I'm going to ask Mr. Parham to start it off and go over his summary at this point.

Mr. Parham: Council, I just want to share a couple of notes with you and then we'll be able to address any questions or concerns you may have. Presently, the 2017 Budget is projected to have a year-end balance of \$1,877,966. This exceeds the target that we've always strived to achieve at the end of each year of \$1.4 million. I think that speaks volumes for the resources that we've been able to incur, as well as the services and management of those services, on the part of the Staff and the team administrating these services throughout the organization. Looking at our General Fund Revenues, this year we were aided by fourteen months of earnings' tax collections that is estimated to finish at \$15,618,000. The 2016 General Fund Revenues are also anticipated to reach \$20,656,000. The fourteen-month collections are a direct result of the impact that House Bill 5 had on the organization. Our

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2017 Revenues will only have twelve months of earnings tax collections that will generate about \$14,304,000 with overall General Fund Revenues projected at \$17,183,000. The earnings tax collections will make up over 83% of our General Fund Revenues in 2017.

Relative to General Fund Expenditures, in 2016, the City advanced \$1,950,000 from the General Fund to purchase the former Sheraton Hotel. That advance sort of inflated the City's 2016 General Fund Expenditures to the tune of \$19,965,000. When that amount is deducted from the General Fund Expenditures, the 2016 expenditures will remain pretty consistent with our 2015 expenses. In fact, 2016 expenses are estimated to exceed 2015 by slightly under \$300,000, or 1.7%. The 2017 expenditures also remain consistent with 2016. As always, our personnel-related expenses are expected to consume roughly 73-75% of the General Fund Expenditures.

In 2017, at this time, there are no new full-time personnel scheduled to be hired. We are projected to only bring on one part-time position, and that is a Violation's Bureau Clerk in the Police Department. The 2017 Budget does reflect a 2% wage increase across-the-board for all full-time City employees as well as all part-time firefighters. The final two payments of the Community Center Debt is scheduled to be paid during 2016 and 2017. In 2017, on December 1st, we will make our last payment for the Community Center Debt to the tune of \$303,000.

As for the Capital Improvement Program, we all know we have a very intense program that we've looked forward to engaging in for 2017, and then moving on to 2018. The budget document reflects the City borrowing \$3.5 million from a commercial bank to construct large capital improvement projects. Those scheduled for 2017 are: the 2017 Street Improvement Program, which will be broken down into two phases: one a maintenance project as well as a rehabilitation project; in addition, the Cloverdale Pavement Rehabilitation Project that we're scheduled to partner with the Greater Cincinnati Water Works; and then finally the State Route 4 Urban Paving Project, which the City has received financial assistance under that program. The fourth program is the State Route 4 Southbound Lane Addition project. The City paid its share of that project in 2016. However, due to the lead time of ordering the poles, they weren't able to get that project under way and they're scheduled to start in early 2017. Also, there are costs that are related to the continued demolition of the former Sheraton Hotel included in the 2017 budget. Due to the City being unsuccessful in receiving OPWC Grants or loans for 3 projects, and those 3 projects were the Beacon Hills Subdivision/Kenn Road, the Glensprings Drive Rehabilitation Project, and the Jake Sweeney Place Rehab Project, the City has had to develop a new strategy to address the repairs and maintenance of these streets and areas. The new strategy that we've come up with is to issue 15 year bonds to pay for all of the improvements instead of issuing notes as we had previously talked about. As I mentioned earlier, the document reflects us borrowing \$3.5 million. The Administration has shared this new strategy with members of Council's Finance Committee, Capital Improvements Committee, as well as the Public Works Committee, and tonight we are seeking authority from City Council to proceed with this new strategy and to address the streets that are in our City neighborhoods. Finally, there is one item that I did not get an opportunity to share with the Finance Committee when we went through the budget. In the past couple years, we've been pretty much on the margin and not hit our year-end balance target of \$1.4 million. Because of that, we have not budgeted any money in our General Improvements line item in the Capital Improvement Fund (090). When we started the budget process this year, we anticipated a very similar situation and so we did not put any funds into that line item. What we are recommending tonight is that we add another \$100,000, which is the number that we typically budget in that area. Over the years, this line item has handled unscheduled or unplanned capital improvements. For example, one such project that we had this year was about \$19,000 for a culvert repair on Glensprings. If you recall, a couple years back, there were two culverts on State Route 4 that we had to repair using two separate contractors. We would like to recommend that we add another \$100,000 into that particular line item. Of course, that will reduce the balance from the \$1.877 down to \$1.77. With that, I tried to keep it short. I'm willing to answer any questions that you may have.

Mr. Diehl read off each department and paused for questions regarding the budget. There were no questions or comments for the Police Department.

Mr. Diehl: I wonder if this would be a good time to give us an overview, Mr. Parham, about the equipment for the Fire Department.

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Mr. Parham: If you're referencing the new fire engines that we've talked about...

Mr. Diehl: Yes.

Mr. Parham: What you will not see in the document is a reflection of what the plan is, and I'll explain why. So we have two fire engines, and it's kind of hard for me to really say, Chief Shroyer may have a better gauge, what the actual age of those two engines are. My understanding is we purchased them at some time during 1982 and 1985. At some point, one of those received an engine from a 1974 vehicle. We then refurbished the engines in 1992 and 1995. Since then, we are continuing to operate off the same engines. It's time that we addressed the replacement of those engines. If you look into the Fire Department's line item for Vehicle Maintenance, you will see a reflection of the need to make these improvements. In 2015 we spent \$66,260 on vehicle maintenance. You'll see in 2016, we're estimated to spend \$128,000 on maintenance for those vehicles, and primarily it's the engines. So what the plan is for 2017 is that with Council's concurrence and approval, we intend engage in a program to lease-to-own a new engine for a three-year period. We will place an order for a new fire engine in 2017 in hopes of having that engine delivered nine months later. At that time, the financial institution that we engage for the lease, will make the payment once the engine is delivered to the department to the manufacturer. Then in 2018, 2019, and 2020, we estimate that the number we'll be paying is somewhere up to about \$200,000. The vehicle itself, we've had the Administration Staff of the Fire Department to go on to essentially construct and build the vehicle from the State Bid List. So the number is somewhere around \$570,000. We have sort of gauged that it's going to cost us about \$200,000 per year. At the conclusion of the three year period, hopefully the second one can last that long, at that point we would look at engaging the program once again to lease and purchase the next replacement. That would take you out an additional three years, but then you also have to understand that we still have an aerial that at some point in time is going to need to be addressed. That is going to be a much larger price ticket than the two engines. We seem to be pretty well off with the two ambulances. I think in 2012 and 2013 we replaced two of those. We still have the third unit that is up and functioning. We're still running three ambulances. What you also will find in the budget is the replacement of the pick-up truck that the Fire Department uses on inspections, as well as fire hydrant maintenance and repairs. They're looking at replacing that. We are going to lease this vehicle over the next three years, and that number, as you see in the budget notes, is about \$12,545 that they're estimating. Actually they've received a proposal and then, another \$5,800 and \$750 for lights and graphics that will be paid in 2017.

Mayor Webster: Yes, I think what we told Finance Committee is that we may as well expect about \$200,000 lease payment for the next ten years to replace those three major vehicles over there, and let's just keep our fingers crossed that we can keep them on the road that long. If not, we're going to have to expedite that.

There were no questions or comments on the following departments' budgets: Health Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Building Department, Waste Collections Department, Public Works Department, Administration, and Economical Development.

Mrs. McNear: Not a question about this particular department, but I just wanted to make an announcement that it's not a lack of inquisitive minds that you're not hearing a lot of questions. This, I think, speaks to the excellent quality of this budget. Just about any question you may come up with has a corresponding answer on the facing page, so that's why you're not hearing a lot of questions, because we've gone through all of these things in Finance Committee. Everyone has had an opportunity to review this document in advance, an again, very, very detailed explanation for charges. Most of the increases that we see are based on employees, so that would be the cost of salaries as well as the benefit packages, and that's where we see the greatest impact and increase in the budget overall.

Mr. Diehl: Thank you for that.

There were no questions or comments on the following departments' budgets: Finance Department, Legislation Body, Other Commissions, Civil Service Commission, Cable TV and Contractual Services, Tax Department, General Administration, Street Maintenance Fund, State Highway Improvement, Grant Fund, Drug Law Enforcement, Law Enforcement Fund,

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DUI Fund, Law Enforcement Training Fund, Insurance Trust Fund, Health Insurance Trust Fund, and Housing Rehab.

Mrs. McNear: Mr. Parham, you had mentioned at the beginning of this discussion about adding \$100,000 for Capital Improvements.

Mr. Parham: Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. McNear: Is this something that you'd need just a vote from the group if we want to move forward with that?

Mr. Parham: I think there were two things that I have requested. One was the addition of the \$100,000. If Council is in favor of that would be great. The other, I think that I would prefer to have some sort of affirmative action on the part of Council relative to providing the Administration with the authority to proceed with the new strategy with the bonds and take whatever action is necessary that we need to proceed. Eventually, we will have to bring legislation back before Council to have the process move forward.

Mrs. McNear. Okay. As we're in the middle of Capital Improvements at this point, can we just go ahead and take care of the \$100,000 issue first, complete the budget, and then talk about the road strategy after we complete the budget, would be my recommendation.

Mr. Parham: Sure. Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. McNear: So the question would be then, is there any opposition to changing the Capital Improvement Budget to add an additional \$100,000?

Mr. Parham: If you look on page 171, you will see the Improvements line item. We identify it as Improvements – General. You will see that this year we spent \$19,800. The positive thing about that particular project is that when we initially started receiving costs estimates.. well I have two points I'd like to make. One is, we found out about this potential culvert issue through the bridge inspections that the State has paid for over the past couple of years, and they just agreed to do for the next three years. When we first began to look at making repairs to the culvert the initial costs were about \$50,000. We were able to get, I think this was Ford Development Company, to come in and give us a price of \$19,000. That work was just completed about a week ago.

President Vanover: I do not see any opposition, so we'll add \$100,000 into the Capital Improvements.

Mr. Parham: And so when we get to the Appropriation Ordinance for 2017, it will be \$100,000 added to that line item.

There were no questions or comments regarding the budgets for the following departments: Residential Recycling, Vehicle Immobilization Fund, Tri-County Mall TIF Fund, Park and Urban Farming Fund, Northwest Business Center, Unclaimed Money Fund, OBDS Assessment Fund, and Community Center Debt Fund.

Mr. Diehl: That takes us to the end of the Expenditures. On the Revenue side, anybody have any questions? That will conclude going through the budget. I will second what Kathy McNear said about how good of a job that Mr. Parham and his Staff do preparing this budget, because they always have an answer to the question you have before you have to ask it. It's really good. So I'd like to thank Mr. Parham and his Staff, and especially a really special thanks to Stephanie Morgan, that helped put this together and make Mr. Parham look good. (Laughter)

Mr. Parham: Thank you, Mr. Diehl. They all make me look good.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to emphasize that also. Mr. Parham pretty well lives here for most of November, and you can find him in his office at any time, day or night, seven days a week. A lot of times he is here until one or two o'clock in the morning. I think he sees the sun come up some mornings when he's still here, so he does a marvelous job with this but it's got to be rewarding for him see us be able to blow through this budget and have all of our

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questions, as Mr. Diehl indicates, they're answered before we even ask them. So great job, Derrick.

Mrs. McNear: And that is no exaggeration that the Mayor just talked about the number of hours that Mr. Parham is here working on the budget, and sometimes Stephanie is here as well. I come in here typically every Friday night after my full day of work, after going out to dinner, and I come in and of course I always expect to see Mr. Parham's car in the parking lot, and it always is. About two weeks ago, I got here and his car wasn't here. I thought, "Aha! I caught him, one Friday night where he's not working!" But that was not the case. He had actually just parked in one of the other lots; he really was working. So again, thank you very much for all of the hard work to you and your Staff. It's greatly appreciated.

President Vanover: I guess at this point Administration is looking for some direction as far as the proposed plan for the street – oh, okay, I guess we vote on the budget first and then we'll move to that.

Mr. Diehl: We don't vote on the budget.

Mayor Webster: I guess just to back up a little bit; we're available to answer any questions that weren't covered at these three committee meetings. If you've got any outstanding questions, we'll be more than happy to answer those at this time. If you don't, then what we're asking for is permission to go ahead and take all steps necessary to create the issuance of those bonds and like Mr. Parham said, somewhere along the way we'll be back to you with an Ordinance. But there's a lot of other steps we have to go through before we're ready for an Ordinance.

President Vanover: I don't see any lights. Do you want a voice vote?

Mayor Webster: Does that mean go ahead with everything we need to do?

President Vanover: Council in concurrence? (Agreement) You have your direction.

Communications

Mrs. McNear: One item this evening. This is something that's probably annual. It's from Duke Energy, dated November 22nd in the matter of Annual Application for Adjustment to the AMRP Rates. Duke Energy will be filing an application on or before February 28th, 2017 to propose a rate change, effective May 2017. If you'd like to see any details, they will be available in my office.

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 39-2016

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/ FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE CONTRACT OF CT CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Diehl moved to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and the Ordinance was approved with a vote of 7-0.

Ordinance 40-2016

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/ FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH WOOD & LAMPING LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hawkins moved to adopt; Mrs. Harlow seconded the motion and the Ordinance was approved with a vote of 7-0.

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Ordinance 41-2016

AUTHORIZING A PRELIMINARY ORDINANCE WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE STATE ROUTE 4 URBAN PAVING PROJECT FROM CAMERON ROAD TO INTERSTATE 275 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Harlow moved to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and the Ordinance was approved with a vote of 7-0.

Ordinance 42-2016

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/ FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ASCENDUM SOLUTIONS, LLC RELATED TO A JOB RETENTION AND CREATION INCENTIVE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson moved to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Mayor Webster: This is the incentive agreement that we discussed with Council several months ago in Executive Session, and it's a lot of hard work on the part of Ascendum. They've brought this thing to a solution; I guess they're scheduled to close Thursday, I believe, Friday this week, so we have Mike Jones with us this evening representing Ascendum. Christine, do you want to say anything, or Mike, you're welcome to say a few words, but just while they're making their way up here, there was a very nice article in the Cincinnati Business Courier, I think it was on the 5th, talking about their firm and the fact that they're going to retain 75 jobs and create 120 new jobs. They were given a jobs incentive from the State of Ohio for Jobs Ohio, and an interesting piece of information – they are the third largest minority-owned business in Greater Cincinnati, according to Business Courier Research. The group has 11 companies specializing in software and infrastructure solutions, with 245 local employees and 2,000 total employees, so I hope I didn't steal any of your thunder there, Mike. But anyway, welcome very much to the City of Springdale.

Ms. Russell: Council, I just want to walk you through this agreement. It's a little different than the ones we've seen in the past. Before you is the Ordinance to approve the job retention and incentive agreement for Ascendum, as the Mayor introduced. Ascendum Solutions is a global IT company, and it provides services to retail, high-tech, healthcare, and financial clients. They're currently located in Blue Ash, and they have run out of space in Blue Ash, so they are looking in Springdale to provide space to expand. Vora Group, which is the parent company, as the Mayor just talked about, they will be purchasing the building at 100 Tri-County Parkway. That's a 128,000 square foot office building that is almost entirely vacant right now. They're going to perform about \$2 million of much needed renovation to that building, and then they will move 185 Ascendum employees into a portion of that building. That will leave the remainder of the building that will be brand-new, renovated, and available to lease out to new companies. Because of the large upfront cost associated with this project, we are doing something different with our agreement, and that is we've structured it to provide a no-interest forgivable loan. The very last page of the Ordinance is the spreadsheet that you're accustomed to seeing. You'll notice that there are two payments in equal amounts in 2016 and then one in 2017 that will total \$511,540. As the company achieves their payroll goals, they will be in effect bringing down the balance of that loan, and so the loan balance will be reduced by the amounts that they would have received in payment under our traditional program, and you'll see at the end of the ten years, the loan balance is out to zero. So over time, they will work off that entire amount. To protect our upfront investment, we have asked Ascendum to provide a letter of credit in the amount of the loan, that should they not meet those payroll goals, we have that that we can draw upon. As you can see from the spreadsheet, they are going to start with 185 employees, and a target payroll of \$8.3 million, and they'll grow to 225 employees with a payroll of over \$16.3 million, and I want to point out that the 2018 number, the number of jobs is accurate, the payroll is for a partial year.

They really don't know what they're going to get into when they start the renovation, so they wanted to be very conservative on that first year of payroll. They want to get in the building as quickly as possible, and I think really are targeting to get in in 2017, but again they wanted to be conservative because you never know what you run into when you're doing renovations and they didn't want to run into a problem with that. I'd like to introduce Mike Jones. He is the Executive Vice President of Finance for both Ascendum and Vora Group, and he's going to just tell you more about the company and their plans.

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Mr. Jones: Thanks, Christine. We are a privately held equity group that specializes in growing IT companies, and Ascendum is one of those companies. It specializes in IT solutions, and it has experienced rapid growth in the financial and mortgage processing areas. As Christine said, we've outgrown our existing space in Blue Ash, so we need to find another facility. As we looked for that new location, we were also looking for a location that had access to talented IT professionals, and we're also looking for a community that we could create a partnership with. We believe Springfield is a perfect match for us. The building at 100 Tri-County Parkway does need some tender loving care, but it provides us with much-needed space. This is a great location with thousands of people who live within a twenty to thirty minute commute, so it's ideal for that. Mayor Webster, Derrick, and Christine have been great to work with, and the incentive package that's in front of you will be very helpful in turning a facility, that quite frankly is an eyesore, into something that both our employees and Springdale can be very proud of. With the purchase price as well as the investment we're going to put into this facility, we're talking somewhere \$2.5 to almost \$3 million, and the assistance by Springdale and the State is critical to making the project viable. The last thing I want to emphasize is that the Vora Group has been a good corporate citizen in the locations where it has done business, and the partnerships that we've created in both Blue Ash, where we are today, as well as Hamilton, where we have the Vora Technology Park, have led to the creation of more than a thousand jobs, and we're looking forward to creating the same partnership here in Springdale.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to make another point. We certainly welcome this group into Springdale, but after they locate in there, they're going to take 25% of the building, there's still going to 96,000 square feet of great office space that's going to be on the market, so we're very excited about that also. So thank you very much for choosing Springdale.

The Ordinance passed with a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. R18-2016

CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN KETRING AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mrs. Emerson motioned to approve; Mrs. Harlow seconded the motion.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to speak to both of these Resolutions, the one for Mrs. Hart and also Doc Ketring. These two individuals have been on our Board of Health for many, many years, and I apologize for not having the exact term, but they pre-date me on the Board of Health, and so I want to say twenty-four, twenty-five years, something like that, and they both are great contributors and I don't know how we'd function on the Board without them, so they do a fantastic job, so I would certainly encourage the support of both of these candidates.

The Resolution passed with a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. R19-2016

APPOINTING _____ AS A MEMBER OF THE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

Mr. Hawkins nominated Dan Jacobs for the position; Mr. Diehl seconded the motion. As there were no further nominations, the Resolution was re-read to include Mr. Jacobs' name. Mrs. Harlow motioned for approval; Mr. Diehl seconded the motion and the Resolution passed with a 7-0 vote.

Resolution No. R20-2016

APPOINTING _____ AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mrs. Harlow nominated Mick Higgins for the position; Mr. Diehl nominated Cheryl Darby. By a ballot vote of 4 for Mrs. Darby and 3 votes for Mr. Higgins, the Resolution was re-read to include Mrs. Darby's name. Mrs. Emerson moved to adopt; Mrs. Ghantous seconded the motion and the Resolution was approved with a 7-0 vote.

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Resolution No. R21-2016
APPOINTING _____ AS A MEMBER OF THE TAX REVIEW BOARD

Mr. Hawkins nominated Gregory D. Johnson; as there were no other nominations, the Resolution was re-read to include Mr. Johnson's name. Mr. Hawkins motioned to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and the Resolution passed with a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. R22-2016
APPOINTING _____ AS A MEMBER OF THE VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD (SEAT 1)

Mr. Shroyer nominated Chief Hoffman.

Mr. Parham: I think Mr. Shroyer nominated the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief serve on the board relative to their position, is that correct?

Mr. Forbes: That board is comprised of five members. Two members are appointed by Council. Two are appointed by the Fire Department, and my understanding is that it's historically been the Chief and the Assistant Chief. And then those four members pick the fifth member of the board. So Chief Hoffman is already a member of that board, but he's not one of the seats that Council appoints, if that makes any sense.

President Vanover: So Council, we've got the people that are currently in there...

Mr. Shroyer: That was my confusion, because I think the five, are the five not the Fire Chief, the Assistant Fire Chief, two Council members, and some fifth person? So there's two Council members already assigned to that committee. Do we need to fill two positions, or one?

Mr. Parham: Each term is for one single year, and so the two members of the Fire Department are pretty much identified through their position. Council then appoints amongst this body who the other two members will represent Council onto that board, and then the four of them will appoint the fifth person.

Mr. Shroyer: So we're looking for two Council members.

Mr. Parham: Correct.

Mrs. Harlow nominated Dan Shroyer; as there were no other nominations, the Resolution was re-read to include Mr. Shroyer's name. Mr. Hawkins motioned to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and the Resolution passed with a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. R23-2016
APPOINTING _____ AS A MEMBER OF THE VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS' DEPENDENTS FUN BOARD (SEAT 2)

Mrs. Harlow nominated Holly Emerson; as there were no other nominations, the Resolution was re-read to include Mrs. Emerson's name. Mrs. Harlow motioned to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and the Resolution passed with a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. R24-2016
CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF RITA HART AS A MEMBER OF
THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Hawkins motioned to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion.

Mayor Webster: This is the other Resolution I was referring to. The original schedule had them back-to-back, but we had to renumber this one, so like I said, Mrs. Hart has been an integral member of the Board for well over twenty years and I would urge you to return her to that board.

The Resolution was approved with a vote of 7-0.

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Mrs. Emerson motioned that Council enter Executive Session to discuss Economic Development and Property Acquisitions; Mr. Hawkins seconded and Council entered Executive Session.

Council resumed from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Mrs. Harlow motioned to authorize Council to work with administration to secure the property at 325 Glensprings; Mrs. Ghantous seconded and the motion was approved with a vote of 7-0.

Old Business

Mr. Diehl: As you all know, we have discussed in the past about the sidewalk issue between Lawnview on Kemper and Route 4. At this time, I would like to table that discussion for a future date.

Mr. Shroyer seconded the motion.

Mayor Webster: Before you take any action on that, let us share with you the results of the survey. We asked for everyone to respond at least by December 1st. We had 4 residents along there that responded. One person wanted a sidewalk; the other 3 did not want a sidewalk. So that's the result of the survey.

President Vanover: Four out of 19.

Mayor Webster: Nineteen residents and 4 bothered to respond.

By a voice vote of 7-0, the sidewalk issue was tabled.

Mr. Parham: Council, at the last meeting of November 16th, we had resident Mr. Larry Gibbs who paid a second visit to Council because of concerns he had relative to parking on the street in his neighborhood, generally at the intersection of Nelson and Van Cleve. At that time, there were a number of questions that were raised and we said what we would do is revisit the situation. The following morning, I did take a visit out to the intersection to sort of get an appreciation for what his concerns were. While I was out, I contacted the office to have them call him to see if he could meet me out there. Unfortunately, he was not home at the time. Once I returned to the office, he did call me back. We had a discussion at that point. I expressed to him what the conditions are that exist there. He appeared to be happy at that time. Then on December 1st, he contacted the Mayor and requested a meeting with the Mayor. The Mayor and I met with him on December 1st and sat down with him this time and went through the situation. So what we have is on Van Cleve, if you're heading, and I'll get turned around on directions, but if you're heading from Ruskin to the direction of Nelson, on the right hand side of the street, it is a fire lane. There are fire lane signs approximately in the area of Ruskin and Van Cleve, with an arrow that points both ways, and when an arrow points both ways, that means there is no parking in either direction. There is a second sign mid-way in the block on the same side with the same indication. At the time that we met, there was no sign posted at the intersection or near the intersection of Van Cleve and Nelson. Since then, we've had a very similar sign erected at that location, one that points in both directions. The City code as well as the State code indicates a number of prohibitions or conditions that does not permit parking on streets, and I'm trying to find them but I don't see them right now. One of those is, as Mr. Hawkins pointed out at the last meeting, if it's 20 feet in front of a crosswalk and there's no crosswalk at that intersection so it would not apply. Another said that if 30 feet upon the approach of a stop sign, you are prohibited from parking there. You have on the side of Van Cleve a fire lane, which is what I expressed to you last time that we looked at last time. When we add the new fire lane sign because there is no closed end to that sign, it tells you, you can not park essentially anywhere on that side of Van Cleve because that's a fire lane. One of the discussions we had internally is whether we should put up a sign with a closed end. That sign would be placed at 30 feet in front of the stop sign. However, I felt that would not be a good idea because most residents aren't familiar with the code to know you can't park within 30 feet of a stop sign, hence someone may park there and they may get a citation. I prefer that you make it very clear that they understand where they can park and where they cannot

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park through the signage. So instead of waiting for someone to become familiar with the code and park in violation, we put the double-arrow sign to say that you cannot park in either direction. Now, when you make a left turn onto Nelson, on the right side of the street that is a fire lane. If you make a right turn off of Van Cleve onto Nelson that is not a fire lane on the right-hand side. Therefore, cars are permitted to park. If you go back to the statement that 30 feet on the approach of a stop sign, meaning you're approaching the stop sign, you can't park 30 feet in front of the stop sign. There is no stop sign on Nelson, so once you make that right turn, you have the ability to park on Nelson. Unfortunately, because one morning I was out riding my bike, I think on Thanksgiving, and I noticed there was a truck parked there, and that truck was parked legally. It was not illegally parked. If you go to the other side of Nelson heading the same direction, you still have the ability to park there legally because it's on the side of the street that there is no fire lane. So upon our meeting with Mr. Gibbs, we expressed and explained that to him. He said he understands. I can see that if you are coming off of Van Cleve and you pull up to that intersection, and if there are two large-sized trucks sitting there, you probably are not going to see once you get to the stop sign. You may be able to see on the approach whether something is coming, but then you may have to pull out slightly ahead, but if you're pulling out slightly ahead, the cars coming from your right are going to be in the opposite lane, so the cars from your left you would see those better. Unfortunately that's the situation and so we did get back with him and address his issue and concerns. I think that may have addressed one of the questions I think that a number of you had relative to why individuals could park there.

New Business

Mrs. McNear: Council, you have a liquor license; it's a stock transfer only. This is for Inset Beverage Incorporated doing business as Tri-County Beverage at 350 Northland Boulevard. This is a C1 which is beer only in the original sealed container only and C2, wine and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry-out. Any objections (none). Alright, I'll take care of filing paperwork.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health meets tomorrow at 7 o'clock in the room adjacent to these quarters.

Mrs. Harlow: Planning will meet December 13th at 7 p.m. in these Chambers.

Mayor Webster: Just to give you an update on the SOS activity this year. Last year we serviced 67 families with 221 children; this year we're up to 72 families and have no idea how many kids that encompasses, but 72 families. So we're still looking for some donor families. Last time I checked, we were still looking for 11 donor families, so anybody out there that hears this and wants to respond, it will be a little late but I'm sure we could accommodate if you want to donate to the cause. We'd sure appreciate it. 346-5725, our Health Department is coordinating the activity. We're still collecting groceries. We've gotten a lot of groceries in this year. Last year we were coming up a little short on groceries, but the community has really opened up their wallets and their hearts. So anyway, if you haven't participated, we'd sure appreciate your contributions.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I do have a couple of announcements. The first is that the last day to bring leaves to the curb was actually December 2nd, so if you still have leaves, they need to be bagged and put out for the trash.

There are several announcements from the Community Center. Youth Volleyball, Women's Volleyball, and Spring Youth Sports Registrations are all beginning to take place. Youth

Volleyball is open for ages 9-15. Women's Volleyball, the league plays on Wednesday evenings beginning January 11th, and then Spring Youth Sports Registration starts on January 2nd.

Mayor Webster: on January 6th, we're going to have our induction to the Hall of Fame Coaches, the thing we used to do at the end of the parade. We have 8 deceased coaches that are going in the Hall of Fame this year, and that's Friday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m.,

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contrary to some other reports. Is that right, 6:30? It's different than what the two ladies came up here from...

Group: They said 6.

Mayor Webster: Okay, it's 6:30 then, because they wanted me to correct what they said. So if they said 6, it's 6:30.

President Vanover: I want to go back to our leaves, because I have cul-du-sac line, and the truck hasn't been through yet. I know with the rain and stuff that we don't, so if...

Mrs. Zimmerlin: If they're already there, they will be around to pick up.

President Vanover: I will have an irate neighbor. I'll be bagging leaves.

Mr. Parham: As Mrs. Zimmerlin indicated, they will be there to pick them up, but don't put any new ones out! We're just picking up those that are currently at the curb.

President Vanover: If nobody saw it, it didn't happen.

Communications from the Audience

- None

Update on Legislation Still in Development

Mr. Hawkins: As you look at your Internal Memorandum, item number 1 was addressed with Ordinance 42-2016, an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/ Finance Director to enter into an agreement with Ascendum Solutions, LLC related to a job retention and creation incentive agreement and declaring an emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item number 2 was addressed with Ordinance 39-2016, an Ordinance authorizing the 2017 fee schedule with CT Consultants, Inc., for engineering services to the City of Springdale and declaring an emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item number 3 was addressed with Ordinance 41-2016, authorizing a preliminary Ordinance with the State and the Ohio Department of transportation for State Route 4 Urban Paving Project from Cameron Road to Interstate 275 and declaring an emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item number 4 which was addressed with Ordinance 40-2016, an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/ Finance Director to amend the agreement with Wood & Lamping LLP for legal services to the City of Springdale and declaring an emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. With regard to item number 5, we had Resolution R19-2016, regarding Dan Jacobs as well as the Charter Revision Board; Resolution R20-2016, which addressed Cheryl Darby being on Civil Service; Resolution R21-2016 with regard to Gregory Johnson being on the Tax Board; R22-2016 with regard to Dan Shroyer being on the Firefighter Dependent's Board; Resolution R23-2016 regarding Holly Emerson begin on the Firefighter Dependent's Board; all of which passed with a 7-0 vote. We had item number six, regarding Resolution R24-2016 with regard to Ms. Rita Hart being on the Board of Health, and well as Resolution R18-2016 with regard to Kevin Ketring being on the Board of Health. Both of those passed with 7-0 votes. All other matters with regard to items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were forthcoming, and item number 13 was addressed with regard to the Proclamation recognizing Core, the swearing in of our new Police Officer, and the presentation of the budget.

Recap of Legislative Items Requested for next Council Meeting

Mr. Hawkins: With regard to requests for the next meeting, we have an Ordinance setting the employee pay rates for 2017 and declaring an emergency; a request for an Ordinance adopting the final appropriation and transfer Ordinance for 2016; as well as an Ordinance adopting a temporary appropriations Ordinance for the period of January 1st, 2017 until the fiscal year 2017 appropriations permanent Ordinance is adopted by Council.

Adjournment

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Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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