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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on April 4, 2018

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

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

The minutes of the March 21, 2018 City Council meeting were considered. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt the minutes; Mrs. Emerson seconded. The minutes were adopted with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: I have gotten a request from the Administration to add Ordinance No. 26-2018 to the agenda. Time is of the essence on this to get the application in for the grant. I'll entertain a motion to add it to the agenda.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to add Ordinance No. 26-2018 to the agenda; Mr. Hawkins seconded. Ordinance No. 26-2018 was added to the agenda with seven affirmative votes.

Mayor Webster: I am very pleased to have with us this evening our Police Chief and our Assistant Chief, Captain Wells and they want to make a presentation to you this evening about an enhancement they've made to the Police Department about their body-worn cameras. This is a project they have been working on for a long, long time. I'm sure, over this time, you have seen articles in the paper and the news media about other departments implementing this. Every time I'd see one of those, I'd be popping in Derrick's office or the Chief's office saying, "When is Springdale going to have this?" So, anyway, through all of that, they persevered and they put together a program that I think is very comprehensive and one that the City can be very proud of, and hopefully, one that we can defend in court if we have to and something that will certainly enhance their ability to continue to provide the great service they do for this community. Chief Mathis, the floor is yours.

Chief Mathis: Thank you Mayor, Council, City Administration. Hopefully we're not going to wear our welcome out here week after week, but, this is a program that we've really invested a lot of time and effort into. This is, obviously, just a continuation of a lot of technology that has impacted the criminal justice system. We have been audio and video recording our interview rooms for a number of years now. We have in-car cameras that we use and have been using for a period of time now and this is just a furtherance of that which is the body-worn cameras. I'm going to turn it over to Captain Wells briefly here so he can explain to you the process of how we got to where we're at, and then I'll talk a little bit more.

Captain Wells: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Thanks for taking the time to hear us out on this new program that we are excited about. Last year, in 2017, we embarked on the process of trying to figure out which would be the best product that would serve us as a department as well as the City in the best way. The Chief tasked me to do that. I selected Sergeant Elliott Cumbow, who is one of our tech guys. He's very versed in that area. We also used three officers, Barrie Norris, Ritchy Tuazon, and Brandon Osborne to be field representatives for these tests. We selected six of the leading companies in this area and did three weeks of testing with each camera system. Not only did we test the cameras, but we also were looking at their back-end systems, which is one of the largest concern areas, because certainly this evidence has to be stored. It can be very expensive to store that evidence and we were looking at the configuration whether we should store these videos on our server or whether we should use a "cloud-based" server as in this program that we selected. After extensive testing of these various systems, we selected the "VIE VU System", which is from a company called Safariland. That's a company that has been involved in police equipment for many years and they are the parent company of VIE VU that does that product. The camera that we selected, we used the 1080 x 720 resolution in order to shoot in a viewing that you will see here in just a few minutes. You'll see that the resolution is very high quality and there is an even higher setting that we can use, of course, it takes up more space to do that. We selected the "cloud-based" system which is the Microsoft Edge, or Government Cloud for that, so we had real concerns about the security of

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Captain Wells (continued): the evidence that we're recording. Another thing we like about the system as far as, for example, when I do our "Use of Force" reviews or "Pursuit" reviews", I'm able to pull up any video in the system. Depending on the level of access a person has, you can pull the videos up. The officers can review their own videos, but, people in different levels of access, can review videos. For example, when I do a "Use of Force" review, I can pull up anybody's video which enhances my ability to make the reports to the Chief. We're very pleased with the product. The Officers seem to be very excited about the program and eager to wear the body cameras. With that, I'll turn it back over to the Chief and thanks very much.

Chief Mathis: While Captain Wells and his team were working on the hardware and software aspect of this, I was working on policy, which is a big part of this. This is not new technology; body cameras have been around for a while, but this is still really an evolving area of policy and law. I'm not really sure our law has caught up to exactly where we are with this, but, we're still going forward and we'll adapt as the State Legislature may place requirements on us or as court cases come out, which dictate how we involve this as evidence. With case law, we can always adapt our policy, but we wanted to go ahead and get on board. Part of this is wanting people to realize that this is a tool. I don't want anybody in here to think that this is the magic that's going to just resolve any issue. Body camera footage is a tool. It's one view of what happens. I think it's very important to understand that it has benefits, and it can potentially have drawbacks just like any tool or any device that we have. Some of the things that I think are important to understand with this technology and as we watch some of these videos, you'll see the camera doesn't always follow the officer's eyes. You can see how it's mounted. I'm wearing the exact same uniform that our officers would wear with the same equipment. Mine is probably a little larger than some of the younger ones, but still, it's the same stuff and so if I am facing here, but I look over here, and I'm seeing something which could really impact my judgement about what's going on. This camera is not going to see that at all. I may hear something that the audio on this camera doesn't pick up. At nighttime, the view you get from this camera at night, may not be the same nighttime resolution that my eyes see. It could be better than what I could see. It could be worse. You'll see on one of these videos, you can block the camera very easily with the most common of actions. So, when I use my shoulder mike, this is how I use my shoulder mike (reached across the body, right to left, thus blocking the camera view). Now, when I'm in a bad situation, just from 32 years of doing this, I go like this (reaches left arm to left shoulder to mike on left shoulder). When I'm just normal talking, you'll see me; I cover my microphone up. If I draw my weapon, you may very likely just cover up what is going on (weapon would be mid-chest, thus blocking the camera). So, it doesn't always show everything. It can certainly provide great evidence, documenting the incident, documenting what happened in these critical incidents, things are very hectic. You've got a lot of people coming up and talking to you and things are happening. It's going to record all that and it's going to really help and I do think that it will provide great evidence for us in court. I think it will help us in our civil liability. I mean, if we do the right thing, this should help show that we are doing the right thing. We also feel that it is great for training purposes. That we have some options in training to use these videos to critique and mentor and coach the officers in looking at what goes on. So, our policy, basically, mirrors somewhat, the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Their model policy; we have adapted it; we didn't cut and paste it perfectly, but kind of tailored it to our situation. Pretty much, we turn these on at any critical incident, we define that in our policy, which is, basically, is what it sounds like what it is or, an enforcement action or when we believe we're going to take an enforcement action. We don't leave them on all the time. As these are going around, I'm going to turn mine on, so, please don't do anything embarrassing. I feel like I have to say that, not to you guys, but to Captain Wells. (Laughter) So, you just slide the door down, it will come on. When you're done recording, just slide the door up and it stops. We tell our people to turn them on anytime they believe they're going to take enforcement action. So, if we come to your house, and you just want to tell us about somebody's dog barks all the time, we're not going to record you. There's really no point to it. It's just a very common interaction. If that interaction starts to go south, we can always turn it on. If we're responding to a fight call, suspicious person, we're pulling a car over; we're going to turn it on. At the end of the day, when that incident has stabilized, if we put handcuffs on you and searched you and searched your vehicle and everything is calm, we're going to go ahead and turn it off. We're not going to sit there and record ourselves doing paperwork back at the Police Station. If the person we're

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Chief Mathis (continued): driving to the Police Station and they decide to try to start trying to kick the window out or spit on us or whatever, we can always turn it back on and go from there. This is still relatively new for us. We've only had them for about four or five weeks of probably five weeks of actual fully rolled out use. We do realize when we've talked to the City Administration, we'll have to tweak this policy as we get into practical usage and discover what works and what doesn't work and what's good or bad. We've already been able to utilize this by sending it down to the Prosecutor's Office for court. So, I'll play a couple of videos. The first one is me; and these are really well positioned because I have a face for radio (laughter), so, it doesn't really record you. (A video was displayed on the screen in Council Chambers involving Chief Mathis) An additional video was displayed. (A traffic video involving Officer Tuazon)

Captain Wells: The only thing that I was going to add is that when you look at the cameras that we passed around there, one of the things that we were most impressed with this unit is that it is well built, but that it has a very easy operational way about it. Some of the cameras that we looked at from companies you would think would be leading companies and more likely choices, had so many bells and whistles that they really weren't practical. We want to be able to have our officers employ the device without looking at it, without having to figure it out and distract themselves from what's going on, as that would be a safety issue. If you look at the bottom of it, you can see where the device just sits in a dock. When the officers come in, they plug the unit into the charging dock, which then automatically uploads the evidence into the server and it's all a very simple operation and we are very easily able to get the information out; whether it's for court or sending it, like the Chief said, to the Prosecutor's Office, we're very pleased with the system overall and I think it will be a great enhancement to what we do.

Chief Mathis: If there's any questions? We do expect those back too, by the way. (Referring to the body-worn cameras).

Captain Wells: We already gave Mr. Parham a copy. This just has some information on it in case anybody wanted to read it and some information about the units themselves and some background information.

Mrs. Emerson: Just a quick question. As much as these can help our Police Department; what happens when it's all hectic and you guys forget to turn it on and then everyone says, "We know you have the cameras, how come yours wasn't on?"

Chief Mathis: Well, that's a great question. That comes down to training and monitoring. Part of our policy is our supervisors every month are to randomly audit our officers to show that they're complying with the policy. However, sometimes, life overtakes technology. If I happen to walk into a convenience store to get a soft drink and there's suddenly someone there with a gun in their hand, I would hope our officer's first action would be to defend themselves as opposed to try to turn on a camera. That happens. I can think back to there was a situation in Glendale a few years ago with one of their officers who got into a deadly force confrontation on the interstate and ending up shooting somebody. One of their other officers, who's one of our reserve officers, Officer Lynn McKee, he was working in Glendale at the time and heard the call come out, as I did, and headed over that way and when Lynn got there, he jumped out and did not turn his body camera on. Because, he had other things on his mind. That is an issue that can happen and there will be people that will make that part of a statement that we purposely didn't turn it on because we were going to do the wrong thing or whatever. Other people are going to understand it's just human beings under stress don't always function perfectly. I think the more we use this, the more that we will comply. One of the things we've tried to get out to people is as you are responding to a scene; if you think you need it, turn it on. When you get there, if you discover you don't need it, turn it off. As opposed to you get there and life starts overtaking you and it doesn't get in to your head. Part of it is just going to be training, monitoring, supervision, but we're going to make mistakes. There's going to be somebody who will go out and forget to put their camera on, or, it's just not going to work. It's going to break. It's a device and it'll malfunction eventually. Just like we've had cameras in our cars not record or not record the audio, but record the video because they malfunction. It's a great question.

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Chief Mathis (continued): The only option there would be to leave them on constantly, which is not practical for a number of reasons. Because there's a lot of privacy issues there. We're not going to record ourselves going in and using the restroom. We're not going to record ourselves talking to our wives on the phone or if I have to come up and talk to the City Administration about a personnel issue, you just can't leave them on 24/7. As soon as you make the decision not to do that, then it becomes problematic about turning it on. I think our policy is pretty clear. It gives a lot of good guidance on when to turn it on. It would be when you would think you would need it. I know that sounds pretty simplistic, but, it spells it out pretty much in detail. It defines, basically, if you're in a situation where you have any reasonable belief or probable cause to believe a person has committed a traffic or criminal violation that you may take enforcement action on, you turn it on. Or, a critical incident; a fight, an auto accident with injuries, fire run, a psychiatric emergency, those kind of things which we realize are high liability issues.

Mr. Hawkins: The device is a great addition to law enforcement. Can you speak to the durability; did either the manufacturer or you guys find anything with regard to things that this can withstand?

Captain Wells: Well, I can tell you that when we were doing our testing, there were some units, surprising, there was one, for example, that had a device similar to what we got, but the microphone, or the camera rather, was a separate piece that was connected by a wire. This part was a microphone, this part was a camera (pointing to chest as to approximately where the items were on the other unit). That's just not something that's going to hold up with all the wear and tear and the bending of the wire. So, those were obviously considerations. Most of the units were built with a type of a, it's like a Delrin plastic. They're very lightweight. It's right about three ounces contained. It's very light; it doesn't pull, it doesn't drag. It's unlikely to come loose. Even if we were to engage in a struggle, the mechanism that holds it on you is pretty secure and that was, again some of the considerations that we looked at in selecting this device. Also, the durability; this company, for example, they used to have the door on the front, didn't have this recess around it. They experienced some times where the door had issues from getting hit and now that it's recessed into the unit itself, it's a lot easier when you're flipping it on or off it is better protected that way. I believe these units are going to perform well. We had a few that already failed through the mechanical portion of it, but the company has been extremely responsive. They have 24 hour live customer service and as soon as I contacted them with the issue, they sent replacement cameras before we even sent the cameras that were defective, back to them. I've been very impressed so far with the customer service and so far, again I think it's been a very positive thing for us.

Chief Mathis: I can tell you in the last 48 hours, they've seen some dramatic shifts in weather (laughter) as far as how they react. They've gotten wet, they've been snowed on, it's gotten very cold and it's gotten fairly warm for this time of the year so, they all seem to be working pretty well as far as dealing with that.

Mr. Shroyer: On the opposite end of the spectrum of forgetting to turn them on; what if you forget to turn them off and you inadvertently record a personal conversation or two hours sitting at a computer doing reports. Is that there forever?

Chief Mathis: No, we have these videos set to automatically delete within a certain time frame, which has been approved by the Ohio Records Commission. Then, we can manually, if you know that there's evidence, you have evidence of something that you want to retain, like you've made a DUI stop and made an arrest or you're at a domestic violence scene or whatever and you know you need to keep that as evidence, then you mark that as evidence, and then it's retained, basically forever. Now, what we will do with the cloud is, periodically, we have a person that can run a report and say, "Hey, you've got video that you've marked to maintain. It's been six months, do you still need it?" If we still need it, then we still need it. However, if court is over with and the time for appeals has gone by, then we can say, "Okay, it's okay to go ahead and delete it." Or, if we need to keep it past a year, what we're doing is we're moving it off the cloud and we're either going to create some DVD's or store it on our server to just have another copy and free up some space so that we don't get charged more than what we normally would pay. So, now, inadvertent conversations may not be considered a public record. It wouldn't document the business. So, if I accidentally left mine on and I called

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Chief Mathis (continued): my doctor to discuss my physical, that's not a public record. It wouldn't be released anyway. Now, I don't know if our people are always going to remember to turn them on, but if someone walks into our building and it's on, someone's going to right away say, "Hey, your camera's on." Because, you can see it. You can see the lens, I don't know if you saw when you pushed it down, there's a red marking. You can tell right away that the camera's on and I would think someone's going to say, "Hey, your camera's on." So, hopefully that would keep it from going for too long. I can see if you forget to turn it off, you get done with a traffic stop and you're driving all over the City, it could happen. Eventually, that video would get deleted.

President Vanover: That's it. You've answered the questions.

Chief Mathis: Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you gentlemen.

Mayor Webster: Thank you very much fellas.

Communications Mrs. McNear - None

President Vanover: Before we open the floor for Communications from the Audience, I know some people are here for specific things. Either now or at the end of the meeting is your time to speak, as we will not have individual discussion on the ordinances tonight, because we don't have a Public Hearing. This is just a regular process. So, if you've got something to say, right now I'm opening the floor for Communications from the Audience. The floor is yours.

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 22-2018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE EAST CRESCENTVILLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, THE BOARD OF BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE CITY OF SHARONVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Shroyer made a motion to adopt; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Ordinance No. 22-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 23-2018

AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, TO AMEND SECTION 153.461 OF THE SPRINGDALE ZONING CODE RELATED TO TEMPORARY SIGNS

President Vanover: Alright Council, this is a first reading. We have a Public Hearing scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>. Is there any discussion this evening?

Mr. Parham: Just for the public's information. The legislation before Council this evening for the first reading is essentially to permit a portable temporary sign. This is not currently permitted under the City's code.

Ordinance No. 24-2018

APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO THE CROSSINGS AT THE PARK PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) (SPRINGDALE COMMERCE PARK)

President Vanover: Alright, as we've stated, this is first reading. There's a Public Hearing scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>. Is there any discussion this evening? (None)

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Ordinance No. 25-2018

DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Hawkins: I know when we've dealt with these things before, anything like the Fire Department turnout gear, if it's got a City insignia, that will be removed?

Mr. Parham: Correct.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you.

President Vanover: Any other discussion? (None)

Ordinance 25-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 26-2018

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT REQUEST FOR THREE FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

President Vanover: Mr. Parham, do we need to, since we have the emergency clause, are we going to do one reading and then the second reading invoke the emergency clause?

Mr. Parham: No, Mr. President, we were intending to have this as an emergency because of the application deadline is currently ongoing and expires on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

President Vanover: So, we need to amend and add the emergency clause?

Mr. Parham: In the title.

President Vanover: In the title?

Mr. Parham: Correct.

President Vanover: Mr. Forbes, would that be considered a typo or?

Mr. Forbes: I can tell you that Section 3, that includes the emergency clause, that's the actual action provision that, in the event that it is adopted, that would be effective. If you're more comfortable having a motion to amend to include it in the title, you can do that.

President Vanover: Alright, well, I'll entertain a motion to add to the title.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to amend the title to add the emergency clause declaration; Mr. Shroyer seconded.

Motion to amend the title to add the emergency clause declaration was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Mr. Parham: Council, as I indicated, the legislation that is before you is to address an application process in the timeframe that is existing. The application period began on March 26<sup>th</sup>. It will expire on April 27<sup>th</sup>, so it leaves us with very little time. That is the unfortunate reason that I've asked that this be brought in this evening. If you recall, during the budget season, I know at the Finance Committee Meeting, we had discussions relative to the challenge of hiring firefighters. Whether they're full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters.

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Mr. Parham (continued): We also were aware of a program as this is identified as the SAFER Grant that is available. At the time, we did not know when the application would be coming forward. We did not know the rules because the rules seem to change on an annual basis. We had one of our Fire Captains, whom you have met, Captain Williams who has continued to monitor to determine when the application was coming out. We became aware of it and what it will present is a chance for the City to apply for a grant that would cover the cost, a large portion of the cost, if you will, for hiring a full-time firefighter. The SAFER Program is one in which it assists municipalities to hire full-time or add additional full-time firefighters to their staffing. The grant is one that can be up to a three-year period. The municipality can apply for as many positions as they think that they need. In the instance of what we've discussed is to employ three full-time firefighters. In Year One and in Year Two, the grant will, on a reimbursement basis, will cover 75% of the wages and the benefits. It would not cover any overtime. It would not cover other non-normal, if you will, benefit opportunities. In Year Three, it will reimburse up to only 35% of the wages and the benefits. I think in any case, I would think that would be beneficial to a jurisdiction. The grant requires that whatever the total number of employees that we have on hand at the time, because when you submit the application, you also have to submit a roster, and so, at no point during the three-year period, if you apply for a three-year program, can you fall below that number. So, if we were, for example, to say we have currently 21 full-time firefighters, and then we're going to hire three, we send a roster of 21 identifying those individuals and then we indicate that we're going to hire three. Once you've been approved for the grant, you have exactly 180 days in order to bring those positions on. The good thing for us is that we're going through the process of recruiting full-time firefighters. In fact, the team has been engaged in interviews for the last couple of days. We think the program will be very beneficial for us. Essentially for 25% of the wages and benefits and any potential overtime, which, hopefully, with the employment of these three positions, also with the positions that were previously approved by Council as a part of the 2018 budget, the two full-time positions, as well as the opportunity of providing health insurance for part-time employees that are willing to commit to working 48 hours. Hopefully, those things will work towards reducing a large amount of the overtime that we're experiencing in the Department. So, with that, I'm willing to answer any questions that you may have.

President Vanover: Well, we've got to jump back procedurally. We had the reading, we haven't had a motion yet, so, I'll entertain a motion on Ordinance No. 26-2018.

Mr. Shroyer made a motion to adopt; Mr. Anderson seconded.

Mayor Webster: Mr. Parham, I'm assuming, you know, during this three year period that we're going to lose some firefighters. Is there a reasonable amount of time for us to get a replacement in there? Is that spelled out?

Mr. Parham: I think it speaks to you have to be actively and reasonably, pursuing to engage and bring those people back on.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Alright.

Ordinance No. 26-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R4-2018

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING THE DRIVE APRONS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AS PART OF THE GLENSPRINGS DRIVE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Anderson made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Resolution No. R4-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R5-2018

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH OKI FOR THE E. CRESCENTVILLE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

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Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R5-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business - None

### New Business

Mr. Parham: Council, a couple of items for you. The Beacon Hills Subdivision Kenn Road Streets Rehabilitation Project; we've pointed out before, located between the residences of 12165 and 12175 Brookston Drive, like so many locations we know in the City, there are issues of water leaving the property, getting on to the roadway. In that particular location, we've been able to identify a solution for correcting the problem by installing a small drain. However, in order to do so, we must obtain both a permanent easement and a temporary easement from both homeowners. We've met with the homeowners, they are in favor of granting the easement to the City. What we've also done for their benefit, is to provide them with information, because in the rear of their homes, they experience standing water. I imagine they probably have a difficult time using the rear of their properties. We've designed the improvements such that, at some point in time, they can come together and put in a drain that would connect to this drainage system and allow their backyards to drain as well. Our primary purpose is to remove the hazard, the water from the road, of course, during the winter season with ice. We would ask for two pieces of legislation, to address this issue and would include one for each residence with a permanent and a temporary easement for the next Council meeting at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In addition, we had a bid opening on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the West Kemper Road Resurfacing Project. If you recall, that project involves the issues that we experienced on Kemper Road between Jake Sweeney Place and Northland Boulevard where the large vehicles were experiencing some sliding. The project went out to bid and the bids were open as indicated on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We received two bids. The apparent lowest and perhaps best base bid, if you will, was submitted by Barrett Paving Materials in the amount of \$265,174.34. There was also an alternate bid that we included as part of this process. If you recall, in 2015, we improved West Kemper Road from essentially Walnut Street to Lawnview Avenue. If we go in with this project, this goes from just to the west of Northland. You would have a gap in old pavement from Northland to Lawnview and so the alternate is to simply repave that area as well. The bid for the alternative Barrett came in at an additional \$100,862.70. Thereby, making their total bid \$366,037.04. The budget for 2018 included \$186,128. That budget also reflected these dollars, the project being paid for out of the Capital Improvement Fund, which means you would have to transfer dollars from the General Fund. Because these Comprehensive Capital Improvement Program projects have been relatively successful, all of our projects have either been completed with the ones from 2017 or, we now have a contract, an amount for what the project should come in at. When we look at the cost that we've paid out and we also look at what the contracts add up to, and we deduct that from the \$8.2 million dollars, we show roughly about a \$910,000 balance remaining. We can alleviate your fears of the \$186,128 versus the \$366,037.04. What we're proposing is to simply charge the \$366,037.04 against the \$910,000 that we'll have sitting there to be used just for these type of projects. With that, our balance would then be about \$535,000. We clearly are going to have other improvements throughout the community. In fact, a couple that I can identify very clearly that would qualify is going to need immediate attention over the next year or two in order to be addressed. With that, we would ask that an ordinance be brought in to award the contract for this project to Barrett Paving Materials at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Webster: Would you transfer any funds?

Mr. Parham: No, because we've already budgeted to spend all of the \$910,000.

The next item that I have for you, I think we just finished reading Resolution No. R4-2018, the Resolution of Necessity for the Glensprings Project at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. We believe we had the resolution of necessity for the Beacon Hills Subdivision/Kenn Road Rehabilitation Project. The City has received a letter objecting to the requirement that the property owner has to repair their drive apron. As a result of that, City Council is then charged to appoint an Equalization Board. That Board is to consist of three, what I call unaffected

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Mr. Parham (continued): residents. I believe the Charter refers to them as "Freeholders of the Municipality." Once the Council appoints the Board, the Board then has within 20 days of being appointed, must hold the hearing for the resident to have an opportunity to express why they believe that the process should not move forward with the requirement that they have to replace their apron. Then, we must notify that resident no less than 14 days prior to the hearing. The letters that have gone out to the residents indicate that they have until April 30<sup>th</sup>, there is that 21 days you recall was read in the resolution. The 21 day period in which they have to respond. We set a date of April 30<sup>th</sup> which gives us plenty of time, as you place them in the mail, to make sure that everyone has received their copy. I think, for somewhere around your May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting may be appropriate to appoint that Board of Equalization. If everyone can begin to maybe think of three individuals or, however you want to choose to establish that board, it really is left up to you as to who the individuals are that sit on the board. As long as they are residents of the community and they are not affected by this project. I do believe that is all I have for you this evening. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: Council, you have two liquor license requests this evening. This is a first, because they are for the exact same place. Everything is the same on these two requests other than the "from" date. On one of them, the "from" date is 3-19-18 and the other is 3-27-18. Other than that, everything is exactly the same. This is for Habanero's Mexican Restaurant dba Habanero's Mexican Restaurant at 925 East Kemper Road. This is the former Macaroni Grill. I did speak with Christine to see if there was any reason why we would have two. I did speak with Mr. Forbes about it as well. No reason that we have different dates on these. Advice from legal counsel is to address both of them. If we're inclined to do this, then we would sign off on both of them and send these up to the liquor board that we have no objections. Any questions, comments or concerns? If none, I'll go ahead and have the paperwork filed. Thank you.

### Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will be meeting Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Mrs. Emerson: Board of Health will meet April 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room adjacent to here.

Mayor Webster: I've got something very exciting I want to share with Council. I sent all of you an email late today giving you a "heads up" on this. I think we need to share this with the public. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, known as the CCSAR will be hosting a 17<sup>th</sup> Century ceremony to honor 12 patriots of the Revolutionary War along with the City of Springdale Ohio. This will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Old St. Mary's Cemetery on Route 4 at Cameron Road. Just one block south of Northland Boulevard. It's on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. CCSAR will bring their Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard. They will post colors and present a musket salute with the bravado of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, clad in the uniforms of those days. Community dignitaries will be in attendance as will several descendants of those who will be honored for the first time for their service to the USA that has been lost to history until the efforts of the City of Springdale to save the cemetery and the CCSAR Revolutionary War Sites and Patriot Graves Committee discovered their burial here and the service they performed. They will dedicate a granite monument with the names of the 12, five of which have no other identification in the St. Mary's site. There will be accompaniment to the prayers by a fifer, the bagpipes, a bugler and the mourning of the Musket unit. And we are pleased to have located family of some of our honorees who have come from as far away as Oklahoma to participate. It is open to the public and we would invite everyone to try and mark your calendars to attend that event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30. Thank you.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: The Civil Service will meet in the Administrative Conference Room tomorrow evening, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Co-ed softball is taking registrations. You can register at the Community Center and games are played on Tuesday evenings at the Community Center. Balance For Life returns to the Community Center beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>. It's an eight-week exercise class for mature adults designed to help those with balance

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Mrs. Zimmerlin (continued): issues and prevent falls. The class will meet each Friday at 11:00 a.m. and it's free of charge. Arbor Day ceremonies will be celebrated on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Hill Elementary at 10:50 a.m. and at Springdale Elementary at 1:00 p.m. Students will sing songs related to trees and the Mayor will present a Proclamation to the Public Works Department recognizing Springdale as Tree City USA. The Springdale Garden Club donates a tree to be placed at each school. City of Springdale income tax returns are due on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Tax Department will offer extended hours Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and then Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> they will be open until 7:00 p.m. I also want to mention that last week, the Springdale Health Department held the Spring Sports Camp. They had over 200 children attend. They received over \$3,000 in donations from the Community. They had \$5,000 worth of product donations. They held a food drive as well during that time and they were able to provide food for 150 families. They provided a free soccer ball and a t-shirt to all of the children. They also had Anthony Munoz, Omar Cummings, and Tommy Adams all attend the event.

Communications from the Audience - None

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number One was addressed with Resolution No. R4-2018; A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Improving the Drive Aprons in the Public Right-of-Way as a Part of the Glensprings Drive Rehabilitation Project. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Two was addressed with Ordinance No. 24-2018; An Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Development Plan to the Crossings at the Park PUD. That was a first reading. Item Number Three was addressed with Ordinance No. 23-2018; An Ordinance Amending Section 153.461 of the Springdale Zoning Code Regarding Temporary Signs. That was a first reading. Item Number Four was addressed with Ordinance No. 22-2018; An Ordinance Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement Relative to the East Crescentville Road Improvement Project Between the City of Springdale, the Board of Butler County Commissioners, and the City of Sharonville and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Five was addressed with Resolution No. R5-2018; A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File a Funding Application for Surface Transportation Program Funding Through OKI for the East Crescentville Road Improvement Project. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number Six was addressed with Ordinance No. 25-2018; An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Said Surplus Property and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. We also had Ordinance No. 26-2018; An Ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to apply for a Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Request for Three Full-Time Firefighters and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote as well.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There is a request for an Ordinance for permanent and temporary easements for the properties at 12165 Brookston and 12175 Brookston. Also, there is a request for an Ordinance rewarding a contract to Barrett Paving. We'll also have a second reading of Ordinance No. 24-2018; an Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Development Plan to the Crossings at the Park Planned Unit Development (PUD) as well as a second reading for Ordinance No. 23-2018; an Ordinance Amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio, to Amend Section 153.461 of the Springdale Zoning Code Related to Temporary Signs.

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Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins moved to adjourn. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear  
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:  
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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