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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup (continued): not bring the building materials and color palette that we had asked for, so, this time they did and that was quickly passed with a 6-0 vote. They're going to do a brick façade and then it's up to the owner if he wanted to put something to break it up or not, but the colors were approved and both the façades were approved either way that the owner wanted to do it. Our Health at 11568 Springfield Pike came with a Minor Improvement requiring Planning Commission approval. Both Lawrence and myself both agreed that it was a minor change; they were just basically adding a little tagline on to their already established sign. It passed with a 6-0 vote. Mi Tierra came at 401 West Kemper Road with a Minor Improvement requiring our approval. They were asking for signage. They're going in next to where O'Reilly's and the Dollar Store over here and so we approved their sign with a 6-0 vote. Mi Cozumel was coming. They wanted to add their logo to their already existing sign as well as something below that says, "Fiery Fajitas and Margaritas" and we had suggested that they also add "restaurant" because they wanted it to be recognized as a restaurant and not a store inside the mall. After some discussion, and both Lawrence and I agreeing that it was a Minor Change, it was approved with a 6-0 vote. That concludes my report unless Lawrence has anything to add.

Mr. Hawkins: The only two cents I'd add was it was also discussed that the Mi Cozumel sign was a little crooked.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: That is true. It was off-centered at the time and they did not realize it. They had hung it crooked, so, they were having it fixed to be straightened and they were going to add an Aztec god which is their logo and underneath it, Restaurant Fiery Fajitas and Margaritas. Thank you.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals met yesterday evening. We had five members present. We had two applications. The first one was from Conrex Property Management. They are the owners of 11833 Lawnview Avenue. This was a little bit of an unusual situation or at least different that we've had recently. These folks just bought the property in November. When they bought the property, the garage had already been converted. According to the Building Department, it had been converted for at least 12 years. They don't know whether if it was the previous owner, or the owner before that. This owner, Conrex Property did not know that it was not allowable, given the fact that it had been in place for so long, we went ahead and approved that so that they could continue to use the property as they intended when they purchased it. That went through with a 5-0 vote. We had Bayer/Becker on behalf of the Mapleknoll Communities at 11100 Springfield Pike. They were applying for a Zoning Variance to allow less than the required amount of feet between the two buildings. It was supposed to be 20 feet, per the code, and they wanted to do 15 feet. They had already been before Planning Commission and Planning Commission had kind of given their blessing. So, we also voted in favor of granting that variance and that also passed with a 5-0 vote. I think that was it. Anybody have questions? (no questions)

Board of Health

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health met on January 10th at 7:00 p.m. Health Commissioner's Report for the Springdale Quality of Life Committee, they met on January 8th and they continue to work on the Sports Camp that is going to be held on March 25th-March 28th. Their biggest obstacle right now is trying to get buses to take the kids from the Colony Apartments to Heritage Hill Elementary school. Several volunteers and sponsors for the event. Right now Dunkin Donuts, Target, and Humana. For the Public Health Accreditation, they continue to progress on that. They're looking to bring a student intern that will help and assist with that. We have a thing called "Produce Pop Up". It is sponsored by Freestore Foodbank, Feeding America, Princeton City Schools, and the Springdale Health Department. This is where they bring in free produce. They had one held in December and it fed about 100 families. This next one is scheduled for January 25th and it's going to run from 10:00 to 11:00 and it will be held at the Heritage Hill Elementary School. Some other incentives that the Springdale Health Department is working on is that they're going to have a Bedbug Workshop at the Willows Center. That is going to be held in January. I don't have a date on that. They held one in December and they had eight families attend that. They also submitted a grant application for the EPA Mosquito Control. We didn't have one last year, but we did have one the year before. For the Nurse's Report, Influenza Update; The activity in the United States and in Ohio has increased recently as we expected. The predominant viruses are the AH1N1 and the AH3. It's good news to know that the vaccination that you got this year, actually

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Mayor Webster (continued): imposed upon us. Thank goodness, the former Governor is no longer there, so, maybe we'll see some relief, although I haven't heard anything about it. Mr. Kasich took office eight years ago and he inherited a rainy day fund of \$1.98. Today, that fund stands in excess of \$2.7 billion dollars. They've reached their statutory limit and now they're arguing about what to do with the money instead of reinstating the local government fund money. The local government fund sharing had been in place since 1934 until Mr. Kasich decided to no longer do that. That alone cost us around \$700,000. He eliminated the Estate Tax, Tangible and Personal Property Tax. It was devastating on our budget and when I look back at what we used to take in and what we take in now, I'm absolutely amazed that we've been able to continue with the service levels that we have. I think what we're talking about is increasing the tax from 1.5% to 2.0%. We would still maintain 100% credit if you pay anything to another city. You get 100% here in the City when you go to file your income tax return and it's also important to note that only about 7% of the tax that we collect is paid by Springdale residents. Most of it is paid by withholdings from people that come to Springdale to work or our business community. I went back to see and review some of the things that we did when we last passed this in 2008. I was amazed that most of it is sort of the same type of thing that I've been sharing with you folks for the last three Council meetings. I think it's also important to realize that the following sources of income will not be affected by this. They will be exempt; pensions, social security benefits, annuities, interest income, dividends, alimony, military pay, capital gains, workmen's compensation, unemployment benefits, any kind of insurance benefits or prizes, welfare payments and profit-sharing. Now, what we had in 2004 was gambling winnings. I hesitate on saying that today, because I know the state has made some changes in the way gambling winnings are taxed. They would not change. Whatever we're doing today with gambling taxes, it will remain the same. I'm not sure it's the same as it was in 2004. Let me just take this opportunity to review quickly some of the services that we provide that we think is a pretty wide array of free City services. Garbage collection, curbside recycling, chipper service, fall leaf pickup, debris removal. No we have had to institute a small surcharge on leaving a truck in your driveway. Very low cost Community Center membership. It is free for seniors. No fee building permits for most home improvements. Smoke detectors, flu shots, cholesterol screenings, concerts, garage sales and community events such as the ComeUnity Bash. We've tried to maintain all of these and I think we've done a pretty good job of that. It's certainly my intention to try to continue to do that, but it's going to be extremely hard to maintain that level without adjusting this Earnings Tax. Even though you won't hear us talk about it every Council meeting, I don't think unless it's by request. But, this issue will be on the ballot on May 7th and after, hopefully, Council passes this Resolution tonight, Mr. Braun will be filing that with the Board of Elections. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions. (no questions) Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you sir.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: The General Fund update through December 31, 2018. Our receipts are based on that budget of \$18.907 million dollars. We did take in \$18.206 million dollars or 96% of the anticipated budget which, as you can see here, is a shortfall of about a little over \$700,000. Our receipts are made up of five general major categories; Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Mayor's Court, and Local Government Funds. That amount is \$16.773 million dollars or 92% of the received funds. On the expenditure side, we have a net budget of \$18.834 million dollars. We spent \$17.923 million dollars or 92% of the budget. An ending balance for December 31st was \$2.148 million dollars and that concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I think it was at the last Council meeting in December, Mr. Hawkins asked us to review the RC2 and the timeline concerning text messages. The Records Commission met this evening, and it was determined that a 72-hour (or until no longer of Administrative value) was the proper time to retain those. That would allow for requests to be made in a timely manner if a text message was sent on a Friday and then we have a three-day weekend. Once the amended RC2 is approved by the State, we can send it out to Council.

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Mr. Burton (continued): ultimately, what we should do PreK-12, is to assure everybody that when students leave Princeton, that they're going to be empowered and going to feel ready for college, career, or life success. Really, we spent a lot of time on our mission statement which is "Empowering each student for college, career, and life success". We spent a lot of time on the word "Each". We didn't believe that we should put "All". "All" is a group. If we truly believe in personalization, which we do at Princeton, then we have to go at the most micro level which would be "each". We're really personalizing education. We just had meetings today where we talked about five students, and each of those five had different pathways. Different pathways that they're going to be very, very successful in life. Two, were very specifically about college and really, really proud. Cornell, if they choose to go to Cornell will be great, but I believe it could be Yale; we're not 100% certain yet. We're really excited about the different pathways that they chose. We have a young man who's already enlisted in the Marines, been recognized at a board meeting. He was actually at our board meeting on Monday, which, if you didn't see it on our great public television station, if you didn't get to see that, I promise you, it was standing-room-only. There were probably, I have pictures, there were probably 25-30 people that were standing in the back. That is a board meeting. We're really excited. We recognized two State placers. Women's water polo, boy's water polo, on top of that, we recognized two teachers. One was a teacher fellow at Columbia University and then on top of that, we recognized another one of our great Eagle Scouts, which I believe, is four. Mrs. Roddy, was that the fourth one that we recognized? I'm here tonight with Tricia Roddy, who is our Director of many things, but Public Relations, Marketing, Communications. So we do so much to personalize education. We just believe in that. We're much more than our report card, but we know we need to do better. I would just like to thank you guys for the attention. You guys have certainly earned your pencil or your pen (laughter). Again, we just very much appreciate the partnership with Springdale and we know that we're only as strong as the City and we feel that the City is only as strong as its school. You definitely have our support. I understand the TPPT quite well, the CAT tax quite well, and the rainy day fund quite well. We're lobbying, we have met with Senator Terhar. We do have a new state rep, but prior to that, we met with Jonathan Dever multiple times to really advocate for Princeton which is advocating for Springdale and all the other entities that we represent. I'm done if you guys don't have any questions?

President Vanover: I don't see any lights. You have enlightened us.

Mr. Burton: If there are any questions or concerns that you do have, I'd be glad to answer them at any point. We're really, really proud of how much we've grown and really, again, the personalization is really, really important for us. In fact, one more thing, I'm going to throw this out there, like the engineer who was listening to the C.E.O. speak about this great new solar car for Toyota many years ago and it hadn't been designed and the engineer thought that there was another engineer team, because the C.E.O. had talked about it. The C.E.O. was just sending the message that the engineer certainly got. That, in one year, there would be a solar car. Well, I'm going to tell you right now, within two years, we're going to have a program at Princeton where students will be able to graduate with an Associate's Degree from Cincinnati State, on our dime, because that's the way college credit plus works. We're really excited about it. They'll be able to graduate with an Associate's Degree, taking care of two years of college and they would graduate at Cincinnati State before they graduate from Princeton, but you need the Princeton diploma. We're really excited about that. We're working on that. We're going to make that happen. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Mr. Burton: Go Vikes!

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Mr. Burton, I have one question for you real quick because you brought up the college credit plus. I know that there is a meeting on February 6th, is that correct?

Mr. Burton: Yes, there is.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Will someone be speaking on the degree on that date? Will that program be discussed as far as being able to graduate then or is that something further in the future?

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Mr. Burton: No, that would be the next year. Current seventh graders, they will be eligible for that when they go to high school. They will have a very, very defined pathway, but with the flexibility to make sure that we're still personalizing.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I know that there's a lot of people in Princeton who don't know about it. I do because my son goes there and I worked there before.

Mr. Burton: Sure, absolutely.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: My son is on the path with college plus and I cannot say enough about it. The fact that he will have those classes finished before he graduates from high school speaks volumes for this district. I've always been a cheerleader for the district. You know this, Ms. Roddy knows this. I love Princeton. My kids have loved Princeton. My daughter was the Class President 2017. We are Princeton people. This program is awesome and I don't know if enough people know about it. These students get to take college classes while they're still in high school, so they take their high school classes, they take their college credit classes and when they graduate, that's that many college classes that I, as a parent, do not have to pay for and that they get credit for and it counts towards their degree and I think it's an awesome program and I can't say enough about it. Not every school has this; Princeton does. I say that, Princeton does.

Mr. Burton: Schools run away from it because there's "flow-through" dollars that we lose. But, if we truly, honestly believe in empowering each, then we can't run away from that. We can't not talk about it. We need to. We have 77 students that can qualify for free college education or close to free college education. Two programs we have, both with the University of Cincinnati, but one in partnership with the National Institute of Health, 25 students that are doing action research to address some of the drug problem that is currently in Greater Cincinnati and also rural Cincinnati, right outside Brown County, I believe it is. So, we are really excited, and, again, we're doing that. So, thank you very much. We take great pride in that. So, thank you. Go Vikes!

President Vanover: Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2-2019

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ADLETA, INC. FOR THE OLDE GATE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2019; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mr. Hawkins: Just checking with the Administration or Mr. Shveg zda. There's some speed bumps back there right now. Are those not going to be replaced once they finish this project?

Mr. Shveg zda: Those speed bumps are back beyond the public right of way, so we won't be effecting those at all.

Mr. Hawkins: Okay.

Ordinance No. 2-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mayor Webster: I have a question. Mr. Hawkins, did you think we snuck in some speed bumps on a City street? (laughter)

Mr. Hawkins: It's a hot topic. I just wanted to make sure where things stood. (laughter)

Mayor Webster: There's a pretty clear mark or line between the City maintained property and the private property there. The speed bumps are on that private property.

Mr. Hawkins: Back there, there are all kinds of speed control devices. There's some humps, there some bumps (laughter).

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Resolution No. R20-2018

RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN INCREASE IN INCOME TAX TO TWO PERCENT (2.0%) AND DIRECTING THAT THE INCREASE IN INCOME TAX BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R20-2018; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Mrs. McNear: As you heard the Mayor explain earlier today, that there are only seven percent of the people who live in the City of Springdale that will actually be paying for this increase, everything else will come from people who work in this City or from the businesses. I fall into that seven percent group, and I tell you I fully endorse this and hope that everybody who lives in Springdale will come out and show their support and vote for this, because we absolutely need it to continue the services that we provide today. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: I have a question for Mr. Braun. Who determines the wording of the actual language on the ballot?

Mr. Braun: The wording is determined by the Board of Elections. They do let us have the opportunity to come down and review it. We will have that opportunity to review it. But, the Board of Elections ultimately does and it is submitted to the Secretary of State's office, who, either signs off on it, or they can revise it.

Mayor Webster: But you get to see it then?

Mr. Braun: I can notify you and or Council if they are interested in that inspection period. We will be assigned a time and a date.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Thank you.

Resolution No. R20-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: Mrs. McNear, know that I am in that same seven percent too.

Old Business

Mayor Webster: I'd like to talk about some Old Business called R20-2018, that you just passed. We will be forming a committee to get this passed and I will be asking Mr. Braun to file those papers with the Board of Elections. As soon as we can come up with a Treasurer, we will be taking donations to help fund this levy. In 2004, we asked all the elected officials to donate \$100 and that was our total budget was \$900 and that is exactly what we spent. Things have gone up, I suspect we will probably have to spend more than \$900 this time, but if Council could see fit to part with \$100, we certainly would appreciate your contribution, and if anyone else wants to contribute to this effort, please do so. One other thing, let me share with you, if I can get my hands on it here real quick. Last time, the Committee was called Keep Springdale Great; I don't have the exact wording here, something to that effect. I would propose that we do the same thing again. It was paid for by the Committee To Keep Springdale Great and it identifies the Treasurer and it has our address. Unless someone else wants to step forward and do so, I'll be more than happy to get this thing started.

President Vanover: By acclamation.

Mayor Webster: Nobody wants to arm wrestle about this? (laughter) Alright.

Mrs. McNear: When do you want the checks?

Mayor Webster: Let's get the Committee formed first, and get the Treasurer identified, and get the papers filed with the Board, so we're legal.

Mrs. McNear: Thank you.

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New Business

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None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers, Planning Commission will meet. Mary Jane Brooks asked me to speak on behalf of Springdale Youth Boosters about something that's coming up next month. We have the 45th Cinema Horse Races and Monte Carlo Night. It is their biggest event and the longest running event that they've had. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. The first race starts at 8:00 p.m. The tickets are \$8. You could pay ahead of time at the Community Center or at the door. You must be 21 or over to attend. So, you must have your license with you. It doesn't matter if you are the Mayor, it doesn't matter if you are whoever you are; you must have your license to get in. It's the Alcohol Board, they kind of make you have that. They will have the Cinema Horseraces, blackjack, money wheel, Texas Hold'em, door prizes, raffles, big and small. I was told they're going to have about 30 baskets to raffle off, so that's pretty impressive. They're going to have two different size ones. They're going to have the bigger ones that the tickets will be more expensive and then they'll have the regular size ones that they've always have and those will be a different kind of price. They will be doing heads and tails and split the pot. The bead necklaces; that's for the heads and tails correct? They'll be selling bead necklaces to participate in the heads and tails, which is always fun. They also have the opportunity to sponsor a race. I do have race sponsor papers if you were interested in sponsoring a race. I know that I already have Mrs. McNear's. It is \$50 to sponsor a race and they ask for your name, or the company. So, it could be a personal one or a company sponsored race. You get to title your race. You can either make it your name or you can make it whatever. You can theme the races. You get to name all ten horses in your race. It's really, really fun. I know that last year we did have a sports team. One of our teams sponsored and they had ten kids on their team, so every one of the kids that was on the team had a horse and their parents were all there so they bid on their kids' horses. It's a lot of fun. It's my favorite event to go to every year. You get to bring in your own food. You can reserve tables if you have enough people; you just have to contact SYB ahead of time by calling the Community Center (346-3910). It's a really, really great time. I suggest people come out. Bring friends; the bigger, the better. This is the 45th annual one. I mean, to me, that's a big deal. All the proceeds go to Springdale Youth Boosters. Denise from Springdale Youth Boosters is also in our audience. All the proceeds do go to Springdale Youth Boosters and what they do is they use all the proceeds to pay for uniforms, ref fees, the umpire fees, insurance, everything to cover our youth sports program to keep that cost down for our young athletes in Springdale so they can participate in our sports. That is going to be on Saturday, February 23rd. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. The first race is at 8:00 p.m. Thanks.

Mrs. McNear: This is an announcement to all the elected officials. It is now time to be thinking about your 2018 financial disclosure that is due to the Ohio Ethics Commission. It is due on May 15th. I will continue to give you a reminder once a month that you need to get this thing filed as soon as possible. The second item I have, as you recall a couple of meetings ago we did have the owner from the Juicy Crab as well as his attorney present talking with us about the liquor license which we had approved that night to expedite. I did want to let you know that we did receive the official notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. I did sign off on that and it has been filed. I did want to let you know that piece has been finalized. That concludes what I have for this evening. Thank you.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I want to remind everyone that Martin Luther King Day is this coming Monday, the 21st and the City offices will be closed. The Community Center will be open their holiday hours 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. I have a few announcements from the Park and Rec Department. As I said last time, the AARP Income Tax help will begin on February 1st. Its' a one hour appointment and they are available every Friday morning through April 5th. The program provides assistance for simple and state and federal tax returns, but you do need an appointment. The Fitness Challenge at the Park and Rec Department is also kicking off for 2019. It begins on January 28th. It's an eight-week program and it's designed to help individuals stay motivated and have fun and educate them along the way regarding nutrition. Participants will be able to earn points by working out, answering nutrition questions, and completing their weigh-ins. You also need to register for that. Club Rec Winter Extreme Games will be held on Friday, February 1st. The theme this year is "A Night of Mystery". Children grades fifth through eighth and their guests, will be challenged to be the first to solve the mystery. The cost is \$2 for SEC members and \$3 for non-members. For all of those events, you can contact the Park and Rec Department at 346-3910.

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Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on February 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room adjacent to here.

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Webster: Just a comment on Mrs. McNear's report about Juicy Crab. I'm shocked to see this name Juicy Crab because that's a trademarked name for a chain of restaurants down in Atlanta, Georgia. First off, they asked for a permit with the wrong address. The address was out in the middle of Kemper Road or Chesterdale Road, one or the other. So, they opened the business, they opened for hours, I guess, until the place in Atlanta discovered the infringement on the name. Made them close the place up, renamed it Cincy Crab, and now we get a liquor permit for Juicy Crab. It sounds like we've gone full circle with these folks. Mrs. Russell, could you maybe shine some light on this? Thank you.

Mrs. Russell: So, what I think happened, and I don't know this 100%, but when they created their company and filed with the Secretary of State, it was called Juicy Crab, Inc. and that is what is on record with the Secretary of State. That is what they initially applied for their liquor license using that name and so they are continuing to use that as their corporation name, but the restaurant is called Cincy Crab. The name of the restaurant has definitely changed, but that is still a leftover, if you will, from when they initially incorporated in Ohio and filed with the Secretary of State. Those things have to match.

Mayor Webster: I guess it's perfectly legal to have a liquor license in one name and then a different name on the front of the building?

Mrs. Russell: Yes, that's actually pretty common. The liquor license is under the corporate name, but then the business may be operating under a different retail name.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. Russell: Sure.

Communications from the Audience

Mrs. Bollinger: I live on Rosetta Court and at the corner of Rosetta and Silverwood, there's like big hole right in the middle of the street. I was wondering what was going to happen with that hole? Because kid's feet can go like right in it. I didn't know if you guys had anything to do with that? It's when they re-did the streets and now there's like a big sinkhole when our kids cross the street to get on the bus, they can kind of; their foot can fall right into it. You can see right down to the sewer, into the water.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: We didn't know about it. We can take a look tomorrow.

Mrs. Bollinger: Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: That was one I had reported when it had first happened, I sent pictures of the sinkhole as well as the Mangrove Lane stuff. It was a smaller hole and it has gotten larger.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 2-2019; an Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Adleta, Inc. for the Olde Gate Reconstruction Project and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Resolution No. R20-2018; a Resolution Proposing an Increase in Income Tax to Two Percent (2%) and Directing that the Increase in Income Tax be Submitted to the Electors. That passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters were forthcoming.

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Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There's a request for an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 58-2018 to Amend the Pay Table for Part-Time and Seasonal Employees. That's all I have unless there's anything else from Administration or from Council.

President Vanover: Are we good Administration? (Nodded yes)

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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