

City of Springdale Council

March 20, 2019

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on March 20, 2019.

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

Mrs. McNear provided the Invocation.

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

The minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting were considered.

President Vanover: Council, we have before us the minutes of the March 6th meeting and there are some corrections that have been pointed out. On the back of the first page where it says, "Mr. Braun:" and it's spelling; the "principle" should be "P A L" instead of "P L E". It's a homonym and we'll blame that on word correct. Then, in the motion to go into Executive Session, the word "in" at the end of the sentence there was not part of the actual statement, so we can "nix" that. It's where it says, "Executive Session – Economic Development". Mrs. Emerson made a motion to go into Executive Session with City Legal Counsel "in", but that shouldn't be in there, it was "pursuant to". There was one other point brought out; Mr. Hawkins pointed out that when roll call was called, it's not noted that I was there, even though I did call the meeting to order. That's the changes. If you are willing to approve the minutes with these changes, I'll take a motion.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and to be published; Mr. Anderson seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Civil Service met on March 7th at 5:30 p.m. All members were present. At the meeting, they discussed the upcoming Fire Lieutenant promotional examination that is going to happen in the Fire Department on April 12th.

Rules and Laws	Mrs. Emerson	-	No report
Finance Committee	Mr. Hawkins	-	No report

Planning Commission

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: The Planning Commission met in these chambers on March 12th at 7:00 p.m. All seven members were here. The only New Business we had was the Housing Network of Hamilton County at 242 West Sharon Road. They were coming for their final development plan. They came to us about a year ago when they came before City Council as well about a year ago for the Housing Network that is going to be on West Sharon Road. They had finally gotten their financing and things like that in place and they came with their Final Development Plan. Basically, they had the four units; they were all completely vinyl siding in their plans and that is not in our Code. You have to have 50% of it being masonry work, brick, or stone on 50% of three facing sides, so they asked for a continuance while they go back and figure out how they can meet those or get as close as possible. We had a 7-0 vote to table it until next month. During discussion, because during our report on Council that Mr. Hawkins gave, we talked a little bit about the commercial trucks and vans and things like that, there was a little discussion about that because Mr. Okum asked if it would go before Planning and we kind of discussed how some things might have to go before Planning, but other things would just come to Council. We went through all the different rules of how things are and different thoughts and through that, they were talking about how, even if you have a commercial truck or car at your house, that it's against the law to have cars there that people come and drive and leave like that. You can't dispatch from your home no matter what, and we were just kind of talking about that in conjunction with everything else. They are waiting to hear what we decide and what comes from this body, if anything does come before Planning. That was pretty much all that we had unless Mr. Hawkins has anything else to add. Thank you.

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Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals met yesterday evening. We only had one application and that was on behalf of the owner at 581 Observatory Drive. Her general contractor actually made the presentation. They were requesting a variance to allow the side yard setback to be slightly less than required. The setback is supposed to be six feet and they needed it to be five feet and six inches. It was a minimal amount of space and that was approved with a 6-0 vote. We talked about moving the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to the fourth Tuesday of each month instead of the third Tuesday of each month. That was brought forward from Mr. Champion. I guess there was some administrative delays when BZA and Planning are back to back and that seems very logical to me. We voted on that and everyone was in agreement that whenever it works out, we're ready to go to the fourth Tuesday from the third Tuesday. The last item was we did have a member of the Board resign. Mr. Gregory Johnson resigned due to conflicts with his work schedule. At this point we will need to replace him on the Board. If anyone in the City or if any of the residents are interested in serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals or if the Council knows of people that would be interested and qualified, we would like to have those names brought forward by the next meeting so we could get the vacancy replaced as soon as possible. I think that's it, unless you have something to add (directed to Mr. Anderson).

Mr. Anderson: I would just add one thing on the case that came before us last night, the setback of six inches. I think it's important to note that the primary residence itself was already in that same distance. So, it wasn't a new variance, it was the principal residence just by the way it was built previously was already violating that setback and they were extending off the back directly replacing a fence that was already there. That was one of the major factors that allowed us to grant that variance is the principal residence itself was already in that setback and it had been like that since it was built before the Zoning Code would have applied.

Mrs. Ghantous: Thank you. Good point. Anybody else have questions? (None) Then, that will conclude my report.

Board of Health

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health met on March 14th. All were in attendance. The Health Commissioner's Report stated that the Springdale Quality of Life Committee are finalizing the plans for the Sports Camp. That's going to happen on March 25th through the 29th. That's 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each day at the Heritage Hill Elementary School. Breakfast and lunch are provided. At that meeting, they had 180 kids already registered and they were expecting more to register up to the date. A bus will be available to pick up the children from The Colony Apartments and Springdale Elementary School this year. They'll take them to the camp and return them back. This camp has been done for several years and it is totally supported by donations and by many volunteers. The children will receive soccer balls, t-shirts, Frisbees, along with a great time. The Family Celebration will close it out and that will be on Saturday, March 30th. That is from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Chamberlain Park. Join the family fun, music and food. The Springdale Coalition of Churches met on March 5th and they had a couple of guest speakers. One was Honorable Judge Heather Russell of Hamilton Municipal Court. Judge Russell spoke about a program called CHANGE Court. She is the one who founded this in 2014. CHANGE stands for Changing Habits And Setting New Goals is Empowering. This is a judge-supervised treatment program that addresses human trafficking and to be eligible for this program, individuals would be charged with a misdemeanor of prostitution or solicitation. Participants may be eligible for expungement on their record after they successfully complete the program. The final decision rests with the prosecution. The second guest speaker was Steve Stephenson and he shared with the committee about a program called Life Forward. This program is free of charge. It's a goal to help women and their needs if they are feeling overwhelmed with pregnancy by providing resources, assistance, referrals, and care. Life Forward offers one-on-one mentorship, parenting classes, places to stay, and referrals to churches and help to dress for success. They currently have two locations; one is in Clifton and one is here in Springdale at the Healing Center and they're looking to open a third location in Loveland and that's looking to be opened in 2020. The Pop-Up Produce had a successful outing in February. They served 150 families. They had a second one on March 15th and they were expecting another 150 families to serve. The Ohio EPA 2019 Mosquito Control Grant that was applied for that was for \$20,000 was submitted back in February and we are still waiting for approval on that. National Public Health Week will be April 1st through the 7th. For the Nurse's Report, the

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Mrs. Emerson (continued): communicable diseases report for Springdale in February; there were no Hepatitis A cases. There were five cases of influenza that were hospitalized. There was one case of syphilis. A reminder announcement was sent out to all schools and daycares on measures to help prevent the spread of the flu and symptoms of the flu. There was one dose of Narcan given in the month of February. That concludes my report unless there is questions.

President Vanover: I don't see any. Thank you ma'am.

Capital Improvements	Mrs. Emerson	-	No report
O-K-I	Mr. Anderson	-	No report

Mayor's Report

Mayor Webster: This is a report on a letter that I got today. I don't really understand it, but it's from the Arbor Day Foundation informing me that they are congratulating us on our recognition as a 2018 Tree City USA award recipient. This is old news as far as I'm concerned, so I don't know why we got this today, but, Arbor Day is coming up. It's on Friday, the 26th of April I believe, so, you'll be hearing more about that. I think this is the 27th year in a row, I believe that we've been bestowed that honor. It's pretty remarkable. I don't know why I got it today though. Anyway, I'll give you a little update on our tax levy. Late today, I, via email, sent all of you (Council) a copy of what hopefully will be the final draft of the piece that we will distribute to the entire City. That's now scheduled to happen over the weekend of May third, fourth, and fifth. So, we're certainly looking for volunteers. The Fire Union has stepped up and said they would be more than happy to help, but we're always looking for more help to do that. Just to give you an idea of the penetration of our message; I went down and talked to the Springdale Senior Citizens last Tuesday, I guess it was the 12th, I think it was Monday. Then, Amanda addressed the Police Academy and the Block Watch group on the 13th. I understand that she did a great job. Next Monday, I talked to the homeowner's group from The Crossings. Next Tuesday, a business group down at Frame USA, then next Wednesday, the homeowners group from Olde Gate. Then, I'm going down to Mapleknoll on April 10th. Just as a reminder, we have the special Council meeting scheduled for April 24th down at the Community Center. The Springdale newsletter should drop late next week and it has a front page article about the tax levy. It's also on our Facebook page and the City website. In addition to having four readings of the resolution, and me talking about it at every Council meeting, I don't know what else we could do to get the word out to people, but I'm sure there are people out there that are saying, "I didn't know this". I don't know what else we can do, so, anyway, thank all of you for your support and we'll hopefully get this thing passed. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: The General Fund Update through February 28th. For our General Fund receipts, a net receipt budget of \$18.83 million dollars and we have received \$3.215 million dollars, which is 17% of the anticipated budget. Our major sources of revenue are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Mayor's Court. That is a total of \$2.726 million dollars, or 85% of our revenue received to date. For the expenditures through February 28th, for our net budget it is \$19.156 million dollars and we have spent \$2.954 million dollars, which is 16% of the budget. Our ending General Fund Balance through February 28th is \$2.26 million dollars and that concludes the report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Staff had an opportunity to meet with the Hamilton County Regional Planning and they have offered to provide a couple of meetings for the community and Council and some of the other boards to do a "bridging session" since we can't do a full comprehensive plan right now. We don't have the funds to do that, we can do a bridging session. We're looking at late April, maybe early May at getting that scheduled. They're reviewing documents that we sent over to them now. So, once we get dates, we'll bring that back to you and hopefully everyone can attend and we can really start thinking about what we want to be when we grow up.

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President Vanover: You're correct. Because that (April 3rd) would be before Planning. So, I'll entertain a motion to continue the Public Hearing In Process until the April 17th meeting.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to continue the Public Hearing In Process to the April 17th meeting; Mrs. Ghantous seconded the motion.

President Vanover: Any further discussion? (none) Mr. Braun, it looked like you had some words of wisdom.

Mr. Braun: I just want to say, it's fine to continue the Public Hearing In Process, then there should be a second motion to continue Ordinance No. 8-2019 and 9-2019 to that same date.

President Vanover: Okay. Well we've got the motion to continue the Public Hearing; a motion and a second. Mrs. McNear to do roll call on that issue.

Motion to continue the Public Hearing In Process on Ordinance No. 8-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to continue Ordinance No. 8-2019 to the April 17th meeting in process; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Motion to continue Ordinance No. 8-2019 to the April 17th meeting passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to continue the Public Hearing In Process to the April 17th meeting for Ordinance No. 9-2019; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion.

Mr. Hawkins: Do we have to officially re-open, specifically, a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 9-2019 or the fact that we've already had the one open for the Ordinance No. 8-2019 is that sufficient?

Mr. Braun: I think we should at least call on the audience and see if there's anyone who would like to speak on Ordinance No. 9-2019, assuming there's not, then we continue it "In Progress". I know you did do that language for the first one, so we should do it for the second one.

President Vanover: At that time, we'll open up a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 9-2019. This is again, dealing with the same piece of property, the old Staples building and the old Pat & Joe's furniture facility. Is there anybody in the audience that would like to address Council for any reason on this issue?

Ms. Morgan: I'm Victoria Morgan; it's a new day. Good evening everyone. So, Red Dog. That is a doggy day care.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Yes ma'am.

Ms. Morgan: And then, the back of the Pat & Joe's building is going to be used for

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Storage.

Ms. Morgan: For . . .

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Personal

Ms. Morgan: Building storage?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: No, like personal storage. You could go rent a space.

Ms. Morgan: So, it's going to be a storage unit.

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Mrs. Zimmerlin: Yes ma'am.

Ms. Morgan: In that building?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Yes.

Ms. Morgan: Okay. So, you're going to open this up to the community to make that decision? I've been missing a little bit; personal issues, health issues, dealing with family, but you're going to open that up or has it already been opened up to the public if that is something, because I remember going to a zoning meeting and, again, I am more into wellness, so, I thought maybe in that area, a wholeness or wellness market. Something that is going to serve the community. We already have Tri-County Mall that has been purchased, from what I understand, but, we need something in the community that's going to be for wellness. Dogs are great, I had one, but we need to take care of us first before we can take care of the animals. I'm just thinking something like that in that area.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Well, I can tell you with this particular site that was the proposal that came before Planning Commission. That's what Planning Commission has recommended to Council. We're having the Public Hearing right now, so, your comments are being put into the record.

Ms. Morgan: Okay.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: We haven't had a proposal for a wellness center or a health food store or anything like that.

Ms. Morgan: Okay, so, on the 17th, that is a motion that can be or this kind of like concrete or me speaking out could be an open discussion to maybe find something else other than doggy day care?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Sure. If someone were to come before the Planning Commission and make that proposal, absolutely.

Ms. Morgan: Okay. On the 17th?

President Vanover: Yes ma'am.

Ms. Morgan: Alright. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: This is not owned by the City. The property that we're talking about; this is a private property. It's not up to us. I can't say, "I want that to be a wellness". It's whatever they sell it and whatever the developer wants to do.

Ms. Morgan: Pat & Joe's is personal property? Or is that both Staples and

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: They're both private properties. They are not the City's properties at all. We don't own any of that. I just wanted to make that clear because I didn't know. We don't own any of that, so we don't have control over what goes in and doesn't go in as far as what; we don't sell it. It's the owner's. They come before us for a PUD and they tell us what they want to do and then, as Planning Commission, we recommend to the Council and the Council votes from there if that's what we want, but, absolutely, your voice is heard. I just wanted to make it absolutely clear that it wasn't City property, just so it was on the record. Thank you so much for coming.

President Vanover: Anybody else like to address Council in the Public Hearing? Seeing nothing else, I will entertain a motion to continue the public hearing in process. We have that so, any discussion? Mrs. McNear poll Council.

Motion to continue public hearing in process for Ordinance No. 9-2019 was approved with seven affirmative votes.

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President Vanover: Now I'll entertain a motion to continue Ordinance No. 9-2019 in process to the April 17th meeting.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to continue Ordinance No. 9-2019 to the April 17, 2017 meeting; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Motion to continue Ordinance No. 9-2019 to the April 17, 2019 meeting passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R4-2019

APPOINTING _____ AS A MEMBER OF THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL

President Vanover: Is there anybody that has any names?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Do they have to be Council?

President Vanover: We could appoint a citizen too, but, primarily, this would be Council. If somebody wants to volunteer, we'll take it. It does not have to be done tonight. We're not up against a hard line; we can continue.

Mr. Anderson: I just wanted to make it known that I certainly have time to be on this. If we're looking for names, I'm more than willing to serve on the board. I wouldn't be opposed either way. Thank you.

President Vanover: Well, we've got a name. Is there anybody else?

Mr. Hawkins: I just wanted to nominate Jeff Anderson (laughter) as a member of the Springdale Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council.

Mrs. Ghantous: I second that motion.

Resolution No. R4-2019

APPOINTING JEFFREY ANDERSON AS A MEMBER OF THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R4-2019; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Resolution No. R4-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R5-2019

APPOINTING _____ AS A MEMBER OF THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL

President Vanover: Is there another individual interested? I would be willing to fill if that's up to whoever.

Mr. Anderson: I would like to make a motion to nominate Mr. Thomas Vanover to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council.

Mr. Hawkins: Second.

Resolution No. R5-2019

APPOINTING THOMAS VANOVER AS A MEMBER OF THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL

Mr. Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R5-2019; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Resolution No. R5-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Old Business

Mr. Hawkins: I just had a question for Administration. We had had some conversations some time ago about Ohio Checkbook and I know we went through and looked at some things. I couldn't recall what took place some time ago in terms of where that was. I know we had to look at sort of database they used compared to what we use.

Mrs. McNear: Yes, we've engaged with Ohio Checkbook folks quite often. The last engagement we had with them is that they had provided a database for us. It did not meet the requirements that we had requested and we sent it back to them. We followed up with them a couple of times since, and there has been no response from that. So, we've just let it go dormant at this point.

Mr. Hawkins: How long ago has it been?

Mrs. McNear: It was last year.

Mr. Hawkins: Okay.

Mrs. McNear: I made attempts and Jeff (Williams) made several attempts and there was just no further update or follow up from them. That told us that they had no interest in meeting the requirements that we provided to them.

Mr. Hawkins: Okay.

New Business

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None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. on April 9th.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: The Springdale Garden Club will be holding a "Tea on the Wild Side" on Sunday, April 7th from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center. You can enjoy good food, friends, raffles, and a hat contest for the best safari-themed and funniest hats. Prepaid admission tickets are \$20 for adults; \$6 for children 4-12 years old; and three and under are free. You make your checks payable to the Springdale Garden Club and you can contact Mrs. Knox for more information about that. You have to register by March 29th. Co-ed softball league registration is underway. You can contact the Community Center for those details as well. There is also an employment opportunity in the Park and Rec Department. They're accepting applications for part-time maintenance workers and part-time custodian and part-time customer service assistant and seasonal maintenance and lifeguard. Information and applications are available on the City's website and you can contact the Community Center for more information.

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on April 11th at 7:00 in the conference room adjacent to here.

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet April 16th at 7:00 in the chambers here.

Communications from the Audience

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None

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 8-2019 which was continued to April 17, 2019 with a 7-0 vote which was An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change for the Real Property Located at 12000 and 12050 Princeton Pike in the City of Springdale. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 9-2019 which was continued to April 17, 2019 with a 7-0 vote which was An Ordinance Approving the Preliminary Development Plan for the Real Property Located at 12000 and 12050 Princeton Pike in the City of Springdale. Item Number III was addressed with

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Mr. Hawkins (continued): Resolution No. R4-2019 and Resolution No. R5-2019 respectively appointing Jeffrey Anderson and Thomas Vanover with 7-0 votes for Resolutions Appointing Two Members to the Springdale CRA Housing Council. We had Item Number IV which is forthcoming Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with TEC Engineering, Inc. for the Provision of Professional Services for the Operations and Maintenance of the City of Springdale's Traffic Control System and Declaring an Emergency.

Recap of Legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: I don't have any unless there is anything the Administration has or any members of Council.

President Vanover: Well, one item would be nominations for replacement on BZA. That way, we can get that Board back up to full strength.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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