

City of Springdale Council

May 1, 2019

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on May 1, 2019.

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 April 17, 2019 meeting were considered.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Emerson seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Communications	-	None
Communications from the Audience	-	None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. R7-2019

COMMENDING CITY OF SPRINGDALE PATROL OFFICER KAYLA JUSTICE FOR COMPLETING THE BOSTON MARATHON

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R7-2019; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mayor Webster: All I can say is the same thing I said when I opened that Facebook message and I saw a face on there and I said, "Wow! One of our officers did this." We're very pleased to have you participate in the Boston Marathon. I checked with the Chief (Mathis) and he says, as far as he knows, you're the first Springdale officer or Springdale participant in the Boston Marathon. You should take great pride in that. We're very proud of you and we wish you the best in your future marathons and I'm assuming you'll be running the "Pig" this weekend, is that right?

Officer Justice: I'm actually not because I'm participating in the Police Unity Tour. We leave on Tuesday, so I had to pick and choose. I've done it for the past four or five years, but I'm taking a year off.

Mayor Webster: Well, good luck in all your future marathons, but, we're very proud of you. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Well, I'll just say it is beyond me that I haven't had a reason to run to the refrigerator, let alone 26.2 miles. So, congratulations, that's amazing.

Resolution No. R7-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mayor Webster: I have to apologize here. We don't have one bound for you, but we will take this resolution, once it's properly signed and we'll put it in a folder like this and present it to you. So, just for pictures, why don't you come down front and we'll present this to you and you've got to give it back because I've got to give it to the Chief later on (laughter). Applause

Mayor Webster: President Vanover I have a proclamation I want to read for Police Week. While I'm down here and save me a trip, I'll just read it from here.

President Vanover: Go right ahead.

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*“WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day, and the calendar week of each year during which such May 15<sup>th</sup> occurs as Police Week; and*

*WHEREAS, in the United States, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across our great country, including 36 full and part time officers within our own department; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 21,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including 163 officers during 2018; and*

*WHEREAS, in conjunction with the observance of Police Week, May 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Springdale Police Department will host the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Law Enforcement Expo at Tri-County Mall on June 2<sup>nd</sup>; and*

*WHEREAS, these events are to honor the men and women who have died in the line of duty to protect and serve; and*

*WHEREAS, the men and women of the Springdale Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service by safeguarding the lives and property of their fellow citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country, state, and city internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations; and*

*WHEREAS, this administration joins in this special tribute to acknowledge all officers who have given the supreme sacrifice – their lives – in defense of all citizens.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as*

*POLICE WEEK*

*In the City of Springdale and urge all citizens to observe this week in ways appropriate to its significance.*

With that, I'd like to present this proclamation to Chief Mathis.

Chief Mathis: I'm bringing my backup with me. Mayor, thank you. Members of Council. Just to say a few words. I brought a couple of people with me that I'd just like to introduce to you and say a few words because it's not all about me; it's about what we do as a team. This week coming up is to honor those who have made their sacrifices. I think a lot about different things that I have seen in my career. I got hired here on April 16, 1986. On April 16, 1987, that my was my one-year probation and I thought, "Well, it's going to be a lot harder for them to fire me now." (laughter). I was excited because that was great news and I woke up that day to discover that one of my Police Academy instructors, Officer Clifford George had been killed in the line of duty that morning in the City of Cincinnati. So, every one of my anniversary dates that I have ever had, on my anniversary, I think of him and the sacrifice he made and I think it's helped me keep a commitment to being safe and to thinking about that. Because, I know if it could happen to him, it could happen to anybody. We've seen a lot of tragedy here in the last year. Deputy Brewer in Clermont County, and Officer Woods in Colerain Township who died in the line of duty serving and protecting the citizens. This is a difficult job. It's a 24/7 operation. There's a lot of people working behind the scenes that most of you know about because you operate within the City government, but, most people never see. So, Officer Lyons here, I'd just like to introduce him and allow him to share in this and give him some commendation. Everyone down there deserves commendations, but I have to pick a couple of people because Mrs. Zimmerlin told me I only have so many minutes to speak (laughter) and Kellen here, we hired him in 2008 and he's one of those guys that is just a solid hire. He is, no offense, he's not flashy. He's low-key. He just comes in, he does his job; he

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Chief Mathis (continued): does it well. He does it with excellence and he goes home. He serves the Community well. He's on third shift. He's one of those "deep night dogs" who's out there while most of us are sleeping. He's one of our field training officers. He's on the Traffic Reconstruction Unit when we have a fatal or serious crash. He helps respond out to investigate that. He's on the Springdale Police Department Honor Guard. That's a position that he shares with Officer Justice. I'm going to have her speak in a few minutes and I can't help but take this shot, because Chief Shroyer knows there's always a little Police/Fire rivalry going on. I wouldn't have brought her up here if I knew her boyfriend was a fireman (laughter). Well, I knew he was a fireman, but it was too late, you guys already had the resolution planned and it was just too late. I'm not sure she would have passed her psychological either when that happened, but, nonetheless, she's here. She's also a member of our Springdale Police Honor Guard and she's a member of our Bike Patrol. She does a great job. She's also on third shift out there and protecting everybody while they are sleeping. Obviously, she's very fit; does a great job and, again, a great hire. We went to school together, believe it or not. We were in the Master's Program at the same time at U.C. (University of Cincinnati). She cheated off of me, that's how she graduated (laughter). She's new enough that I can do this to her, and get away with it. But, she's going on the Police Unity Tour, so I just wanted her to take a minute or two to explain that again because that's a big program that we've done for many years here and, again, it's to honor people that have died in the line of duty.

Officer Justice: Like I said, I'm taking a pass on the Flying Pig this year because, for the first time, I'm doing the Police Unity Tour. It's a long-standing annual event. It comes from many parts of the country. What we do in Springdale is that we start in New Jersey. We take a bike ride from New Jersey all the way to (Washington) D.C. and we ride into D.C. on May 13<sup>th</sup>, which is the National Police Day. We ride into the Police Memorial and, from what I've heard, it's a really moving event. Like he said, the Police Unity Tour is to honor fallen officers. We raise money. It's myself, two other current Springdale Police Officers and then Fred Romano, a retired police officer. We've been raising money doing different fundraisers; you may have heard about some of them over the past few months and then we leave this Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for the Police Unity Tour. We will drive to New Jersey and then hop on our bikes and over a few days, four or five days, we ride about 25 miles a day and then, like I said, on the 13<sup>th</sup>, we ride into D.C. into the Police Memorial and they have a service honoring all the officers that have fallen and died in the line of duty over the past year. I'm really looking forward to it. I thank you for letting me represent the City of Springdale and I really appreciate you honoring me tonight. Thank you.

Chief Mathis: With that said, I, again, just want to thank you guys for the support you give us because we have always felt supported by the City; City Administration, by the Mayor, by Council, by the citizens here. This has been a blessing for me to work here. I just want to thank the members of our team that are here. Because any success I've had, has been because of the people that taught me how to do this job, have supported me in doing this job and put up with me as I do my job. I just think of something that I saw the other day and I've been putting it out to our troops, unfortunately, there is another active shooting at the University of North Carolina. I saw a student shot video of these students being escorted out of campus with their hands up; they're afraid. And, as they are walking out, here comes two officers running directly towards where the gunman is. Here comes three officers running directly towards where the gunman is. Here comes two officers running directly where the gunman is. Here comes another officer. That's the nobility of this profession. They didn't ask what race any of those people are, or what ethnicity, or what religion, or what political affiliation, or their socio-economic status or anything else. They were there to serve. They put themselves on the line and these people do that every day and I'm very proud of them and I'm very thankful to be part of this team. Again, I thank you for your support and for your proclamation. Thank.

Mrs. Ghantous: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: A couple of points. Officer Justice, tell me that you're going to hop in a car and ride back from D.C. to Cincinnati and not bike.

Officer Justice: I will be in a car. (Laughter).

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Mayor Webster: Okay. That's good. Glad to hear that. Chief, I'm glad that you clarified that that you two were in the same class together because I think there's a few years difference in the age there. Anyway, on a serious note, saying, "Thank you", just seems so inadequate, but I just don't have the words to express the gratitude that I feel to the men and women of the Springdale Police Department. Police Officers in general, but especially I'm a little closer to you guys than I am the rest of the world. Anyway, as the Chief says, we're all able to sleep well at night knowing that you guys are out there keeping us safe. We'll be eternally grateful for your contribution. So, thank you very much and God speed.

Mr. Shroyer: Well, we'll give you a pass for your boyfriend being a fireman (laughter). Having spent 35 years in the fire service and all of my adult life around firefighters and police officers as Chief Mathis said, there's a rivalry but, I would liken it to sibling rivalry. We can argue and we can fight amongst ourselves, but nobody from the outside gets in. When the time comes, we are who we are and I certainly appreciate the police officers that I've known over the years. The folks that are carrying on that very tough job now; I've had the advantage that the majority of the time, folks are glad to see firemen. That's not necessarily always the case in your job and I understand that and certainly appreciate what you do. Thank you.

President Vanover: Well, I'd just add that this is probably one of the most enjoyable times when we are able to honor the police, the fire. I've interacted with, I or my family over the years, and have never been disappointed with the service and the respect. You do a job that none of us want to do and I'm thankful for it. With that, I'll quiet down and turn it out, but thank you all again, all of you for your service. We appreciate it. You're the best department in the state of Ohio, in my humble opinion.

### Old Business

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Just circling back the bridging session that I had talked about at the last Council meeting, we had a phone call with Regional Planning and May 22<sup>nd</sup> is a date that works for them. It also works for the Community Center. We were looking at about 6:00 that night, so if you could all look at your schedules to see if that works for you and get back with me; that would be fantastic. It's a Wednesday; it's May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

President Vanover: Okay. At 6:00.

### New Business

Mayor Webster: I guess this could have been Old Business, or New Business, but I'd just like to remind everyone that the election is next Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We moved it up from November (laughter). I'd just like to remind everyone that it's terribly important for the City of Springdale to have the tax levy passed next Tuesday. We'd certainly would appreciate your support. I think we've thrashed the numbers to death. I'm not going to bore you again this evening. Hopefully, all of the residents out there, at least 90% of them have gotten this flyer, and I think we're in pretty good shape with the other 10%, so everyone should have these in their hands, probably in the next 24 to 48 hours. So, if you have any questions, as the flyer indicates, please contact your local official or give me a call here at City Hall. I'd be more than happy to explain any questions you might have. Thank you very much and thank you in advance for your support.

### Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will have a special meeting on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers. We have our regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. Thank you.

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room adjacent to here.

Mrs. McNear: Elected officials, this is the last reminder that you need to file your 2018 financial disclosures with the Ohio Ethics Commission. It is due Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the chambers here.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Fall youth sports registration is actually underway, believe it or not, we just got into spring. But, it is for soccer and volleyball and you can contact the Community Center for more details. Also, the Sailfish Swim Team is currently registering children ages 5-18 for their summer program. You can contact or send an email to [springdalesailfish@yahoo.com](mailto:springdalesailfish@yahoo.com) for more information.

Communications from the Audience - None

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, we had Resolution No. R7-2019; a Resolution Congratulating Patrol Officer Kayla Justice for Completing the Boston Marathon which passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters are forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There a request for an Ordinance Approving a Zone Change for the Real Property Located at 12000 and 12050 Princeton Pike in the City of Springdale. There's a request for an Ordinance Approving the Preliminary Development Plan for the Real Property Located at 12000 and 12050 Princeton Pike in the City of Springdale. A request for A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File a Funding Application for Surface Transportation Program (STP) / Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Funding Through OKI for the SR 747 and Kemper Road Intersection Rebuild Project. A request for An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Springdale's Participation in a Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program for 2020 and Declaring an Emergency. An Ordinance Approving a License Agreement Between the City of Springdale, Ohio and the Glenview Homeowner's Association, Inc. for the Installation of a sign. An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Said Surplus Property. That's it, unless there's anything that Council wants to add or Administration? (None)

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Emerson second the motion and Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear  
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:  
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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