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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on July 21, 2021

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, Ramirez, Sullivan-Wisecup, and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting were considered. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Emerson seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Presentations by State Representative, Jessica Miranda

Mr. Jones: With us tonight, first of all, we have a wonderful crowd and we appreciate everybody being here, but a special guest of ours tonight is Jessica Miranda, our State Representative and she's going to make some presentations this evening. So, Jessica, thank you for being here.

Ms. Miranda: Thank you City Manager Jones, Council President, Mayor Webster, distinguished members of the Springdale City Council. It is an honor to be here with you tonight. There are some amazing things happening in the City of Springdale, and I just have three to present tonight. So, congratulations to you and everything going on here in the City. We're going to start with the City Health Department. And, distinguished members of Council, you will probably remember a resolution that you passed for the budget this year in the State House to make sure we keep our Public Health Districts safe and intact and where they are. Because, if anything that we've learned from this pandemic, it was our City Health Departments are vital to our communities. So, I just want to give a public "shout out" to Commissioner Matt Clayton, and the entire staff at the Springdale City Health Department. This commendation is for you, and I'm just going to read a little bit of this here for the record, "Congratulations on behalf of the members of the Ohio House of Representatives of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Ohio. We are pleased to congratulate you on being honored by the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners for its exemplary performance in leading the local response to the COVID-19 pandemic." I live over in Forest Park; I'm your next door neighbor, but my entire family came here to get our COVID vaccine, so thank you so very much for not only the organization of your department, but your response to not only the City of Springdale, but everyone around here in the Southwest Ohio area. You really came through, and I'm very, very proud to represent you in the Statehouse, so this is for you, and Commissioner Clayton are you going to come down and get this distinguished honor? (Applause)

Mr. Clayton: Jessica (Miranda), first I'd like to thank Representative Miranda for her outstanding representation for us in the Ohio General Assembly. She's done so much for us in the Statehouse and very grateful for he being here tonight. Also, I'd like to express the thanks of the Health Department to Mayor Webster, to our City leadership, and, of course, to our elected officials for keeping the Health Department strong and vital. I think that it goes without saying that this is an award that was received by the team, and that team is represented here tonight. I'd like to point to a few of the people who are here this evening. That would include, first and foremost, our Director of Nursing. Amy (Ellis) has been with us for a couple of years (Applause). She just did a fabulous job with leading the efforts for vaccination. I'd also like to recognize our former Director of Nursing; Jeanie is here. Jeanie Hicks was the Director of Nursing here for quite a number of years. She actually came back and volunteered, so thank you so much Jeanie for that. (Applause) I think one of the people who certainly deserves to be recognized is Debra Boggs. She is here taking minutes. Debra was instrumental in helping us take calls to get the clinics organized. We also have in the back, Becky Carrasco. She was very involved with us for the contact tracing. Other folks I'd like to just quickly mention. The nurses who helped with the vaccinations, and that was Lena Fogle, Amy Creup, Pat Baker, and we have a number of people in the City who made significant contributions. That includes Ella Jergens, our Environmental Health Director who was very responsible for helping our businesses to stay safe and stay open. Terry Metz, Lori Thornton, Charlie Wilson, Paul Vossberg, Bob Ellerman, Officer Turre, Keenan Riordan, our

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Mr. Clayton (continued): Police Chief (Wells), our entire Police Department of course, our Fire Department, Chief Stanley, the Fire Department Paramedics, and so many others. I could name so many other people, I'll just run through a couple quick names; Carl Lamping from the Building Department who so graciously allowed his staff to help us with taking calls, getting the vaccination clinics scheduled, Andy Kuchta, our Economic Development Director who was also instrumental in our response, as was Christina Ingle, Anthony Pagan, Jason Waxman, Scott Yelton, Rich Borgman, Morgan Griffin, Jason Kemeter, Janet Rudemiller, Sandy Burt, Linda Lockard, Brad Books, Jason Waxman, Matt Beaty, Steven Sanders, Chris Miller, and Springdale Fire Department again, all the paramedics who came down and helped us administer the vaccine. So many people. I could go on and on. I'd also like to recognize the Police Department and thank them for coming down to witness me receiving this award for the Health Department (laughter). Thanks so much. (Applause)

Ms. Miranda: So, I understand our newly sworn in Fire Chief, Chief Stanley is not here because he is probably getting some rightfully so R and R in Michigan, so I just brought a congratulatory letter from him on behalf of the Ohio House of Representatives to congratulate him on being sworn in as our new Chief of the Fire Department. So, if we could give him a well-deserved round of applause please (Applause). Then, last, but certainly not least, the big one that everyone's here for tonight, at least I hope, right? You've got other things going on, I'm sure. Alright, so, on behalf of the members of the Ohio House of Representatives, we are pleased to extend special recognition to Officer James Beckman on being named the 2020 Larry Cox DARE Officer of the Year for the State of Ohio. A member of the Springdale Police Department, you have combined civic concern and dedication with the utmost professionalism to become a dynamic leader in your field, and this prestigious honor is a fitting tribute to you for your contributions to the Princeton City School District as a DARE Officer. Through your admirable devotion to service and achievement, you have distinguished yourself as a conscientious and hard-working Ohioan and you are truly deserving of this high praise. So, again, to Officer James Beckman on being the 2020 DARE Officer of the Year. Thank you so very much for your service. (Applause)

Officer Beckman: Thank you very much for coming down here and recognizing this. I appreciate that. I would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for all the support you have given DARE and all the predecessors before you. It's been 27 years that we've been partnering with the Princeton School District teaching DARE. I would like to recognize Principal Lisa Tenbarga from Springdale Elementary and then Principal Shari Hoskins (Heritage Hill Elementary). They are fantastic to work with. Working with them, we've come up with new ways to get me involved in the school other than just teaching classes, and it's a blast; I love my job. Thank you guys very much for the support of DARE. (Applause)

Ms. Miranda: Thank you again so much for having me and allowing me to honor the fabulous things happening here in the City. If any of you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me, open-door policy, in my office in Columbus. Like I said, I'm your neighbor, so I am available to you anytime you need. So, thank you so much again for having me.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Ms. Miranda: I will head "stage right". Thank you. (Applause)

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to say, "Jessica (Miranda), thank you very much for all you do for District 28, and especially the City of Springdale. So, keep up the good work. We appreciate it. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Mr. Vanover, would you mind if we do the recognition of all the people, since we have a "standing room only" crowd?

President Vanover: They're armed; I'll do anything they want (laughter).

Mayor Webster: Is that okay with you?

President Vanover: That's fine.

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Mayor Webster: Okay. I guess we'll turn it over to Chief Wells here and he's in charge of all these people, so, it's your show.

Chief Wells: Thank you Mayor. Appreciate that. Mr. President, members of Council, Mr. Mayor and City Administration. I'm again, proud to be here tonight before you to welcome more new faces to our Police Department. Before I get into those comments, I just wanted to echo again just quickly how much we appreciate the support and tremendous working relationship with Matt Clayton. He is a tremendous supporter of First Responders and he couldn't have been better to work with us in this, and so congratulations again to you, and to Jim Beckman, I want to say specifically, "Congratulations to you too". Jim kindly invites me along sometimes to go into the classroom with him, and watching him work is a thing of beauty. He truly cares; he does it from the heart, and he is truly deserving of that recognition. So, I just wanted to thank both of them again before I get into these comments. So, what I'd like to do tonight to start off with is introduce some of the newer members of our Department, and, of course, as everyone knows, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we didn't have a chance to introduce them when they were truly new, but, here we will roll tonight. So, Kristy Peterson if you could join me down here please.

Kristy Peterson is one of our Patrol Clerks. She's married to her husband Glenn and has a daughter named Hannah. She came to us from the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, where she served prior to her service here. She's not only a Police Clerk here at Springdale, but she's also the back up to the Mayor's Court. She manages our records in the database and performs record sealing from court orders. She has a servant heart, and loves to decorate the PD with Suzanne during the various holiday seasons. If anyone is interested, I just found our yesterday that she has a tremendous recipe for what she calls, "Crack chicken". Outstanding! So, she has the recipe for that and is willing to share it. But, we're very fortunate to have Kristy aboard. She's got a tremendous personality and welcome. (Applause).

Connie Berter is another public servant who was in the Criminal Justice field before she came to Springdale. She served for 14 years in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, as a Correction Officer, working just up the road here at the Warren Correctional Facility. I believe Connie fancies herself as a detective. She's used her skills on several occasions whether to close out missing persons cases, or to help us track down somebody that tore up the railroad crossing gates on Crescentville, which you know is near and dear to my heart. But, the story that I really want to relate to you is there was a situation she was involved in with a Columbus Police Officer that called our Police station because he was investigating a car that he believed might have been stolen from Jake Sweeney, but Jake Sweeney wasn't aware of this yet. So, while on the phone with Connie, and trying to verify that, he came into contact with some Fentanyl, which, of course, is a danger to us here in the profession, and began to lose consciousness, and become incoherent. Connie stayed on the line with him and made sure she got him help and called the Columbus Dispatch and made sure that there were people there that could respond and assist him, and I believe truly saved his life. So, thank you so much for that. That's the kind of teamwork-oriented that our people bring with life-saving events like that, you can't put a value on that. So, thank you so much Connie. (Applause)

We've got John Boertlein here at the top there. John is married to Mary Carol, and he has a daughter Kyla and a son Stewart. He has two grandchildren, Bria and Luke. John has been a Springdale stalwart for quite some time. He started his police career originally with the Cincinnati Police Division, and, among his various assignments, he was promoted to Sergeant and also served as a Field Training Officer. After retirement, John became a professional author. He put out two books; one is called the "Ohio Confidential: Sex, Scandal, Murder and Mayhem in the Buckeye State" and he put out a subsequent one, "Presidential Confidential: Sex, Scandal, Murder and Mayhem in the Oval Office". So, if you get a chance, those are, I believe, available on Amazon and any other bookstore. I have both books and they are a great read. John was still looking for something else though after he left Cincinnati, and was pursuing his authoring career, so he came out here to Springdale and became a part-time Police Clerk for us for a few years before he moved to Florida. I think the combination of probably grandchildren and the decision to come back like a lot of retirees do, they go to Florida, and they're like, "I'm coming back". I'd much rather have Ohio humidity, so he came

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Chief Wells (continued): back here and he became a part-time clerk again, and then took the Civil Service test to become full-time, which he successfully did, and we're proud to say he is now our Mayor's Court Clerk, and he does a fantastic job. He also serves on our Health and Wellness team. He brings a lot to the table in terms of that and his experiences, and we're happy to have him on board. Welcome John. (Applause)

Our next contestant, Logan Godbey, our Custodian, is married to wife Katie, and they have a daughter, Maddie. He originally grew up in Sharonville, and interestingly enough, attended the Disney College in Orlando, Florida. He eventually came back and settled down in Springdale, where they had their first child Maddie, as I mentioned a moment ago. Logan enjoys camping with his family and arcade games, especially pinball, if I'm not mistaken. He found an Iron Maiden pinball game for me one time. It's great. Since coming onboard, Logan has won us all over with his congeniality and really strong work ethic. He is the total package. In fact, he's so popular, he got a "guys" baby shower yesterday, because after this big fun evening here, he's going to get a few hours of shut eye and they're going to welcome their second child, Tallie tomorrow. Let's all wish him a congratulations (Applause).

Ben Gramke, come on down. Ben not only is serving as a Springdale Police Officer, but Ben is serving his country as a First Lieutenant and Executive officer for the 148<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the Ohio National Guard. He's a graduate of the Great Oaks Police Academy. In fact, he was in the academy when he went through our process, and we scooped him up out of there. He has a long family tradition in Law Enforcement. He's a fifth generation Police Officer, and I believe he's represented here by Uncle Jay from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and is a Chief Deputy there now. He's here tonight along with Ben. Ben is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Affairs. Again, I want to tell you another life-saving story. Ben went the extra mile several months ago. He was involved in a situation because of his thinking ahead, and deciding to take the situation to the next step, in locating a person that was suffering from a heroin overdose, and wound up saving their life. So, again, congratulations and we love having you on board (Applause).

The next person we were going to recognize tonight is Steven Garren, another military person. Unfortunately, he had an emergency and his family was unable to be here tonight, but we'll get him on another occasion to be recognized. So, let me get Corporal Melissa Abell down here.

Melissa is here with spouse, Mindy, and their children Jayce, Avery, and Finnegan. Melissa was our department's first sworn supervisor. Suzanne was actually our first supervisor, a female supervisor, but, Melissa is our first sworn supervisor, and also, the Department's first Corporal, a new rank we incorporated last year when we did the restructuring. Can't say enough about Melissa's arc to promotion. She's been involved in so many aspects of the Police Department over the years. Most recently, as a detective. She previously led the Bike Patrol Team and has participated in the National Police Unity Tour several times. She and other members of our team will be riding with Kevin Grant to honor Kaia Grant in this fall's Police Unity Tour. Melissa has a big heart, and not only here at the Police Department, but in her personal life. She and Mindy have adopted three beautiful children whose lives would have been much different had the two of them not chosen to adopt. In fact, the youngest, Finnegan Grant, where's he at? I know he's around here somewhere. Oh, is he out there? Okay. He's actually named after Kaia Grant, as the two were very close friends. But, you couldn't find two greater parents. They truly are special people, and they have done a wonderful thing for these children. So, congratulations. (Applause)

Kayla Justice, Corporal, how are you? She is here with boyfriend Brandyn. I believe I saw him in the audience there. Kayla is a consummate professional. From the moment she walked through the door, we knew that this high performer was going places. She serves as our Bike Patrol Commander and is actually the shortest tenured person before getting promoted in our Department's history, having been promoted less than five years on the job. That's how special she is. Kayla practices leadership principals in all facets of her life. She was an ambassador for the Letter Project at Ursuline Academy, and encourages school aged girls serving as a role model to empower them to become strong women, and this statement

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Chief Wells (continued): from her interview sums it up best; "I want to take the opportunities I've had to learn and share them to help make others that much better." I don't think you could ask for a stronger leadership statement than that. Again, welcome aboard (Applause).

Two more, two more. Kellen Lyons come on down. The third new Corporal here from the Police Department. He is married to wife Jackie, and they're going to be having a baby this fall. Another new dad. Kellen is a soft spoken, but strong leader in our Department. Kellen has served on the Traffic Crash Response Team and our Police Honor Guard for many years. His experiences and training have turned him into a stellar leader. I hear him on the radio regularly on my way home from work, taking charge and setting the example. Although a strong leader, Kellen also has a servant's heart. He cares about his people and the community. Kellen was recently recognized in a national Police publication for the act of kindness he did by purchasing clothing and diapers for a child whose parent was arrested. The child had a soiled diaper, and no clothing at all. Corporal Lyon's shift mate, Ezell Leonard, who you met last time, went to Walgreen's with him to assist this new dad and make sure that he was able to get the things that were needed and the rest was history. Kellen and Sergeant Langevin are scheduled to attend the Supervisory Training and Education Program (STEP) this fall, and he and Jackie, will, of course, welcome their baby home during the fall as well. We wish him the best, and also wanted to point out that Kayla (Justice) and Melissa (Abell) completed the STEP training earlier this year. So, all three will have had that new supervisory training by years end. Thank you Kellen (Applause)

Last, but not least, Erik Langevin come on down. Erik, and I know his wife Leanne is here. Their kids are both doing their sports things tonight, but their daughters are Emma, and Abby. Erik has served on the Department for 15 years, this week, in fact, celebrating his 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 17<sup>th</sup>. He was also a Sergeant in the U.S. Army, stationed in Louisiana where he met his wife, Leanne. His MOS (Military Occupational Specialty), was in the Military Police, and he served as an entry team leader on the SWAT Team there. Since coming to Springdale, Erik has literally been a part of almost everything we offer. He has served on the Crash Response Team, was on the Bike Patrol, served as an Investigator, has been a member of the Police Honor Guard, and is now the Commander of that unit, and has served as the Springdale Police Association President for, is it four years of six? Eight years now as the Association President. Wow. I want to thank him here for the way he led, and I want to say this on a personal note, I really want to thank him for the way he led the Honor Guard through Kaia's death. We never thought, as much as we have trained, and all the years that I was on the Honor Guard, and you go over it and practice and practice, you never think it's going to happen. But, his leadership and stewardship through that was remarkable. I just wanted to say, "Thank you" from the bottom of my heart the way you handled that. (Applause). He is totally committed both on and off duty. When not working, Erik is a huge supporter of his daughters' sports programs; Emma playing volleyball and Abby with her soccer activities. I would say that Erik, if you looked him up in the dictionary, his name would be synonymous with teamwork for sure. With that said, I would like to invite the Mayor to come down to offer the ceremonial oath to the Supervisors here and Ben Gramke as they start their official start in their new positions.

Mayor Webster swore in Officer Boertlein, Officer Godbey, Officer Gramke, Officer Abell, Officer Justice, Officer Lyons, and Officer Langevin (Applause)

### Committee and Official Reports

#### Civil Service

Mr. Coleman: When I arrived this evening, Mr. Braun said all these people came to see me, and I was concerned, because I said, "Gosh, what can I say because I said, 'I've got no report'", and again, I have no report.



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### Administrator's Report

Mr. Jones: When I am finished, Mr. Uhl will have something as well. From the Parks and Rec Department, Concerts in the Park will be Thursday, July 22. It will be 60's music through present day hits, and, again, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, country hits from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. Both nights it will be live music, food, and adult beverages sold by the Springdale Youth Boosters. Also, Sunset Swim Fundraiser for the Springdale Sailfish on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00-10:00 p.m. Admission for that evening swim for individuals is \$5 and \$20 per family. The Neighborhood Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Moving on to the Police Department, Speed Radar on Rose Lane for a six day period; speed limit is 25 miles per hour. The average speed per vehicle was 14.25 miles per hour, and only 13.3 vehicles per day. Speed radar on Kenn road for 16 days; speed limit is 25 miles per hour. The average speed per vehicle was 26.3 miles per hour, and the average vehicles per day was 2,305. With that, that concludes my report, but I'd like to turn it over to Mr. Uhl.

Mr. Uhl: I just wanted to report to Council that we received our first tranche of funding through the American Rescue Plan Act. That money was received yesterday in the amount of \$584,825.17. This is the first of two tranches. So, we will be receiving the exact same amount in July of 2022 as well. That concludes my report.

### Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun: I don't have anything to report, other than I do want to make an acknowledgement. Tonight, you have a lot of items on your agenda that are ordinances related to a lot of economic development projects that are going on. I just wanted to publicly say, "Thank you" to our bond council, Mr. Spore who is here, and to let you know there's a lot of work behind the scenes that go through these ordinances that come here, and just to let you know that while we may be on a summer schedule, in Andy's department, particularly, he's keeping me busy, my office busy, and a lot of others busy to generate this legislation and it's a lot of exciting things for the City. Thanks.

### Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: We'll start with the Community Center Roof, Phase 2. Project work is a little over 50% complete right now. We're still on track to complete at least the reroofing part of the construction by mid-August. Unfortunately, due to the lead time, and the shipping delay coming from Europe, the skylights are not going to be in until around October, so, we're looking at about a November completion time for the total project. East Crescentville Road Improvements Project. There's really no change in plans, but the Butler County Engineer's Office requested to move the final plan submission date up to the first week in August. They're really close to completing the right-of-way, so, they're ready, and so, we're able to accommodate the requests, so we're going to move our submission date up to early August, and that's from the November date that we had projected. We're ahead of schedule there. The Northland Boulevard Reconstruction Project; we met with Public Works on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We reviewed a draft preliminary plan set, we discussed right-of-way challenges for access management opportunities and the Mill Creek nine element plan and future funding opportunities as well. So, we're still working through the design, and Stage 1 plans are expected to be submitted before September 10<sup>th</sup> this year. The (Route) 747 Curb Replacement and Catch Basin Repair Project; 90% plans and construction documents were submitted to Public Works in late June. We're just on hold until basically we're going to go out to bid, and that's looking to be in January, so, once we firm up the date later, it will be early next year we'll do the prevailing rates determination and finalize those to get those out to bid. The East Kemper Road CSX Bridge Repair Project; we submitted the preliminary engineering agreement to CSX and on June 20<sup>th</sup>, that's when they received it actually, and they began the review of our previously submitted plans that was submitted to them on April 8<sup>th</sup>, so, it's been a long time in the making, but, now the review is starting. We're right now still on track to really get plans wrapped up by the end of the year. Ross Park and Chamberlain Park Bridge Repair Projects; we submitted plans to Public Works on July 18<sup>th</sup>. I know Public Works is looking to solicit quotes later this month, at least for Ross Park, they're still going back and forth on some of the timing with the Chamberlain Park, but, at least Ross Park will be able to be completed this summer, for sure. Northwest Business Park and Springdale Industrial Park Rehabilitation; again, we submitted 90% plans for the project on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Public Works is working with CSX to determine if there is an old spur line that's been abandoned that crosses

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Mr. Riggs (continued): the roadway, and we're just asking them if we can eliminate it with the project. If it's not used, there is no reason to keep it there. So, once we get that answer, we'll be able to finalize plans, but, hopefully, that's going to be the middle of next month, and that's just for the curb and catch basin repair, and then we're going to start working on the asphalt repair project later next month. That concludes my report.

### Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Kuchta: So, as you know, we've had the four different surveys out for about three weeks now. We're getting some pretty good responses. The highest response rate we've had is for the Economic Vitality survey with 290 responses as of today, and transportation and connectivity is the lowest response rate with 211 surveys. So, 900+ combined responses because they're actually four different surveys, so we're pleased with that. A target is 266 responses at a minimum for each one, because that provides a 90% confidence level with a five percent margin of error for the survey data that we get out of there, so that's kind of my personal goal to at least hit that on all of them. We've already succeeded with that on Economic Vitality. We're going to keep it open through the end of July, hopefully we can close it out then because we've hit that target; we're exceeding it for each of the surveys, and we have the rest of the year pretty much planned out with meetings, but I'll save that for next month's meeting because I know we're running long as it is. But, things are proceeding on pace. Thank you.

Communications - None

### Communications from the Audience

Mr. Coleman: I thought it was appropriate at this time, I want to publicly thank Mr. Brian Uhl, as well as Christina Ingle in the Administrative Office for their efforts in helping Civil Service navigate electronic processes associated with hiring and promotions. Civil Service Commission has moved forward with electronic notifications which will now be more efficient and, in fact, should save money as well because we won't have postal costs, we won't have additional costs associated with people's time of processing all the paperwork. So, again, as a result of Brian and Christina's efforts, I think we're all on board and moving forward with the new electronic technology. As you all know, people want answers, and they want them quick, and a way for that to happen is electronically, so we're now moving forward with that.

### Ordinances and Resolutions

#### Ordinance No. 22-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTION RELATED TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE ELECTED POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR AND CREATION OF THE APPOINTED POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2021; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Braun: I just want to remind Council on both these amendments, that as they've gone through the three readings, we did make some minor changes on each one. So, I would like to ensure that if we're going to move to adopt them, that that motion read that we're moving to adopt them as they're presented this evening. Because we have added those changes, I read through those, as you'll recall in the last meeting, but they are reflected in the version we have here, so, I just want to make sure that it's clear that the motion to adopt is as amended and presented tonight.

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2021 as amended and as presented tonight; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Anderson: I just want to make one comment on this. I don't know if anyone else saw the article in the Cincinnati Enquirer; I think it came yesterday, a local township, I think it was Crosby Township, is looking at about four or five years of non-auditable books because

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Mr. Anderson (continued): their previous elected Finance Director, at least according to the article, really wasn't qualified and didn't benefit like Springdale does from the experience and professionalism we have here, which I think also highlights the need for this kind of evolution of our charter. I know I asked questions about it earlier, about accountability. Looking at it, I think this is a great move in general, so I hope it's supported by the public when it comes time. The only thing I would ask is that, obviously it doesn't have to do in this, but, I would hope Administration would consider looking at updating the Finance Director position requirements to encourage or account for any kind of professional certification that could now be more relevant because that gives that accreditation and third party check to that role that we'd be removing where the electors would be doing that check. So, hopefully, you can consider, maybe there's a professional certification or title that would be appropriate. It might already exist inside of there, but adding it to the requirements, might be a good opportunity to do that later. But, otherwise, thank you.

Mrs. McNear: Just as a reminder to the people on the dais, I'm sure you've heard me mention this before, but, my position as well as the Tax Commissioner position, and in some cases, we have some of the clerks do it too, but there's continuing education of six hours per year that we must complete as part of our responsibilities. So, I would think that that would be good to extend that to whoever the new Clerk might be. Thank you.

Ordinance No. 22-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

### Ordinance No. 23-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTION RELATED TO VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-2021; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mr. Anderson: This is probably a question for Mr. Braun. So, I noticed in the previous ordinance that we passed, there were several updates if it were to go to replace the Clerk of Court/Finance Director. The one we just approved includes most of the sections, but not all. This ordinance includes Section 5 reference to Clerk of Court/Finance Director in Article 5, which was excluded from the past one. Do we need to, is it covered, or do we need to go back and amend the one we just approved?

Mr. Braun: It would be my position that it's possible one would pass and one wouldn't. So, I think if we pre-suppose in Ordinance 23-2021 that the other one passed, we could end up with a problem because, as you pointed out, not all sections are in here. It would be my position that if both of them were to pass, the changes that were in Ordinance No. 22-2021 would supersede those references in here to Clerk of Council/Finance Director.

Mr. Anderson: And the fact that we enumerate all of the other sections except this one, that's not a problem?

Mr. Braun: Enumerate?

Mr. Anderson: So, in the previous one, we enumerate up any references to Clerk of Council/Finance Director for Article 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, but we ignored (Article) "5" and in (Article) "5" is one of them that we're adding here; that's not a problem?

Mr. Anderson: So, in "D" under "Recall", which is Section 5, we're adding a reference for the submission for a recall petition.

Mr. Braun: Correct.

Mr. Anderson: That's one that was excluded from the previous for updates. You're saying that's fine? I don't know if it is or not, I'm just asking because it seems odd that it's the only section that was excluded.

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Mr. Braun: What you're telling me is that that section is not referenced in (Ordinance No.) 22-2021?

Mr. Anderson: Not that I saw. So, if you look at the section in the previous one, Section 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, it updates it for Articles 2, 3, 7, and 8. I'm sorry. I just caught it as we were reading them out loud is when I noticed the difference. Otherwise, I would have sent it in advance to ask. But, it just came up during the reading. If you believe that it supersedes; it's fine. I'd like it to be said out loud so we know what the expectation is.

Mr. Braun: I just want to check one thing. So you're saying that's the only place you see it not referenced?

Mr. Anderson: Where we're touching it anyway. So, it shows up twice in the Ordinance we're reviewing now. The previous one was in "2(E)", and that is updated in the previous Ordinance in Section 3. But, the new one that we're adding here, for Section 5, is not included in the previous that I can find. Sorry; I don't mean to be pedantic, I just want to make sure since it's an ordinance that it's phrased the way we expect it to be phrased.

Mr. Braun: I just want to check one thing here. So, I don't see it referenced in (Ordinance No.) 22-2021. Julie (Matheny) I don't remember any reason why that would be called out do you?

Ms. Matheny: Is it not mentioned in the recall? (Off mic)

Mr. Braun: Yes.

Ms. Matheny: No, then it shouldn't have been included, because that part is in Number 2. That wasn't even part of the Finance Director position. (Off mic)

Mr. Anderson: But, Finance Director/Clerk of Courts is referenced in the recall of who do you submit the position to.

Mr. Braun: So, one of the ways we can solve that, in looking at this, just to make sure, is if we amend, I just wanted to make sure there wasn't a reason why we didn't call it out, one of the ways we can address that is if we go ahead and amend, right now, Article, that reference to Article 5(D) to only reference Clerk of Council, that would solve that problem.

Mr. Anderson: In that case, it's really we're calling it out as either position.

Mr. Braun: Correct.

Mr. Anderson: So, if even if one passed and one did not, the Clerk of Council is still an established position.

Mr. Braun: What I might suggest to you is to why don't you make an amendment to it now to simply reference only the Clerk of Council in that section and that will solve that problem.

Mr. Anderson: Do you think that's necessary?

Mr. Braun: I think that's the easiest way to do it so that it's clear.

Mr. Anderson: Okay. Well, if it's alright, I'd like to make a motion to amend the current ordinance, go ahead if there's something else first; go ahead.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I have a question about that. Because this is talking about a recall and we wouldn't recall someone who's not an elected official. Correct? Because if we're talking about it being under the recall, would we recall the Clerk of Council if they're not an elected official?

Mr. Braun: What he's referencing is who you file your petition with.

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Oh, okay.

Mr. Braun: Not the position itself.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Okay.

Mr. Braun: So that's why I feel comfortable having him go ahead and amend it that way.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Perfect. Thank you. Thank you for the clarification.

Mr. Anderson: I think that makes sense. I'd like to make a motion then to amend the current Ordinance No. 23-2021 in "Section 1, under D Recall", in the first sentence to replace the phrase "Clerk of Council/Finance Director" with just "Clerk of Council".

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Second.

Motion to amend Ordinance No. 23-2021 in Section 1, under "D Recall, in the first sentence to replace the phrase "Clerk of Council/finance Director" with "Clerk of Council" passes with seven affirmative votes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-2021 with amendments passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ms. Matheny: I just wanted to thank all the members of Council for going along with our recommendations from the Charter Revision Committee and appreciate that. I'd also like to recognize publicly the members of the Charter Revision Committee who put in a lot of time and effort from going over these things, that's Michelle Gilmore, Marci Haungs, Sharon Conrad, and Dan Jacobs. Thank you very much.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to thank Council for supporting these amendments. We don't do this very often, but I think it's a lot of housekeeping that needed to be done to our charter, and I commend the Committee for all the work that they did and all the work Mr. Braun and his office did and also the support of all seven members. Now, it's up to us to get it passed. We can't spend City monies to promote this. We can spend City monies to educate the public on it, but we cannot take a position of for or against it. So, it's sort of up to us individually as elected officials and leaders of the community to try to spread the word and ask for people's support and see if we can get this thing over the finish line. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: We do need to get this down to the Board of Elections, so, if we could this document updated tonight, Debi (Boggs), we can get this updated and get the signatures to Mr. Braun so he can make sure he gets it filed.

Mayor Webster: An amendment has to be made to one of them.

Mrs. McNear: Yes, it's on (Ordinance No.) 23. Yes, (Ordinance No.) 23, so we need to update that one.

Ordinance No. 26-2021

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING ANNUAL STATUTORY SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CREATING AN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH STATUTORY SERVICE PAYMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE PRINCETON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND GREAT OAKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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Mr. Braun: I wanted to remind Mr. President that we are going to ask that Council vote to remove this from the agenda and move it to the next meeting, which is August 18<sup>th</sup>. Our reason for that is that there's a certain order to these ordinances that need to take place, and one of the things that is a prerequisite for this was the recording of some deeds that I have been advised have not taken place yet, so, we would ask Council to entertain a motion to move Ordinance No. 26-2021 to the August 18<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I'd like to make a motion to move Ordinance No. 26-2021 to our next meeting, which is on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Emerson: Second.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 26-2021 to the August 18, 2021 meeting was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. McNear: I thought maybe Mr. Hawkins would vote "no" on that one since he's going to have to read this at the next meeting. (Laughter)

Mr. Hawkins: Should have.

Ordinance No. 27-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN HEALTH ACCOUNTS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE RELATED TO THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 27-2021; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Ordinance No. 27-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 28-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MILHAUS DEVELOPMENT, LLC RELATED TO THE SHERATON REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THE CONSUMATION OF REAL PROPERTY TRANSFERS AS SET FORTH THEREIN, THE EXECUTION OF ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT RELATED DOCUMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 28-2021; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Ordinance No. 28-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 29-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGREEMENT WITH MILHAUS DEVELOPMENT, LLC RELATED TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11911 SHERATON LANE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 29-2021; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Ordinance No. 29-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 30-2021

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING ANNUAL STATUTORY SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CREATING AN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH STATUTORY SERVICE PAYMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE PRINCETON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND GREAT OAKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to have Ordinance No. 30-2021 be read by title only; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Motion to read Ordinance No. 30-2021 be read by title only passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 30-2021; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Ordinance No. 30-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 31-2021

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PRIORITY OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED FOR PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11911 SHERATON LANE WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Braun: In reviewing this, I just spoke with Mr. Spoor and Mr. Kuchta. We're going to ask for an amendment by Council. In the first "Whereas" clause, I know it's only in the "Whereas" clause, but I would like it to read correctly. In the first "Whereas" clause, it says, "By Ordinance No. 31-2021", that should read (Ordinance No.) "29-2021", and in the second "Whereas" clause, it references again, (Ordinance No.) "31-2021"; that should read (Ordinance No.) "30-2021".

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to amend the first "Whereas" clause to say "29-2021" and the second "Whereas" clause to read "30-2021" in reference to Ordinance No. 31-2021; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Motion to amend Ordinance No. 31-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 31-2021; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Ordinance No. 31-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to take a couple of minutes and sort of recap where we are with this. Andy (Kuchta) tells me that this should be the last involvement that Council would have with this project. The only thing the developer has to do now is get a final development plan approved by the Planning Commission and that does not come back to Council. So, for intents and purposes, you folks are through with this project. I'd just like to thank all of you for your support on all the ordinances tonight and your understanding. Over the years, it's been a long process, but it's one I would take again. It's one that sometimes you just have to jump in there and do what you think is right for the City, and that's exactly what we did eight or nine years ago when we bought that property. Lord only knows what that would look like today had the City not intervened. So, assuming that the developer gets his final development plan approved here in the next couple of Planning Commission meetings, then we should be on schedule to close that property and receive a check from the developer for \$2.1 million dollars and also, I think I'd be remiss not to share this with Council, that three years ago I guess it

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Mayor Webster (continued): was, three or four years ago, we passed a bond issue of \$8.1 million dollars, \$8.2 I believe it was to do the residential streets. Well, part of that original schedule was to have Sheraton Lane included in there. Well, we're sitting at that point with a vacant lot or a vacant hotel at least, and we said, nah, it's sort of silly to waste our money to re-do Sheraton Lane with the construction that eventually will happen. Little did we know it was going to be this long, but, anyway, well we pulled that out, knowing that we were going to have to "belly up" to that project probably out of our General Fund, and, as I recall, the original Engineer's estimate was somewhere around \$750,000 to \$800,000 dollars. Somewhere in that range. It's probably gone up a little bit more since that time. But, the great thing about this, and the legislation that you guys passed tonight, is going enable that to happen. We will be able to pay for that, the engineering, and the road out of the TIF funds that this is going to generate. So, in addition to getting \$2.1 million dollars back into our treasury, we will not have to write a check for that road improvement. So, it's a "win-win" for the City of Springdale. Once again, I'd be remiss not to thank our two "Andy's" down here. Mr. Spoor and Mr. Kuchta for all their hard work and also Strauss Troy; I'm sure they put in a few hours on this project also. So, thank all of you very much. I appreciate it.

Mrs. McNear: I know there was something, oh, I know, so, we have another correction for this ordinance as well. So, Debi (Boggs), we need you to update that, so, those who sign, if you would please stick around afterwards so we can get those corrected documents.

Mrs. Emerson: Will we be taking down the "For Sale" then that's on that property?

Mayor Webster: Once we have the check in hand, yes.

Mrs. Emerson: Okay. I've had several residents questioning me about it.

Mayor Webster: I'd wait until we deposit it to make sure it doesn't bounce. (Laughter) It will come down shortly thereafter.

Mrs. Emerson: Thank you.

Resolution No. R12-2021

A RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN THE SPRINGDALE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE VALID CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R12-2021; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Resolution No. R12-2021 passes with six affirmative votes and one abstention (Anderson)

Old Business - None

New Business

Mr. Ramirez: Just for discussion, I've had a number of residents discuss the problems that we have at Dave and Busters, and if we have a comprehensive plan on what we're going to do and have we put any pressure on that business to straighten up their act?

Mr. Uhl: Yes. In some conversations with the Police Chief, they have had some conversation with the ownership and management team there, and they are working on a solution over there.

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### Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Anderson: By means of an announcement, I wanted to make sure that Council, Administration and the wider public is aware that in our community, over the past month or so, the Princeton (City) School District has lost three young men in various incidents. Their lives cut short. I have children that are school age, and I just wanted to publicly acknowledge the loss the community is going through. I think it's important. The school district has done a really good job of reaching out, at least inside the school area, if people need resources and help, not just for those immediate losses, but reminding people, especially children, or for parents to let their children know that there are resources available if you're in crisis of any sort, be it a mental health issue, health in general, resources of the Community, Civic or in a situation where you might be prone to violence, there are ways to get help. So, I wanted to acknowledge that that's a loss, a big loss for our community as a whole; three young men in such a short time, and it hit me, and I wanted to make sure we acknowledged it and say that if people need help, they should reach out. If they don't know where to go, they can call me, they can email me, they can text me, the school district, the counselors. The City has people. It shouldn't happen the way that it happened over the past month. So, thank you for listening. I felt like I had to say something. So, thank you.

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

Mrs. Emerson: Rules and Laws will meet August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 prior to the Council meeting in Administration Conference Room.

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the chambers here.

Communications from the Audience - None

### Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 22-2021, and Ordinance No. 23-2021; Two Separate Ordinances, with Emergency Clauses, Approving the Submission of Amendments to the Charter of the Municipality of Springdale, Ohio at the November 2, 2021 Election. Both passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 26-2021; An Ordinance Declaring Improvements to Real Property to Be a Public Purpose; Declaring Such Property to Be Exempt from Real Property Taxation; Authorizing the Execution of a School Compensation Agreement with the Princeton City School District and Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development; and Declaring an Emergency with regard to 134 and 144 Merchant Street. There was a vote to continue this 7-0 to the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Item Number III was addressed with Ordinance No. 27-2021; An Ordinance Authorizing Contributions to Certain Health Accounts of Full-Time Employees of the City of Springdale Related to the City's Health Insurance Plan and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number IV was addressed with Ordinance No. 28-2021; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement with Respect to the Sheraton Lane Redevelopment Project, the Execution of Ancillary Related Documents, and Declaring an Emergency. That also passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number V was addressed with Ordinance No. 29-2021; An Ordinance Granting a Tax Exemption for Real Property Improvements Made in Accordance with the Sheraton Lane Redevelopment Plan and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number VI was addressed with Ordinance No. 30-2021; An Ordinance Declaring Improvements to Real Property to Be a Public Purpose; Declaring Such Property to Be Exempt from Real Property Taxation; Authorizing the Execution of a School Compensation Agreement with the Princeton City School District and Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development; and Declaring an Emergency with regard to 11911 Sheraton Lane. Item Number VII was addressed with Ordinance No. 31-2021; An Ordinance Establishing Priority of Property Tax Exemptions Granted for Parcels of Real Property Located at 11911 Sheraton Lane and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number VIII was addressed with Resolution No. R12-2021; A Resolution Permitting the Carrying of Concealed Handguns in the Springdale Municipal Building by Elected Officials and Certain City

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Mr. Hawkins (continued): Employees Who are Valid Concealed Carry Permit Holders. That passed with six votes for and one abstention. All other matters were forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There is a request for Ordinance No. 26-2021; An Ordinance Declaring Improvements to Real Property to Be a Public Purpose; Declaring Such Property to Be Exempt from Real Property Taxation; Authorizing the Execution of a School Compensation Agreement with the Princeton City School District and Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development; and Declaring an Emergency with regard to 134 and 144 Merchant Street. There is also a request for An Ordinance Reducing and Recertifying Special Assessments Levied for the Purpose of Constructing Certain Improvements at Pictoria Island and Declaring an Emergency as well as a request for A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Continuing Disclosures Related to the March 2017 Street Improvement Bonds. That would conclude all requests unless there's anything else from Council or the Administration.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear  
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:  
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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