

City of Springdale Council

May 4, 2022

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on May 4, 2022

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

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

The minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting were considered. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Hawkins seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Matheny: Good evening. Just wanted to remind everybody in the community that we're doing the Ukraine Drive and Springdale Offering Support is sponsoring this. We're working with Matthew 25: Ministries over in Blue Ash, so we're accepting items through May 20th up at the Springdale Fire Department. There are signs up there directing people where to take your things. The items that they are in need of are any kind of personal care items; bar soap, sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, things like that. Paper products, first aid items, new and gently used clothing. Any kinds of linens; quilts, bedspreads, comforters, sheets, and pillowcases. Baby and infant supplies, new stuffed toys (non-battery-operated), and no food donations though. So, after (May) 20th, Matthew 25: Ministries will come over and pick up all the items. They're actually doing a pick up tomorrow, because we're already filled up there from the first items, and then they're going to bring back some more bins and everything, so, it's coming along nicely so I just wanted to make another announcement before the deadline. If you have any questions, just contact the Springdale Health Department. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: I've got a couple of proclamations I'd like to read continuing our proclamation month here. The first one is for our Building Department:

"WHEREAS, the City of Springdale is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes and buildings that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of the buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians-building safety officials, designers, and others in the construction industry-who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings and enforce modern building codes which protect the public from hazards such as snowstorms, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety-our local code officials-who assure us of safe, sustainable, and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and dependable construction; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, fortitude and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local building departments in protecting lives and property.

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NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to recognize the contributions which building departments and fire prevention bureaus make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

So, Mr. Lamping, if you'd step forward.

Mr. Lamping: Thank you Mayor. I'd like to thank the Council for this proclamation. It's something that we like and cherish. We put it up on the wall in the office and it recognizes the hard work that our inspectors and plan reviewers do for the safety of the buildings where the people of Springdale live, work, and play. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you. (Applause)

Mayor Webster:

"WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th of each year as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the calendar week of each year during which May 15th 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 35 full and part time officers and 10 support staff within our own department; and

WHEREAS, more than 21,500 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including 615 officers during 2021; and

WHEREAS, events are often held 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 made the ultimate sacrifice – their lives – in defense of all citizens, including Springdale Police Officer Kaia Grant, who was killed in the line of duty on March 21, 2020, while protecting the citizens of Springdale.

NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15th – 21st, 2022 as

POLICE WEEK

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

Mayor Webster: Chief Wells, if you'd step forward please.

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Chief Wells: Mr. Mayor, Mr. President, members of Council, and City Administration, I thank you again for the opportunity to come here tonight to be here with you. As you well know, Police Week, and the ceremonies that go along with it are always near and dear to Police Officers because we remember those that have given their lives in the line of duty and that is particularly near and dear to our hearts because of Kaia's sacrifice. I'd like to introduce a couple of members of our department just here briefly, but before I do that, I wanted to thank you all. This is, bar none, the most supportive governing body I've ever had a chance to work with, and, again, just the support, given that this has been two years since this has occurred, has just been unwavering. And, I just wanted to say, "Thank you" from the bottom of my heart, and on the behalf of the Police Department. With that said, I'd like to bring Administrative Supervisor, Suzanne Perry forward, and also Police Officer Derek Setters, and introduce them and tell you a little bit about how they fit in the role of Police Week. Suzanne (Perry) has been with us for 17 years. She was just promoted to Administrative Supervisor three years ago.

Ms. Perry: Four years ago.

Chief Wells: Four years ago. (Laughter) I'm terrible at this. Time flies when you have the right person. Suzanne does an excellent job of leading the people that she's in charge of there at the Police Department, and what is extremely special is the fact that she takes what she does to heart. Anyone that's been down to our Police Department in the last couple of years since this has happened has seen the way the adornments; I call them that because of how "from the heart" they are. The "K" in front of the Police Department, the way our tree is lovingly taken care of. There may be others who do the physical work, but, Suzanne is the one that makes sure that those things are done. And, anytime we have an event, our place is "picture perfect", and always makes a top impression. For the last two years, we've also sent a letter to every single Police Department that has lost an officer in the line of duty, and those come from the Chief of Police. Well, I cannot take credit for that, because Suzanne is the one that does the research and prepares those letters for me to sign, and you'd be amazed how many letters we get back in response saying, "Thank you so much for thinking of us" and how much it meant to them that we sent that letter. I hate to say this now, but it never really even crossed our minds before what happened, but just the truckload of letters that we got meant so much to us, and it was Suzanne's idea to start doing that, and I just want to thank her both personally and professionally for everything that she brings to the (Springdale) Police Department (Applause). Thank you. So, you've been very kind to give us the Proclamation, and we tend to always come up here empty-handed. What we wanted to do was give something back to the City. Soon there will be a highway marker signifying Kaia's loss, but we felt like we've been fortunate at the Police Department because we have things there to memorialize Kaia. What we would like to do is present you with this framed picture that we hope that you will place somewhere here in the City Building so that citizens when they come in here to the City Building will have an opportunity to see and understand the sacrifice that Kaia made.

Ms. Perry: So, men and women of the Springdale Police Department would like to thank all of you for all of your support for the last two years. Kaia wasn't just ours; she belonged to you too. Kaia's name is now etched on the Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. Here is a picture of the wall, that was made for us with Kaia's picture on it. That was sent to the Police Department so that we would always know she is up there. She meant a lot to us. (Framed picture was presented to Mayor Webster and Springdale City Council).

Mayor Webster: Thank you very much.

Chief Wells: I'd also briefly like to introduce Police Officer Derek Setters. Derek Setters came to us in 2020 as that large group of hiring that we did. Derek served most of his career at the City of St. Bernard, and I met Derek through the Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard, which is very near and dear to me in all the years that I have served on the patrol there as well as Captain, and he and I struck up a friendship there, and when I found out that he had applied here I was very excited and hopeful that he would do well, and not at all surprisingly he did. Derek has served for nine years on the Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard, but he had to give that position up in order to come to our department. We have other people that are on that unit, and, we felt that it was only

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Chief Wells (continued): appropriate that he serve some time first, and, so what I wanted to do tonight, in addition to thank him, he's one of those kind of people; he's an informal leader; our younger officers look to him for advice. He's a seasoned officer that gives good advice. So, with that said, what I wanted to do tonight was to read this briefly here in front of you.

"To Police Officer Derek Setters: You have served as a Springdale Police Officer for two years, and are a current member of our City Police Honor Guard. You have served for many years as a member of the elite Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard, but you had to resign that position there when you left St. Bernard to come to Springdale. I am honored to appoint you back to the HCPA Honor Guard immediately and thank you for your willingness to serve and your esprit de corps. You rejoin a rich tradition of excellence that you originally helped build. Congratulations on this appointment."

Officer Setters: Thank you sir.

Chief Wells: Thank you (Applause). You may remember at the time when Kaia was killed, our Police Department Honor Guard served as the pallbearers for her casket, and Derek was actually in our process at the time. Sergeant Langevin, who is in charge of our Honor Guard, invited Derek to be there, and it was very fitting, and very appropriate for him to be there and he served, as they all did, with perfection. It was just a beautiful way to honor her. So, again, thank you very much. Thank you Suzanne. Thank you all very much tonight for the time. We really appreciate it.

President Vanover: Thank you. Be safe out there.

Officer Setters: Thank you sir.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. R08-2022

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 AS LOST REVENUE DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UTILIZING THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FUNDS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R08-2022; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Anderson: What's the approximate amount of this grant that comes through this?

Mr. Uhl: This is the same grant that we were awarded last year. So, it's about \$1.1 million dollars, split up into two tranches. We received our first tranche of about \$584,000 in July of 2021, and should expect our second tranche of \$584,000 in July of this year. That will be the end of it.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.

Resolution No. R08-2022 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R09-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC TREASURERS 2023 WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PROGRAM

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R09-2022; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R09-2022 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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President Vanover: Before I go further, I would be remiss if I did not welcome Mr. Jeff Levine into the fold here.

Mr. Levine: My pleasure. Thank you for having me. I like to tell people that Joe Braun got younger and better looking. (Laughter) Pleasure to be here.

Old Business - None

New Business

Mayor Webster: This time every year we talk about whether we want to go on a summer schedule or not so we can give the Planning Commission and everybody a "heads up". I would strongly suggest that we not do that this year. I think we've got so many important things coming down the pike with this development at Tri-County Mall, or redevelopment of Tri-County Mall that I think there's a high likelihood that we will have business before us throughout the month of July and August, so I would recommend that we not take a summer vacation this year.

President Vanover: Well, while we're on that, Council do you have any issues with that? (None) Then, we're on regular schedule.

Mayor Webster: We'll have Mr. Lamping pass that on to Planning Commission.

President Vanover: Okay. Very good.

Mrs. Ghantous: I saw on Facebook yesterday, or the day before about the open house for the connectivity something, meeting, information. Can I get a little bit more description of what's going to take place at that open house?

Mr. Uhl: KZF Design is going to host an open house for the bike/pedestrian/connectivity plan. They're going to have it in Council Chambers here, next Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. They're going to lead the discussion to kind of get some input from any folks who show up to kind of explain what the process is and gather input from participants. They're going to use that as part of their plan as they determine the safest routes, and where people want to go. When they do bike, where they like to start, where they like to end, and to see where they would like to go. There's also a survey that they have available as well. If you go to the City website and click on the calendar announcement for the connectivity open house, it will give you some more information; you click "Learn More", it will actually take you to the KZF website where you can take the survey as well.

Mrs. Ghantous: Okay, so, there's going to be a presenter from KZF, and they're going to say some stuff about connectivity to open up a discussion, and then, the attendees will be able to contribute their ideas.

Mr. Uhl: Correct. They're just looking for feedback. They want to know when people go to bike or walk, where do they start, where do they want to go, what facilities are we lacking. Are we lacking sidewalks in certain areas of town that prevent someone from connecting their neighborhood.

Mrs. Ghantous: Yes we are....

Mr. Uhl: ...to the stores. That's the input that they are taking as they begin to work on this kind of connectivity plan.

Mrs. Ghantous: So, it'll be like 50% of the time will be their presentation, and then 50%, or as attendees participate, there will be that much interaction.

Mr. Uhl: Correct. They'll have a short presentation just to give the overall plan objective, and then the majority is going to be input and feedback for participants.

Mrs. Ghantous: Okay. Thank you.

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Mr. Anderson: I just wanted to add I did go on the site and the survey and the map that the consultants brought is really helpful. If you're not able to come to that meeting because it's short notice and it's always that same time it seems like we have these community meetings, they have an on-line map where you can contribute just by dragging and dropping on to the City of Springdale all of that information like, "This is the route I take", "This is a problem area", "This is where I really need a sidewalk", or, "There's no crossing here". I think it's a great way to get that feedback anytime. So, I hope they'll use that in addition to the open house because it's a really cool tool to get that. And, when I went on the other day, even with the little communication that's gone out just from the Facebook post, there's dozens of people that have contributed to this that have highlighted points, so, it's a really cool tool if you haven't seen it. You don't have to wait for the open house; you can do that right now.

Mrs. Ghantous: It was easy enough that I did it by myself, so, that should just speak to all the residents that if I can do it, I know that everyone can do it.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Communications from the Audience - None

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: Item Number I was addressed with Resolution No. R08-2022; A Resolution Designating Funds Distributed to the City of Springdale, Ohio from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 as Lost Revenue Due to the Public Health Emergency Utilizing the Standard Allowance and Authorizing the Use of the Funds for Government Services. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Resolution No. R09-2022; A Resolution Authorizing the City of Springdale's Participation in the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers 2023 Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program. That passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters were forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There's a request for An Ordinance Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation and Declaring an Emergency. There's also a request for Authorizing a Preliminary Ordinance with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for the State Route 747 Urban Paving Program and Declaring an Emergency. As well as a first reading for An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale, Disposal, or Transfer of Personal Property from the City of Springdale. That would be all 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 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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