

City of Springdale Council

June 29, 2022

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on June 29, 2022

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

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

President Vanover: Mr. Ramirez had a previously scheduled personal event, so he will not be with us tonight.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. R12-2022

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE REMEDIATION OF SOIL AND GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION AT SITE OF THE FORMER TRI-COUNTY MALL AT 11700 PRINCETON PIKE

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R12-2022; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Mayor Webster: Yes, I'd like to have Andy (Kuchta) come before you and give you the background on how we got here tonight.

Mr. Kuchta: Thank you Mayor. Thank you Mr. President. It's pretty straight-forward. This grant program has been around since late 2021. This will be the third round of funds that will be made available. They've been spending it on a "first come-first serve" basis, and the first two rounds they did not spend all the money. There's about \$90 million dollars left in my understanding, and they're going to make those available to applications submitted as of 8:00 a.m. on July 1st. So, the consultant that the developer is using found out about this a week ago, and they said we really would like to get an application in because they can get up to \$10 million dollars for demolition, remediation activities not only for actual brownfields, which there are some buildings containing asbestos on the site, but then even for vacant buildings. Those are also eligible uses. No financial commitment from the City whatsoever. In fact, they're probably going to have their match requirement, a 25% match covered with the acquisition cost of the property. There's a two year look back period, so it seems like it should be pretty easy money to obtain from the State and they could use all the funds that can get in this first phase of the project, which is very expensive to them. I'm available to answer any questions.

Resolution No. R12-2022 passes with six affirmative votes. (Mr. Ramirez was absent)

Old Business - None

New Business

Mr. Hawkins: Just one thing. I'd spoken with Administration briefly on the issue of having live video take place with regard to our meetings. I didn't know if there was anything that Council needed to do, or Administration needed to do to follow through with that. It's my understanding that there's no additional cost for us to have that and if there's any steps that are needed from Council or anything else, please let us know, otherwise I'd love to see that move forward.

Mayor Webster: Just to give you a little bit of background on that, we were one of the first communities to televise our Council meetings. A lot of communities for years didn't do it. So, we were one of the first ones and I can't tell you the exact year, but it seems like it was a long, long time ago. I think even Cecil (Osborn) was still here and we were contacted by ICRC to see if we would be receptive to doing a live telecast. And we said, "Yes, absolutely." And, that's the last we've heard from them on that. I mean, yes, if there's something. I think maybe, have they been in touch with you Brian (Uhl)?

Mr. Uhl: Yes.

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Mayor Webster: Okay, so why don't you give them an update.

Mr. Uhl: Just a quick update. I did look into it. There is no additional charge for livestreaming. It would just be a decision of Council I believe and the only thing they had a couple of logistical requests as far as putting in a data jack closer to where they set up shop to help them with the feed, but short of that, that's the only thing that we would have to do for them.

Mr. Hawkins: Is it something where you need a resolution from Council or, just sort of a quiet acquiescence or, if there's something we need to do, I'm happy to do it.

Mr. Uhl: Nothing to our knowledge by way of any type of legislation, just an order of business for Council.

President Vanover: And, I know that they have run trials at different meetings in the past because there was a CAB-5 cable strung from the jack there back to the corner, so, it is capable. So, Council, I guess, unless there's...

Mr. Anderson: Just one question on that. It's just like the tv recordings; we're not going to be responsible for maintaining any kind of data for those recordings that are going on the web? It's just the live broadcast and we treat it just like ICRC. So, if somebody were to come to the City and request a record of that, we wouldn't have that. We're still just pointing them back to ICRC?

Mr. Uhl: That's correct. Everything would still be housed and operated in the Cloud by ICRC.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you. I think it's a great idea to livestream it. That's great. We can be on the front end of this just like we were with tv.

President Vanover: And the playback schedule will be the same as it is currently. Voice vote I guess. Is everybody a "thumbs up"? (It was unanimous) Plug it in.

Executive Session – Sale or Lease of Property and Economic Development

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I move that we go to an Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(g)(2) to consider purchase or lease of property and pursuant to the City Charter to discuss Economic Development matters related to the proposed redevelopment of the former Tri County Mall site.

Mrs. Ghantous: Second.

Motion to go to an Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(g)(2) to consider purchase or lease of property and pursuant to the City Charter to discuss Economic Development matters related to the proposed redevelopment of the former Tri County Mall site passes with six affirmative votes. (Mr. Ramirez was absent). Council departed chambers at 7:07 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 9:01 p.m.

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Adjournment

Mr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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