

City of Springdale Council

June 19, 2024

President of Council Anderson called Council to order on June 19, 2024.

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

Mayor Hawkins provided the Invocation.

Mrs. Browder took roll call. Council members Anderson, Gleaves, Jacobs, McFarland, Sullivan-Wisecup, Vanover, Webster were present.

The minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting were considered. Mr. Vanover made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

The minutes of the June 5, 2024 meeting were considered. Mr. Vanover made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Proclamation – Parks and Recreation Month

Mayor Hawkins read and presented Parks and Recreation Director, Charlie Wilson a proclamation recognizing Parks and Recreation Month.

Presentations – SOS Scholarship Winners

Ms. Webster: Hello, I'm Julie Webster. I'm the Treasurer of Springdale Offering Support. I'm here joined by Michelle Miller; she's a fellow SOS Board Member. So, we wanted to publicly present our two recipients, the two recipients that received the two \$1,500 scholarships. Our first recipient is Camryn Chambliss. She's been very active in the Key Club, National Spanish Honor Society, and the Student Equity Leadership Council. Camryn is going to UC (University of Cincinnati) in the fall, and, with that, I'd like to ask Camryn to please come up. (applause)

President Anderson: If you can hang out there for a second. Our cameraman is a minute behind. Thank you Brian (Uhl). (applause)

Ms. Webster: Our second recipient is a lifetime resident, Gavin Howell. He was very active with the Sailfish Swim Team, a lifeguard, a volunteer coach, and, his destination in the fall will be Ohio State University. (applause) Thank you very much.

President Anderson: Thank you, Ms. Webster. SOS does a lot of good in the community, so, we appreciate the opportunity to celebrate their scholarship winners with them. So, thank you for coming out tonight. We have a lot of regular business to cover too, so, don't feel obligated to stay for all of it, but, you're certainly welcome to watch to see "how the sausage is made".

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Good evening Council. The Civil Service Commission did meet on June 6th in the Springdale Municipal Building, and present was myself, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. McNear, along with Ms. Morgan, the Human Resource Administrator here at the City of Springdale. Also attending was Public Works Director, Michael Huxsoll, which was a nice showing for him to be there, and to observe and to get a better understanding of what it is that Civil Service is doing. For my report, I'll start with the Finance Account Clerk position. That hiring process has concluded with the candidate beginning employment on June 10th. So, we're happy to see that as we move forward. The next item was the Patrol Officer. One candidate is scheduled to begin work on June 24th, and there's one additional conditional offer pending. The Police Clerk position, as a result of a refresh of a job posting. That refresh yielded an additional 41 candidates for the position. Following the interviews, one additional offer was made. Also, the Assistant Director of Public Works, a timeline was presented, and that timeline was approved by the Commission. This position was the result of the vacated position of Mr. Huxsoll, who is now our director of Public Works. So, that timeline was presented, and it was approved 3-0 by

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Mr. Coleman (continued): the Commission. And, lastly, I just wanted to make the public aware that because our next regularly scheduled meeting was to occur on July 4th, the decision was made by the Commission to move that meeting to July 11th. That concludes my report, unless there's any questions.

Rules and Laws

Mr. Jacobs

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No report

Finance Committee

Mr. Vanover: Reporting that General Fund beginning balance was \$8,733,669.41. Year to date receipts; \$11,284,412.85. Year to date expenditures; \$9,555,393.22, leaving us an unencumbered balance of \$9,222,757.13. That would complete my report.

Planning Commission

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission met on June 11th. We had six people. Al Chang was unavailable; he was at a work conference. We had a very full night. We started off with the Springdale Lake PUD. It's a Preliminary Plan for Major Modifications of a bodega. It was something that was tabled a few months ago, and, they wanted to keep it on the table until our July 9th meeting, which we are. Then, we had Springdale Cinema Apartments. This was tabled from the meeting prior, and it was a Preliminary Plan and Map Amendment at 505 W. Crescentville Road. Milhaus came, and it was for 216 apartments, 96 townhomes, and, that was passed 4-2. That will be behind and kind of on the side of where Showcase Cinemas is now. It's the back parking lot, along the side of that. Then, on New Business, we had Springdale Lake Drive PUD Development Plan with Minor Modifications for Mallard Lakes Maintenance Garage. It failed 0-6. What they wanted to do was have a shed-like maintenance garage built, and, it was not going to be cohesive with the rest of the community; either Mallard Lakes or even the new community. It really wasn't in the same spirit of looking like them, so, we had gone ahead and voted that down, and they will be coming back, they said, with another plan. We had Cassinelli Square PUD. It was a Minor Modification for a Temporary Banner. It was on the old Toys R Us. It just said, "Leasing", and we passed that 6-0 to allow them to keep that up for a year. Then, we had Tri County Town Center PUD. It was a Minor Modification for Snowy Shaved Ice at 11711 Princeton Pike. It is going to be in the parking lot of Harbor Freight and places like that, and it's a small little snow cone place. And, it's going to be there during the summer months, and, that passed with a 6-0 vote. And, then, finally, we had the City of Springdale Zoning Code Amendment. It had a public hearing attached, and, it was for chickens. And, after a lot of discussion, and we did have a couple of people come and talk. It was decided to table it until we had a better idea of what was going to be in place with the new rules regarding the fowl husbandry and chickens in general. So, until we had a better idea of what was going to be going in place if we took this out, it was tabled. That was tabled 6-0. That sounds like it.

President Anderson: So, one question, or, there might be another one too after this. On the Zone text amendment request. That was a request that came from Council to remove a section from the Zoning Code after then Council to decide on. It came in two parts; this was independent of those other rules. My only question back to Planning is, is there a timeline that's required, it's my understanding for when those responses come back to Council in the Charter. I don't know if it's 45 or 90 days. I'd have to ask Mr. Braun, but, I just want to make sure that you have a plan to give a response back because I don't believe you can table that type of request. I think you have to give a response even if it's no action.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: We didn't have legal counsel there, and, from what was said, our Chairperson, and actually everyone on the Planning Commission felt very, very strongly that without anything to put in place, or, without any Step 2, we were getting rid of it, which, makes having chickens completely legal period. And, I think that people did not understand that. And, also, there was nothing to put back in, so, until we had more information as the Planning Commission, we didn't really have a choice here.

President Anderson: Just understand the Planning Commission can get back a "No" or incomplete answer back to Council because, they're still required to respond in that period of time. For what it's worth, for people who are not familiar, there are two sections where this type of thing are maintained for these domestic animals; things like chicken, fowl. There's a land-use portion of it, and then there's sections in the Zoning Code. This was just to address the Zoning Code Section, which I think requires a response, but, maybe, we don't need to do this here on the fly.

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President Anderson (continued): All I'm asking is that maybe have Planning check back in with Mr. Braun to make sure we're responding the way we should.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Because it was pointed out by the Chairperson that this was in fact a land use so that would go under the Zoning Code. So that was why it was still in the Zoning Code, because it was a land use.

President Anderson: Maybe we can follow back up on that, unless, Mr. Braun has thoughts already. Mr. Vanover you had a question?

Mr. Vanover: Well, my only question was kind of tag team on that. Then, if the Zoning Amendment failed, wouldn't it revert back to the existing code that is in place right now until that becomes changed; correct?

President Anderson: Right, well, that's all things that we can discuss once we get the recommendation back from Planning. So, what was tabled was Planning's recommendation to removing it. Not whether or not it's good policy. I mean, that part of good policy is part of it. But, their recommendation back to Council; it doesn't change this part of the code. It's for Council to decide after that. And, those are good questions for what would happen, especially if Planning Committee said, "We're not comfortable doing this without a replacement.", then Council could certainly address that, I think is the process. Mr. Braun, did you have anything to add to that.

Mr. Braun: No. I would just say that they're making a recommendation, so, one of their recommendations could be, as you pointed out, we think there should be more information before this is approved.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: When it was brought up with our Chairperson, he had just basically said that it was a land use; that there was no reason for a recommendation, and, basically we had to table it because if it comes to Council, it becomes a political issue instead of a land use issue. That was his exact words. I don't agree or disagree with him. It was just what was said as his reasoning, and the rest of us were like, at the same time, I think we all felt until we knew what was happening next, it was kind of hard for us to give a recommendation because if the recommendation was to not do it, we didn't know what the alternatives were, if it wasn't.

President Anderson: I only mention that it's not necessarily to put you on the spot to solve that problem, it's just I think Planning might need to have a meeting to address it in order to stay in compliance with the Charter. Ms. McFarland do you have something to add?

Ms. McFarland: I was just going to say that there were just a lot of questions that I needed to touch base with Administration, or the Mayor, or the Law Director, and we didn't have those answers to give. So, I agree with Meghan (Sullivan-Wisecup). I don't think anybody felt comfortable approving or disapproving anything. There were a lot of strong feelings, so, and, unfortunately, I had no idea.

President Anderson: Again, this isn't to put you on the spot, or wag my finger, I just want to make sure we stay in compliance with the Charter and the ordinances, which I believe say that Planning does need to respond in a certain period of time. If you need to have additional meetings, you're empowered to have those meetings set up and the Chairperson can do that. And, if you need Mr. Braun's help or Administration's help, I'm sure they'd be available. So, what caused concern for me was when you said it was tabled until some unknown period, and that even the next meeting might be too late, so, you might just want to check on that. Alright? A lot of discussion for the chickens.

Board of Zoning Appeals	Mr. Gleaves	-	No report
Board of Health	Ms. McFarland	-	No report
Capital Improvements	Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup	-	No report

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O-K-I

President Anderson: OKI did meet on June 13, 2024. There was two items just so people are aware of what's going on in OKI. Again, OKI did have a discussion, at length about the Charter Amendment that's before City of Cincinnati residents, and people might see news articles about it. For people who aren't familiar, OKI is a funding organization that gives millions of dollars of federal funding that flows through them to cities like ours. So, the Northland Boulevard Project, for example, has gotten three to four million dollars through OKI and federal funds that come through this board. We have representation on it. We vote on it. That money gets distributed. There's an amendment before it that could change the membership and some of the core rules. Just so people know out there, if you read things about OKI and think, "How does that affect Springdale?" It doesn't. The Board is not affected, as far as we know either way that Cincinnati votes for the upcoming issue in November, and, they made that very clear. But, if you have questions about it, or see articles and say, "Does that affect us?", feel free to reach out. The other thing the board did is we approved our 2025 budget, and approved the 2050 Metropolitan Plan. If anyone wants to look at it, and is really interested in infrastructure, the URL is 2050update.oki.org. The 2050 is in numbers. It talks about what we see in the future of transportation being in the region. It includes high-level goals and targets for funding for things. So, how that money gets down to it, you're talking about steering a huge ship of hundreds of millions of dollars. It also includes things like how does the Brent Spence Bridge affect the region, and how does that affect how we build our roads in Springdale. All of that is included in that plan. So, if you're interested, that's where you would get that information. The last thing the board did is we did approve an update to the TIF grants to include several funding approvals for safer streets projects, and, I think Springdale might have been on one of those items where we got some additional funding approved through OKI to help with safer streets. That would be bike path marking, and sidewalk improvements got funded through that. So, all in all good day for Springdale at OKI. A good month. Any questions? (none)

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: Since my last report, the pool opening went great and DJ Steven was on the ones and twos, and there was a nice crowd, and I think since then, residents have been enjoying the pool. Also, on June 7th, we had a ribbon cutting for La Morelense. Mr. Gleaves was there as well. It is western wear in Princeton Plaza. They used to be on Northland Boulevard, so they've relocated. This space is twice the size that their other one was in, and, I will tell you, they have a large selection of boots, and belts, and belt buckles, and leatherwear, vests, what have you. So, good establishment to go check it out, and we wish them well. The Mill Creek Alliance had their event called, "Canoes and Conversation" back on June 1st, that was in Woodlawn. They had a variety of activities for individuals to canoe down the Mill Creek, bike, go on trails, what have you. It was an excellent opportunity and showing of collaboration. You saw folks from the Mill Creek, you saw folks from the Metropolitan Sewer District, there were individuals from the Army Corps of Engineering to release water so folks had enough depth to go canoeing down there, and there were a lot of elected officials there from neighboring communities like Evendale, Glendale, Woodlawn, Lincoln Heights. Commissioner Driehaus was present. It was a nice opportunity to see some collaboration with folks in the region working together moving forward. And, lastly, we just completed another year of City Service and You Program that we do with the City. I know several individuals on the dais have had their kids participate in that. It's a unique program where kids get to go through all the different departments within the City, and learn how they function, and what they do. I think Tax Commissioner Smiddy probably won the award for the best swag given out through the course of that. The kids truly enjoyed it and Nathan did a great job putting that on. So, that concludes my report.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Jones: A couple of things on the Parks initially here. The summer 5k series program meets every Monday at 6:30 at the Community Park Concession. Also, Director Charlie Wilson wanted me to remind folks that Thursday, June 20th, tomorrow, we'll have our Art in the Park at 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. And, our Concert in the Park from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. That will be The Remains. Again, folks are very familiar with that. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup may have had her dad occasionally make a guest appearance for that. They indicate that Springdale Youth Boosters will be there selling refreshments, snack items, and so forth, at the concession stand. Also, there will be a water station available for those recognizing there's going to be some heat, so, try to help with that. And, lastly, I'd just like to congratulate the scholarship recipients. Thank you.

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Ms. Richardson (continued): as Juneteenth by the newly freed people in Texas. The post-emancipation period, known as reconstruction, which spanned a period of 1865 through 1877, marked an era of great hope, uncertainty, and struggle for the nation as a whole. Formerly enslaved people immediately sought to reunite and reunify families, establish schools, run for political office, push radical legislation, and even sue slaveholders for compensation. Given the 200+ years of enslavement, such changes were nothing short of amazing. Not even a generation out of slavery, African-Americans were inspired and empowered to transform their lives and their country. Juneteenth marks our country's second independence day. Although it has been long celebrated in the African-American community, this monumental event remains largely unknown to most Americans. The historical legacy of Juneteenth shows the value of never giving up hope in uncertain times. "

Mrs. Gleaves: There were many people that worked to bring Juneteenth a holiday, but, no one was more dedicated than 97 year old Opal Lee, affectionately known as "Grandmother of Juneteenth", for her years of tireless efforts by walking to bring attention to Juneteenth. Every Juneteenth she walks two and a half miles to recognize the two and a half years it took for the news of freedom to reach enslaved people of Texas. Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you for that information. We appreciate it. It's a good history note.

Mrs. Gleaves: Thank you.

Mr. Coleman: First of all, I want to say, "Thank you" to the two ladies who brought that information making all the listeners more aware of the significance of Juneteenth. That was very well done. Appreciate that. Second, I would address this to Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup. Because there's been so many questions about the status of Wawa, would you please let the public know, to the best of your ability, what's going on with that particular project?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to refer that to Administration. All I can say is every time I drive past, I go, "Yes! Wawa's coming!". I don't know about anybody else, but, that's what I say.

Mr. Coleman: I only addressed it to Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup because I know she's been getting lots of questions about that as well.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I do get lots of questions about it, and, that's how I answer it. But, Administration, if you have a better answer, please.

President Anderson: We might not have more information today. I know the site's been cleared. I drive there every other day and they're moving earth, I can tell you that. And more and more people are noticing. Although the news doesn't seem as interested in our Wawa as others, but, that's fine. When it opens, we'll make a big splash. Is there anything else you wanted to add?

Mr. Uhl: I don't believe we have a date yet for an opening, but, I do believe it is expected to be open before the end of the year. Sometime maybe late October, early November "ish" is probably a fair guesstimate.

President Anderson: I understand they're somewhat known for their Pumpkin Spice coffee, so I would assume they'll open right around the time that that's a critical component for people that are interested.

Mr. Coleman: So, I will say that information is, in of itself, an update. So, thank you.

Mr. Spradlin: My name is Cole Spradlin, I live on 870 Yorkhaven Road. Kind of forgot about the Wawa, however, now that we are breaking ground, do we have a set date on when the reconstruction for the intersection, or the improvements for the intersection will happen?

President Anderson: I don't know if Administration or Mr. Riggs has that information or needs to go back and look.

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Mr. Uhl: I don't believe we have a set date on when any of that's going to occur, but, we're trying to get some grant funding as well to help with those roadway improvements. Mr. Riggs, I don't know if you have anything to add by way of timeline or not.

Mr. Riggs: No, I don't have anything to add. I know they've been working on addressing the last minute plan review comments, but, I would expect it would be very close to the time that they're opening though.

Mr. Braun: I just indicated to Mr. Uhl, I can tell you all the legal stuff has been recorded, so, on the legal end, all the paperwork is done.

President Anderson: So, progress. The legal documents might have been interesting to people like you, but, when we saw the earth movers come in is when we started to get excited.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Before we start Ordinance No. 21-2024, the Chair is open to accepting a motion to amend this ordinance, adding an emergency clause, and Section 5 explaining the emergency clause if anyone would like to make that motion.

Mr. Jacobs: So moved.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Second.

President Anderson: Moved and seconded in order to amend the ordinance that was read at our last meeting to add an emergency clause, and, the Section 5. All the changes are recorded in what was submitted at the dais today. Are there any questions or discussion about the motion to amend? Again, for people who weren't at the meeting last time, the original ordinance that we were going to be discussing did not have the emergency clause because we wanted to make sure that the public had enough notice and we'd be reading it more than once. Emergency Clause ordinances don't typically require two readings, but, we want the ordinance, if it passes, to take effect on signature for reasons we discussed at the last meeting, which is why we're doing the amendment today or it's proposed.

Motion to amend Ordinance No. 21-2024 as distributed passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 21-2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION, PROCESSING AND RETAIL DISPENSARIES AND TO ADOPT TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ALLOW FOR THE LOCATION OF MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, PROCESSING, AND CULTIVATION BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

President Anderson: There is a public hearing attached to this ordinance before we take action on it, so, at this point, I will open the public hearing related to Ordinance No. 21-2024, which does include an emergency clause to enact. If anyone in the public would like to speak for, or, against this ordinance, this is your opportunity. Just like in communications to the Council, you'd simply come to the podium, state your name and address, sign in, and give us any feedback you'd like related to this ordinance. At this point, the floor is open for the public hearing.

No public comments were received.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2024; Mrs. Webster seconded.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would just again remind everyone that this did go to Planning Commission a month and a half ago, and it did pass unanimously before it came here. Thank you.

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President Anderson: I will also advise Council to remind you that there is a related ordinance that immediately follows this ordinance. Ordinance No. 22-2024 which we have not enacted. They are closely related, so, please keep that in mind as you decide what to do next.

Ordinance No. 21-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Before we get to Ordinance No. 22-2024, again, the Chair will accept a motion to amend as distributed in our packets today to add the emergency clause and the related section to it.

Mr. Jacobs: So moved.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Second.

President Anderson: Again, this was to make sure that it takes into effect right away so that there isn't a gap of 30 days that normally happens after ordinances are passed before the new rules would take effect, where it would be a "wild wild west". Any questions or discussion about the motion to amend to add the emergency clause? (None)

Motion to amend to add the emergency clause to Ordinance No. 22-2024 to add the emergency clause and related sections passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 22-2024

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 126 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO REGULATING THE LICENSING OF MARIJUANA CULTIVATOR & PROCESSING FACILITIES AND MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Webster made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2024; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 22-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 23-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT BRIGHTENING OHIO COMMUNITIES

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-2024; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 23-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 27-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ORPHAN RAIL CROSSING PROGRAM

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading. Is there any questions or discussion at this point? Seeing none, we will see this ordinance at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 28-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTRY RELATED TO THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 28-2024; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

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President Anderson: Questions or discussion?

Mr. Jones: I'd just like to point out there's no local match of any type on this. Thank you.

President Anderson: That's wonderful. Another good grant found by Admin.

Ordinance No. 28-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Again, thank you to Administration for finding more money through grants.

Ordinance No. 29-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ADVANCED ENERGY FUND GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 29-2024; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Ordinance No. 29-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 30-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OFFICE FURNITURE SOURCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF WORKSTATIONS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE TAX DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 30-2024; Mrs. Webster seconded.

Ordinance No. 30-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Executive Session – Economic Development

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to make a motion to go to Executive Session under Article II(D)(1) of the Springdale Charter to discuss Economic Development issues.

Mr. Vanover: Second.

Motion to go to Executive Session under Article II(D)(1) of the Springdale Charter to discuss Economic Development issues passes with seven affirmative votes. Council departed at 7:59 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 8:15 p.m.

Old Business

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None

New Business

Mr. Vanover: Mr. President I'd like to make the request that we bring forward legislation dealing with the ticket tax that we have on the books right now. And, make adjustments accordingly.

President Anderson: There's a recommendation to take a look at our ticket tax and that process that's in place there. Do we think it's appropriate to send that to Rules and Law and have them look at it, or, is that something that it's simple enough that Mr. Braun could just take a look at it and give feedback to Council as a whole. I'm not sure what exactly you had in mind.

Mr. Vanover: Well, Mr. Braun's going to be the one ultimately drawing it up, so, I think we can let him do his magic, and, if we have questions or concerns, then we can deal with it.

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President Anderson: Mr. Braun, do you have a preference if we send it just to the Committee, or do you want to take a look at that section, and, make recommendations back to Council?

Mr. Braun: I'm comfortable doing that, and, I guess I'll throw out there if you don't like it because it's going to be minor adjustments, you can always amend it.

President Anderson: Well, I'm going to propose that we just have Mr. Braun take that action, unless anybody else has feedback they want to give at this point. Let's do that Mr. Braun. If you can go ahead and take a look at our ticket tax ordinances and make sure if there's any updates we need to do, if we could prepare ordinances back to Council as a whole. Any other new business?

Mrs. Webster: I think we have a need for a resolution brought in at our next meeting since we have someone on this dais retiring, and I would like to request we bring one in for John J. Jones, our City Administrator.

President Anderson: Okay, I'm not hearing objections so far to that. If we can make sure we're working on that ordinance too to recognize Mr. Jones' contribution. Is the next meeting, is it really that soon, or do we have some more time? Mr. Jones, you've got a timer I believe.

Mr. Jones: I'm retiring the 19th of August, and I've been asked by the Administration to come back on the meeting of the 22nd of August. So, or, the 21st of August, I should say. So, I appreciate the request. But, I do plan to return, not on the dais, but, I do plan to return for the August 21st meeting.

President Anderson: Would it be alright if we prepared an ordinance to that like, and prepare it for the August meeting just to make sure we recognize the work that you've done here.

Mrs. Webster: So, you want to wait until you're coming back?

Mr. Jones: I'm just doing what I was told.

Mrs. Webster: I don't know who told you that. But, I thought you would want it read.

President Anderson: It will be read. He'll be here. We'll prepare it for that meeting. And, to that last point, if anyone has things that they want to make sure are included in that ordinance on the dais, just make sure you reach out to Mr. Braun with any of those salient points, if there's something you want to make sure gets recognized in there, we can work it in.

Meetings and Announcements

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

Mayor Hawkins: We're looking to have a town hall meeting on September 11th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The idea is for elected officials to be present and available, if they choose to. I already know that myself, President Anderson will be present. No one should feel obligated to come. If they want to come, they may come, and open up to the community for interactive questions and discussions at that time. So, again, folks can put that down on their calendar, September 11th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. This will be down at the Rec Center. We'll have more information to come. Again, do not feel that you have to participate, but it's an opportunity if folks choose to. Thank you.

President Anderson: That's a large Q and A that we talked about in the past. So, it's an opportunity for people to come in a little less formally to talk to Council, just in a structured thing so people can plan for it. Some people might not want to come and just address Council. It allows more time there. So, it's just an opportunity.

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Mr. Vanover: Just a reminder that we start our summer schedule next month, so, our meeting would be on the 17th, and actually, question to Mr. Jones, because the third meeting, or third Thursday, or, I'm sorry, Third Wednesday in August is the 21st.

Mr. Uhl: Just to reaffirm what Mr. Coleman reported earlier, and, just to remind everyone, the Civil Service Commission meeting scheduled in July will be on July 11th at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

Mr. Gleaves: The BZA meeting scheduled for June 25th has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is July 23rd in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. That's all I have.

Communications from the Audience - None

Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed by Ordinance No. 21-2024; An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Code Text Amendment to Remove the Prohibition of Medical Marijuana Cultivation, Processing and Retail Dispensaries and to Adopt Text Amendments to Allow for the Location of Marijuana Dispensaries, Processing, and Cultivation Businesses in the City of Springdale and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number II was addressed by Ordinance No. 22-2024; An Ordinance Creating Chapter 126 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio Regulating the Licensing of Marijuana Cultivator & Processing Facilities and Marijuana Dispensaries and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number III was addressed by Ordinance No. 23-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Development for Participation in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Brightening Ohio Communities. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number IV was addressed by Ordinance No. 28-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute a Subrecipient Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry Related to the Inflation Reduction Act Urban & Community Forestry Program and Declaring an Emergency. I believe, did we have to do a first reading on that, or did that pass with seven affirmative votes? I apologize.

President Anderson: Ordinance No. 27-2024 had a first reading.

Mr. Jacobs: Ordinance No. 28-2024 passed with seven affirmative votes. My apologies. Item Number V was addressed by Ordinance No. 29-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Development for Participation in the Advanced Energy Fund Grant Program and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number VI was addressed with Ordinance No. 30-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Office Furniture Source for the Purchase of Workstations and Accessories for the Tax Department and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number VII was addressed with Ordinance No. 27-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio, Ohio Rail Development Commission for Participation in the Orphan Rail Crossing Program. That was a first reading.

Legislation in Development

Mayor Hawkins: One more thing that we will be requesting for Council, or dealing with, will be a request for an ordinance regarding a contract for the new Administrator.

President Anderson: The timing of that, we'd want to take a look at that at the next meeting for a first reading, and there will be enough time to do it for two?

Mayor Hawkins: It would be coming through with an emergency, because it's the only thing we have in July preceding August 19th.

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President Anderson: So, we should expect it with an emergency clause based on the timing. So, if we can make sure we get that out ahead of time in case we have questions, we can deal with that before the meeting as much as possible, since we have one shot at it.

Adjournment

President Anderson: All we have left is Item 18.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

President Anderson: We're adjourned. Thank you everyone.

Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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