

City of Springdale Council

December 1, 2023

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on December 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

President Vanover: At this point, I will dismiss the outgoing Council members, and Mayor.

(Clerk of Council, Mrs. McNear, and Mayor Webster departed the dais)

Swearing-In Ceremony by Judge Stacey DeGraffenreid

Mr. Braun: Tonight we're very honored to have among us a judge from Hamilton County, Judge Stacey DeGraffenreid, who is from the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division and we're very honored tonight that she's here with us to do the swearing in. She has a long history of service here in Hamilton County, but I just want to briefly talk a little bit about it. She has over 20 years of service in Hamilton County. She's worked in the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, she's worked in the Public Defender's Office, she's practiced in Municipal Court, she's had a private sector practice, as well as public service. She's a member of the Cincinnati, the Ohio State, and the American Bar Associations, and she received her law degree at the University of Cincinnati. However, here in Springdale, we most remember her for the fact that she's a member of the Princeton High School Hall of Fame, and she's coached girls basketball, soccer, and many people will recognize her face, especially if you're in the Princeton School District. I would be remiss if I did not also mention, since I went to the University of Kentucky, that she went to the University of Louisville where she was a captain of the women's basketball team. We're very excited that she's here tonight to swear in our newly elected officials, who I know are very excited, and she's very excited to have the opportunity, so let's welcome Judge DeGraffenreid.

Judge DeGraffenreid: I'm happy to be here this evening. It's such an exciting day here in Springdale. We have a new Mayor, we have three new Council people. Mr. Webster has served here for 28 years just as Mayor. Just an exciting time with all the growth. I remember, I grew up here in Springdale. I don't know if you knew that. I grew up in Springdale me, riding my bike, as Mr. Hawkins said, riding my bike to the Rec Center for soccer, softball, everything here in Springdale. I'm just so excited to be invited here to today's ceremony. Thank you very much. I did want to say too, that, it made me nervous because Judge Melba Marsh because she is so good, it is hard to follow her, but I'm sure she is missed today, but, I'm happy to be here and so excited and thank you for having me here today.

Judge DeGraffenreid addressed Mr. Hawkins.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Raise your right hand.

Mr. Hawkins: I, Lawrence Hawkins III, solemnly swear to uphold the constitution of the United States of America, the constitution of the State of Ohio, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and to faithfully and honestly and impartially perform the duties of my elected position of Mayor to the best of my ability so help me God.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Congratulations.

Judge DeGraffenreid addressed Mr. Gleaves.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Raise your right hand.

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Mr. Gleaves: I, David Gleaves, do solemnly swear to uphold the constitution of the United States of America, the constitution of the State of Ohio, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and to faithfully and honestly and impartially perform the duties of my elected position of Council member to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Congratulations.

Judge DeGraffenreid addressed Mrs. McFarland.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Raise your right hand.

Mrs. McFarland: I, Michelle McFarland, do solemnly swear to uphold the constitution of the United States of America, the constitution of the State of Ohio, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and to faithfully and honestly and impartially perform the duties of my elected position of Council member to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Congratulations.

Judge DeGraffenreid addressed Mrs. Webster:

Judge DeGraffenreid: Raise your right hand.

Mrs. Webster: I LaVonne Webster do solemnly swear to uphold the constitution of the United States of America, the constitution of the State of Ohio, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and to faithfully and honestly and impartially perform the duties of my elected position of Council member to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Congratulations.

Clerk of Council Nicole Browder took roll call. Council members Anderson, Gleaves, Jacobs, McFarland, Sullivan-Wisecup, Vanover, and Webster were present.

Election of President of Council

President Vanover: At this point in the agenda, we will do the election of President of Council. We'll open the floor for nominations.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to nominate Jeffrey Anderson as President of Council.

Mr. Jacobs: Second.

President Vanover: Are there any other nominations? (None) We will now close nominations. By acclamation, Mr. Anderson, it's yours.

President Anderson: Thank you for that. I appreciate it. (inaudible)

Election of Vice-President of Council

President Anderson: Next, we have the election of Vice-President.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to nominate Dan Jacobs for Vice President of Council.

Mrs. McFarland: Second.

President Anderson: Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I will close the nominations for Vice President of Council. Then, by acclamation, Dan Jacobs is Vice President of Council.

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Old Business	-	None
New Business	-	None
Communications from the Audience	-	None
Adjournment		

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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