

## City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on December 6, 2023.

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

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

The minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting were considered. Minutes approved as submitted by acclamation with two abstentions (Vanover, Webster).

### Communications

Ms. Browder: We have a liquor permit request from First Watch Restaurants on 80 West Kemper Road, and that's just a notification to the legislative authority that they are coming forward with that. And, the Police Department does not have any comment or objection, so this will go forward if Council does not want to proceed with a hearing.

President Anderson: Alright, for people who are new to this process, typically, liquor permits have to be presented to City Council and there's an opportunity if anyone has questions or concerns about it. This would be your opportunity to ask, otherwise, the new clerk, or acting clerk would then submit back to the Liquor Control Board so it could be processed. So, let me pause for a minute. Are there any questions or concerns about that liquor permit? (None) Seeing none, you can go ahead and get it filed.

Ms. Browder: Thank you.

### Communications from the Audience

President Anderson: If you could come forward, state your name, sign in at the ledger, and let us know what you have to say. I'll remind you that, for what it's worth, there's a five minute limit for speaking, which can be extended if needed. I do apologize, we're in the process of ordering a new clock to help with the timer, so I've got this here that I'll use, but, if you have any questions or can't see it, let me know.

Mr. Ross: Okay. Let me catch my breath.

President Anderson: You're okay. Take a minute. But, when you're ready, let us know you're name and address.

Mr. Ross: My name is Richard Ross. I'm at 725 East Crescentville, and since I only have a minute.

President Anderson: Five (minutes).

Mr. Ross: Well, yeah, five. You know, I was here at one of the Building meetings a few months ago, and, they were closing down, didn't even want to let me speak, so I finally just blurted out about a minute or two about safety, about lowering speed limits which is becoming more common over the world, okay. Australia, etc., they're all, studies are showing lower speeds help in so many ways. Those of us on Crescentville, oh my gosh, when big trucks go along there, they literally can shake our back windows. I'm not kidding. So, if you lower the speed limit a little bit, 25, 30, of course, if you go down to 25 that I'd like, people are still going to drive 30 and 40, let's face it. So, right now, they're driving 50, or better. And, I understand that the Police have a hard time parking around there and getting speeders. I'm very sympathetic to, empathetic on all this stuff. But, again, we, a lot of us, and I'll just go down the street and take signatures if you want, we'd like to see a lower limit. Here's a perfect example, we have a lot of wrecks at Tivoli and Crescentville. A year and a half or so ago, a van full of kids was coming at Tivoli, of course, getting reading to turn south. Speeder comes up over the hill, tries to avoid them, smacks into them, but goes into the ditch. That lady, it took about an hour I think for them to get her out of there, but those kids could have all been killed, okay. Speed limit would have prevented that, okay. There's another case a few years ago. A few doors down, an older lady was backing out, and she knows how dangerous it is, she was backing out and some guy in a little green car comes zooming down,

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Mr. Ross (continued): hits her larger car so hard, it spun her car around. Oddly enough, the Police gave her the ticket. So, again, that's one thing. Let's think about a lower speed limit there. By the way, the new lights they put up there are blinding. My neighbor, Barb has to close the curtains and everything else. It's just blinding. I have one very interesting thing to bring up. Because I gave that little talk about two months ago, I was a suspect in a crime. What do you think about that? Does that make sense to you? The Police actually thought, "Oh, he's complaining about speed or something. I wonder if he's the guy putting out nails in the streets?" When that detective, I'm sorry about that guy that died, I'm sorry to hear, when I spoke to him after he left his card, "How are you doing? What's going on officer?" "You know about nails in the streets?" I said, "I don't know. I am getting more flat tires than normal. In fact, I just had a couple. I'm poor. I just had to spend \$300 for that." So, he's saying, "Do you know anything about concrete nails?" I said, "No." He said, "Well, they're kind of short and gray with a large head." I said, "Okay, you know, at my age, I've been in Lowe's, and bored, and looked around, and I've probably seen them." You ready for this? He said, "So, you do know what they are." Like he's trying to put words in my mouth. I had to laugh. I had to really laugh like, "Sir, we're ending this conversation. You're not making any sense at all. Why in the world would I put nails out on a road that I drive on. Plus I'm a nice person. Why would I do that to other people?" By the way, I just talked to some guy today who had a very interesting idea. He thought it was the rental place down from me a couple of hundred yards on the north side on West Chester side, and his theory was that they, again, are letting them out. But, again, I thought that frankly was kind of a violation of my civil rights to be investigated because I made a safety comment. Sounds kind of like "1984", or a very bizarre world.

President Anderson: So, your time is expired. Is there any comments or feedback from anyone on Council or on the dais?

Mayor Hawkins: Thanks for coming out, Mr. Ross. In terms of the speed stuff, there have been a number of different instances around the City where folks have had concerns with regard to speed, and we can certainly look into with our speed devices to sit and place those out, and see what those look like to gather some data. In terms of the nail situation, it is a matter that is pending, but, I can tell you there's an individual in West Chester....

Mr. Ross: Yeah, I know.

Mayor Hawkins: That's set for trial with regard to an allegation at least of that individual putting out nails.

Mr. Ross: Right.

Mayor Hawkins: So, we'll administratively look into the speed on that location, as we would for anyone that comes in and has a concern, and we'll get some information back.

Mr. Ross: Okay, and just, you know, just sit there yourselves, and watch the cars and trucks zip by. I mean, again, most of them are safe and all that, but many of them come up over the hill heading east, and they don't notice, maybe they've never seen Tivoli there or something and they're shocked when somebody's turning against them. So, again, I clean up, if I had more time tonight, I'd bring in pieces of cars that I've picked up out of the street.

President Anderson: Is there any other comments or questions from anyone else on the dais? (None)

Mr. Ross: By the way, what's the date today?

President Anderson: Today is twelve six.

Mr. Ross: Okay. That's it.

President Anderson: Thank you for coming out. I will tell you that it has been investigated. We've looked at, it seems on the speeding side, I think it was last year or the year before for people who are new on the dais, where we actually made a uniform speed limit on Crescentville as part of that widening project. Butler County had raised their speed limit to 35 going on their

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President Anderson (continued): side, and the thinking at the time was it made more sense to have it be uniform going both directions.

Mr. Ross: Of course. I understand.

President Anderson: Just understand that that was made deliberately, but, as Mr. Hawkins mentioned, it's something that can be looked at.

Mr. Ross: Again, this, we're only talking about one mile. One mile. Just slow them down for one mile. They'll save gas, birds will sing, all kinds of good stuff.

President Anderson: Absolutely. Thank you for coming out.

Mr. Ross: Thank you.

### Ordinances and Resolutions

President Anderson: Before we get started on the ordinances, Council, there was a request, or an admission for another resolution, R34-2023 where there's an additional vacancy for the Board of Zoning Appeals related to a member who had moved out of the community. So, the Chair is asking for a motion to add Resolution No. R34-2023 to the agenda.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I'd like to make a motion to add (Resolution No.) R34-2023 to the agenda.

Mr. Jacobs: Second.

President Anderson: Is there any discussion of the addition of this to the agenda?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: At what point did you want to put this in the agenda?

President Anderson: We'll insert it after Ordinance No. 50-2023, if it's approved, so it's the first resolution that we read.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Okay.

President Anderson: Any other discussion on the motion to add to the agenda, Resolution No. R34-2023 to the agenda? (None)

Motion to add Resolution No. R34-2023 to the agenda passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Again, as I mentioned, we'll add that in the agenda, just above Resolution No. R19-2023, so it would be the first resolution that we add just so that we don't lose track of it. But, we'll start with the ordinances.

### Ordinance No. 47-2023

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 EAST KEMPER ROAD AND APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY

President Anderson: Council, you've heard the reading. This is a first reading, so, we won't be taking action tonight. Is there any discussion or questions regarding Ordinance No. 47-2023 tonight?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: For those who are new and weren't here when I reported on this last, and so you have some background as to what this is, SS, what we're asking is there's like this little strip of grass next to Chick-fil-A, and on the other side of it, which is just grass (SS). SS means like their function is for service districts; support service districts, so it's not, we want to add it to the PUD so that all the rules will apply to that strip as they make it into part of the drive-thru, and parking area in Chick-fil-A. So, in order to make sure that it follows all of the same rules as what we currently have for Chick-fil-A, we're asking that you say "yes" to this, and make the

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup (continued): "SS" district into part of the PUD, so it's all folded together, so it all follows the same rules as Chick-fil-A, and it's all one parcel piece under the same zoning. Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you for that. Are there any other questions, comments, or discussion for this item? (None) Seeing none, we will see this at our next meeting.

### Ordinance No. 48-2023

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL UNDER THE OMNIA PARTNERS AND COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GAMETIME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,040.07 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN CAMERON PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

President Anderson: Council, you've heard the reading of Ordinance No. 48-2023. It does have the emergency clause. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 48-2023; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

President Anderson: I believe Administration has a presentation on this or comments that they'd like to make.

Mr. Jones: Yes. Charlie Wilson is here to make a brief presentation, and it will pertain to this ordinance, and, actually the next ordinance that we will be reading. Thank you.

Mr. Wilson: I'd like to thank you all for having me here this evening. I'm here to present on Underwood and Cameron Park Revitalization Project. I want to back up a few months to kind of give a back history here. Back in June we were approached by a potential donor. They called and they said, "Hey, I'd like to make some updates to one, if not maybe two of your parks." So we said, "Okay, well, what are you looking to do?" They said, "Well, we just want it redone. We want it done right." And, so, again, I kind of fished and asked, "What are you looking to spend? What are we looking to do here?" She said, "Well, it doesn't matter what it cost. I just want it done right." So, having that sort of limited information, we took our recent poll from our Comprehensive Plan where we reached out to community here and said, "Hey, how can we improve some of our parks?" Then, also from our Connectivity Plan, we took some of that information and how we could better implement what we plan to do at these two parks, intertwine them, and, hopefully what we we did with that information is we got with a contractor, come up with a design, and hopefully hit on elements that the Community wishes to see here. So, in the Comprehensive Plan, a couple of things that kind of were reoccurring as far as input from the Community was they wanted something to be a little bit more inviting. So, as you can see here, Underwood Park. I think we can do a little bit better than that. Obviously, some of our parks have seen some better days, and this is an opportunity here to make some improvements. Another part in the Comprehensive Plan is they wanted a place for community engagement, where family and friends could gather, and right now at Underwood Park, this is what we have standing there today. Which again, I think we can do better. So, as far as playgrounds goes, you know, we fare better than most. We have a few playgrounds here in Springdale. That's something to be proud of because not every community has these. But, with that said, we needed a facelift, we needed some modernization, we needed to adapt to some of the more modern playgrounds that we see here today. So, with that said, Administration and I met with the potential donors, and they had agreed to some of these concepts that I'm about to show you here. So, a few of the things that we're going to do, and this is an overlay, and trust me, you'll see way prettier images than this. But, we're going to completely re-do the parking lot. We're going to repave. We're also, and I know this is probably hard to see, but we're going to have it more accessible to all the structures that we have out there. So, we're going to have walkways to a shelter that could stand anywhere between to 25 to 30 folks. There's going to be grills, trash cans, places for people to have family reunions, have birthday parties, really an anchor at the park. We also plan to almost double in size our playground. So, here is one of the images here. A couple of things I would like to note is a few of the things we wanted to do is we wanted to make it more family-friendly, and one of those steps was we wanted to make sure that we shaded that structure because, in that particular park, it's very exposed to the

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Mr. Wilson (continued): elements. We found that that needed to be important. As I mentioned earlier, we wanted to have walkways to each of these structures, especially to the playground, especially with those who might have mobility limitations. We wanted to make a little bit more inclusive play. We also added ADA swing sets. We added the seating inside the playground to make it easier for parents to keep track of their kids in an event one of them falls, they're not tripping over the barrier trying to get into the playground to come get their kid. So, here's another image, and there's the shelter. Then, Cameron Park. Again, not a very inviting image when you first walk into that park. It could use some work, and, our maintenance guys, they do their best with what we have. Again, these parks are going to kind of mirror each other. There's our community gathering spot. Don't mind that trash can; the bottom is falling out there. So, we're going to have walkways from both the parking lot, we'll completely re-do that parking lot as well. We'll have walkways to the picnic shelters, and to the playground. And, then, intertwining the Connectivity Plan, we will have bike racks at each one of these so you can ride your bike, your scooter, your ebike nowadays. Everybody seems to have one. So, when we met with the donor, we really weren't sure how much they were actually going to give us. So, we tried to be mindful of that in our approach to this, and what the Community would like to see. But, we asked for this amount here, and they agreed to write us a check for \$599,500 to make these park improvements, and we hope that these, with working with the donor, that this will be something that they can enjoy in their legacy, and also we can provide our residents here some nice new playground equipment. So, with that said, I'm free to answer any questions, or comments.

President Anderson: That's exciting stuff. Thank you, Charlie (Wilson). Are there questions or comments from anyone on Council?

Mayor Hawkins: Thank you. Just as a comment. This is the kind of thing that just don't happen. This is unbelievable. It's beyond generous. And, some of these things are things that the Community has been talking about, asking for, and Elected Officials have been asking for. In terms of shelters, it's been over ten years. We've talked about shelters, and talked about possibly trying to get the block grant to do that, so to not have just one shelter, but two shelters, along with a new playground, is phenomenal. So, we are super fortunate with regard to this, and this generous, generous, gift.

Mr. Gleaves: Thank you for the presentation. Just curious, is there any plan for a bathroom there, or how would that be because there has been some concern about that in the past.

Mr. Wilson: Sure. Right now, what we do with our outside parks is, in the summer months, we have bathrooms stationed outside. We pull those in the winter, but we do have port-o-lets that go out there, and that should be out there, some of our designated park areas. Asking for bathrooms, a couple of things we needed to keep in mind in this build is we wanted to make sure it was something we could build and maintain with our staff that we have at hand. We don't want to build so big that we can't actually physically maintain it like restrooms at all the different parks. So, that is why we did have some sort of limitations, but, we do try to keep restrooms out at the outside parks in the summer, in the busier months. Good question.

Mr. Gleaves: Yes. Thank you.

President Anderson: It's very exciting stuff. As Mayor Hawkins mentioned, is there any intention of, I know you're very careful to protect the name of the donor. Is there any intention to recognize this generous gift in other ways? I just want to make sure that they get the credit due because this is community-changing type of donation.

Mr. Wilson: Yes. Absolutely. And, in fact, we and Administration had talked. We planned to do something in the near future to recognize them, and to their generosity.

President Anderson: Assuming they will. If they want to be anonymous, that's fine obviously.

Mr. Wilson: Can I share the name? Are you alright with that? (Addressing Administration).

President Anderson: You don't have to tonight. I just wanted to make sure it gets recognized when it's appropriate.

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Mr. Wilson: Absolutely. Marjorie Underwood-Randolph, and her husband Jim Macinko. Marjorie grew up here in Springdale. She has property off of Cameron Road. Underwood was actually named after her mother, and she re-did that, I want to say in our prior conversations about 20 to 30 years ago. She did that in her mother's honor. She wants to come back for more.

President Anderson: That's great. That's really fantastic.

Mr. Wilson: Yes. Absolutely.

President Anderson: Thank you for that presentation. Is there any other comments or questions for this item? (None)

Ordinance No. 48-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Moving on to Ordinance No. 49-2023. Again, this is related. It also has the emergency clause, but we needed to handle them separately.

### Ordinance No. 49-2023

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL UNDER THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GAMETIME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$232,525.55 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN UNDERWOOD PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 49-2023; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Ordinance No. 49-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

### Ordinance No. 50-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 35 AND 36 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 50-2023; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Ordinance No. 50-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Council, next we had originally planned the inserted item. Resolution No. 34-2023. If there's no objection, I thought that that was the start of our nominations, but, I had forgotten that there were a few resolutions before that. So, if there's no objections, I'd like to hold the added Resolution No. 34-2023 until after Resolution No. 21-2023, so we can finish the other business, and then do all of the Council appointments at the same time. Is there any objection or concern about that? (None) Then we'll move that down and come back to Resolution No. 34-2023 after (Resolution No.) 21. Sorry for the confusion. We'll still chalk it up to it's our first meeting together.

### Resolution No. R19-2023

RESOLUTION COMMENDING CAROLYN GHANTOUS FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I know that Carolyn (Ghantous) is not here this evening, but Carolyn is one of my neighbors, and she's a wonderful person and I enjoyed serving on Council with her, and she's going to be very, very missed and I hope to see her doing other things in the City.

Mr. Vanover: In the Resolution, they seemed to omit that she served on Board of Zoning Appeals.

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Oh, she did. Yes, she did.

Mr. Vanover: So, we might want to make that correction.

President Anderson: Do we need to make a motion to amend it, or do we just want to just recognize it here tonight? I'd like it to be correct for when she gets presented. She did great work with BZA with me.

Mr. Braun: I would recommend that you, if there are any changes that you want to make to them, just move to amend, and then that way the final version will have it in it.

President Anderson: Is there a motion to amend to add Board of Zoning Appeals?

Mr. Vanover made a motion to amend Resolution No. R19-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

President Anderson: Any discussion or questions about the motion to amend the resolution to include and recognize her work on the Board of Zoning Appeals? (None) I'll add I think it is important and I appreciate the call out. That's a tough committee to be on.

Motion to amend Resolution No. R19-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Are there any other questions or comments about the resolution itself? (None) Well, I do want to add that I served with Mrs. Ghantous on Board of Zoning Appeals and she was always a steady voice there. I've known Carolyn (Ghantous) for more than two decades now, with her granddaughters being in school and helping my kids too. There's a long history with her, and I do wish her well and appreciate the work that she did for the City. I don't think we'll see the last of her. She's too involved, and too engaged.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-2023; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Resolution No. R19-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R20-2023

RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOE RAMIREZ FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R20-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

President Anderson: Is there any discussion, questions, or comments on Resolution No. R20-2023? (None) I will add that Mr. Ramirez was actually the Chair of Board of Zoning Appeals when I first joined Council, and it was my first Committee assignment. So, he really set a standard for running the meetings even at that point, especially on Board of Zoning Appeals which can be tough. There's a lot of history there, and a lot of working with the residents, and I appreciate the work that he did when he was on the Board of Zoning Appeals with me.

Resolution No. R20-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R21-2023

A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO APPROPRIATE FOR PUBLIC USE PROPERTY REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND OTHER TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTHLAND BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R21-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

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Mr. Braun: I just wanted to let Council know that this is coming before you. This is the first step of an appropriation action, which means that this authorizes the City, should we need to do so, to engage in the eminent domain process to appropriate property. This doesn't happen very often, so I just thought I would take a moment to explain that especially not just for the new members of Council, but for all members of Council. Appropriation is where we appropriate the property for a public use. We've had some discussions with some property owners as it relates to the Northland Boulevard Project. We had not reached agreement with this particular property owner at the time that we drafted this and placed it in your packet. I have been advised by City staff that we've reached an agreement with that property owner. However, it's not finalized. In the event we need to do an appropriation, I'm asking you to go ahead and approve this because if we don't, given the number of meetings remaining in the year, our deadline is the end of the year to get this process done. We would need to either initiate litigation, or, reach an agreement. So, as a precautionary measure, I'm asking you to go ahead and approve this, although I'm telling you that the likelihood of us needing it is minimal. And, that's actually a good thing because that means that the City has been able to reach out to these property owners, and amicably reach an agreement on them allowing us to either have or use property for this project. So, until that's finalized, I'm asking you to go ahead and approve this so that staff has that first step checked off should we need to engage in that process. Thank you, Mr. President.

Resolution No. R21-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: Alright, Council, what we're coming up against now is a group of resolutions that involve committees and appointments. So, this is Resolution R22-2023 through R34-2023. All resolutions that we're going to be dealing with in sequence here one at a time. Just for expediency and to make sure everyone understands the process that we're going to use for these. The first, after the one that we've added, there's a number of the committee appointments that are done by the Mayor. Those are the ones that show up on your list that already have a name listed on them. What Council would do then is read them, and then we'll vote on them one by one. For the ones that will come up to that don't have a name yet assigned to them where there's a nomination process, what will happen is we'll start each of those items one at a time, then give an opportunity, I'll open the floor for nominations. At that point, you would use your call button to call in. I'll recognize you, and then you're able to nominate a person for that specific position. Once that nomination process is closed, if there's more than one person nominated for that specific seat, then we'll go to a vote where each person will select one of the names that was offered for that. In the case where there's just one name that was offered for that nomination process for that specific seat, we would just read it with that, and vote on that on its own. We don't have to vote. The other thing I'll point out is it's not necessary for any of the nominations to be seconded when they're done, so each Council person is permitted to present a name, or more names at a time each time they're recognized, and then we would process them. Does that make sense? Everyone okay with that process? We'll go through that. The other thing that I'll do that I'll mention is that there's a lot of repetition with this for the next set that we're putting on Mr. Jacobs, and it's a lot of the same language, it's just the title that changes the seat, and the name. So, what I would recommend, and what the chair will entertain, is a motion to read Resolution No. R22-2023 through R34-2023 by title only, meaning that we would do that process one at a time. Read the title with a blank, if it's blank, or read a title with the name, and then act on it. So, with that in mind, it just saves us some of the time since we've got a long agenda tonight, and Mr. Jacobs is still warming up his vocal chords, and we don't want to burn him out before his two year term is up here. So, at this point the Chair will accept a motion to read R22-2023 through R34-2023 by title only.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to make a motion to read Resolution R28-2023 through R34-2023 by title only.

Mr. Jacobs: Second.

President Anderson: Just for clarity, we could do the same for thing for R22-2023 through R34-2023.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I'm sorry, I was looking at the ones we were filling in. I'm sorry; all of them. R22-2023 through R34-2023. I'm sorry.



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President Anderson: So, we've got an amended motion to read by title only. Is there still a second.

Mr. Jacobs: Second.

President Anderson: Alright, moved and seconded to be read by title only, Resolution R22-2023 through R34-2023. Is there any discussion or questions about just the motion to read these by title only?

Motion to read Resolutions R22-2023 through R34-2023 by title only passes with six affirmative votes and one opposing vote (Vanover).

Resolution No. R34-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2025

President Anderson: At this point I'll open the floor for nominations for the unexpired term for November 30, 2025.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Michele Gilmore for this position.

President Anderson: The floor is still open for nominations. Seeing none, at this point, by acclamation, could we read Resolution No. R34-2023 with the name Michele Gilmore inserted.

Resolution No. R34-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHELE GILMORE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R34-2023; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

President Anderson: Moved and seconded. Any discussion about Resolution No. R34-2023?

Mrs. Webster: I guess I misunderstood this. Why are we not having names in these other places?

President Anderson: So, what's going to happen, when we get to each one of them, each one have the opportunity to nominate one or more people for each one of them for Council because Council, as a group, nominates those. The ones that have names are coming from the Mayor's office, from Mr. Hawkins, so he can just add a name.

Mrs. Webster: But he's not through (Resolution R) 24.

President Anderson: This is the one that we added that wasn't on the agenda before.

Mrs. Webster: Alright, okay, but these are all that we fill in.

President Anderson: Yes. We will still go through those.

Mrs. Webster: Okay. It was very confusing.

President Anderson: I agree. There's a lot going on there.

Resolution No. R34-2023 passes with six affirmative votes and one opposing vote (Webster).

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Resolution No. R22-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT GARRISON AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R22-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mayor Hawkins: With regard to (Resolution) R22-2023, R23-2023, and R24-2023, all appointments for the Board of Health asking for Council's report with regard to those. Scott Garrison, as well as Jim Squires, and Holly Emerson have all served on the Board before. Mrs. Emerson did it as an elected official. She's going to come back to do it as a member of the Board. All of them with great experience and they've done an excellent job for the City, so, asking for your support with regard to those three. Thank you.

Mr. Jacobs: I just wanted to echo that comment. It was great to work with Mr. Garrison in my time as liaison to the Board of Health, so I appreciate the nomination as well.

Resolution No. R22-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: I don't know if Mr. Scott is here, or Mr. Garrison is here, but, if he's on or sees the meeting recording, thank you for being willing to serve. We look forward to having you for another two years.

Resolution No. R23-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JIM SQUIRES AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R23-2023; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Resolution No. R23-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Mr. Squires, I don't believe is here, but we look forward to seeing you back on the Board of Health as well.

Resolution No. R24-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HOLLY EMERSON AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R24-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R24-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Looking forward to seeing Holly back in this building again. I think we finally dragged her out of retirement. So that will be great. For those who don't know, Mrs. Emerson was on Council for a number of years as well.

Resolution No. R25-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AL CHANG TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2027

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R25-2023; Mr. Vanover seconded.

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Mayor Hawkins: With regard to Resolution No. R25-2023, R26-2023, and R27-2023, just a little brief bit about these individuals. Al Chang is a Princeton Viking, has a lot of energy, and very excited about getting to work. He's an individual that I believe is going to be one of the people that's going to sort of be a bridge in the gap of transferring information. I think he's going to be someone who's going to be engaged in this process for decades to come. And, so, I think he's going to be a great asset. With regard to Carolyn Ghantous, former Councilmember has been on Board of Zoning Appeals, obviously, everyone knows what she brings to the table. She'll be an excellent addition with regard to the Planning Commission, and last, but clearly not least, Mr. Steve Galster, former Councilmember, and a fixture with regard to Planning Commission. I think he is so important and critical to what goes on with that board or commission, and so, asking for your support with regard to these individuals please.

Resolution No. R25-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: I believe this is Mr. Al Chang's first formal role with the City, so, welcome aboard. If you read the minutes, you'll see it. We look forward to your time here.

Resolution No. R26-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CAROLYN GHANTOUS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2027

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R26-2023; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Resolution No. R26-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: She wasn't gone for very long. Welcome back Mrs. Ghantous. We look forward to seeing you on Planning (Commission).

Resolution No. R27-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING STEVE GALSTER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2027

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R27-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: We need to put a nominee in there.

President Anderson: This is for (Steve) Galster.

Mr. Jacobs: Oh, did I...

President Anderson: Did you read the wrong one?

Mr. Jacobs: I did. I apologize.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I was like, wait a minute.

Mr. Jacobs: I was reading (Resolution No. ) R28-2023. My apologies.

President Anderson: So, why don't we back up, we don't need to do anything formal to remove the motion to adopt or anything.

Mr. Braun: Correct.

President Anderson: Let's back up and read Resolution No. R27-2023. This is for Mr. Galster, in the audience, to reappoint him to Planning.

Mr. Jacobs: Round two. My apologies.

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R27-2023; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Mr. Vanover: Mr. Galster, does being rated a fixture carry any benefits?

Resolution No. R27-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Mr. Galster is in the audience. Thank you for being willing to serve, and I apologize for the confusion while we were nominating you. That is in no way an indictment on your service. We appreciate your time.

Mayor Hawkins: I just wanted to say Council, thank you for your support.

Mr. Braun: Just as a point of order, now that we're going to be entering a series of resolutions that have blanks to be filled in, just so that it is clear what everyone's voting on, I would appreciate if, when Mr. Jacobs reads it the first time, he has a blank, do nominations, then have it read a second time with the name in it so the record is clear as to what everyone is voting on. If we can do that, that would just make it clear in the minutes. Thank you Mr. President.

President Anderson: And that's the process we'll follow. Does everybody understand the process we'll be using? Are there questions about the process? This will be the same thing we do for the remaining resolutions. So, we'll start by having Mr. Jacobs read it, he'll include a blank, after he reads it with a blank, I'll open the floor for nominations. At that point, you would use your call light to call in, and then I'll call on you and you can add a nomination. Once those are complete, then, if there's more than one person, then we'll go through the voting process. Alright? Okay, so, next up is Resolution No. R28-2023.

Resolution No. R28-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2027

President Anderson: Alright, at this point, I will open the floor for nominations for Resolution No. R28-2023. This is for the Planning Commission for the term ending November 30, 2027.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to nominate David Okum to Planning (Commission). I do have his full bio if you'd like to see it, but, he has been on Planning (Commission) on and off since the early eighties, and, he's on OKI, Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission 2006 to present, OKI Regional Council of Governments Executive Committee 2008 to present, OKI Regional Council of Governments Strategic Land Use Committee 2009 to present, Planning Commission City of Springdale 1989 to 1993, and 1995 to present. Vice Chairman Planning Commission 1995, Chairman 2022-2023. He's been on Board of Zoning Appeals, been Chair and Vice-Chair multiple times, and the list literally goes on and on. If anybody wants this, I will be glad to give it to you. He's our Chairperson, and very literally you can ask him on a dime about Code and he can recite it without even thinking about it. And, that is invaluable to me, so I would appreciate it if you would consider him.

Resolution No. R28-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID OKUM TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2027

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R28-2023; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Resolution No. R28-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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President Anderson: Mr. Okum, welcome back. We appreciate your time and service as Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup indicated. You've been very instrumental in the City's success. We look forward to several more years. Everyone okay with the process? Following it? Okay, then we'll move on to Resolution No. R29-2023.

Resolution No. R29-2023  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF  
THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING  
NOVEMBER 30, 2027

President Anderson: Alright, at this point, I will open the floor for nominations for Resolution No. R29-2023. This is for a seat on the Springdale Planning Commission for the term ending November 30, 2027.

Mr. Gleaves: I would like to nominate Michelle Miller. She was just on the Board of Planning Commission and I worked with her on the Board of Zoning Appeals. She works with SOS (Springdale Offering Support). She's been in the community forever. She was born and raised here. So, I'm nominating her.

Mrs. Webster: I would like to nominate Joe Ramirez. He just was on Council. He's a four year member of Springdale Council, eight year member of Planning Commission, past Chairman of Board of Zoning Appeals for eight years, four years Vice Chairman of Springdale Finance Committee, four years of the Firefighters Benevolence Committee, member of the Recreation Commission, eight years a member of the Board of Housing, Building and Fire Appeals for four years, member of Public Works Committee four years, founding member of Junior Olympics, baseball, basketball, soccer coach, founding member of the Springdale Golf League.

President Anderson: The floor is still open for nominations for Resolution No. R29-2023 for the Planning Commission seat. Are there any other nominees. (None) Seeing none, I am closing nominations for the seat. So, what's going to happen now is we'll end up polling Council, and rather than saying "yay" or "nay", what you're going to be asked to do is to give a name specifically of the two nominees that have been put forward, so, when your name comes up, you would either respond back with, "Ms. Miller", or "Mr. Ramirez". And, then, wherever the majority lands, is what would be put into that seat for us to vote on as a total. Do I have that right Mr. Braun? Perfect. We don't do a lot of these. They happen all at once, and then it kinds of goes away for a while. So, at this point, Ms. Browder, if you could poll Council for the nomination for the Resolution No. R29-2023 for either Miller or Ramirez:

President Anderson: Ms. Miller.

Mr. Gleaves: Ms. Miller.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Ramirez.

Mrs. McFarland: Ms. Miller.

Mrs. Webster: Mr. Ramirez.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Mr. Ramirez.

Mr. Vanover: Mr. Ramirez.

President Anderson: By a vote of 4-3, Mr. Ramirez is the nominee for this seat.

Resolution No. R29-2023  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOE RAMIREZ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF  
SPRINGDALE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2027

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R29-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

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Resolution No. R29-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: I do want to say welcome back Mr. Ramirez. Another short retirement from a Councilmember. For those that haven't been through this process before, it's no way an indictment when somebody is nominated and it comes down to a contested vote like that. Ms. Miller is a very valued member of the Community as is Mr. Ramirez, and we're in a situation where we're blessed to have more than one very qualified nominee for these seats. And, there will be other opportunities in the future for people if they don't end up in the seats they're nominated for. So, thank you for the way that we dealt with that. I appreciate it.

Resolution No. R30-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2027

Mr. Gleaves: I would like to nominate Evander Graham. Evander lives on 11810 Fairsprings Court. He's a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker. He has two boys, he's married. His boys are 11 and seven. He's very excited about the possibility of being on the board. And, I would like him to be nominated.

President Anderson: Are there other nominations? The floor is still open for nominees. (None) Seeing none, by acclamation we'll reread Resolution No. R30-2023 with the name Evander Graham.

Resolution No. R30-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EVANDER GRAHAM TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2027

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R30-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R30-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: That appoints Mr. Graham to serve as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. I believe this is another first time appointment to a board like that. So, welcome aboard, Mr. Graham. We look forward to having him serve the City.

Resolution No. R31-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028

President Anderson: Council, at this point, we will open the floor for nominations for appointments to serve as the Charter Revision Committee member for the term ending December 31, 2028. The floor is open for nominations.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I'd like to nominate Marci Haungs. She is currently serving and she did say that she would like to continue serving. She lives in Springdale. She's lived here her whole life. And, she raises her children here, and she and her husband live on Neuss (Avenue).

President Anderson: The floor is still open for nominees. Closing nominations, by acclamation, could we read Resolution No. R31-2023 add the name Marci Haungs to the appointment.

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Resolution No. R31-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARCI HAUNGS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R31-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R31-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Welcome back Mrs. Haungs. We appreciate your help with Charter Revision. I know you just had your annual meeting tonight, so, thank you.

Resolution No. R32-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

President Anderson: At this point, I'll open the floor for nominations for Resolution No. R32-2023. This is for the Civil Service Commission for the term ending December 31, 2026.

Mr. Vanover: I nominate Kathy McNear our outgoing Clerk of Council/Finance Director, long time Council member.

Mr. Gleaves: Well, Mr. Vanover, you just stole it from me (laughter).

Mrs. Webster: I have it too.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I did it too.

President Anderson: Would anyone else like to nominate Mrs. McNear to this position? (laughter)

Mr. Gleaves: We don't need a bio.

President Anderson: The floor is still open for nominations. Seeing none, I'm closing nominations for this board seat.

Resolution No. R32-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHY MCNEAR TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Resolution R32-2023; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

President Anderson: Any other discussion aside from racing to see who could nominate her?

Mr. Jacobs: Does this mean that there's like no way she can come back and do the readings?

President Anderson: Why don't we save that for New Business.

Resolution No. R32-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Once again, a very short retirement. We appreciate your service to the City.

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Resolution No. R33-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE TAX REVIEW BOARD FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

President Anderson: At this point, I'll open the floor for nominations for the position of Springdale Tax Review Board for the term ending December 31, 2025. Are there any nominees? I believe this is the position that Roy Mitchell was a part of. I know when I spoke with him in the past, he was willing to continue. If there's no other nominees, I'm happy to offer him up as a nominee. I nominate Roy Mitchell to continue in his role on the Springdale Tax Review Board. Any other nominees? Seeing none, I will close nominations, and then, by acclamation, we will reread Resolution No. R33-2023 with Mr. Mitchell's name added.

Resolution No. R33-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROY MITCHELL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE TAX REVIEW BOARD FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R33-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R33-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: And if, for some reason, Mr. Mitchell declines, we can deal with that in the future. We got through the resolutions. Thank you Council for indulging that process. I know it was a lot, so, I think that that went well. So I appreciate your time and consideration. I also appreciate everyone who put their names forward to be a part of the process. There will be other boards and commissions that will be available throughout the year, and throughout the year is coming ahead, and there will be more opportunities, but these are the ones that we're dealing with tonight.

Executive Session – Economic Development

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I move that we go into Executive Session pursuant to Article II(D)(1) of the Charter of the City of Springdale to consider Economic Development matters.

Mr. Jacobs: Second.

The motion passed with a 7-0 vote to go into Executive Session. Council departed chambers at 8:23 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 9:20 p.m.

Old Business - None

New Business

President Anderson: We have two items in New Business already. The first item is election of Council representatives to Boards and Commissions. On this, Council, you had at your seats, a list that was also sent out to you in your email that has the Council appointments both for boards and commissions, as well as the Council-specific seats. So, at this point, I'll ask if there's any questions, or concerns. Otherwise, just be acclamation, what was sent out is what will be the appointments. Are there any questions or concerns about the Council appointments to committees and commissions?

Mr. Vanover: Don't the Council appointed members to Planning and BZA have to be confirmed by Council?

President Anderson: Yes, that's a good question. It's one that I asked Mr. Braun before the meeting, and the indication I got at the time was that we could do it this way. Mr. Braun is that still your belief, or would you prefer that we go through each of those? At least for Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning?



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Mr. Braun: Is your question are these the Council Reps for these?

President Anderson: These are the Council members that would be appointed.

Mr. Vanover: (off mic) The BZA and Planning Commission, in the past, was that they would be confirmed by Council.

Mr. Braun: In the past, I was not aware of what we did in the past, and I indicated that to the President. Let me just look here to see if it's required. These are the two members that are appointed by Council?

President Anderson: Yes. For both Planning (Commission) and BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals).

Mr. Braun: The wording of it is "appointed". I guess what you can do is you can ask if there's any objection to those appointments, and, then, if there are, then we...

President Anderson: Do a vote for each of them individually?

Mr. Braun: Yes. Are you comfortable with that, the other members of Council? However you want to make appointments is really something that you do and guide yourself on.

President Anderson: We'll follow that process right now, so, let me ask Council formally. The appointments that are suggested are before you and provided in advance of the meeting. Are there any objections or desire to go through the Board of Zoning Appeals, or any of the commission appointments individually? Seeing no objections or concerns, at this point, we will consider by acclamation the appointments as submitted as where Council members will be. And, again, as I know Mr. Vanover had shared in the past during his time as President, there's very little that we do up on Council that we can't fix or change in the future. So, if there's an issue that comes up, we could certainly revisit those and, if there's an issue, just let me know, and we can put it back on the agenda, alright? Great.

Mayor Hawkins: In terms of New Business, one other issue that's going to come up for Council is with Ms. Gilmore going on to BZA, it's going to free up a spot for Charter Revision, so that will be something else for Council to look at for the next meeting in December. Thank you.

Mr. Gleaves: You mentioned about the changes to be made in the future. Is this recent future? Distant future? What timeframe are we talking about? Just in case this is something that needs to be done.

President Anderson: The expectation is that these appointments would be for the term of Council. At least for the next two years for that. So, some of the "as directed by President" or, "as appointed by President", those would be for the length of this Council term which would be two years. There are some of the appointments like Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals that are listed as "term of office", so that would be retained. At any point in time, these commissions or committees, Council members certainly have the opportunity to resign from them or we could, there's processes in place in the rules to remove people or change them if we need to. My expectation, based on the feedback that we got is that these would be the appointments for the next two years, or term of office, depending on what position it is.

Mr. Gleaves. Thank you Mr. President.

President Anderson: The next item we have is Appointment of Representative to OKI Board. This is an annual position where OKI asks for nominations and we really need to take care of this tonight. The nominations are technically due December 1<sup>st</sup> for the next year's term as the OKI Representative. For those that don't know, OKI is the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Board of Executives. This is where a lot of infrastructure funds come through. As a regional committee, it involves all the local jurisdictions and County and State leadership is part of that. It has a real impact on Springdale. We get a lot of money and involvement through OKI, and it's a real way to see what's going on in the rest of the community. You can see the inter-jurisdiction cooperation, so we talk about things, or we had talked about things about everything from the Brent Spence Bridge, to

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President Anderson (continued): road paths, traffic signals, all that exciting infrastructure stuff. For the past, I think, I want to say, six years, I have served on that committee, although, in my new role, typically, I wouldn't necessarily come back to that. And, I wanted to make sure that it was available for anyone that wanted to take that job on. So, in a second, we'll open up the floor for nominations for OKI representative. It's a one year term. The thing to keep in mind for it is the meetings typically are once a month, and they're at 10:30 in the morning downtown at the OKI office. So, there is a commitment there where those meetings last about an hour, to an hour and a half most days. At a minimum, the Board of Directors that you would be appointed to initially, are only required to be, I think, I want to say six meetings. Some of the meetings are Executive Committee only, where the Board members are allowed to attend, but not vote. I've typically gone to all of them. They're very interesting if you're into that sort of thing. If there's questions about what OKI is, or the commitment, let me know, otherwise we'll move on to looking for nominations. I don't see any questions. At this point, I will open the floor for nominations, but I will also say, the nature of this one isn't where your nominating a resident, and it's yourself, so do feel free to speak up if it's something that you want to do to feel free to nominate yourself which is permitted. At this point I'll open the floor for nominations for the appointment to representatives to the OKI Board. Are there any nominations?

Mrs. Webster: You.

President Anderson: I'm certainly willing to. I'm not sure that there's a precedent for or against it. So, I'm comfortable with that, unless Mr. Braun says that it's not something that the President of Council can participate in. I love infrastructure. So, Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup do you have a nomination?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I do. I would like to nominate Jeffrey Anderson to OKI.

Mr. Jacobs: Second.

President Anderson: Again, seconds and thirds are not necessary for Boards, but, thank you. So, then by acclamation, we should still vote on that since it's an appointment. So, at this point I'm closing nominations for a representative to the OKI Board.

Mr. Anderson is appointed to the OKI Board by seven affirmative votes. I will submit that. It's an online form typically. In the past years either I or Mrs. McNear had submitted that. Just for completeness, just know that I can go and fill out that form unless Ms. Browder tells me otherwise. Thank you. I do enjoy OKI.

Mr. Vanover: I just wanted to kind of revisit Mr. Gleaves comment. Planning, BZA are four year terms of office. However, Finance Committee, Rules and Laws, Public Works, OKI is a one year, so we'll be back again next year on that. Public Utilities, Public Relations, Capital Improvements, Public Welfare Safety and Education, those are all two year terms. So, those could change. Just, even though your term, you know, at this point may be four years. But, BZA and Planning are four years. Charter Revision is one of the other exceptions. It's a five year term. So, that's the makeup and aware of potential changes would occur at those points.

President Anderson: Alright. Thank you for that clarification, and if you're looking at your sheet, how you would know that difference, there's two places. The appointments that show up on your sheet as white, those are the ones that are by President appointment; those tend to be the two year appointments that Mr. Vanover was speaking to. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission, the green ones, are either term of office, or two years. But, the white ones, I believe, are all those two year appointments. But, for what it's worth, the source of truth, this handout that you got was so you could see by your view, which ones you are appointed to and be part of. City Administration does maintain a master list of the appointments, and that master list includes the term of office, so, if you have any doubt or question for what that appointment term is, the City Administration maintains that, and you can request that. It will be distributed anyway once it's updated. So, this sheet is just for your convenience. And, then, there will be an updated sheet from Administration where it's kept.

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### Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Vanover: Finance Committee will be meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> (of December) at 4:30 in the Conference Chamber.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: There is no meeting for Planning (Commission) in December. We didn't have anybody apply.

Mr. Jacobs: The Board of Health will meet on December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. adjacent to this chamber.

Mayor Hawkins: SOS is still taking donations. You can adopt a family, or just make a donation. So, please keep that in mind as we continue to progress towards the holiday season. Also, on January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 we will have our Annual Pep Rally and Hall of Fame Induction at the Rec Center. Thank you.

President Anderson: So, which day was the Hall of Fame?

Mayor Hawkins: January 5<sup>th</sup>. Friday.

Mr. Gleaves: Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is set for January 23<sup>rd</sup> in these chambers.

Mr. Uhl: I have one of each. I have a meeting to announce, Civil Service Commission will meet tomorrow, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room. And, I have an announcement just that we will be having a public hearing associated with Ordinance No. 47-2023 regarding 501 East Kemper at our December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Communications from the Audience

Ms. Wells: Hello everyone, my name is Katie Wells, and I live on Bernhardt Court. A couple of things. First, I'd like to thank everybody for making sure that ICRC can stay past Executive Session. I know that was an issue in the past where people were at home trying to watch the meetings, and, if there was an Executive Session, ICRC would turn the camera off, and then no one was able to see anything past the Executive Session which typically included a lot of the agenda, like Old Business, and New Business, and any Meetings and Announcements, so thank you guys for making sure that they stay until the end, so everyone can stay in the loop. Second, regarding the new playground, thank you guys so much for making sure that that goes through, and for the person who donated, it's huge. I am fortunate enough to utilize Underwood Park which will see the new playground, and, I also have a child with a disability, so, the mobility access is going to be huge for my family, and I know it's also going to help, in a way, with everyone's property values to have such a nice park right there. So, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you a million times for that. And, I don't know if you can answer my question, but over at Underwood Park, we are fortunate to have sidewalks on our streets since I live on Bernhardt, it kind of ends on Grandin, but, on Underwood Park, that side entrance, we have a little sidewalk that kind of goes down the hill, and it just stops at a tree. If anybody's been there, they know exactly what I'm talking about. So, I know that in heavy rain that area is like a river, but, I was curious if anyone knew, and based off of the renderings we saw if that sidewalk would be connected, or if that is something completely separate with the Connectivity Plan of Springdale.

President Anderson: That's a great question. Thank you for bringing it up. I do agree, I think the parks are amazing. I don't know, Administration, if anybody has an answer now, or is that something we can follow up with. If it's all right if Administration can follow up with you.

Ms. Wells: Yes. You guys know how to get a hold of me. So, you can email me or call me.

President Anderson: And, if you don't hear back within a week or two, definitely reach out and we'll get you an answer.

Ms. Wells: Thank you guys. That's all I have. Thanks again.

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President Anderson: Thank you.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Jacobs: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed by Ordinances No. 48-2023 and 49-2023; Accepting Proposals Under the Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program and Authorizing the Mayor and the City Administrator to Enter Into Agreements with GameTime for the Purchase and Installation of Certain Improvements in Cameron Park and Underwood Park and Declaring an Emergency. Item Number II was addressed by Ordinance No. 50-2023; An Ordinance Amending Chapters 35 and 36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency and that passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number III was addressed by Ordinance No. 47-2023. It was a first reading. Item Number IV was addressed by Resolution No. R21-2023; A Resolution Declaring Intent to Appropriate for Public Use Property Required for the Construction of Road and Other Traffic Improvements on Northland Boulevard in the City of Springdale. That was approved with seven affirmative votes. Item Number VI was Resolutions Recognizing Carolyn Ghantous and Joseph Ramirez for Their Years of Service to the City of Springdale. It was addressed by Resolution No. R19-2023 and Resolution No. R20-2023. Both passed with seven affirmative votes. And, then there was a boatload of Council Appointments and/or Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments. Do you require me to run through those in any way?

President Anderson: No.

Mr. Jacobs: Thank you so very much.

President Anderson: For those keeping score, it was Resolutions 22-2023 through 34-2023.

Mr. Jacobs: All other items are still forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Jacobs: There will be at our next Council meeting, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, an Appropriation and Transfer Ordinance to kind of cover the gap during the budget year which is a typical annual vote we have to take. And, then, Adopting Appropriations, no wait that's the other one in terms of covering a gap. Two issues basically related to the budget, and general fund issues.

President Anderson: And then there will also be a second reading for the Resolution we heard tonight as well as an additional appointment to replace Ms. Gilmore's spot on Charter Revision. We'll look for a resolution there. So, the other part of that is there will be an additional appointment that we need to make at the next meeting to make sure that Charter Revision is ready to go for next year's appointments. And there's a public hearing attached to Ordinance No. 47-2023. Are we good? Anything else from Council or Administration on legislation for next time? (None) For those that couldn't understand exactly what's happening with those finance ordinances for end of year and future, the next meeting is we're going to have the reading for the budget, the budget presentation. That's also something that's coming in the next meeting. So, our Finance Committee meeting will be very busy, and we'll look for that update in the next meeting too as we go through the next budget. Before we adjourn, I just wanted to say thank you to all the new members and for everyone for bearing with me as we work through these first few meetings and getting through the process. Transitioning is always a challenge. It turns out I'm going to make a few mistakes. I made a few tonight. I expect to make more in the future, but, keep me honest, and I appreciate everyone working with us on it.

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Adjournment

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder  
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:  
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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