

City of Springdale Council

June 5, 2024

President of Council Anderson called Council to order on June 5, 2024.

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

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

President Anderson: The minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting are still in progress. We will see them at our next meeting.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Messer: That was great timing, President Jeff Anderson. My name is Kara Messer, 12182 Springdale Lake Drive. Hi. Just walked in, so, I will take less than five minutes, because I wrote down some things. Thank you for your patience while I find it in my bag. Okey dokey artichokies. I'd like to say that I am enjoying this season at the pool. So, thanks for getting the pool open. Also, I went to, there's like a vendor's market that meets at the elementary school. It's really fun. I think, I don't know if someone can verify, I think it's the first Saturday of the month through the summer. Meets at Springdale Elementary, I think it's from 10:00 until 2:00. It's really fun. I thought it was good for Springdale. So, I just wanted to share about that. I noticed something, and I have a question. So, I think Mayor Hawkins had said that now the City of Springdale, you can get information on financial transparency. Checkbook.ohio.gov, and so I got to check that out, and, I noticed that there was a line item for the Recreation Center budget, so that was interesting because I did not know what the budget line was for that, and, so I wanted to share some interesting information and ask a couple of questions. So, in 2020, the Recreation Center line item budget was \$492,576. I think that's the expense, not the budget, but, I'm not sure because I just learned all this stuff, which is kind of fun. Again, that's checkbook.ohio.gov if you want to look it up too. Then, you just type in Springdale, Ohio. It's awesome. And, then for 2021, the Recreation Center expense, I think it is, was \$519,821. Then, for 2022, the Recreation Center expenditure item was \$540,087. I don't know how 2023 works, if that's still going to be updated, and then, I don't know what the budget is projected for the Recreation Center, but, I was just wondering if there's any way to, if, like if that information is also transparent, and how that works, because, I'm really enjoying the activities at the Rec Center. I think Elizabeth is doing a fantastic job with like family-friendly, and, also, health activities, things that are good for our community. And, so, to summarize, the questions that I have, which I recognize don't have to be answered, would be the 2023 expenditure for the Recreation Center, if that information is available, and, then, is there a projected budget already for 2024. Thank you.

President Anderson: Sure, so, I can start with that, and, then if Administration wants to add on. I can tell you some of the numbers that you are quoting are a little different than what I have in my printed budget that I carry. That might have been a subset of the numbers because there's several budget items related to Parks and Rec. So, there's the Rec Center, there's pool operations, there's several areas just so you know. Some of those numbers are there. If you go to the website, the Finance Department, they have the past budgets, and a five year look ahead. I know I've gone there before and found that. And, you should be able to find those documents. The checkbook is actuals. So, it might have been at a point in time. So, I'll start with that. Mayor Hawkins, did you have something to add to that?

Mayor Hawkins: Ms. Messer, we can get you that information. We'll get back to you. You're interested in the 2023 Rec Center expenditures, and the 2024 budget for the Rec Center? We'll get you that information.

Ms. Messer: Thank you so much. I appreciate that.

President Anderson: I will tell you, just as a ballpark, I know the overall Parks and Rec budget was closer to like \$2.3, \$2.4 million dollars. Not the hundreds.

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Ms. Messer: I wasn't able to decipher that information from, but thank you for that clarification because as just an average resident, it's so helpful to learn how the budgets in the City work as an organization City/State. Things like that.

President Anderson: And, you're welcome to dig into them. That's why the numbers are published. So, if you have questions, you've got the right people to ask.

Ms. Messer: So, just to clarify, on the Springdale.org website, there's like a place where I can click on like the financial department, and then get information for the City.

President Anderson: And what that is, is, so every year we get a printed budget that has the detail for all of it, and there's a five-year "look ahead" that also gives some forecast. Both of those will get updated every year after we approve them in December. I didn't look recently, but, I know in the past, they've been pretty easy to find.

Ms. Messer: Thank you so much. I appreciate that information.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 20-2024

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 140 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO TO REGULATE UNLAWFUL CAMPING

Mrs. Webster made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-2024; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mrs. Webster: I have a question for Mr. Braun. If this passes, are there any repercussions for the people out there in Springdale that contribute to this? That help these people? I have been told that there are people out there that will buy them stuff, so they have got stuff to sit on the park bench with.

Mr. Braun: You mean, if someone wants to engage in charity? Is that what you're asking? To assist people? They can still give them money, or if somebody is in need of help, they can give them a gift card, or whatever. There's no prohibition on that. All this says is that people can't sleep, slumber, or camp basically on the public sidewalk, on park benches, or on our various monuments, walls, and recreational facilities. So, no, this does not prohibit someone, or, if someone says, "Hey, you want to come in my store?". No, this does not affect any of that.

Mrs. Webster: Okay. Thank you for that. Also, if passed, it says, May of 2024. So, that needs to be corrected, I assume.

President Anderson: Yes, it's a scrivener's adjustment; we can make that change. We don't need to do an amendment for that.

Mrs. Webster: Thank you. I am very much in favor of this ordinance, by the way. Thank you for bringing it up.

Mr. Vanover: Mr. Braun, I guess, go back to clarification, the public areas also include the bus stops? Because, that's a frequent talking point.

President Anderson: Just for the record, Mr. Braun was nodding his head in the affirmative.

Mr. Braun: Yes, that's correct. It does include that. I just listed the ones that I could remember, but, it's been a couple of weeks. It was pointed out since I drafted it.

Ordinance No. 20-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 21-2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING 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

President Anderson: Council this is a first reading. Is there any questions or discussion for tonight?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I just would like to say that Planning Commission did vote this unanimously. We all felt that this was a good idea. Thank you.

Mr. Braun: If I may be permitted, I just wanted to make a generic comment as to both Ordinance No. 21-2024, and Ordinance No. 22-2024. These are companion ordinances that Council will be voting on not tonight, but, at your next meeting, potentially. The sequence of these two ordinances is important. One of them will lift the moratorium that you previously had in place. The second will then immediately pass requirements that will govern any of these types of businesses that would come in. Council had indicated, or, has indicated to staff that we wanted to have maximum public participation and notice of this before it was passed so we did not present them to you as an emergency. But, I will be asking at the next meeting that an emergency clause be added, so I'll have those in front of you, and, the reason is not because I wanted it voted on sooner. The reason is it will go into effect immediately. If we didn't go into effect immediately, it's possible that a business could slide into the City in that 30 day period, and then these regulations are for naught. So, this will just ensure that the regulations go into effect immediately, but, I did not include them tonight because, obviously we wanted to have a public hearing, and the opportunity for the public to be aware. So, I just wanted to make you all aware of that, and for the general public to know that this isn't something Council was trying to slide through. We actually wanted participation, but, we will add the emergency clause at the next meeting.

President Anderson: Thank you for that clarification. And, in that next meeting, will we need to do a verbal amendment, or will we be alright just doing it through the agenda?

Mr. Braun: We can do an amendment just to add it, but, I'll have it in front of each member of Council, and it would just include that addition. Unless, Council instructs us to add something new between now and then.

President Anderson: Just so we're prepared for the procedure. Thank you. Other questions or discussion about Ordinance No. 21-2024 for tonight? (None) Not seeing any, we will see that, as well as a public hearing, on June 19th at our next meeting.

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

President Anderson: Council, this is a first reading for Ordinance No. 22-2024. Is there any discussion or questions for tonight? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 23-2024

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

President Anderson: Council, this is the first reading for Ordinance No. 23-2024. Is there any questions or discussions for tonight? (None) Seeing none, we will see this at our next meeting.

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Ordinance No. 24-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE KENN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND THE CITY OF FOREST PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2024; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Mayor Hawkins: I just wanted to say I appreciate Forest Park's Mayor and the City Council's anticipated collaboration with this project.

President Anderson: It will be a nice roadway through the two neighborhoods. It will really spice things up. It will be nice. Spruce things up. That's how it goes. Any other questions or discussion? (None)

Ordinance No. 24-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 25-2024

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STRAWSER CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,211.76 FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – CRACK SEAL AND CAPE SEAL PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-2024; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Ordinance No. 25-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 26-2024

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND AUTHROIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,750 FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PAVEMENT REJUVENATOR PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Webster made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 26-2024; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

President Anderson: Did you get that Ms. Browder?

Ms. Browder: Was that Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup, or Ms. McFarland?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Doesn't matter.

President Anderson: I had Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup.

Mrs. Webster: It was me.

Ms. Browder: Oh, it was you.

President Anderson: We'll go with Mrs. Webster and Mr. Gleaves.

Ms. Browder: Gotcha. Thank you.

President Anderson: At least that's how I heard it. I hope that's alright. I just wanted to make sure the record's clean. Questions or discussion?

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Mr. Jones: Our Public Works Director, Mike Huxsoll, gave me a little map that kind of breaks down where the various, the last two ordinances, as far as what streets, and what will be done to them as far as rejuvenation, construction, cracked seals, and so forth. I have it here and I can pass it down. It's nothing fancy. He just thought it was important to kind of lay it out, and show how much of the City is kind of being covered with just these two projects. Thank you.

President Anderson: Now, I will say we had some trouble with the cape seal and rejuvenator in the Beacon Hills subdivision, was it last year or the year before, so, this is a different company doing it this time. Was it Strawser last time? Anyway, if Mr. Huxsoll can make sure he keeps an eye on it because last time there was a lot of unsealed cape seal that a number of the residents had trouble with, so I just wanted to make sure we keep an eye on it. It caused a lot of problems for that neighborhood for several months. I know it's a technology we've used before, but, if we just keep an eye on it.

Mayor Hawkins: You're talking about how the pebbles or gravel was popping up. And, it was a strange circumstance in terms of how they went about doing that. That was also done last year, or the year before in Glenview subdivision, the same thing, and, there was an issue. So, we had to go back and redo, obviously, Beacon/Oxford Hills, but, in theory, this should be without issue.

President Anderson: I just get a reaction when I hear "cape seal". It just puts my back up.

Mayor Hawkins: I understand.

Ordinance No. 26-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Executive Session

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to make a motion to go into Executive Session for Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) under the Article 2(D)(1) of the Springdale Charter to discuss Economic Development issues.

Mr. Vanover: Second.

President Anderson: Discussion? (None) Administration are we expecting action out of this meeting? (None)

Motion to go into Executive Session for Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) under the Article 2(D)(1) of the Springdale Charter to discuss Economic Development issues passed with seven affirmative votes. Council departed at 7:29 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 8:33 p.m.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet on June 11th in these chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Gleaves: The BZA meeting that is scheduled for June 25th has been cancelled, and I have one announcement that I took a ride along with a Police Officer for Springdale. The 21st of this month we rode from 10:00 a.m. to noon. He is a 19 year veteran. His name is Ricky Grantz, Officer Ricky Grantz. He's from Hamilton Ohio, and, so am I, so, we hit it off right away. But, there was a lot going on that morning. We kind of focused on the business corridor, and, the things that were going on in the business corridor. And, he was putting out some things that are going on in the hotels, and, the long-range hotels where people stay for a long time. The drugs, and the prostitution that was going on there. And, been trying to get a fix on that. I pointed out to him the ordinance that was about illegal camping, and a gentleman that we saw that day that seemed to be homeless. I think a lot of us have seen him. He's been pushing a cart around. He's concerned, just like I am, with this ordinance when it goes through that the mental health

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Mr. Gleaves (continued): aspect of how they're going to be able to deal with this situation. I reached out to the Health Department, Mr. Clayton, and we talked extensively about some necessary things that the public has that can help these people, along with the Police Officers so we don't have to use this ordinance, if it gets passed to incarcerate, but to help. He also extended the invitation to all Councilmembers to take rides, and, he wants to put names with faces, and, I think it's something that I'm going to continue to do. He suggested that I do a night ride, so, I'm going to do a night ride here probably in the next three or four months, but, that went great, and, that's the communication that I have from that. That's all I have.

Mayor Hawkins: Just to piggyback on that, if Council has an interest in doing any kind of ride-alongs, or anything like that, please, as Mr. Gleaves did, contact Administration, and they'll get you all set up with regard to being able to go and do that.

President Anderson: Are bulletproof vests mandatory, or do we have to wear the vest and the uniform, or are we good? Whatever we're comfortable with?

Mayor Hawkins: I think that depends on how brave you are.

President Anderson: If we're leaving Springdale, I meant. We're fine here?

Mayor Hawkins: Yes, you're fine here.

President Anderson: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Jones: Director Wilson asked on behalf of Parks and Rec to remind some folks that June 8th, 9:30 until 11:30 at the Community Center will be Family Health and Fitness Day. There will be several things going on, including, free to the public, will be 30 minute family boot camp, yoga exercises, pickle ball, and so forth. Also, there will be concerts and Art in the Park on June 20th. The concession stands will be operated by SYB and open. The Art in the Park begins at 6:30, and I believe the concerts are 7:00 or 7:30.

President Anderson: I thought it was 7:00 p.m..

Mr. Jones: I was thinking 7:00 p.m. too because I think it's The Remains at 7:00 p.m. Also, Cameron and Underwood Park update, very briefly. We're looking to begin concrete walkway work next week. And, then, we'll be working on the asphalt for the parking lot. We're hoping to get, weather dependent, to get that wrapped up pretty soon. And, then, I've had a couple of people inquire about this, but, we will definitely be, and we have been in ongoing contact with the benefactors, but, we do plan to have them before Council in the near future. And, the only other thing I had is just I'm sure you're going to do this, Mr. President, is just to remind folks that we're on the summer schedule, regarding the July 3rd, and August 7th meetings. Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you. And, to that part, Mr. Jones, a reminder that our first July 3rd and, August 7th meetings are cancelled as we are on the summer schedule.

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. 20-2024; An Ordinance Creating Chapter 140 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio to Regulate Unlawful Camping. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number II 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. That received a first reading. Item Number III 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

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): Dispensaries. That received a first reading. Item Number IV was addressed 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 received a first reading. Item Number V was addressed by Ordinance No. 24-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement Relative to the Kenn Road Improvements Project Between the City of Springdale and the City of Forest Park and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with seven affirmative votes. And, Item Number VI; An Ordinance Accepting a Proposal under the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Strawser Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$325,211.76 for the 2024 Annual Street Improvement Program – Crack Seal and Cape Seal project and Declaring an Emergency. That was addressed by Ordinance No. 25-2024, and that passed with seven affirmative votes. Finally, Item Number VII was addressed by Ordinance No. 26-2024; An Ordinance Accepting a Proposal Under the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Pavement Technology, Inc. in the Amount of \$59,750 for the 2024 Annual Street Improvement Program – Pavement Rejuvenator Project and Declaring an Emergency, and that passed with seven affirmative votes.

Adjournment

President Anderson: Council are you good? Alright, then all we have is item 15.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

President Anderson: I'm sorry what?

Mr. Braun: I just want to make sure everyone is clear that we do have a public hearing set for the next Council meeting for the text amendment.

President Anderson: Right. We mentioned that during the ordinance and discussion.

Mr. Braun: I just want to make sure though that everyone's got that in the minutes. Thank you.

President Anderson: And, with that, we're adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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