

City of Springdale Council

May 1, 2024

President of Council Anderson called Council to order on May 1, 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.

The minutes of the April 17, 2024 meeting were considered. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Proclamations

Mayor Hawkins read and presented to Springdale's Building Official Carl Lamping a proclamation recognizing Building Safety Month.

Mayor Hawkins read and presented to Springdale's Police Chief Tom Butler a proclamation in observance of Police Week.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Myers: I'll fill that out. It's John Myers. I live at the Crossings of Springdale. I have for 44 years. I'll put a phone number down here, but, the reason I'm here tonight is I had sent a copy of a letter to Jeff Agricola; I sent it to four people who are here tonight. And, because I live at the Crossings. I have to go north on Route 4 to Springdale and Ray Norrish Drive, and turn left, and go up the hill to go home. And, for about 30 years, we could turn left when there was no traffic coming southbound to hit us. Then, they re-did that intersection, and did away with the left-hand turn. Now, there was a red arrow, and you cannot turn until that red arrow turns green. Then, I was over at Alterations of Springdale on Montgomery Road, and, when I came out, and crossed over 275, I wanted to turn left to go west home. There was a red arrow. Thought nothing of it. Do that all the time. But, their red arrow then flashed amber. The reason it flashed amber is you could turn left if there was no traffic that you were going to hit. And, my thought was how come we can't have that? But, before the intersection was modified the last time, what was that; eight or nine months ago? Jeff (Agricola) told me that that was impossible. It's called a "permissive turn", and, we're not allowed to have a permissive turn. Well, it looked like a permissive turn to me on Montgomery Road, so, the big question is, why not? And, you know, we did it for years. We can't do it now. When there's no traffic. Let me explain, if there's no traffic coming out of Crescentville, turning left; they have red lights, they're stopped, and then traffic is going to go northbound and southbound, and, if it's 9:00 at night, there's not a lot of traffic sometimes, and, it's pretty easy to make a left-hand turn on Ray Norrish. And, Mr. Vanover brought up, well, maybe you can't see the people coming out of Ray Norrish. If you check it out, you can see at least three cars if they're waiting to come down Ray Norrish and do something, and they can turn right on red, which is me. I do it all the time, but, I see no reason why we can't expedite the traffic for a very minimal cost, well, that's a detail I won't get into, I'm in a rush. Anyway, it sounds to me like (Jeff) Agricola is retiring. A guy named Huxsoll I'm told is going to take his place. Maybe rather than bother you guys with this incident, I ought to be a hold of Huxsoll, and see if he would agree that we're not against the last if we have an amber arrow pointing left like they have on Montgomery Road. That's all I've got.

President Anderson: I did receive the letter you spoke of. I know permissive lefts. The rules are different depending on the type of road that you're on, which might be why you're seeing the difference. The left turn on Route 4 might be different than what you saw over in Montgomery. So, the reason it is different might be the type of road. But, I would defer to Administration or our City Engineer that might need to get back. I'm not sure. What's the best way to deal with this question?

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Mr. Riggs: Sure, yes, I'll talk to the City Traffic Engineer. I've seen some correspondence over the last few weeks, months, even about this incident. And, from my understanding that it's not allowed by law in this situation, and, I know the Traffic Operations Engineer, which is the City Traffic Engineer, is not supportive of this move, and, it may be because of safety reasons. There may be some accident history that actually suggests that it shouldn't be permissive besides just the law. I'll get with him to confirm the exact reason. I'm sure there's some documentation as to why, but, I'll follow up with him.

President Anderson: Sir, if you could just make sure your address is there, that way they know how to get back in touch with you. If you make sure your phone number or address is written down.

Mr. Myers: Yes. Maybe we ought to talk to Montgomery and find out how they're getting by with it. You know?

Mr. Riggs: That could be an option. Again, I don't know the situation or the rules exactly. But, I'm sure Ed does.

Mr. Myers: Now I just found the other day in my files, a reply from (Jeff) Agricola about a year ago stating the particular rules that he was concerned about. And, I'm not a lawyer, but, it didn't look to me like it had anything to do with this.

Mr. Riggs: Well, I know in this situation you have dual left turns going eastbound on Route 4, so, southbound to eastbound Crescentville, you have dual lefts. In the situation northbound to westbound Ray Norrish is only a single left, so, because of the dual lefts, that may complicate the issues. Sight distance because it's on off-set left too, that may be another reason. So, I'll follow up. I'm not 100% sure as to the why.

Mr. Myers: When you're trying to turn left on to Ray Norrish, there's no left turns out of Ray Norrish.

Mr. Riggs: Right.

Mr. Myers: There's a right on red, that's it. Should I get a hold of (Mike) Huxsoll?

President Anderson: No. I think you can, sorry, I think they've got the question, and, if your contact information is here, Administration will follow back up with you and get you a better answer instead of reaching back out to Mr. Huxsoll. We're not going to be able to answer that question tonight. It's a very specific question. But, make sure your contact information is down, and they'll get back to you.

Mr. Myers: Alright. Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 18-2024

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE, DISPOSAL, OR TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2024; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Ordinance No. 18-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 19-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NORTHLAND BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2024; Ms. McFarland seconded.

Ordinance No. 19-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R06-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC TREASURERS 2025 WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PROGRAM

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R06-2024; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Resolution No. R06-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business

Mr. Vanover: Rental Committee met April 24th, and, we're coming to Council with a recommendation that we initiate a traffic study for the possibility of looking at making Ledro one way. And, we'd like to get our numbers in. Anybody that's been over in that neighborhood knows the headache that the traffic is there. So, I'm asking for Council's concurrence to initiate this traffic study.

President Anderson: So, there's a motion to have Council agree, and, in this case, it would be to ask Administration to contract with our existing traffic engineers to do a study that Mr. Vanover discussed related to, although there's estimated costs, I believe, that we have a ballpark of in the five thousand to ten thousand dollar range, so, it's within the authority of Administration, and, inside of an existing contract, so, we don't believe that a separate resolution is required; just a simple concurrence, so we'll do a vote, assuming that somebody seconds the motion. That would be what we're asking for is to direct Administration to do that. So, is there a second for that?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Second.

President Anderson: Are there any questions or discussion about the request? (None)

President Anderson: So, with that, we have concurrence to direct Administration to do that. Thank you Council for that. Mr. Vanover did you have another comment on that?

Mr. Vanover: No, not another comment. Actually, I have something else. This is something that rolled out about three months ago, and I've been playing with it. It's called "Hefty Renew". It's an additional recycle program. We've been doing it ourselves, and, basically it picks up the foam clam shells, plastic food bags. The only difference with that is there are orange bags that you can sign up and get a starter kit, you can buy the bags at Meijer's, Kroger's, and it's like four or five bucks for a box of them. And, basically, put stuff in there, and you just take it down to the curb, in that orange bag, and they take it out. So, it's stuff that recycle had not touched before. I've got a copy of the flyer if somebody wants to see all of it, but, we've been told what drives the recycle program is finding an end customer for that. So, evidently, they now have a customer that will take it and I'm all for something. And, it's not anything hard to do. It's a simple thing.

New Business

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None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m.

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Ms. McFarland: Board of Health will meet May 9th in the room next to chambers.

Mr. Uhl: Civil Service Commission will meet tomorrow, Thursday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

Mr. Gleaves: The BZA meeting that was scheduled for April 23rd was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is May 28th in these chambers. Thank you.

President Anderson: I think that's at 7:00 p.m.?

Mr. Gleaves: 7:00.

Mr. Jones: A couple of quick things. City buildings other than safety services will be closed on May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. Reminder that our pool does open at noon on May 24th, and, the swimming pool will be open on Memorial Day even though the Recreation Center will not be. Thank you.

President Anderson: And, we're fully staffed ready to go for the pool? I know I've gotten some questions. Sounds like SwimSafe is doing a great job.

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Spradlin: Hello everybody. My name is Cole Spradlin. I live on 870 Yorkhaven. So, first of all, I do want to say it is National Interpreter Appreciation Day. So, I know we generally do not have a sign language interpreter in here, but, they do play an important role for communication, so, I just want to thank them for all that they do. Also, for those who frequent the pool, according to the City website, Mr. Jones, it says the 25th, not the 24th for pool opening day. So, I just want to say I'm excited to see you all there. I decided to come back so, this will be my fourth year at the pool. I'm also now Head Lifeguard. I also hope to continue teaching swim lessons. Also, I do want to thank Chief Butler and the Police Department for all that they do. You guys are an important part of this community, and I'd also like to thank them for hiding by the stop signs up in Beacon Hills because, as Ms. McFarland knows, they love to run those, and I've seen less and less people do that. I also thank them for pulling me over a year ago for doing that. Anyway, that's all I have.

Mr. Vanover: As far as the interpreter goes, we have services available that, if we know in advance, that we can have that here. We've had that option for a year or better now, so, if that is so needed and desired, we can do that.

President Anderson: That's a great point Mr. Vanover. So, if anyone does need that and wants to come to a Council meeting, just be sure to reach out to Administration, or anyone on Council, and we can make sure that that service is available to you. Just make sure you give us enough time to get somebody out here. I think 48 hours is what we've asked for in the past.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I was going to say the same thing. I recently concluded the Citizens Police Academy thing that we do, and we had two deaf individuals in our class, and they were also in my class two years ago when we did the original Citizens Police Academy. And, we had two phenomenal interpreters there. And, they came both times to both sessions, so, I know that we have the capability if we need them, and, if we use the same ones, we have a great group set up. Thanks.

Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 18-2024; An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale, Disposal, or Transfer of Surplus Property. That was approved with seven affirmative votes. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 19-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Payment of Funds to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Northland Boulevard Reconstruction Project and Declaring an Emergency. That too was approved with seven affirmative votes. Item Number III was addressed with Resolution No. R06-2024; A Resolution Authorizing the City of Springdale's Participation in the Ohio

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): Association of Public Treasurers 2025 Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program. That was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: There was also the Rental Committee requested Council to react to the idea of initiating a traffic study in regards to converting Ledro to a one way street. Council gave seven affirmative votes for that.

Adjournment

President Anderson: All we have left before us is Item 15.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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