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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on May 15, 2024.

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

Mr. Gleaves provided the Invocation.

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

The minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting were considered. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Vanover seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Proclamation – Public Works Week

Mayor Hawkins read and presented to Springdale's Public Works Director, Mike Huxsoll a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week.

Introduction of Public Works Employees

Public Works Director Mike Huxsoll introduced three newly hired Springdale employees within the Public Works Department: Ryan Conroy, Brian Eads and Damon Renner. Ryan Conroy was selected for the position of Mechanic and previously worked Jiffy Lube, Wyler Performance Auto Group and as a prior seasonal with Springdale. Brian Eads was selected as Maintenance Worker, one of two open positions, and he previously worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Indiana Department of Transportation as well as a nursery, and Batesville Casket Company. Damon Renner filled the second open position of Maintenance Worker and previously worked for Duke Energy.

President Anderson: Thank you guys. We appreciate you coming out. We appreciate our Public Works team, so thank you.

Presentation – Mill Creek Triangle Trail Feasibility Study – Brad Bowers, Tri-State Trails

Mr. Bowers introduced himself as the Project Manager of Tri State Trails and gave a presentation about the Mill Creek Triangle Trail Feasibility Study. His group is a non-profit organization working with local governments to advance safe and connected bike infrastructure throughout the tristate, and their service area includes a nine county area in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. He shared that the trail project is a multi-jurisdictional effort to develop a 40 mile regional trail network in the heart of Hamilton County, and throughout the Mill Creek watershed. The project would connect major greenspaces like Great Parks' Glenwood Gardens, and Winton Woods, and develop trail networks like the CROWN (Cincinnati Running or Walking Network) and connect residential neighborhoods to local business districts and key destinations.

Mr. Bowers stated there is an active public engagement survey online for the project and there was recently a public open house. The goal is to develop a funding strategy for the project, and position segments of the trail to apply for federal and state grant applications to construct it. He shared a map of the regional trails for the Mill Creek Triangle. He explained that to the north, there is the CROWN network. The Cincinnati Riding or Walking Network, which includes Wasson Way, portions of the Mill Creek Greenway, the Ohio River Trail, and the Little Miami Scenic Trail. To the east is the Little Miami Scenic Trail that goes further north to Columbus, then, eventually Cleveland, and then, on the west side, there is the Great Miami River Trail network, mostly proposed at this point. Most of the construction for that has been in Butler County, and then, just to the north of the Mill Creek Triangle area is the Miami to Miami connection, which is to connect the Great Miami River Trail to the Little Miami Scenic Trail Network.

Mr. Bowers pointed out that the Mill Creek Triangle is situated in the center of the trail map, and they hope to connect a lot of the developing trail networks. Different alternatives are being considered for each of the proposed connections. The overall network would be a little

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over 40 miles. He noted that Great Parks recently received funding to construct the Winton Woods to Glenwood Gardens project. Also in progress is a design for a trail to connect to Sharon Woods. The proposed connection between Glenwood Gardens, and Sharon Woods has two different alternatives. One would continue the existing trail on Kemper to Chester Road, where it would go south to Sharon, and connect to the existing trail on Sharon Road, and then the alternative there would be using a portion of Sharon Road, and then going south near where Landmark Church is to where the oak greenbelt is in the city of Glendale. It's great to see that Springdale is doing a lot of bicycle planning.

Mr. Bowers next showed a map of the routes that were proposed in Springdale's bike and pedestrian plan overlaid on the trail project overview map. He shared that the public open house for the project brought out 75 people and, there are about 180 responses on the online survey. He reflected on the positive engagement from a lot of the residents in the communities. And, reminded the audience that the virtual open house remains live through June 3rd. Mr. Bowers made fliers available that share the instructions on accessing the survey. He then announced the event at Canoes and Conversations on June 3rd, which includes a community bike. He stated that they are excited to be working on the project, and thanked the City for their time.

Mayor Hawkins: First off, thank you so much for coming out. It's really important that our elected officials and our City residents get to hear this information. They can have a significant impact on us, and so appreciate the presentation. Obviously, would like to see everything get connected, but selfishly interested in Springdale. So, when you look at the context map for the City of Springdale, that portion that you referenced before with regards to Southland, they would connect Glenwood Gardens with our current bike path along Sharon is something that I think is really critical that it take place, and, I think in speaking with Wade, that's something that is likely to go on, and, then, not that we can get deep in the issues of other municipalities, but, I hope that the area in Forest Park that connects up Winton Woods along with that path over there for Glenwood Gardens makes its way there. And, then, the last thing, and this is important, that residents and elected officials hear, as was indicated. You go to their website, there's a survey, you can give input. It's important that folks do that because they're going to look at those things to consider. As you look at those paths that go addressing Glendale, one either going down Sharon, or, the one that would go down Oak Street that is sort of in that buffer zone between Glendale and Woodlawn, and, I get that it's probably easier to go down Oak Street than it is Sharon, but, selfishly, it probably helps Springdale more if you go down Sharon, but, if, in the alternative that it doesn't go down Sharon, I know there's a lot of things to compete with as you go through Glendale. It is important to reconsider that path, and, having something that connects back up on Kemper, and Chester, so, even if that gets configured a different way, the path that's along Kemper, if that can continue up at least to Chester to sort of make some sort of connections there would be important. My two cents, but the big thing is I really appreciate you coming out tonight.

Mr. Bowers: Thank you. The more we've talked about these two kinds of alternatives, they both, I think, serve sort of a different need, and, I think they both sort of have their independent utility, and they're both something I think we'll include as part of the City, and thanks again for your time.

Mr. Riggs: Just so everyone knows, we've been working on developing concept plans to install a shared use path along Kemper, basically from (Route) 747 where the recently awarded OKI funded project, so, it will be a continuation of that going from 747 to the Corporation limit at Chesterdale. We're going to be submitting those plans and concepts, and estimates on part of our SORTA application here in two weeks, so, we're wrapping that up. So, there will be a shared use path on the north side, and filling in sidewalk gaps on the south side. So that would actually line up really well with I think it's 4B option.

Mr. Bowers: That's great to know. Thanks.

President Anderson: I want to thank you for coming out. Again, this is something that is important to me. It's something I've talked about a lot, and, I hear a lot from the community about how important it is to get these multi-use paths and connections, especially to the parks, Glenwood Gardens, Winton Woods, and beyond. I know I've reached out to Administration once I saw the virtual open house just to see what else we need to do to stay engaged. I wish

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President Anderson (continued): our name was listed as one of those partner communities already because it feels like the triangle has a dip cut out of it right where we are. I certainly appreciate the fact that there is ways to connect, but, I feel like we could be more involved with it than we are. So, thank you for coming out and sharing this with us. If there's anything else we can do as we continue down our multi-use path journey to connect, I want to make sure we stay engaged with that, especially where it comes down to this southern connection. This 4A versus 4B question that we've talked about or some hybrid of that. I know we're talking about connecting and doing the work on Kemper Road, but, that's a rough road too. Even if we do the needed work and make it separated, I've ridden that in the morning as-is. Even if it was protected, that's a tough hill, in a tough section. It's not exactly what people think of as a pretty bike ride that they would take their families on, right? It's more utilitarian to get somewhere. Now, that may change as we redevelop the Tri County Mall area, Artisan Village. So, maybe there's a future there, but anything we can do to stay engaged on this is certainly something I'm interested in, and be sure to reach out if something were missing. I'm one of those six to seven Springdale residents that responded, so, you already have my input. I'm a big fan of 4B, and some of the other paths that you've looked at, people who have ridden those paths probably have some pretty strong opinions on what the roads look like. I'm a frequent rider out there, so, I have strong opinions about this, and I'm willing to share them anytime.

Mr. Bowers: That's very helpful to know and thanks again. I would love to connect about some of the plans that you guys have for the SORTA application and we'll certainly keep you guys in the loop as we move forward.

President Anderson: Yes, and even if it's a sneak in path like we talked about on the Southland exit to start with, and, then additional connections for other areas of our community because we're kind of split the way Springdale is; it used to have a core business where that Kemper Road is; we've got residents on both sides of that. So, whatever we can do to kind of connect them, and it might be more than one path. I think that would be really beneficial for everyone.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Good evening Council. Thank you Mr. President. The Civil Service Commission did meet on May 2nd at the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by myself and present were members of Civil Service which was Mrs. Cheryl Darby, and Mrs. Kathy McNear. Also, Assistant City Administrator, Mr. Uhl, and Human Resources Administrator, Ms. Morgan. I would say that most of the meeting focused on the Police Department, including the hiring scenarios, as well as reviewing the department job descriptions. A recap of that hiring activity included the patrol officer position itself. What's really significant is that there were 64 applications that were received since that process was opened, which is saying to us that individuals are excited about working in Springdale. Of those 64 applications, conditional offers were made, and those candidates are, I believe, still in the background investigation and may have been completed since the time of this report, but, again, to received 64 applications for potentially three positions; that's a real plus for the City.

The next position within the Police Department was the Police Clerk hiring position. We did not see as much success there. As a matter of fact, that position is still open and will continue to be advertised in order to gain additional candidates. But, we're confident that we'll get some good candidates and move forward with filling that position as well. And then, the final Police Department item was the Police Sergeant promotional process which was concluded, and Corporal Derek Setters, if you didn't know, was selected for that position. So, again, busy, but showing a lot of progress.

Aside from the Police Department, there was one other note, which was the Public Works Maintenance Worker, which kind of blew my mind that there were 93 applications for that particular position. And, so, again, that tells me that people are interested in being employed here at the City of Springdale. I also want to say that the Civil Service Commission,

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President Anderson (continued): provides a lot of funding as a funnel for a lot of funding for projects around Springdale, as Mr. Riggs just mentioned, with the SORTA funding, all of that flows through OKI, so, it's something that's had a real impact. Our Northland Boulevard reconstruction that's gotten something on the order of \$3,000,000 through OKI grants, so, it's a big deal for Springdale, but, the charter amendment that's being proposed shouldn't affect us. The other item that I wanted to share is there was a presentation from the Ohio EPA about a regional watershed study plan which I thought was interesting. I wasn't aware that there's significant investments going into Ohio in general for data centers. AWS Amazon is planning an \$8 billion dollar investment in Ohio. Hamilton County makes up about ten percent of the 1,100 major data centers in the state. These are very heavy power and water consuming projects, which is why now that more of these are coming, the Ohio EPA is investigating how much water we have to support these, and, we're at the very southern end of where the study is, so, it's going to end just short of Hamilton County for this study, but, it certainly impacts the region as these come through, and they're trying to understand demand and availability for central Ohio, especially for what they call "mega water-users". I just thought that was interesting how much water these used, and how much that's a draw. Between AWS, Intel plant going in, and the Honda plant that's a little further Northeast of Columbus. These are huge draws for power and water. They also affect regional jobs significantly. So, it's something to keep an eye on, but, it's a valuable asset to the State and the region. That's it for OKI unless there's any questions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: First off, on April 26th, the City celebrated Arbor Day, and, the fourth graders at Heritage Hill Elementary School as well as the first graders at Springdale Elementary School did a fantastic job singing. Both of them did, and, well attended by elected officials and residents likewise for both. We had a ribbon cutting at Ida Mae's Restaurant on May 10th, and, this is at the location of the old "smoQ" Restaurant. They also were gracious enough to provide food for those that came, and, it was outstanding. I had to work out all little bit harder as a result of that. So, great new restaurant in Springdale, and, folks are encourage to go check that out. The City will celebrate Memorial Day with a wreath laying on next Friday, May 24th at 1:00 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial, again, the 24th, next Friday at 1:00 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial. Council has before it a piece of legislation with regard to Ordinance No. 20-2024, and, this is related to those that are unhoused or houseless. I had asked Mr. Braun to look into providing some additional tools for the Administration with regard to individuals that do not have homes that are in our City. And, so, as I was noticing a number of individuals, and had some residents speaking to me about it, a number of individuals that have made their way into our Community. We've seen an influx over the last 12 to 18 months, and, the issues have been folks, whether they're sleeping on Route Four on benches, we've had folks that have been sleeping in some of the alcove areas on the Municipal Building property, I've had residents talk to me about individuals at parks, bathing in creeks. We had an employee reference an individual bathing in our little fountain area as well. In the last seven days, on two occasions, on Springfield Pike, fortunately in broad daylight, there's an individual with a cart who was crossing Springfield Pike; not in a crosswalk, and would literally stop halfway through an east lane of traffic, which is a hazard for that gentleman, as well as the drivers going by. So, there are a number of things that I wanted to make sure that we had tools that we could address those things, and I thought it was important to get this conversation to Council so Council could look at it and see what Council thought was appropriate, and, so, that's the reason why we had this legislation in front of you, and, it's something where folks can talk about what you think is appropriate, or things that may be tweaked, or what have you. There's no emergency clause, but, it's something important to get out there because it is an issue that continues to grow. Now, the idea is not that we're trying to necessarily criminalize people that are without homes, but, the idea is that we're able to put those individuals in a position to get services that they need. I can tell you from my personal experience, as an attorney, I have a lot of individuals that are clients that have suffered from situations of being without a domicile to lay their heads at night. And, the other thing that we all know, being long-time residents in Springdale, is that's not something that our City is necessarily built for. So, for instance, Cincinnati has a number of food pantries, shelters, what have you, Hamilton, where I do a lot of work, there's a lot of food pantries, there's a lot of places that help folks that don't have homes, whether it's transitional living, a number of places that can provide those services. We don't have those, right? And, so, it's important to get folks to those positions. We've had law enforcement officers on multiple occasions that are encountering some folks that come, and again, it's not trying to go and arrest people, but, it's, "Hey, we can

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): take you to Cincinnati, we can take your cart down there, get you to places where there are services.” A number of individuals have not wanted to go because they’re concerned about their belongings, their cart, what have you, and, so, they decline that. We have tools and resources to manage our parks because a lot of them say, “Hey, we’re closed at a certain time, or closed at night”, and, so, there’s not an issue with regard to that. Residents, as I’ve been told before, you have to tell me if you have somebody bathing in the creek at Cameron, or Underwood, or what have you, or someone’s sleeping there. You have to call in to the Police Department and let us know. We’ve got tools to address that. We don’t really have tools at this present time to address folks that are in more public areas. So, to be clear, a lot of this is addressing our City property because, if someone’s on your private business, if someone’s on your private home, that’s a whole other situation of recourse for you to address and deal with. But, we have folks that are on municipal property doing things, and we want to be able to address those. The irony in my conversation with Mr. Braun was he said, “Well, actually, Lawrence, I was going to talk with you about a situation for a warning that he had just received from several of our neighbors to our south along Springfield Pike. Several of the municipalities along that line had reached out and said, “Hey, look. We have word, and sort of a warning of a migration of thousands of individuals, potentially, that may find their way to your City that are literally camping out in public areas.” And, so, that further was a reason to get some legislation. There are a number of those communities that have either already passed legislation or have legislation on the horizon. So, that was the idea of getting that in front of Council. Obviously there could be more discussion with regard to that, but, initially, we were just talking about adding that discussion to the Mayor’s Report. Mr. Braun is “Johnny on the spot”, or “Joe on the spot”. So, he went ahead and actually drafted legislation before he does. Last thing for Mayor’s Report is I want to thank the Springdale Student Council and Administration, and teachers for putting on their City Appreciation Luncheon on May 8th. Again, we had great attendance from our elected officials, Administrative staff, Police officers, Fire/EMT, as well as our Chiefs were both there. The children did an excellent job. Got to speak with the Student Council Executive Board; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and member representative. They did an outstanding job. Very engaging leaders of tomorrow, and thank them. That concludes my report.

President Anderson: I will echo the Springdale Elementary School the effort that they put in every year for it is really impressive. They go all out to have everyone come through. I know Mayor Hawkins didn’t mention it, but he was something of a rock star in the session. Every time a new lunch group would come through, they would mob him. I had heard rumors along the way that he was a basketball star, and people were seeking autographs at one point, as opposed to football, so, the legend will continue to grow, but thank you to Springdale Elementary and the PTA.

Mayor Hawkins: I think our Fire Chief and Police Chief assisted in some of those legends of growth there, so, I appreciate that.

President Anderson: It was a really nice event.

Administrator’s Report

Mr. Jones: I too would like to thank Public Works Director Mike Huxsoll, and staff for coming in this evening. It’s funny for us to see those folks in something other than their normal bright yellow/green attire, whatever they’re wearing that particular day, so, I gave them a hard time out in the atrium. Want to remind folks the City Building, other than safety services, will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Community Center is enjoying sign ups right now for fall soccer and volleyball, also, applications are being accepted for Sailfish swimming and the swim team. Then, a correction from the last meeting. The pool opens May 25th at 1:00 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be a DJ, there will be a variety of activities, and, wait for it here, free hot dog and a slushie; your choice. Thank you.

Law Director’s Report

Mr. Braun: The only thing I wanted to report is that should Council have any questions on each of the items on the legislative agenda tonight, I’m prepared to answer those, and I appreciated the Mayor’s comments regarding the camping ordinance. Thank you.

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Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: We'll start off with the Northland Project. There was some late bidder questions that came in to ODOT. They pushed the bid opening date back a week. It actually opens tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. So, fingers crossed, we'll get some good bids, competitive pricing. There are four plan holders, so, we're expecting good competition. The next project is the Crescentville Road State Route 4 to 747 Improvements. Baer Contracting is expected to begin the paving in July, and, the repaving of Crescentville Road is part of the county-wide contract with Butler County, and, all that work, all their contract work is supposed to be done, or expected to be done by August of this year. Then, we have the Tri-County Parkway Sidewalk Project. There's actually a resolution tonight about a contemporary construction easement. That's the missing piece. Once, if approved, we'll close on that one and advertise sometime in early June. The thought was that with the Northland bid opening happening soon, that there would be already a contractor; a larger contractor even that's near site, so, it may be beneficial to get a little bit better pricing with someone that's already planned to be mobilized to the area. That's all I have this evening.

Rental Program Committee	Mr. Vanover	-	No report
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Urban Farming Special Committee	Ms. McFarland	-	No report
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Communications		-	None
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Communications from the Audience

Mr. Webster: My name is Doyle Webster, 12142 Peak Drive. Just a couple of questions about some of the committee reports. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup, could you elaborate on the Sheraton Lane project?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: The Sheraton Lane project, we don't currently have a Sheraton Lane project that we talked about at Planning (Commission), we talked about across the street, talking about the Showplace apartments.

Ms. McFarland (off mic): The bodega?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Oh, the bodega. I'm sorry, because we had a bodega, it was tabled from April, I believe it was. There is the Sugar Creek right next to the new development of the Array, and they want to change to a bodega. They want to make an Italian-style bodega with the drive-thru, and place to get sandwiches, and a little convenience store. There were some issues before with logistics, and they're working on that, and, as soon as they're able to bring us a viable plan, they're going to come back to us.

Mr. Webster: Okay. Alright. Thank you. The other question I had was, Ms. McFarland, I didn't understand the Dairy Queen, is it closed?

Ms. McFarland: Yes. They Dairy Queen did close. Not because a Board of Health issue, they chose to close the restaurant on their own.

Mr. Webster: Okay, that was my next question. Okay. Thank you. And, finally I'd just like to congratulate the Mayor for being proactive on this camping thing, outdoor camping, or squatters, or whatever you want to call it. It's homeless, and I think it's all too many communities are just sitting on their hands and not being proactive, and, then they end up having it coming back and biting them, and we end up with a San Francisco, or whatever, so, I congratulate you. That's good to get out in front of that.

Mayor Hawkins (off mic): Thank you sir.

Mr. Webster: Thank you very much.

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Ms. Webster: Julie Webster, 669 Park Avenue. I just wanted to make the announcement that I was joined by Michelle Miller last night representing Springdale Offering Support, and, we awarded two scholarships; one \$1,500 scholarship to Camryn Chambliss, and one \$1,500 scholarship to Gavin Howell, and, as we did last year, I had invited both recipients to be at the Council meeting on June 19th so we can publicly present those to them again, and you guys can all acknowledge their successes. If that could be added to the agenda on the 19th at the very beginning, I'd appreciate it. Thank you very much.

President Anderson: And, for those that don't know, the SOS scholarship includes a heavy community involvement and volunteer component which is why we like to recognize them at Council too, because it's a big part of the community.

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

President Anderson: Council, this is a first reading. We will see it again. The floor is open for discussion and questions.

Mr. Braun: Something I just wanted to add to the Mayor's comments earlier. The genesis of this was kind of in motion at the same time the Mayor approached me about it. He was correct. The legal counsel for the Village of Lincoln Heights actually reached out to me and to our office given that we represent many of the communities in the Mill Creek Valley. Whether that be Woodlawn, Wyoming, and Springdale. And, my initial reaction when they indicated that Lincoln Heights was experiencing a problem with this, was I don't think we've seen that in Springdale, but, thank you, and then we began to see it in Wyoming, and then Woodlawn, and then the Mayor approached me. And, I said, "Wow, I've got something on that." And, that's kind of the genesis of how it came. I wanted to reassure you that this is not something that is unique to Springdale. I think, obviously you can kind of follow the pathway as to the fact that there has been an influx of individuals who have been relocated to the Mill Creek Valley specifically. And, I was advised that Lincoln Heights had been made aware of that by the Department of Homeland Security for a variety of reasons, because many of these individuals were immigrants that had been relocated, but, in addition to that, I think it is just something we're seeing as one of the speakers mentioned earlier, in many communities across the country. And, so, I did work with the Mayor and Administration, and I wanted to assure Council that we also put some safety valves in the draft legislation for things like "this does not preclude the Boy Scouts", for instance from having a camp out in one of our parks, if they have permission from the City, or if we were to have an event for the swim team where they want to camp outside at the Civic Center, or something like that. So, we have protections in place to protect City-sponsored events, and one of the other things I wanted to make you aware of is that this certainly does not preclude our Police from issuing a warning for these types of violations, and, in many communities, are also advising their Police Departments. They're giving them a pamphlet that they can give to individuals that will make them aware of resources that are available in the region, even if Springdale might not have those available immediately, so, that they know how to get to those resources, and, I would suggest that's something we may want to consider down the road for our Police as well. So, if there's any questions, I'm happy to answer it, but, I think the legislation kind of speaks for itself. It's really designed to be proactive about a problem that is growing. So, thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you for those comments, and to the point about a packet or a handout, one thing that is unique about Springdale that other communities that you mentioned don't have is our Health Department. So, hopefully, we could tie that in as part of that packet that they could help get connected for emergency resource type situations.

Ms. McFarland: That's exactly what I had thought when I first saw this. So, I had reached out to my friends on the Board of Health, just do we have that information already together. I haven't received anything back just yet. But, I definitely had a few residents reach out

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Ms. McFarland (continued): wondering if we did have that information available so that is definitely already on people's radar, so, I appreciate you already addressing that Mayor. Thank you.

Mr. Vanover: While aspects of this are new, but, a lot of it is not new. I placed a call to Ms. Browder last year because somebody was air drying their laundry in the former Perkins right there along Route 4. We have an individual, whom I'm sure we've all seen because he seems to run from Kemper Road, to Chesterdale, and I have even seen him going out on International Boulevard over into Butler County, so, they've used the bus stop there in front of Kemper Pond, and I've seen individuals in the bus stop in front of Value City. So, it's not that aspects are new, probably the new part is the numbers that we're experiencing, but, this is something that I'm glad to see that we're becoming proactive on this. So, I will support this wholeheartedly.

Mr. Jacobs: I was just going to mention that it was last summer and I was headed to my summer job, and I looked to my left as I was passing Glensprings, and there was (Health) Commissioner Clayton, and I rolled my window down, and I said, "Hi", and he was heading to discuss options for resources with one of our either transient residents or somebody that appeared to be sleeping outside. So, he does have information. And, I think they were giving out water and the pamphlet last summer. I've always been impressed by Commissioner Clayton and the Department of Health, but, that's an example of how we could provide additional responses going forward.

Mr. Gleaves: I want to thank Mayor Hawkins and Law Director (Joe) Braun with using compassion in this situation. I've dealt with this in my family. Dealing with it for quite some time, and it takes a village to raise a family, and compassion. The only reason we found my relative is through compassion. It was the Police Department, social workers. These people, if they're not immigrants, they have family, and there's a lot of compassion, the time to take as a City to get them the help that they need if we can. So, I really want to applaud you for that. Thank you so much.

President Anderson: As Mr. Gleaves said, that's a big part. All the feedback I had received as well. We wanted to make sure that we were staying with that compassionate touch when possible first. Obviously, you're asking for tools. We appreciate that and understand that. But, we don't want to lose sight, and let people know that it's not that we're setting up a group to race people out. This is just the tool that we need. Any other comments? (none) We will see this ordinance again at our next meeting.

Resolution No. R07-2024

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GRANTING OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AND OLYMBEC USA LLC

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R07-2024; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Mayor Hawkins: Just in full disclosure, I do rent my law office from Olymbec USA, not at the 175 Tri County Parkway, and obviously I don't have a vote, but, I figure I'd put that out there in full disclosure. Thank you.

Resolution No. R07-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R08-2024

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MERCHANT STREET APARTMENTS & TOWNHOMES DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R08-2024; Mrs. Webster seconded.

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Mr. Braun: One other thing I just wanted to bring to your attention because it's something when we came on as your legal counsel that we started doing. As you recall, Springrose Development was one of the first things that were on our agenda that had kind of already been in motion at the time that we came on. And, we began to kind of modify the declarations and covenants for our communities here in Springdale by reserving a right for the City to enforce those covenants if the HOA's and the owners and developers are not. I wanted to assure Council we've continued that in this declaration, so the City has the power to enforce them, and that's one of the reasons that we aggressively review them, modify them, and negotiate them with, sometimes the Engineer's Office, sometimes Mr. Lamping, sometimes Public Works. But, I just wanted to let you know that we've continued that so that in the event that development needs enforcement that's not taking place by the owner, we've reserved the right for the City to do that, and, it's something we'll continue to do unless instructed otherwise. I think it's a great benefit for us, and, we've had cooperation from developers, whether it be the Array, Merchant Street, or any of the other new developments. So, I just wanted to point that out.

Resolution No. R08-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Executive Session – Economic Development

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

Mr. Vanover: Second.

President Anderson: Any discussion or questions? (none) Are we expecting action out of the meeting? (none)

Motion to go into Executive Session according to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) under Article 2(D)(1) of the Springdale Charter to discuss Economic Development issues passed with seven affirmative votes. Council departed at 8:05 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 9:08 p.m.

President Anderson: Council has returned from Executive Session. Next we'll move on to Old Business. Is there anyone with Old Business they want to bring before Council.

Mr. Gleaves: I just wanted to see if we had an update on the traffic study that Mr. Vanover brought up? Is there an update on that?

Mr. Uhl: Referring to the Ledro parking study. Not yet. We just received a proposal from TEC earlier this week. It came in about \$5,900, so, we're in the process of executing that right now. They'll probably take somewhere between 30 to 60 days to do a study, and then also evaluate other parking regulations in nearby communities, and, come up with some good recommendations.

Mr. Gleaves: Thank you.

New Business

President Anderson: First, I have an item for New Business. I did receive a letter from the Planning Committee as mentioned by the committee report. The Planning Committee did approve the looking into updating Section 153.259(D) to remove the prohibition from medical marijuana cultivation processing and retail dispensaries and to change related zoning code, so, we will go ahead and put that on our agenda for a first reading for the first meeting in June, and then in the second meeting in June, we'll also have a public hearing.

Meetings and Announcements

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

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Mr. Uhl: I have one meeting to announce. Civil Service Commission will meet on Thursday, June 6th at 2:00 p.m. And, I also have one announcement. This Saturday, May 18th, our Police Department will be hosting its annual Law Enforcement Expo from noon until 3:00 p.m. down at the parking lot space in between the Community Center and the Police Department.

President Anderson: That's always a good time, so I encourage people to go. They really go all out with that.

Mr. Gleaves: The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting that was scheduled for May 28th, as of, I think, right now, has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is June 25th in these chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Communications from the Audience - None

Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Resolution No. 08-2024; A Resolution Adopting Merchant Street Apartments & Townhomes Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Reservation of Easements. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Resolution No. R07-2024; A Resolution Adopting the Granting of a Temporary Construction Easement Between the City of Springdale, Ohio and Olymbec USA LLC. That passed with a 7-0 vote.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Item Number III was addressed by Ordinance No. 20-2024. It was a first reading; An Ordinance Creating Chapter 140 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio to Regulate Unlawful Camping.

Adjournment

President Anderson: All that's left is Item 19.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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