

City of Springdale Council

May 17, 2023

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on May 17, 2023

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

Mrs. McNear provided the Invocation.

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

President Vanover: Council, we've got a couple additions and shifts. First off, after we deal with the minutes, Mr. Agricola has an employee introduction and then we will do the basketball team honoring. And then, Administration has asked for an executive session after Resolution No. R10-2023. And, well, it deals with personnel matters. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup will have the official language.

The minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting were considered. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Anderson seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

President Vanover: I guess, Mr. Jones, we'll turn to you and you can pass the floor on.

Introduction of New Employee

Mr. Jones: And, as a reminder to Council also, Energy Alliance is here for a presentation as well. So, at this time we'd call up Public Works Director, Jeff Agricola, for an introduction and a presentation.

Mr. Agricola: Good evening, and thank you, once again, for the opportunity to introduce a new member of the Public Works Department to you. This evening, I'm pleased to introduce Mr. Paul Helmers, who started with us in January of this year. Paul comes to us with a varied background with a wealth of experiences. He has previously held positions such as self-performing property maintenance for a private 350+ acre site in Kentucky, interesting story there, as well as working for Duke Energy as a lineman for a number of years. As he was growing up in Colerain Township, his family operated a construction business and during this period, Paul was exposed to a lot of aspects of commercial and residential construction and he developed a lot of diverse skills and abilities. Years ago, Paul's passion for animals also started him on the path of studying the Farrier trade. He was educated in this field and studied under a mentor for a number of years. And, what; you've been doing it for 15 years there about?

Mr. Helmers: Over 20.

Mr. Agricola: Over 20, okay.

Mr. Helmers: Part time.

Mr. Agricola: So, all of this background and real life experience allowed Paul to hit the ground running, and he's fit into the department really well. His experience and unique perspectives has been a very good addition to the Department, so with that, I'll stop embarrassing him and let him say a few things.

Mr. Helmers: Hello. I just want to say I appreciate the opportunity to work for the City. I'm looking forward to the future and serving the residents of Springdale. I appreciate it. Thank you. (applause)

President Vanover: Thank you. Welcome.

President Vanover: Okay, Mayor Webster, you've got a proclamation?

Mayor Webster: I have a question for Coach Davis. Do you expect any other players to be here?

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Ms. Davis: Honestly, I have no idea. I think these are the only two I'll have.

Mayor Webster: Okay. We're prepared to give you the proclamations any time. We can put it off until later on in the agenda, if you think they'll show up, or we can do it now.

Ms. Davis: Carry on and do it now.

Mayor Webster: Do it now?

Ms. Davis: Yes sir.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Would you please step forward with your young ladies. I'd like to read this proclamation. I'm going to present it to Coach Davis here, and let her do the honors of introducing the young ladies. I want to do that for two reasons; Number one, I want them to do justice on having their name pronounced properly for the minutes, and to save me the embarrassment, okay, so, if you'll bear with me,. I'll read the proclamation. I'll leave out the names. I'll give you the proclamation here and, also, we have one for all of the young ladies, and you can individually call them up by name and you can get your proclamation.

WHEREAS, the Princeton High School Varsity Girls Basketball team has captured the 2023 Ohio High School Athletic Association's Girls' Basketball Division I State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Led by Princeton head girls basketball coach Dee Davis, a Princeton Alumna, and staff of Assistant Varsity Coach Michelle Booker, Varsity Assistant Coach Ryan Simmons, Girls Junior Varsity Head Coach Tom Cassidy, and Girls Junior Varsity Assistant Coach Corneisha Morris, the Lady Vikings won 17 consecutive games to end the 2023 season with a 28-2 record; and

WHEREAS, Princeton defeated Grafton Midview in the semifinal game by a score of 61-57, and defeated Olmsted Falls 69-51 in the final; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Vikings showcased their advantages by out-scoring their opponents for total domination on the courts this season, and were ranked 24 nationally by MaxPreps; and

WHEREAS, The Princeton High School Varsity Girls Basketball team has put forth countless hours of hard work into their winning season; and

WHEREAS, the 2022-23 season players were Diawna Carter-Hartley, Kali Forston, Sole Williams, La'Sonja Hill, Mari Gerton, Jaidyn Maiben, Keara Brooks, Saniya Carr, Paris Reed, Jordan Champion, and Heaven Sneed; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the varsity girls basketball team should be recognized for their outstanding performance that serves as a positive example in many ways to our younger residents; and

NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2023 as

**PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM DAY**

In the City of Springdale and urge all members of the community to join in recognizing this significant accomplishment.

So, if you ladies, once your coach give you your proclamation, if you'd just go up and go around the back (to the dais), I'm sure they'd all like to shake your hands. It's not often we get to shake hands with State Champions.

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Ms. Davis: Thank you Mayor Webster, as well as all the Councilmembers. We greatly appreciate this recognition. I will go through and read all the young ladies names. We have

Diawna Carter-Hartley, Kali Forston, Sole Williams, who is standing to the left. Come on Sole. La'Sonja Hill, Mari Gerton, Jaidyn Maiben, Keara Brooks, Saniya Carr, Paris Reed, Jordan Champion, and Heaven Sneed. (applause)

President Vanover: Well, while we're freelancing here, Mr. Jones did you want to go ahead and we'll get the Energy Alliances Presentation.

Mr. Jones: Brian (Uhl) is going to hand something out here. We call him Buzz. We'll have him come up and introduce himself, and jump into his presentation. I promise you it will not be as exciting as the State Championship team.

Presentation – Energy Alliances

Mr. Deters: No, it will not, and I doubt if you'll ask me to come up and shake everybody's hand afterwards. (laughter) My name is Daniel Deters. I'm a consultant with Energy Alliances. We're located out in Sycamore Township out on Blue Ash Road. What Mr. Uhl is handing you is basically, I saw your agenda, and it's pretty long, so I have the abbreviated version out here, and basically, when we were contacted to take a look at the energy programs here in Springdale by Mr. Jones, we presented quite a bit of evidence as to why we thought we should be the consultant helping the City. Two of the biggest things that we do is we do not just bunch everybody up, and then put it all out as one big package. That hurts generally cities the size of Springdale, generally end up supplementing other communities that are in those big programs, so, we went about our request for pricing a little bit differently than everyone else. Springdale is contracted alone. Springdale is bid alone, and the other thing that we do that is a little bit different is we handle all of the customer service that we can. So, if the City wants to refer folks to us, we're happy to do so, and we're happy to take those calls. So, there's about a 90% chance when one of your residents calls, they're going to get me on the phone. So, we don't put everybody off to the supplier, whoever that is. Generally, suppliers don't have the knowledge of our area, so, it's a much more difficult answer for those suppliers when we can give the answer in a minute or two, and help people get in the program, or out of the program; always at no cost, always at any time, always with no big hassle to them. So, folks that get into the programs, and they want to be there, they can always ask us questions. If they want to get out, we'll get them out. If they want to come back in, they can always come back in at the original price; not at some inflated price later. So, once the contract starts, whatever that number is, that's what people get in a year from now, or 18 months from now; no matter. As long as it's within the two year contract. So, we do things a little bit differently. We do all the PUCO filings, all the Ohio Consumer Council filings, we pay all your fees. We have a person that is dedicated to doing that within our company. She's been doing it about 25 years, so, we never have an issue with things like that. If you look through your packet, you will also, on Page 3, I don't know who could read that; I cannot. I left my readers at home. Basically, what the Administration will get to pass on to you is a Performance Report every three months and it will tell you how the program is doing, it will tell you which homes are saving, which homes are not saving. Duke, for example, does not bill the same amount to every home, every month. It's a price that changes. It can be volatile on the gas side; not so volatile on the electric side, but, you'll see maybe a cent or two cent difference from January to July, so, what this does is these programs give you a flat rate so people can budget, and count on what they're going to have for the year. If you turn the page, you'll see the communities that we do in this area. We have other communities in Columbus, Dayton area. I don't think they're on there. Some of them around there, are on there. But, we have probably about another 15 to 20 communities. We have another 15 coming on in November. So, we have a pretty big footprint in southwest Ohio at this point. Basically, I put a retail energy overview. You all know this, I'm sure. The generators are out there; suppliers; we go and bid it out. We've been doing a bid for Springdale since February or March. We've been looking at the numbers since February or March. We hope the utility will do the same thing; even billing is always the same, nothing changes as you all know; you've been in this for a little bit. So, we go to the big page. Duke's price, to compare, for June is going to be about 10.23 cents. That's what are models are

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Mr. Deters (continued): telling us. That's not completely accurate, but I bet you it will be over ten cents. Energy Alliances aggregate customers are paying between six three (6.3 cents) and seven one (7.1 cents) for the next two year period. So, what that is, essentially, is a \$31 to \$43 per month savings over the utility. So, these programs are valuable. These programs save people money, these programs are absolutely worth doing. The big reason for that, of course, is our economy. I don't know anything that is not more expensive, but there were some capacity options that were really, really high back in November, and we were kind of waiting until April or May to make sure that the last option got in so we could tell what the price is going to be for the month of June, so, that's kind of where we are. Once the program would start, if you go to the very last page, there'll be a Springdale page on our website that your website can refer people to. It gives them our phone number at our office so they can actually call and talk to me. I talk to people every day. We have 300,000 electric customers. I talk to people all the time; residents. I've met people at the Municipal Building talking through their bill, I've showed it to them; happy to do that. It's very hard to do that if you're coming from another state, but, we're happy to do that, and we can generally be here in about 15 minutes. So, if they call, I can come any time. I'm happy to answer any questions and I'll stand here and answer them all night if you want. I know you don't want me to, but.

President Vanover: Council, any questions? (None) You must have done a good job.

Mr. Deters: Or, people are just sick of listening to me. (laughter) Probably that. Thank you all. If you'd like me to come back any time, I'd be happy to do so. Thanks.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Uhl: I will be substituting for Mr. Coleman tonight. He couldn't make tonight's meeting. Civil Service Commission met on May 4th. We had two commissioners present. Mr. Coleman had a conflict that night as well. A couple of highlights I'd like to discuss tonight. Our Building Inspector process; we've one candidate in the background phase. Our Facilities Maintenance hiring process continues. We will be accepting resumes and applications for the position of Fire Captain, and that ends on May 24th. We have two individuals in the background process for Police Officer hiring process. Currently, in the Police Department, we have three promotional processes going on. One for Police Lieutenant, one for Police Sergeant, and one for Police Corporal, so, those are active. The Lieutenant's process wrapped up on Monday, and the Sergeant's process will continue into June. The Corporal process will continue into July. With the retirement of Gordon King, we had to make some adjustments in the Building Department. Two of our current Property Maintenance Inspectors were reclassified to Building Inspector I, and Building Inspector III, and will take over the residential/commercial building inspections that Gordon King was doing, in addition to property maintenance responsibilities. So, Mr. Lamping has decided that all of his Building Inspectors will all share in the property maintenance inspections so that we can be a little more efficient and have more people dedicated to getting out there and addressing the violations. And, our next Civil Service meeting will be on June 8th, at 2:00 p.m.

Rules and Laws	Mrs. Ghantous	-	No report
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Finance Committee	Mr. Hawkins	-	No report
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Planning Commission

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission met on May 9th and all were present. We had two pieces come before us. One was Chip's Glass at 12190 Springfield Pike; that is the Tire Discounter building and they're changing their name from Tire Discounter and Glass to Chip's Glass is now going to be the company that's there, and, they came for signage and the exterior colors and things like that. It was approved 7-0. And then, Mapleknoll Village; the Pavilion Development Plan for 11100 Springfield Pike; the Manor House. It has been closed since right before COVID. They were going to be demolishing that and building like a recreational center thing, pickle ball courts, space for them to do like crafts, and have more

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup (continued): entertainment there in-house in Mapleknoll. And, that passed with a 7-0 vote. And then everything else they do have some things that need to go before BZA; fencing, signage, things like that, so those will be going to BZA. I don't know if it will be this month or in the near future, but, we did pass all of ours and they did say that the new recreational thing will be for 62 to 101 year old citizens, that's what they have right now in the independent living only, and that will be open for them, and so they wanted to have a broad spectrum of things available so that these adults from anywhere from 62 to 101 would be able to enjoy the facility. So, we're very excited to see when they start that, and, that's all that I have, unless you have anything else.

Mr. Ramirez: Nothing to add.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Thank you.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals met on April 25th. We did have two members absent. We only had one item to discuss and that was the property owner at 582 Smiley Avenue was requesting a variance to maintain the existing gravel driveway in violation of Zoning Code Section 153.302, which requires all parking surfaces in the City to be improved with asphalt or concrete. Because all of the members weren't there, the applicant asked if we could table that to the next meeting so everybody will be able to hear their presentation, and the tabling of that item went through with a 5-0 vote. And, we'll be hearing that at the next meeting, which is Tuesday, May 23. Do you have anything to add Jeff (Anderson)?

Mr. Anderson: No. I think that's perfect.

Mr. Ramirez: I had a question. Why was it the total presentation was done, and then they decided at the end that they wanted to table it? Don't you normally get them the opportunity, we only have five members, we won't go forward if you're not ready for the results.

Mrs. Ghantous: Well, this was her first time making a presentation and we did discuss that option with her at the beginning, and she, I think it took a while for her to understand that that was an option for her and why she might want to make the decision to do that. So, we did hear most of her presentation, if not all, or a good chunk of it, and she discussed with her family, and they decided that they would like to have the opportunity to present all the information to the entire Board, and we voted in favor of that.

Mr. Ramirez: So, the next meeting there will be total presentation again so the other members can hear it?

Mrs. Ghantous: Jeff's (Anderson) going to answer that. I'm not sure.

Mr. Anderson: So, after speaking with Mr. Braun, our Law Director on how to best handle tabled applications like that, the advice we were given was the general advice is to pick up exactly where you left off, where it was tabled. Which means we had gone through, at least in that application, we had gone through the staff presentation, and the public hearing in that meeting. We had tabled it after that, so the general expectation is that we'll pick up at that point at questions and answers, so, it's certainly possible for people, the other members who have the minutes that they can review and they can review the recording if they like, but the expectations will pick up where we left off. That may mean, as part of the question and answer, much of the material could be repeated, but, it's not required to. We always try to do in BZA, you've been there a number of years, to make sure that the resident has had a full opportunity to have their case heard. So, the intention is to pick up where we left off, but we certainly could go back if the other members have questions on the other material just like we would if it was continuing that night.

Mr. Ramirez: Okay. Thank you.

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I just have a really quick question. So, when you say that “you’re picking up where you left off”, so, you closed the public hearing and so the public hearing is not going to be opening? I just wanted to be sure so that if people think that they’re going to be coming out and I want to make sure is there going to be another public hearing or is that closed?

Mr. Anderson: So, we had closed the public hearing in that meeting. It does not mean that we can’t reopen the public hearing if the Board would like to do that. So, typically that would be something the Board could choose to do at any point in time. The City did advertise the possibility of a public hearing so we’re okay to do that, but it’s at the discretion of the Board. So, that’s something that, in the meeting, if it makes sense to reopen it, we certainly can. It is not a requirement. We already completed that portion of that BZA application, so we could, but, we don’t have to. Does that make sense?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Yes. I just wanted to make sure that way if people thought that they were coming out and thinking that it was a public hearing altogether, I didn’t want anyone to misunderstand what the situation was.

Mr. Anderson: So, the public hearing for that application was closed in the meeting before it was tabled. But, it is an unusual situation because we don’t typically do that. It’s something that we’ve offered in the past. And, because this one is, as Mr. Ramirez mentioned, was tabled after the public hearing, that’s something that the Board would have to look at when we’re in the meeting, if we want to continue it, or reopen a new one.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Thank you so much.

Board of Health

Mr. Jacobs: Board of Health met on the 11th of this month. It’ll be their last meeting until the end of the summer hiatus. So, we won’t meet again until September. One of the first items I wanted to mention was Board Member Rita Hart spoke very passionately about the contributions to the Board of Health we’ve had from Debra Boggs, Commissioner (Matt) Clayton, and Nurse Amy Ellis, and I have been there for a short amount of time, but, hearing Ms. Hart talk about how valuable those folks are to the team and she just really wanted to reiterate that to them, and I wanted to repeat it here tonight. Their service to the Board has been fantastic. Food Program update; a bunch of miscellaneous items. Sam’s Club has a sushi bar that is in pre-licensing phase right now. As people have probably noticed driving around town, the White Castle is being remodeled. Two food trucks have been licensed in the City; Turkeys R Us, and there is a review for a third food truck to operate in the City. Hibachi Express is conditionally approved; that’s on 11711 Princeton Pike. Pizzeria Da Tonino at 11546 Springfield Pike; plans conditionally approved there. There has been a change in what was formerly Magnolias, there may be some action at that location. There’s a tentative name change to Ida Mae’s Southern Cooking. Same owner as in the past, but there has been some movement on that. That has been kind of stagnant for a while. The last item on the food program is a Farmer’s Market will be operating once a month during the summer on Glensprings; kind of right across from the Days Inn. The first one was the 6th of this month, and, the Board of Health completed their Community Health Improvement Plan. I have a copy here if any members would like to see it, I can pass it around. It is comprehensive; quite complete and a lot of effort went into that. As far as Nurse Ellis’ report, the COVID emergency has ended officially, but we still have some vaccines available. In terms of shots for the month of April; six COVID shots were given; 58 vaccines for children in our Vaccines For Children Program. The Board is proud that Heritage Hill Elementary is 100% vaccinated. That is a great accomplishment. We had 23 blood pressure screenings during April. That’s about it, unless there are any questions.

Capital Improvements

Mrs. Ghantous

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No report

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Mr. Anderson: Just three quick bullets from presentations at the OKI meeting. OKI did meet on May 11th last week. There was a presentation on EV's, or electric vehicles or partially electric vehicles. They shared that it was interesting that EV take up has increased more rapidly than is expected over the past three years, so the models that they had for electric vehicle take up has increased more than even the models would have projected. So, there was a lot of discussion about EV chargers, and how we can support that growth. It's interesting though, even though it's a large take up, currently only around one percent of registered vehicles in Ohio, or, at least in our region, are EV's, but it's increasing very quickly. Kentucky and the collar counties do lag quite a bit in EV take up, but also in charging stations, and they're not sure if that's the reason, so, they're doing more research on that. The second point that was interesting was a presentation on population and job growth since that affects infrastructure needs, and what they shared was that population and job growth has recovered over the past five to six years to pre-COVID levels, which is good news. At least from a job standpoint in our region, it has recovered, and there's been a steady inflow from outside the region for the workforce. The other piece of that is the workforce though is continuing to age, so, even the workers that are coming in and have those jobs are at a much higher age than has been recently, and that's not sustainable. So, births have continued to decline, and seniors are continuing to increase. I mention that as we do our planning even when we talk about multi-use paths and roads, and infrastructure in general that the idea is that we do need to continue accommodate that since that's what we're trying to support right. And, there's an interactive tool that's available where you can look at that and kind of heat map and see the region and how it's growing that's interesting for people who are into data, and that's available on the OKI website. The last thing I'll share was additional funding and money that was given out and approved in that meeting. One that was notable was the 5310 projects. It's a program that's targeted to improve mobility for seniors and people with disabilities in our region. That program gave out \$2 million dollars out in grants this past year to 11 applications that purchased additional light vehicles, modified vans, accessible work programs, and just more programs to get people out there and moving around, which I think is great. So anytime we can support that, I think it's a good thing. That's all we had for OKI.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Webster: Just a couple of things. First off this morning, I had the pleasure of attending a sort of a kickoff if you will for MetroNow! in Springdale and Sharonville. We're going to be a first, and then, I think in a couple of weeks, they're going to roll out the second one over in the Northgate area. But, all of the County Commissioners were here this morning, all the brass from Metro were here, and, three of the busses. They're a lot bigger than what I thought they would be, but, anyway, I think they seat, what is it ten people. But anyway, I would certainly urge all Springdale residents to take advantage of this. This is a golden opportunity and I think, like anything else, if we don't use it, we'll lose it. But, for two dollars you can call, supposedly their goal is within 15 minutes to have a bus at your door, and take you anywhere in Springdale and Sharonville, and when you get ready to come home, you call the same number. It costs you two dollars each way, and door to door service. So, there's no excuse for you not wanting to get out and shop, and do whatever you can or you want. But, anyway, for medical purposes, it's great, I just hope that people take advantage of it because it's a great service. And, all this came about because of I think it was Issue 7 that was passed a couple of years ago where we finally got the funding for Metro spread out among the County. Up until that point, it had always been that it was a Metro system funded by the City of Cincinnati, which was sort of self-defeating on the surface. So, now, we own a part of it, and all of you own a part of it every time there's the sales tax and it goes towards supporting this effort. So, it's a great thing, and I think this is one of the best things that's ever happened to Hamilton County in a long, long, time at least. So, anyway, please take advantage of that. Also, not this Friday, but Friday, a week on May 26th, at 1:00, we will have our wreath laying ceremony down at our memorial. So, it's a very brief ceremony, just last a few moments, so we urge you to come out and support our veterans. At this point, I would like to present a proclamation to Mr. Agricola and this is in a long line of proclamations, and this one reads as follows:

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WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, emergency management, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the City of Springdale; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, and who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the City of Springdale to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks the 63rd annual National Public Works Week themed as "Connecting the World Through Public Works" and sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21st – 27th, 2023 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

In the City of Springdale and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

So, Mr. Agricola, congratulations.

Mr. Agricola: Thank you Mayor (Webster). Thank you everyone.

Mayor Webster: That concludes my report.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: The General Fund update through April 30, 2023 for receipts based on net receipt budget of \$24.123 million dollars. We have received \$8.695 million dollars, which is 36% of the anticipated budget. Those receipts are made up of five major General Fund receipt resources which are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Transient Tax, for a subtotal of \$8.034 million dollars, which is 92% of the receipt budget. For the General Fund expenditures through April 30, 2023, based on the Net Expenditure budget of \$24.108 million dollars, we have spent \$7.158 million dollars, which is 32% of the budget. The General Fund report ending balance through April 30, 2023 is \$8.271 million dollars. That concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Jones: Parks and Rec Director, (Charlie) Wilson wants to let us know that they are taking registration for swim lessons and for fall sports. Springdale Community Center will be closed Monday, May 29th, however, and this is probably the third time I've said this, because there seems to be confusion for whatever it is; the pool and concession will be open from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. They keep getting asked that same question. Thought I'd share that. Also, as Mr. Uhl mentioned last time, our Police Chief's position is now open. He will be retiring July 5th, and you'll get to see him at some point here. Also, we have a Fire Captain position open. With regard to part-time, we have Customer Service Representative at the Community Center, Fitness Instructor, Rec Attendant, Public Works Maintenance Worker, and then seasonal we are taking applications and starting to fill up with lifeguards, and a Public Works Maintenance Worker. So, any of those folks you know who may be interested, or refer, please do so, and that's it for now.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun

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No report

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Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: We'll start with the Crescentville Road Improvement Project; it looks like the north side curb is substantially complete and they're starting to really backfill or get up to subgrade on the north side. So, I would say in the next week or so they'll start paving that and then switch over traffic to the south side for the next few weeks. Northland Boulevard Reconstruction Project; final right-of-way plans were approved by ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) on April 26th. We're actually planning to submit a Round Three SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority) Funding Application. The application is due on May 31st, and we're submitting a draft application to Public Works by the end of the week for review. That's going to be for additional construction funds only. We're also working on, and we'll discuss this a little bit more later this evening, the Kemper Road/Northland Intersection Modification and Kemper Road Shared Use Path Project. We're going to submit a OKI funding application for STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant) Funds. Construction funds. Those are due June 2nd, so two weeks from here we're going to submit a draft to the City by the end of this week as well; a draft application. The Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Repair Project work is ongoing on the bridge deck. We're still looking to complete construction by August. The State Route Four Urban Paving Project; construction was expected to begin this week. I don't believe they started yet with any of the construction work, but, when they do, work is planned to begin. It's going to be performed at night, Sunday through Thursday, from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., and the contractor is tentatively scheduled to begin the asphalt milling and paving during the second week in June. The State Route 747 Urban Paving Project; there's no change with that. The bids are supposed to be open by ODOT on June 8th. The Sheraton Lane Reconstruction Project; work is still ongoing with the subgrade repairs and storm sewer installations, but it appears that they're beginning to set the stakes for the curb, at least on the Ray Norrish section. Springdale Community Center HVAC Replacement Project; the bid opening took place on May 9th, and, again, that award will be discussed later this evening. That's all I have.

Mayor Webster: Yes, Shawn (Riggs), what's the completion date for the Sheraton Road Reconstruction?

Mr. Riggs: It was supposed to be ten weeks from once they started. So, it looks like they began on April 10th, so, you're two and a half months. Probably sometime in July; beginning or Mid July I would imagine.

Mayor Webster: And, that would be for the Ray Norrish.

Mr. Riggs: The entire project; yes sir.

Mrs. McNear: I guess they can probably only work "x" number of hours per day, but, they seem to be finished at 3:00 in the afternoon, and perhaps they're starting earlier in the day, but, man, I know when I work outside, you know, when this, you know, you make hay when the day is good, so, it's seems like, you know we do have rainy days. Why aren't they making use of a nice day?

Mr. Riggs: A lot of contractors they do work different schedules. Some start earlier and end earlier, especially as the summer gets a little hotter, they like to get out there as soon as they can. There are some restrictions as far as the noise level/noise ordinance that prevents them from starting too soon.

Mrs. McNear: Right.

Mr. Riggs: But, generally they like to get in and get out as quick as they can before it gets warm.

Mrs. McNear: I understand that when we have those 90 degree days, but, we haven't hit that timeframe yet, and, I can tell you, 3:00, they're out of there.

Mr. Riggs: Yes, that is a little unusual, but, that's something we can follow up with them to see why.

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Mrs. McNear: Just seems like a waste of some good days.

Mr. Riggs: I agree.

Mrs. McNear: Thank you.

President Vanover: Mr. Agricola, I saw we had a powwow there at the corner of Crescentville and Tivoli between Verizon and Spectrum, and Fishel, and I don't know, there was more yellow hats and green hats popping around, so, I guess they're getting ready to finally get the coms settled down over there.

Mr. Agricola: I'm actually unaware of that meeting that you're referring to. But, yes, they've had a lot of conflicts relative to utilities.

President Vanover: Well, it looked like they finally said, "Okay everybody we're going to have a meeting. You better show up, and we'll go from there." But, the work is progressing rapidly. The curb, actually, I think the curb and the sub-road is pretty much all in place up to Tivoli on the north side. So, any day now we'll get the big switchover. It's coming; it's well welcomed.

Mrs. McNear: Another question, Altafiber is putting in the lines up in my neighborhood, and I just happened to be walking by the window when I noticed a guy with a shovel was getting ready to dig up my front lawn, and I don't have Altafiber, so, of course I went out there and stopped him, and said, "What are you doing?" (He said), "Oh, just getting ready to put the lines in here." (I said), "Well, I've got an irrigation system, and I don't have Altafiber. So, why are you digging up my yard?" He said, "Well, I don't know, let me go get a supervisor." So, of course he stopped digging and there's no lines in there at this point, but my neighbor has Altafiber, so he said, "I'll go dig up his yard." And there was no lines drawn there, it would be a different situation if he was doing the berm between the sidewalk and the street where there are lines, but, I don't know why they're digging there. I was also told a week ago that they would be burrowing underneath sidewalks, driveways, and things of that nature, so, I don't know why he's digging up my yard. So, just a note. Thank you.

Rental Program Committee

Mr. Anderson: The Rental Program Committee did meet last week on May 10th, and we discussed the second half of the work we talked about doing; focusing on parking, and building and the roads. There was a good update from the City Administration on what the Police has been doing to help with quality of life items we talked about. Things like blight, parking, dogs, pets. And, what they wanted to share that I also wanted to share was this idea of this unified Community Pride reminders that the City has been working on that residents will start seeing more of. That's something that we've been pushing for to kind of help steer people gently to do the things that we're trying to address, instead of just having a lot of new ordinances to enforce the things that we're doing already. So, people will start seeing these Community Pride reminders that will have unified things from the Police or Public Works, or Building Department about cutting grass, or addressing this, or parking on improved surfaces. So, the general consensus of the committee at that point was to give a chance for these City programs enhanced kind of notification communication to work and see what that does to the Community before we come back with more ordinances directed at working on things like that. The idea is that we'll meet back again probably in two to three months to take a look at the results because the next thing to look at would be the Zoning Code as a total to see if we need to update things like parking in green space requirements, or how their streets are being used for micromobility devices and that sort of thing so the committee decided not to take additional action at that meeting, and wanted to have the City kind of see what we can do and that's what we completed. So, if there's any questions or if there's anything that Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup or Mr. Vanover want to add, that's all I have for the update.

President Vanover: Sounds good.

Communications	-	None
Communications from the Audience	-	None

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Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 23-2023

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WORLD FUEL SERVICES, INC. FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-2023; Mr. Anderson seconded.

Ordinance No. 23-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 24-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE WEST CRESCENTVILLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND THE BOARD OF BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Ramirez made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 24-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 25-2023

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DRIEKAST PIPING CORPORATION FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER HVAC REPLACEMENT – PHASE 1 PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-2023; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Mayor Webster: Just look at these numbers and the Engineer's estimate. If we had known this, we would have bid six of them instead of four. We had enough money in the budget to pay for six of them, because that's coming; you know that.

President Vanover: Right.

Mayor Webster: Let's see. How many do we have? Four done and this is four more, so we have eight of the 17?

Mr. Agricola: A total of 16.

Mayor Webster: Sixteen, so, anyway. Strike while the iron is hot.

President Vanover: That's right.

Mr. Anderson: Just a question on Section five. Is there a reason that the language is different than other emergency ordinances where we're citing specific articles of the Charter? Is that just a different person was writing it, or does that mean something different in this case?

Mr. Braun: Actually, we've been trying to cite that section of the Charter in all of the legislation. I've been updating it because we should rely on the Charter, not the O.R.C. (Ohio Revised Code) to allow us to do that.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.

Mr. Braun: If it hasn't been appearing, it's probably something I didn't catch, but if you go back and look, I've been inserting that.

Mr. Anderson: It's the other emergency ordinance that we just read didn't have it. That's why it stood out. That makes a lot of sense. Thank you.

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Mr. Braun: Trying to update it.

Mr. Anderson: Perfect.

Ordinance No. 25-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R08-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDING THROUGH OKI FOR THE KEMPER ROAD AND NORTHLAND BOULEVARD INTERSECTION MODIFICATION AND SHARED USE PATH PROJECT

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R08-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Jones: We'd like to call Jeff Agricola up from Public Works and then ask him to do a presentation. Thank you.

Mr. Agricola: You get to see me once again this evening. Okay, the background for this proposed project actually starts back with the design for the original Northland Boulevard Reconstruction Project that we received funding for back in 2020. Of course, we added the shared use path to that project in 2022, and, about that time, we started to see some concerns with how we were going to cross that shared use path at the intersection at Northland (Boulevard) and Kemper. In our attempts to address the safety concerns, we eventually returned to a design that was actually first proposed back in the early 1990's. The design actually was very, very fortuitous, and it really could help us out in this particular moment. So, this design encourages thru traffic and truck traffic to follow Kemper to Northland and vice versa, basically, while avoiding the residential area along Kemper west of the intersection. The design also provides for a narrower roadway at the intersection, and with less westbound traffic, westbound thru traffic, the pedestrian crossing will be safer and easier to accomplish. This intersection modification, however, was beyond our original Northland project scope, and, therefore, the increased cost would have been 100% local if we would have tried to incorporate it into that project. To avoid that, we approached ODOT, and OKI about the change to the original project scope, and discussed our plans for the future intersection modification, and shared use path application. By pursuing these improvements separately, it allows us the opportunity for initial grant funding, and allowing for additional shared use path to be incorporated. ODOT and OKI agreed with our proposed changes, and the future project plans were in line with our connectivity plan, and they felt that it better addressed the safety concerns with the shared use paths. This project scope basically, as I said, includes the modification to the West Kemper and Northland Boulevard intersection. I handed out the visual earlier, and I have one up on the screen here that kind of shows, basically, a line drawing of the proposed alignment over the existing aerial of that intersection. So, you can kind of see how the new alignment kind of is directing traffic on Kemper and Northland to continue on either Kemper and Northland, and then the West Kemper Road which is towards Lawnview is there for kind of a secondary type of street. We have seen an increase in truck traffic coming off of businesses on Northland. They'll head east on Northland, GPS is telling them to turnaround, they get to this intersection, and the semi heads down through the residential area. It's increased, especially with some of our businesses as they've developed on Northland, and, with this type of design, we believe that it would encourage them to continue east to (Route) 747 where they have very easy access to another interchange. Additionally, the scope would add the continuation of the shared use path along Northland Boulevard to this intersection. It would also extend the shared use path from the future Artisan Village west to Lawnview, and it would also then provide for that safer connection with the shared use path on Northland. There will be some modifications to private property access right in the general area of the intersection, obviously, directly across from Northland, we have the drive access to Fifth Third (Bank) and the medical office, so there's

Mr. Agricola (continued): going to have to be consideration for this within the plan, and there is likely to also be some right-of-way acquisition that is necessary between roughly this intersection and about Sweeney Place. Once we get a little bit east of Sweeney (Place), we start developing a lot of pavement width, and we feel we have plenty of right-of-way or right-of-way and/or pavement to work with once we get towards the intersection of Princeton Pike. So, at this point, there's a lot of concept here. A lot has been designed, but we do have a conceptual

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construction estimate that puts this project at \$5.1 million dollars. This funding application is an OKI-allocated federal funds through the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program. It's the same program that we got the funding for the current Northland Boulevard Project. The funding is capped at 80%, or in this particular round, \$8 million per individual project. So, our request at this point, we're looking at about \$4.1 million dollars requests for the grant. We would then be offsetting with about \$1 million dollars of local match. Obviously, there are several additional funding opportunities that we can go after once we get moving on this project there is SORTA money, there is MRF (Municipal Road Fund) money. Both Northland, and Kemper Road are both roads that are available, or have the municipal road funds available to them, and then there is also OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) Funds that we can go after and in the coming years to offset some of our local match. So, with that, we are asking for Council's consideration with the West Kemper/Northland Boulevard Intersection Modification and Shared Use Path Project. Sorry, it's a long name. But, happy to address any questions that you may have at this time.

Mr. Hawkins: What kind of timeframe are we looking at in terms of when we look to execute this, and, more importantly, when we'd have to pay for this.

Mr. Agricola: I'm sorry, I missed that bullet point on my list here. This is for fiscal year 2027. So this is out a number of years, but this will allow us to continue with design, seek additional funding, and complete the current or the original Northland Boulevard Project.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Jeff (Agricola), you said \$5.1 million dollars.

Mr. Agricola: That is the current construction estimate. Yes.

Mayor Webster: What does that entail? Is that just what we're seeing on this?

Mr. Agricola: Not just what you're seeing here. That entails; this is the bulk of it, and this is the majority of the conceptual work that we've done to this point. But, it also includes the shared use path on the north side of Kemper, from Lawnview to Princeton Pike. It will also include new pavement throughout the entire project length on Kemper Road, as well as extending down on to Northland to match up with the original Northland (Boulevard) Project. New signalized intersection, obviously to accommodate the new traffic pattern and so forth here. There is also, as we get on the eastern end, as we approach Princeton Pike with some of the moving around of lanes that we will have to do there to make for the shared use path, it will be on the north side, and, of course, we have that retaining wall very close to the roadway there. We have to avoid that. We have enough pavement, so we bring the shared use path and kind of move everything a little bit to the south. We have that median in there. That median has to move south as well. There's drainage; catch basins if you will, associated with that median, so we have to rework storm work as well up there. So, there's quite a bit going on with this project. This is just really the bulk of the conceptual drawing that we have done at this point.

Mayor Webster: But, the \$5.1 (million dollars) includes everything you just mentioned there?

Mr. Agricola: That is correct.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Thank you.

President Vanover: I don't see any more lights. Thank you sir.

Mr. Agricola: Great. Thank you.

Resolution No. R08-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R09-2023

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING DRIVEWAY APRONS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AS PART OF THE WEST CRESCENTVILLE ROAD

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CURB AND CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF THE COSTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS ON CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY

Mrs. Sullivan Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R09-2023; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Resolution No. R09-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R10-2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Mrs. McNear: This may sound very familiar to everybody up here because we have passed this previously, and I just wanted to make a comment that I think it's rather ironic that the group that is responsible for trying to reduce solid waste is making us redo this again because it's not within the timeframe that they wanted us to do it. So, we are redoing this again, so, you can maybe hear my displeasure about this in the tone of my voice tonight, but, there you go. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R10-2023; Mr. Anderson seconded.

Resolution No. R10-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Executive Session

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I move that we go into an Executive Session for Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment of a public employee.

Mr. Ramirez: Second.

President Vanover: Are we anticipating action coming out of this?

Mr. Jones: Possibly.

The motion passed with a 7-0 vote to go into Executive Session. Council departed chambers at 8:18 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 9:07 p.m.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to add Ordinance No. 26-2023 to the agenda; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Motion to add Ordinance No. 26-2023 to the agenda passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 26-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 26-2023; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Ordinance No. 26-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business	-	None
New Business	-	None
Meetings and Announcements		

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet on June 13th in these chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Anderson: The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet in these chambers next Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Communications from the Audience - None

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 23-2023; An Ordinance Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with World Fuel Services, Inc. for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 25-2023; An Ordinance Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with the Best Bidder for the Community Center HVAC Replacement – Phase I Project and Declaring in Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number III was addressed with Resolution No. R08-2023; A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File a Funding Application for Surface Transportation Block Grant Funding through OKI for the Kemper Road and Northland Boulevard Intersection Modification and Shared Use Path Project. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number IV was addressed with Ordinance No. 24-2023; An Ordinance Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement Relative to the West Crescentville Road Improvement Project Between the City of Springdale and the Board of Butler County Commissioners and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number V was addressed with Resolution No. R09-2023; A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Improving Driveway Aprons in the Public Right-of-Way as Part of the West Crescentville Road Curb and Concrete Replacement Project and Authorizing the Assessment of the Costs for the Improvements on Certain Lots and Parcels of Property. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number VI was addressed with Resolution No. R10-2023; A Resolution Approving the Update of the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District. We also had Ordinance No. 26-2023; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Separation Agreement and General Release and Declaring An Emergency, which also passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters were forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: Is the matter with regard to depositories going to be on for June; the first meeting for June? So, we'll have a request for An Ordinance Confirming the Designation of Depositories for the City of Springdale and Declaring an Emergency. That's it, unless there's anything else from Council or the Administration.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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