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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on August 16, 2023.

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

Mrs. McNear provided the Invocation.

President Vanover: Just take a moment and honor and take note of the loss of Detective Ritchy Tuazon. So, we'll have a moment of silence please.

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

President Vanover: Council, before we get into the minutes, we've got a couple housekeeping items we're going to switch around here, after we walk through the minutes and approve those, we're going to do the Introduction of our new Police Chief, and then also we're going to bring the Executive Session up right after Resolution R13-2023.

The minutes of the July 19, 2023 meeting were considered. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. The minutes were approved with six affirmative votes, and one abstention (Anderson).

Mr. Uhl: Before we get into our official reports, we'd like to make a few introductions this evening. As you know, Chief Wells retired back on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The months leading up to that, we knew we were going to have some very big shoes to fill. We ran a hiring process, and I had that run for several weeks. We received a total of 19 resumes for the position. Out of those 19, we moved nine folks forward to sit through first round interviews. After the first round interviews, we brought three candidates back for second round interviews, involved the Police Command Staff. Mr. Jones and I had several meetings with different officers and divisions of the Police Department to find out what it was they wanted in their next leader, and I'm happy to report that I think we were successful in finding that. But, with that, we chose Mr. Thomas Butler to be our next candidate for Police Chief. Mr. Butler attended Elder High School; is a proud graduate of 1986. After graduating high school, went on to the Marine Corps, where he served active duty for four years in a light attack helicopter squadron. Upon finishing his duties with the United States Marine Corps, he obtained a position with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in their Corrections Division. He attended the Police Academy, maintained his employment with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and that started way back in 1990. So, Mr. Butler has a solid 33 years with the Sheriff's Office. He has several certificates under his belt that he has obtained over the years. He's attended Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. Has attended the Xavier University Leadership Program. He is a graduate of the Eastern Gateway Community College where he obtained his Associate Degree and is currently enrolled in Central State University working on his Bachelor Degree. With that, I would like to ask Mr. Thomas Butler to join me up here and Mayor Webster to come forward and we will do your swearing in.

Mayor Webster: Okay, I'd just like to add a couple of words before I get to the ceremony here. This is the third Police Chief that I've had the pleasure to swear in to this City, and, very proud of the prior two, and I'm sure I'm going to be very proud of this one here also. Nice to see all of you folks out here tonight. As usual, we never get these kinds of people out unless we're raising taxes, or putting in sidewalks, or maybe a new Police Chief. So, anyway, very pleased to make this appointment and, with that, I will come down to the podium here, and we will swear in our new Police Chief.

Mayor Webster swore in Chief Thomas Butler. (Applause)

Mayor Webster: I did the official swearing in in my office, and I told him, "It's the last time I'm going to hold your hand this long." (laughter). Alright, so, do you have a badge?

Mr. Uhl: You know, logistics is a crazy, crazy thing. It should be here any day. It was ordered weeks ago, but, for now, he's got his lapel pin, and we'll have to go forward with that.

Mayor Webster: Okay, do you want anybody to come down for a picture or something?

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Chief Butler: First, I'd like to have my family, if you all want to make your way down here please. My wife, Tracy, my daughter, Alyssa, come on Dina, you too, Alex, Dina, come on, Brody, my granddaughter Everley, let's see, who else is back there. My brother Jeff, come on Jeff, my sister Terry, my brother Ed, my mom Gwen?, my dad Jeff, and my stepmom Kris, my brother Ed, they just keep coming. I don't even know half of them (laughter). Brody, our youngest back here, the tallest. Come on. My brother in law Matt, and Andy his fiancé, let's see who else. Spread them all out. I'm running out of room. Lucky you only have to pay me. First, I'd like to thank Mayor Webster and Council for this amazing opportunity. The selection process going through with Mr. (John) Jones, Mr. (Brian) Uhl, Ms. (Stephanie) Morgan, was first class. As I told my wife, and I've told everybody since day one walking in here, it felt like family. It made my decision very easy to leave the Sheriff's Office, after 33 years of something you know, you're walking into the unknown. But, everybody at the Springdale Police Department, which I call home now, is top-notch. It has made me feel like one of the family. Even though I feel like the high school senior going into a new school in a new City. Some days I'm walking around wondering who all the cool kids are and where I should eat lunch at. The Lieutenant advised me where I could eat lunch at today, with all of them. So, but, I truly wanted to express my gratitude for this opportunity. For Mr. Uhl, I think we have a new motto for our department, "Altiora", strive for the higher things. So, I just want to thank you for this opportunity. My friends and colleagues back here, the support I've gotten from the gentlemen and women that I've worked with through the years out there, it means a lot. I thank my family for their support, because without them, this wouldn't be possible (applause), and a special thanks to my wife; without her, this wouldn't be possible. The baby wants to go "bye bye", so I guess my time has ended. Again, thank you and I look forward to serving Springdale and being a part of this great community.

President Vanover: Thank you. (applause)

### Committee and Official Reports

#### Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Good evening Council, Mr. President. I was just saying to Mr. (Brian) Uhl, that I thought Chief (Anthony) Stanley was going to stay here in order to introduce the Fire Captain, but he skipped out on me, so, that's okay. Springdale Civil Service Commission did meet on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and present was myself, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. Nienaber, along with Mr. Uhl and Ms. Morgan. At that particular meeting, we noted the following report and updates. For the Building Department Administrative Assistant position, there were 97 applications that were received for that position, and interviews are ongoing at this time. For the Firefighter II/EMT Firefighter II/Paramedic position, ten applications were received to date, and, again, this is a continuous process as I had indicated before through the national testing networks where individuals will go and sign up with National Testing Network, pay for the application, and have their name in the queue, indicating interest. For the Fleet Mechanic position, there were seven applications that were received, and, that position is still open and it will continue to be open until filled. Likewise with the Patrol Officer position, there were 15 applications received to date. Eleven of the tests were conducted from National Testing Network, again for the continuous process that I've indicated previously, and, again, it keeps the process moving forward. The Police Corporal promotion position was filled by Patrol Officer Derek Setters, so, he is now the Corporal for the Springdale Police Department. My last item was that there was a Public Works Maintenance position, and that position to date has received 28 applications, and the applications are under review. That completes my report. Any questions? (None) I did want to add one thing. As Mayor Webster indicated, this was his third Police Chief, and I said, "Gosh, I guess I've been around a bit too long." Because, when I started it was Jim Freeland, and then it was Mike Laage, then it was Mike Mathis, then Tom Wells, and now we have Mr. Butler.

Mayor Webster: It was Don Stamon when I started.

Mr. Coleman: Okay. So, again, it was number five for me. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you Mr. Coleman.



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be here for a while. So, anyway, Steve will be joining the Board at the coming meeting. Also, Scott Haungs will fill the unexpired term of Mary Jane Brooks, who also moved out of town. Scott and his wife Marcie are very involved with the City. I think they have three young children. And, I know Scott is going to embark upon his coaching career here very shortly. He's going to be coaching soccer. Marcie, as we all know, is the Easter Bunny for the Easter Egg Hunt. So, they're very involved with the youth of the community. Final appointment was to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Michelle Miller, who moved to Planning Commission, and I'm pleased to announce a fellow by the name of Larry Weiner will be taking that position. Larry Winer is a resident of Springdale, and has been for over 17 years. Has a Bachelor Degree in Political Science, and a minor in Business from UC (University of Cincinnati). He is a Collection Specialist for Citibank for the past 17 years. He also has held seven security licenses in his previous employer with Fidelity Investment. So, I think he'll be a good addition to the Board of Zoning Appeals. And, that pretty well concludes my report. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you Mayor.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: I have the General Fund for receipts through July 31, 2023. Based on our net receipts budget of \$24.123 million dollars. We have received \$14.412 million dollars. And, those are based on five general fund receipt sources, which are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Transient Tax, for a subtotal of \$13.297 million dollars, which is 92% of the receipts. Also, for the General Fund, on the expenditures side through July 31, 2023, based on a net expenditures budget of \$24.108 million dollars, we have spent \$12.333 million dollars, which is 49% of the budget. Our General Fund Ending Balance through July 31<sup>st</sup> is \$8.704 million dollars, and that concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Jones: First, I just want to congratulate Chief Thomas Butler and his family. Mr. Uhl shared with me. He said, you wait until you see the support, not just from Springdale, but from outside jurisdictions come in. It was amazing. And, in fact, we received a phone call from Tom Wells today, our former Chief (of Police) who wanted to be here, and he had an emergency come up. So, really looking forward to working with our new Chief. Mr. Coleman, I'll just share with you, you're right, but, we had the date down as September 6<sup>th</sup> as our swearing in for the new Captain for the Fire Department. So, we moved it around a little bit. We thought we shouldn't put it on the same night here. But, you're staying on top of that stuff. Quickly, pool and concession stands will be open on weekends, 12-8 through September 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration for winter sports start on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Junior Olympics, this Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m. This is a free community event. It's for ages ten and under, and they will compete in eight competitive events, and there will be a magic show at 11:30, and, in addition there will be prizes awarded at noon, and those prizes will involve first, second, and third place. So, that's it this evening. Thank you.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun

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No report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: So, again, we're making quite a bit of progress with construction over the past month. The East Crescentville Road Improvement Project. That project is substantially complete. There's only a few punch list items remaining. So, that will fall off our report next month. The Northland Boulevard Reconstruction Project; we had a right-of-way kickoff meeting with ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) on July 18<sup>th</sup>, and we provided updated title reports to the right-of-way consultants on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, so, we're getting started on acquiring all the needed right-of-way and easements for that project. The State Route 4 Urban Paving Project; the contractor is tentatively scheduled to begin placing the final asphalt next week on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, that's still a go. But, the idea is to have all the construction complete by the end of the month, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The State Route 747 Urban Paving Project; we had a pre-construction meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>, well ODOT did actually on July 27<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the contractors said they were looking to install the signage this week, then work beginning sometime late August or early September. The Sheraton Lane Reconstruction Project; it's

Mr. Riggs (continued): dragged on a little bit due to utility conflicts, but, all work is expected to be completed by August 21<sup>st</sup>. Then, the Crescentville Road State Route 4 to (Route) 747 Improvement Project; the Butler County Engineer's Office did award that and issued a Notice to Proceed on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The project work is beginning late August, or early September.

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Then, the newer project, the Tri County Parkway Sidewalk Extension; hopefully, we will have a resolution presented next month, maybe at the first meeting even. That's all I had.

President Vanover: Mr. Riggs, the second warehouse is going in in the old GE Park. On the east side of that mound that separates Heritage Hill from the development, there's been, as I'm sure you're aware of, some water flooding issues and they were supposed to go in and increase the depth of that swale, and I know the second building is getting quickly completed and before that equipment moved out, I wanted to make sure that we address that issue. So, if you can check that out and stay on it.

Mr. Riggs: I don't know the construction schedule of Building # 4, but I do know that the drainage issue they were going to put a swale and help drain that along the toe of that embankment. That was approved as part of the construction plans. That was a condition they had to meet for us to approve the plans. I know it's going to happen, I just don't know when.

President Vanover: Well, I know that second building is well, all four walls are up. I have to compliment because there's a construction project in Sharonville similar, on a smaller scale, but the same construction, and we had our project, four walls and the structural steel in place and they're still getting the walls and the steel in place there. It's like, we've got a good crew because they just blew through that because the front building is already dressed out and they're working on that back building. So, a tip of the hat to the contractors on that because they got us through.

Mrs. McNear: Mr. Riggs, do you have any information about the restoration of the lawns on Springdale Lake Drive from the Altafiber debacle?

Mr. Riggs: I do not. I can talk with Public Works and see if they've heard anything more about the restoration plans or schedule.

Mrs. McNear: Because we had a block party this weekend and I can tell you there are a whole lot of unhappy people on the places where their holes were dug for the underground wires to be fished through. Everybody's yards have dropped several inches to a foot and where they did seed. We didn't allow them to seed our yard, but the people that did allow seeding, there's 18 inches of weeds grown. We bought our own topsoil because they didn't come back and put the topsoil in as promised, but, we've had to do a lot of our own work, which is an atrocious situation that they put the people in the neighborhood in to have to pay to have their own yards refinished, and there's a lot of very unhappy people. I thought it was pretty humorous that a couple of weeks ago that Altafiber has already sent salespeople up there to get people to switch to that service. I would be shocked if anybody in the neighborhood would switch after they've cut all of our cable lines, and the wifi has not been working for weeks and weeks. They cut the gas lines multiple times. They cut our irrigation system, they cut someone else's irrigation system so, a lot of very unhappy people up there, but I would appreciate knowing when and if they plan to do any restoration.

Mr. Riggs: Yes, I'll follow up with Public Works and get back to you.

Mrs. McNear: Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Actually I have a question for Mrs. McNear. Did anybody call Altafiber themselves, or did they just complain and not go to the actual people? I'm trying to figure out how many times Altafiber has been contacted about this because it's their problem. That's why I was trying to figure out has actually gone to the source?

Mrs. McNear: Let me answer your question with a question. How well do you know me?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Well, I know you. I want everybody to understand what the direction is, that it's not on the City; it's on Altafiber, so the people understand that there is a difference.

Mrs. McNear: I have told the neighborhood to make sure you call them. But, I can tell you that one day there were 12 trucks in my yard and the Duke supervisor was in the street with me as he was showing what they did to my yard. But, yes, Altafiber was there, the Duke supervisor

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was there, there were several other people there trying to figure out what was going on. The Fire Department has been on our street non-stop every time they cut the lines. It got to the point that they cut Spectrum's line so many times that they re-ran a new line and they left it above ground because they cut it so many times that they were out there constantly. I know several people had called the various utilities. I think they called the City multiple times too. So, I can't say that everybody did that, but everyone I spoke to I told them to call Altafiber and whomever they called, if their gas line was cut, I told them to call Duke. I gave them the numbers that I had. We were reimbursed by, well, not by Duke but, by their third party sub(contractor) for the irrigation system for the damage they did. I was surprised they did it as quickly as they did, but they did reimburse for the damage because we had to have an emergency repair job done on it so, but, it has been a mess, and a lot of unhappy people and we had a very nice yard. We spent a lot of time and a lot of money to make it a very nice yard, and it looks terrible. I kept thinking the whole time this was going on is what if you had a child that was going to get married in your yard and you were planning a big tent wedding and you have to look at that mess, that damage that was caused by something that we didn't want, we didn't ask for, and it was shoved down our throats. But, we're not happy at all about it. Thank you.

Rental Program Committee	Mr. Anderson	-	No report
Communications	-		None

### Communications from the Audience

Mrs. Uetrecht: Hi, my name is Kathy Uetrecht. I live on Neuss Avenue. I didn't attend the Council meeting in June, but, I did watch it. And, I'm one of the people that the Mayor called, "Minions", and I was very offended. I attended two BZA meetings as moral support for a friend. I didn't know Mr. Anderson before I went to that meeting, I didn't even know him after the meeting, but yet I get called demeaning names by an elected official. That's very degrading, disrespectful, and unprofessional. I wanted to come in July, but I was on vacation when you had your meeting, so, I didn't attend, but I watched. And the Mayor said that you had to earn respect. I've lived in Springdale for 42 years. My husband and I participated in adult sports, when we had children we started helping. I coached girls softball for eight years, I coached volleyball for four years, I worked at swim meets all the time. I was active in FRYs, for those of you who don't know that's what SYB (Springdale Youth Boosters) is now. I was a Girl Scout Leader for ten years, I was a Cub Scout Leader, and yet I get called demeaning names, and I don't earn respect? All four of my children have worked for the City at some point in time. Sharon Kesselman, God rest her soul, one time asked me if I had more children. I said, "Why?" She said, "Because I know if I hire your children, they're going to be here every day, they're going to work and they're not going to be a problem." My question is, is it really okay for any elected official to call their constituents, their residents demeaning names and what do you expect us to do to earn respect because I feel like I've earned respect in this City. At least I got to say what I wanted to say and I'm glad you heard me. I hope you think about what I had to say and that we don't have elected officials who call their constituents demeaning names in a public meeting. Thank you very much.

Mr. Coleman: This is for probably the Board of Zoning Appeals. And, I may be off base with that, but, again, I would direct it to Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup, and I would say for the benefit of the general public, are you able at this time to comment on the status of Wawa?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Thank you Mr. Coleman for asking. I reported last month that our meeting, before the June meeting, Wawa had come and they had asked about the location, DJ's Sports Club, so, (formerly known as) Chi Chi's, Perkins, which was everything after that. That area, all of that entire area and like a little strip of the City property also, correct? Just a little strip. They were purchasing all of that, Wawa was. Last I heard they were closing, so I hadn't hear anything past they were closing, but, we were told, and we voted unanimously to have Wawa come here, and they will be at that location on the corner of Route 4 and Glensprings, right across from BP, and the Wimbledon Plaza. So, everything that we have that

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the City has been told and everything that we have approved says Wawa, yes, that's the update I can give you.

Mr. Coleman: Great. I've been asked the question several times and I certainly wanted to be able to comment and I think my response would be, "As far as we know, we're still on their radar."

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Yes. I always hate to say that because there are some people that come to Planning Commission and we give them permission to come in to Springdale. We say, "Yes, come, build, come be here with us." And, then either financing, or something else happens and then they don't come, and that's makes us feel bad because here we've promised something that doesn't come through, but, we can only do what we can do, and, as long as companies like Wawa and other great companies come to Springdale, we're going to welcome them with open arms.

Mr. Coleman: Great. Thanks for that response.

Mr. Riggs: While we're waiting, I would just mention that we did receive a construction permit submittal for Wawa. So, it was just civil only. They have not submitted a full application package, but, that just came to me yesterday.

Mr. Braun: And, I can also add that our office has been reviewing documents related to the transaction.

Mr. Haugh: My name is Kevin Haugh, I live on Elkridge Drive. First I want to apologize to Mr. Uhl and Mr. Jones. I used them in an example last month without their permission, without their consent. They didn't know what I was going to say, and it wasn't fair to them. I used them in an example, so, I apologize to you two gentlemen. My next question, in reviewing the meeting minutes from June 7, 2023, I found something was missing. How do we go about getting that fixed in the record?

Mr. Jacobs: You mean like a transcript type issue? You saw it on video and it's not...

Mr. Haugh: Yeah. I know it was approved, I just didn't know do we need to go back and amend that, or how does that get fixed? Under Page 7 under "Communications from the Audience", as Ms. Wells was walking to the podium, Mr. Vanover commented, "It's hard to put sand back in."

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup (off mic): I just want this on the record, was his microphone on?

Mr. Haugh: His microphone was on. It's clear on the recording. But, he made that comment towards Ms. Wells, and I'd like that to be in the record as a comment made against Ms. Wells.

President Vanover: Well, first off, I did not make the comment to Ms. Wells. I made the comment to one of my co-council people up here because the original device that I had my grandchildren put a crack in it, and that was a comment about, "Well, it's hard to put sand back in". So, that has no bearing on the minutes. And, our minutes are summation; they're not a "word for word", correct Mr. Braun?

Mr. Braun: That's correct. I was going to add that they're not a direct transcription of every word that is spoken. It's just supposed to give people a general idea of what occurs. But, I would also point out to his point that it is in the full discretion of Council what they include and don't include in the minutes when they approve them, or don't approve them, or they amend them.

Mr. Haugh: Okay. My next question was, these are kind of procedural questions. Mr. Diehl's resignation last month was handled under "Old Business" Why was that handled under "Old Business" versus "New Business". I don't think it was brought up previously in meetings. I

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was curious why Mr. Diehl's resignation was handled under "Old Business" and not "New Business". It hadn't been brought up previously in meetings, so wouldn't that qualify as "New Business" not "Old Business"?

Mrs. Ghantous: Are you just asking because you want to know how that works and who lines the things out on the agenda?

Mr. Haugh: Just procedurally how because it wasn't on the agenda, so, I was curious how it ended up under "Old Business" versus "New Business". I thought it would have been "New Business" as it was new to the Council meeting.

Mrs. Ghantous: So, this is not about what it said, it's just you wanted to know how it got there.

Mr. Haugh: Right, yeah.

Mrs. Ghantous: Got it.

Mr. Anderson: I'd have to go back and review the minutes on that. I can tell you when we're sitting up here, a lot of times when we go through "Old Business" and "New Business", the President of Council asks if there's "Old Business/New Business". And, there's been several times where something will come up during "Old (Business)", and we'll say, "Oh, we should have done this in earlier, can we cover it now." So, it might have been recorded in "Old Business", but I think, at least in the ones I remember, sometimes that happens. I don't know if procedurally that makes a difference, at least from a process standpoint. It's just a way for us to keep things in order, but I know Mr. Vanover has been gracious in letting us go back and forth when we need to so we can get the business of the City done. So, procedurally if there's something ahead of time, Council always can send things to Mr. Vanover, or Administration to add them specifically, but then as a procedure Mr. Vanover would call, if you see, he'll ask if there's any "Old Business" or any "New Business", and then he'll take a beat, and look. Sometimes we're a little slow to hit the button, so maybe that was one of those times. But, procedurally that's what happens, unless I'm mistaken, that's how it's always been in the time that I've been here. But, I would defer to Mr. Braun on if there's an issue with that. If we took care of something and it got put in the wrong category, he's never advised us that we needed to go back and fix it, but, if there's a procedure thing, we rely on Mr. Braun for that.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I did pull out my agenda from last month, and it didn't have it listed, so it was a thing of "Does anybody have this or is there any of this?" I don't remember it offhand because it was like a month ago, so I have a feeling it was something like what Mr. Anderson said because that does happen a lot. It's very possible we said "Old Business" and then or it might have even been going into "New Business" and thinking getting ready to do it, who knows. But, yes, on here it does not have him listed at all, so, it was something that was brought up that somebody knew of at that time brought up.

Mr. Anderson: But, it's certainly up to his discretion as the presider if he allows it. He could certainly prevent it if he wanted to, but we've always tried to be open when trying to conduct City business.

Mr. Haugh: I guess the President had said that appointments are usually a resolution. I was just curious why this wasn't handled as a resolution and this was handled as just kind of voice vote?

Mr. Braun: I can respond to that. Had I known that would have been done, I probably would have drafted a resolution, but we always have the discretion to do appointments by a voice vote. So, I think the answer to that is because one was not drafted, we did it by voice vote. You'll see there's one tonight on the agenda that's typed out, and, I think it was purely an accident. But, there's nothing wrong with doing appointments by voice vote. Just so you know. We're not required under the Charter.

Mr. Haugh: Okay. My last set of questions. First, Mrs. Ghantous, can I confirm with you that the BZA case 20230116 for 582 Smiley is now officially closed?



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Mrs. Ghantous: The applicant withdrew their application, so they kind of put an end to that conversation for the particular application. But, of course, if they reapplied, we would talk to them about it again.

Mr. Haugh: I guess is it closed to the point where we can ask questions about it now? Because I was told before that because it was an open case I was not allowed to ask questions, or my questions, or my questions couldn't be answered.

Mrs. Ghantous: I don't know the answer to that. Mr. Braun?

Mr. Braun: I think procedurally you can. There's nothing pending before the City, so, any questions you might ask, I don't know what the questions are going to be; they could be hypotheticals to the extent that it's something we can answer, it might actually be a better question to ask the Building and Planning Department individually, but, I don't know what your question is.

Mr. Hawkins: The only thing I would say, I know you had had some questions before that I think involved some of the Executive Session stuff. So, even though the issue is closed, nobody could answer questions about Executive Session, unless that gets released.

Mr. Haugh: Right.

Mr. Jacobs: I don't want to be too picky, but, it wasn't that you couldn't ask them, it's that members of Council didn't feel comfortable answering them, because it was an ongoing matter. I think sometimes those word choices matter.

Mr. Haugh: Right. I guess it wasn't proper for them to answer my questions.

Mr. Jacobs: I understand.

Mr. Haugh: My first question was under what authority did Mr. Lamping call the special meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June?

Mr. Anderson: You're at a Council meeting, so I can answer as a Council person my perspective, but, the answer you're looking for is probably going to have to come from Administration. I can tell you from my perspective as the Chair of the Board I was advised by Mr. Braun that it was a lawfully called meeting and I was permitted to continue. I verified that before the meeting was gavelled, we had a conversation, and that was what we covered. So, the information I had going into the meeting was the way it was called was legal, and we were allowed to proceed. The authority, I would have to defer to Council.

Mr. Haugh: Because I did reach out to Mr. Lamping and I never received a response from him.

Mrs. Ghantous (off mic): Could you repeat that I didn't hear...

Mr. Haugh: I reached out to Mr. Lamping and asked him the same question, and he never responded to me.

Mrs. Ghantous (off mic): He was on vacation last week. Was that last week?

Mr. Haugh: It was probably about two months ago. My next question is under what authority did the BZA overturn the ruling?

Mr. Anderson: Everything that we have that's available publicly in deference as Mr. Hawkins mentioned things that happen in Executive Session we are unable to comment on. Everything that was available publicly is in the minutes, and the recordings are available for you to review I know as part of the motion, we mentioned the authority.

Mr. Haugh: Okay.

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Mr. Anderson: Sorry, I don't mean to be evasive. I'm just saying the sum total of the information that's available is right there in the recording, and rather than have me try to remember it, I would just defer to that recording.

Mr. Haugh: Okay. My last question is my public records request yielded no written procedures for the BZA, so I'm wondering if there are procedures and if not, how do we have procedural deficiency if there is no procedures that are written down for us to follow?

Mr. Anderson: If you want to talk outside of Council, I'm happy to go through these with you separately too. I know we haven't had a chance to talk in months. The procedures, as we mentioned when you asked this question several months ago in Council, are largely online through ORC (Ohio Revised Code), as Mr. Braun, I think had answered last time. One thing that did come out of that, and I think your questions prompted it, is City Administration actually prompted BZA to establish a sub-committee to try to take a look at that to see if we need to add some more procedures since that is largely a citizen-driven board. It would be good to have some reference material, and we thought that made a lot of sense. So, hearing that feedback, I think Administration had asked us to do that. BZA, in our meeting last month, discussed it. And, since then, I believe Mr. Gleaves had agreed to head that sub-committee for BZA and our next meeting will appoint some people. We have a general idea of the things we want to put together, but, that's not a one week project. That's going to take probably several months to put together some material to help new people coming in. But, in terms of what are those procedures, it's ORC, and that's where we rely on Mr. Braun to help us with those questions. Most of that stuff that goes to BZA is the same stuff most months, so we follow the same procedure, and a lot of it's written down for us. It continues to change, and we try to get better each time we make a mistake, or learn something new, so, you'll notice on the last meeting, if you reviewed the BZA, now we have Mr. Braun pre-drafting our motions for example, and you'll see that they're a little bit more robust that they used to be, so you can draw whatever conclusions you want from that, but, since we had those challenges, now our motions are much more robust. So, it's things like that. But, I hope that answers your question. I'm not sure specifically what you're looking for. We follow the same procedures every time. We rely on ORC and legal counsel when there's questions.

Mr. Haugh: Okay, again, I'd asked them for a written copy. If they're not there, that's fine. And, if they're going to be coming forward, that's even better. I'm glad we're fixing a loophole that we had.

Mr. Anderson: It's not that they're not there, it's just there's not like a binder that says, "This is how you run a BZA meeting". It's a combination of ORC, and Robert's Rules of Orders as for how meetings happen in Springdale. We've been doing these for as long as the City has been around.

Mr. Haugh: I guess I find that a little frustrating that we overturn something on procedure, but no one has the procedures to say, "This is what we overturned it on".

Mr. Anderson: So, we said there are procedures, it's just not a binder. It's not like a "how to" binder. So, in that meeting, we referred to ORC for what those challenges were. So, when you say "procedural deficiencies", I think that was the word, it just meant that as part of that review we identified some things we needed to do. Something that I've heard Mr. Vanover say in our meetings before is everything we do up here, we can fix it if we make a mistake. We're all human, and BZA especially, even though it's "quasi-judicial", there's things we have to follow that are formal, but, we're still just community residents and we're doing the

Mr. Anderson (continued): best we can. And, when we make a mistake, or if we make mistakes, we try to fix them in that moment. So, in this case, there was something that was identified, and we addressed it.

Mr. Haugh: And, I'm happy we're fixing that. You had mentioned that it's a citizen group that does this, and maybe that binder for them would be better to have so we don't run into this again and try to prevent another issue where, "Oh, you're approved, good job", and then, "Oh wait, no, you're not" and then go through the process again. So, to make it easier on the members and the public to understand what's going on, maybe in the future we can look into that.

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Mr. Anderson: It was a difficult session.

Mr. Haugh: That's all I have. Thank you guys.

Ms. Wells: Hello, my name is Katie Wells and I live on Bernhart Court. I just wanted to come up here today after this meeting and a few other meetings and ask that is it normal and is it in the Charter or the Rules that everybody on the dais can just not respond or answer questions?

Mr. Jacobs: I'm not speaking for anyone else. I've been here a relatively brief amount of time. When, and this is a larger, generic answer to your question. When a resident comes up with a question that doesn't involve me, in other words, I don't disrespect a member of the community. Number one, it's not my responsibility to answer that question, and I don't even know what I would say. I might be disappointed. I'm sorry that this resident had to come in and speak to us about that. I respect what that citizen has done. But, on the other hand, I'm not involved in that confrontation that developed, so sometimes, it's just not my ball game, and I don't even know what I would say. And that's a generic answer. I know each individual situation can be different. Sometime, we literally just don't know the answer, and that happens. Thank you.

Ms. Wells: I definitely respect that. Thank you. I appreciate it.

Mr. Hawkins: Along similar lines as Mr. Jacobs, there's some things that are said or asked of the dais, and they may not be things that directly pertain to an individual, or even a group. If you ask the dais, "Why did Council vote to approve such and such ordinance?", Administrative staff is not going to be able to answer that question. If you ask Council about something regarding the Administration, we're not going to be able to answer that question. I think everybody, if somebody calls me and asks me a question, I'm always happy to talk to anybody about anything, and, if it's something that I'm directly involved in, I'm going to answer to the best of my ability. If it's something I'm not, I can probably point you in the direction of where you can get that answer. But, if somebody is silent, it's not because they don't necessarily care about the question, or the people asking the question. But, it may not pertain to that individual, and that may be why they're not answering it. Thank you.

Mr. Anderson: I would just add...

Ms. Wells: Can you stop my time please, thanks.

Mr. Anderson: I would just add to that. I know I end up answering a lot of questions because I feel like when there's an opportunity to, you deserve that, as residents, when you come in. I've been here on this dais for about five years. Before that, I had the opportunity to be in the well, and speak to Council and I had the experience where no one responded. And, it was very disheartening. So, one of the things that I took out of that was whenever there was something I could add or share, I tried to do that, while still respecting the lanes that Mr. Hawkins mentioned. We just had a number of questions that came up about Administration procedures, and legal procedures. I can answer some of those, because I'm on BZA and I can talk about what I did, but, when you start talking about Administrative procedures, and you talk about Rec Center management of facilities, that's squarely in the domain for Administration, and what we're trying to do here in conducting City business isn't always answering those questions, and they're better served directed directly to Mr. (John) Jones,

Mr. Anderson (continued): Mr. (Brian) Uhl, and that side of the dais. So, I just wanted to say I personally have always felt that, but, that's not always the case. So, if there's not something to add, I think what you see is not that people don't care; they just don't have something to add and they feel like it's not in their lane. I just don't have that filter I guess.

Ms. Wells: Okay, perfect. So, for Administration, is there something that says you guys don't have to answer the Administrative questions?

Mr. Jones: If you're asking questions to us that there's a better venue to address those in, for example, in our office. We're in, generally speaking from eight to five. We don't want to play

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that out on the floor of Council. We don't think that's the right place to do it. This is a Council meeting. They're conducting business; they have a set agenda. We'd prefer to handle those things in our office.

Ms. Wells: Okay, a preference too, but there's two audience communications, so I'm trying to understand it better. Is there a list of discussions that we're allowed to be asking that will get responses for so that we don't waste your time any longer? How do we know what is going to be allowed to be answered here?

Mr. Anderson: I don't think it's a question of being "allowed to answer". I think you'll find one of the reasons I like that our Council has two communications sections; one is directly before ordinances and resolutions, and one is directly after. And, that tells me something anyway, at least it used to before I was up on the dais, is that the communication before is an opportunity for you to share your opinions for anything that won't have a public hearing attached to it. You're certainly welcome to share any of your views among the City in either communication section. You don't have, there's not a restriction on that. But, I always like to look for those communications beforehand and things, that, as a resident, you would care about for the resolutions that are coming so that I can think about that or if there is a point in there because not everything has a public hearing. And then, having the opportunity afterwards, that's after we've conducted our business, and talked about things, and debated things. And then, you have an opportunity to share your views on what did we miss or what could we do better or fix. So, from a Council standpoint, those are the type of communications I think are valuable, and, again, you're not restricted in what you say in those communication sections, and I would defer to Mr. Braun if there are restrictions, but, generally speaking, you can tell us about your experiences in the City that we should care about or know about at either time, but, I think what I'm hearing from Administration is that Administrative questions are probably best directed to them in the Administrative time frames. This is a City Council meeting, so we try to focus on that side of things, not necessarily the inner workings of Administration. And, I don't know if I'm speaking too much for you, Mr. Jones, but, that's what I got from it.

Mr. Braun: I think, Ms. Wells, you make a good point, which is it's public comment time, which means that anyone can talk about, quite frankly, any topic. Rule 30 in our rules kind of outline that, and, as you know, we've recently adopted some rules that kind of do limit a little bit what people can say, meaning that there's a civility rule. But, you can bring any topic or question that you have at all times. But, I would always remind people that in the rules, one thing I notice is it's for the public to interact with Council, not necessarily Council to interact, but, to Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup's point, or maybe it was Mr. Hawkins, any time we can accommodate from the dais, we try to do so. You'll often hear me say I'll have to get back to Council because I can't always answer something on the fly, but to Mr. Jones' point also, there are times when perhaps sending you information, or having ordinances or books in front of us makes it easier. But, it is primarily for you, as a citizen, to voice to Council what's on your mind.

Ms. Wells: Perfect.

Mr. Hawkins: And that's basically why I'd go with it. You've got the ability to come up and speak on any of the City issues you want to. Residents do have two opportunities to come through and speak to issues, and, referenced this sort of before, there have been times where a resident or a business owner comes through, has a question/concern/comment. If folks on the dais aren't aware of that in advance and haven't been able to research that issue,

Mr. Hawkins (continued): they may not have that answer, or, at least be able to give a well-thought and investigated answer, and so, usually most residents that have come through and have asked a question or had a concern, usually, it's been followed up with by members of Council, Administrative staff, and so, if there's a question or problem that doesn't happen, please feel free to call and contact and we can follow up on that. Some of the questions that come up, the biggest part is if it's not something that we can answer at that time, it might be answered, but, usually, you're going to get an answer at some point following up with that if you don't get one at that time. So, I don't want people that may be at home watching think, "Well, someone comes up, says, 'Hey, I've got people speeding on my street' and nobody does anything", that's really not the case. Usually, folks will follow up with that resident, or that

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individual, and give them some feedback regarding it. And, sometimes, someone may come back and say, "Hey, I asked about this a month ago". Sometimes we have people on the dais say, "Hey, somebody asked about this a month ago", and maybe it hadn't been publicized and Mr. Jones or Mr. Uhl will say, "Yep, we addressed that. We got a speed camera there. We talked to that individual. We've taken care of that." So, it's fine to ask the questions, we're not always going to have the answer at that time. But, no one should sit here and think they're speaking into a vacuum and they never get a response.

Mr. Ramirez: Just my opinion as well, I don't speak that often, but if it doesn't concern me, that's why you're not hearing anything. But, you know, these questions that you come up with, some of them are vague and there's really no correct, or wrong answer. We have committees, we have people, residents in the City we all sit together and we make these decisions, and we bring them forward. If you don't like them, it's hard for us to say why because we had a committee of people come up with this decision. So, any one person can't decide for the whole group what's right or wrong. That's why like Mr. Anderson said, it's all of us together speaking "yes" or "no" on an ordinance, a variance, or whatever that might be. I do appreciate residents coming in. I know Kathy Uetrecht, I've not seen her before, and I appreciate her thoughts and ideas, and we all have them and it takes a lot to put aside the time and put something together to come in. We up here are citizens as well. I know Mrs. McNear was speaking about her issue in her front yard. And that's all well and good. We're all residents. We want to hear from you and see what we can do about it, but, Mr. Haugh, sometimes he brings up vague questions and there's really know "This is why". Like, this wording was missing out of a certain paragraph. Us as Council people, we don't write the minutes; we speak them. Hopefully, we'll get your input as well on here and recorded, and if there's an issue, Administration is here every day of the week. They're here Monday through Friday, and they're open. I've called them myself, they're open to if you have a question or concern, email. I have an email, everybody here has an email if you have questions. We're willing to answer, we want to make everybody happy in the City. It's just, you know, we can't do everything. So, I appreciate you coming in though. Thank you.

Ms. Wells: Thank you guys. I do respect the input and I appreciate it a lot in the clarification. I think for myself and others, we get kind of frustrated, especially the last few meetings, it seems like we have a lot of silence, and there's been a few good points brought up from numerous officials up here. I know most of you are elected. Some of you are district representatives, so you represent your districts. Some of you are at-large representatives so you represent the entire City. And, when you have numerous people that live in this City that are being treated so poorly by people on the dais, I think it's important that we do not hear silence from our elected officials, even if it's not someone who lives in your district, you represent the City of Springdale. And, what people have experienced is absolutely unacceptable, and I think the silence is deafening, and it's a mistake because once upon a time, and it's not verbatim, but Tom Vanover brought up that if you cared you would be here. And, I do not agree with that at all. And, as you can see, people are watching, and they watch you sit in silence. Thank you.

Ms. Chapman: Good evening. My name is Megan Chapman, and I live on Vista Glen Drive. Mr. Mayor, last meeting you asked what we want. I'm not sure if you weren't listening, or you just didn't want to hear what I had to say, but I feel as though I have made myself perfectly clear. I am always seeking accountability and transparency. My friends also asked last meeting for respect, and I will clarify on their behalf, as well as mine that we are looking for respect of our humanity. We're not looking for any respect of any whatever authority you think we may or may not have. We are asked to be treated with kindness and compassion.

Ms. Chapman (continued): I'm here to speak truth to power, whether or not you like what I have to say, it is unequivocally unacceptable the way myself and my friends have been treated by the Mayor. Name calling is something done by emotionally immature people who don't know how to respond to perceived challenges to their perceived authority. Mr. Anderson is not a puppet master. He's an incredibly kind, and caring member of this Council, and an asset to this community. I am no one's minion. I am a concerned citizen, and so are my friends. President Vanover, it is your responsibility to preserve decorum and keep meetings to Council business. By these standards, the Mayor's remarks at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting should not have been allowed. That was not the first time you have failed to preserve the decorum of Council and I doubt I can trust it will be the last. Mr. Braun, what recourse do we have when the President of Council fails to maintain the decorum of Council? Nothing?

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Mr. Braun: The President of Council runs the meeting, and Council regulates itself.

Ms. Chapman: Council regulates itself.

Mr. Jacobs: This is kind of a generic response because I know it's obvious to anybody that's been paying attention, citizens have brought concerns to this dais, and they don't feel like they've been addressed. And, as that continues on, it's a dance of just bitterness and walls have been built. And, I hate to cut down right to it, and you're intelligent people and you know this, ultimately, the answer to your question is the ballot box. I know that involves waiting sometime and things like that. It's not a great answer, but ultimately that's what it is. If I could snap my fingers, if a resident asks a question, and no one up here intends to answer, especially if it's directed at either Council as a body, or at Administration, my preference would be that somebody would at least say, "I don't intend to answer that question." I think that's civil, but, I can't make other people do that. It has happened, but, that was over pretty quickly. So, it's a stalemate, and, I think we all know that. And, so, ultimately the ballot box is I think the answer to your question. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: The only other thing I'd add is we do some things with regard to amending rules to make sure that some things are clear to make sure that some things are clear in terms of whoever the President is and how the meeting is presided over, things that are highlighted to say, "Hey, we've got to make sure this does or does not happen." Try and make sure we have some constraints. We've seen some different things in terms of visual time cues that are put in place, so, there have been some things that have gone on, particularly over the last 18 months where there's been a lot happening, a lot of discourse in Council meetings to try to effectively manage that situation, but still making sure people have the opportunity to come and speak and give input, and that everybody can do so in a way that's respectful, and efficient. But, as you heard from Mr. Jacobs, that's the ultimate way that you change and manage things.

Ms. Chapman: Mr. Jacobs, as you've so clearly pointed out, I am quite intelligent, and there is another route. And, Mr. President, please consider this notice of my intent to gather signatures for your recall. Have a good evening.

### Ordinances and Resolutions

#### Ordinance No. 33-2023

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING AND RECERTIFYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE PICTORIA DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 33-2023; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Ordinance No. 33-2023 passed with seven affirmative votes.

#### Ordinance No. 34-2023

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE 2023-S-25 SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 34-2023; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Ordinance No. 34-2023 passed with seven affirmative votes.

#### Resolution No. R12-2023

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURES WITH THE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES RULEMAKING BOARD RELATED TO THE MARCH 2017 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R12-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mayor Webster: Just a little background on this. I think this is pertinent that we have this on the agenda tonight since our Engineer gave that report tonight about Sheraton Lane and Ray Norrish Drive that that project is pretty well wrapped up. That was part of the original package here. In 2017, we put together a comprehensive inventory of our residential streets, and came up with a whole list of them. They were a lot more than \$8.2 million, that's what we ended up selling bonds for, \$8.2 million, and the Sheraton Lane and the Ray Norrish Drive were in that initial inventory for streets to be done. We decided to pull that out because we knew there would be some substantial development taking place on that site and we didn't want a new road damaged, so we pulled it out, and got the price down to \$8.2 (million dollars), something we thought we could afford, and so we sold the bonds and those bonds, we're almost through with the 15 year issue, the last payment is I think 2031. But, anyway, by pulling the Sheraton out, we ended up getting it built for free in effect because the developers asked for a TIF (Tax increment financing), which was approved, so they included the cost of the new road and that was in excess of \$1.5 million dollars, I think Shawn (Riggs), was it not? So, we ended up getting that free, so in brilliance, it was luck that we pulled that out and we ended up getting it free. That's all.

Resolution No. R12-2023 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R13-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS AND/OR/STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS RELATED TO THE NORTHLAND BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PROJECT

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R13-2023; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Resolution No. R13-2023 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Executive Session

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to make a motion that we go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(4) to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Mrs. Ghantous: Second.

President Vanover: Administration are we anticipating action coming out?

Mr. Uhl: Yes.

Motion to go Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(4) to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment passed with seven affirmative votes.

Council departed chambers at 8:26 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 8:50 p.m.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to add Ordinance No. 35-2023, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Collective Bargaining

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Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Representing the Full-Time Patrol Officers in the Springdale Police Department and Declaring an Emergency"

Mr. Anderson: Second

Mr. Jones: Very briefly, I would just like to share that the collective bargaining process with this particular group went well, and we appreciated their cooperation and understanding that what we try to do, not just with that particular union, but throughout the City is to do what's fair and sustainable, and we think that they certainly got the bigger picture and they were willing to work with us, and they were very cooperative and, in fact, it was a pleasure to deal with them. Thank you.

Motion to add Ordinance No. 35-2023, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Representing the Full-Time Patrol Officers in the Springdale Police Department and Declaring an Emergency" passed with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 35-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICERS IN THE SPRINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 35-2023; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mr. Jacobs: Just a quick question. Do we have Exhibit A? I don't have a copy of Exhibit A.

Mr. Uhl: Exhibit A would be a copy of the CBA agreement with "strike-out" language.

Mr. Jacobs: I thought it might be somewhere else. Thank you.

Ordinance No. 35-2023 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business	-	None
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New Business	-	None
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Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Uhl: Civil Service will meet on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. McNear: I have an announcement I've heard a lot of discussion lately about nuisance animals, specifically skunks, and I do have an announcement I wanted to read from our Health Department. The Springdale Nuisance Animal Control Program can help residents remove skunks and raccoons from their yards. A limited number of nuisance animal traps are available for free to loan from the Springdale Health Department. Springdale residents who use their own traps to capture raccoons or skunks can also contact the Springdale Health Department at (513) 346-5725, or by email at [health@springdale.org](mailto:health@springdale.org) to request the raccoons be removed by the City of Springdale's nuisance animal control contractor. The service is provided at no charge for residents of the City of Springdale. So, again, as I say, I have heard a lot of people talking on social media and discussions across the fence that there's a lot of skunks out there. I've had them myself. So, if you are experiencing this, you can contact the Health Department for assistance. Thank you.



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### Communications from the Audience

Mr. Haugh: I'm Kevin Haugh again, I'm sorry. I had a comment/question from earlier, but I didn't want to jump back up, I already had my time to speak, so, I hope this is okay. My one comment was I understand that not all questions can be answered immediately, and I've asked some tough questions to Administration, to Council, to all of you, but I haven't gotten that level of feedback that you guys talked about. It hasn't been brought in other meetings, it hasn't been addressed to me personally. The questions I asked tonight about BZA were the exact same ones I asked months ago, and never got an answer. So, I would just like if we can work on that back and forth communication, that would be excellent. My one question, and then I'm done, does Section 30 apply to everybody; Council, here at the podium, and the audience? Is that how that works? Section 30 of the Charter, the new rules that were put in place in the last year. Do those apply to everyone be it on the dais, the podium or on the floor and in the audience?

Mr. Hawkins: Are you referencing in terms of the civility aspect of it?

Mr. Haugh: Yes.

Mr. Hawkins: I don't have the ordinance in front of me, so, I can't sit here and tell you specifically what it's referring to. I think the hope and intention is that everybody who is communicating through the course of the meeting is doing so in a civil and respectful way. If you get with me later on, I'll pull the ordinance and I'll look at it specifically in terms of what it says, but, I think the intention is that folks conduct business and interact in a way that's civil across the board.

Mr. Haugh: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Mrs. Uetrecht...

Mrs. Uetrecht: Yes.

Mayor Webster: I would like to apologize publicly to you for calling you a minion. You and your family have been contributors of this community for years, and years, and years. And, I for one, appreciate that. And, I should have not included you in the group. But, you have to admit, it was a pretty raucous group, people screaming, and hollering, "Call this", "Call that", and so, I should not have included you in there, and I'm sorry. And, as far as the respect thing, one of the groups, one of the people in the group asked, "What do I have to do to get respect?" And, I told him, "You have to earn it". That doesn't mean that you haven't earned respect. And, I'm sorry if you interpreted that.

Mrs. Uetrecht (off mic): That's exactly how I interpreted it. I also think that even though you don't agree with these other people, that we still should not publicly call people demeaning names in a public meeting. Thank you. That's what I wanted to say.

Mayor Webster: Thank you.

### Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 33-2023; An Ordinance Reducing and Recertifying Special Assessments Levied for the Purpose of Constructing Certain Improvements Related to the Pictoria Development and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 35-2023; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Representing the Full-Time Patrol Officers in the Springdale Police Department and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number III was addressed with Ordinance No. 34-2023; An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting the 2023-S-25 Supplement to the Springdale Code of Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number IV was addressed with Resolution No. R12-2023; A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Continuing Disclosures Related to the March 2017 Street Improvement Bonds. That passed with

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a 7-0 vote. Item Number V was addressed with Resolution No. R13-2023; A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File an Application with the Ohio Public Works Commission for Local Transportation Improvement Program Funds and/or State Capital Improvement Program Funds Related to the Northland Boulevard Reconstruction Project, and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Execute all Contracts and Other Documents Related to the Project. That passed with a 7-0 vote.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: I don't have any unless there's anything from Council or the Administration.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear  
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:  
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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