



Agenda

1. Open Meeting
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4. Roll Call
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[Regular City Council Meeting of September 6, 2023](#)

6. Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission
Rules and Laws
Finance Committee
Planning Commission
Board of Zoning Appeals
Board of Health
Capital Improvements
O-K-I
Mayor's Report
Clerk of Council/Finance Director
Administrator's Report
Law Director's Report
Engineer's Report

Mr. Coleman - Mrs. Nienaber - Mrs. Darby
Mrs. Ghantous
Mr. Hawkins - Mr. Ramirez
Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup - Mr. Ramirez
Mrs. Ghantous - Mr. Anderson
Mr. Jacobs
Mrs. Ghantous
Mr. Anderson
Mayor Webster
Mrs. McNear
Mr. Jones - Mr. Uhl
Mr. Braun
Mr. Riggs

7. Communications
8. Communications from the Audience *(Five minutes each speaker, Springdale Code §30.05)*
9. Ordinances and Resolutions

[Ordinance No. 36-2023](#)

[AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADMINISTER THE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT AWARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG TRI-COUNTY PARKWAY IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE](#)

[Ordinance No. 37-2023](#)

[AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE THE PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE RETENTION INCENTIVES TO FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES USING FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANTS RECEIVED FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AND CONTINUED RETENTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY](#)

[Ordinance 38-2023](#)

[AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JAKE SWEENEY CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2023 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT AWD V8 VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY](#)

10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Meetings and Announcements
13. Communications from the Audience *(Five minutes each speaker, Springdale Code §30.05)*
14. Update on Legislation Still in Development

15. Recap of Legislative Items Requested for Next Council Meeting

16. Adjournment

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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on September 6, 2023

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

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

President Vanover: Council, before we go over the minutes, you should have received the corrected minutes. The date on the initial (minutes) was incorrect. And, I picked up, and Mr. Anderson also made note on our page nine, it's actually in the official it's page 12334; it's down in the bottom third. It's essentially, a typo; a homonym situation where the word "Counsel" should replace "Council". But, other than that, that's all I have. Were there any additions or corrections otherwise? (None) The minutes of the August 16, 2023 meeting were considered. Mr. Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. The minutes were approved with six affirmative votes.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Stowe: I am David Stowe and I am proposing a jake brake ordinance on Crescentville Road on the new stretch from Tivoli down to Chesterdale Avenue. During a snow emergency, that's a possibility that can be put on, that we can get a sign put up, or whatever, but, the truck traffic is horrendous, and, it's a residential area, in Heritage Hill going down that area, and so we all feel in the neighborhood that it should have jake brake restrictions. It rattles my windows, and it's very loud.

President Vanover: Just for the record, what's your address?

Mr. Stowe: Well, I live at 990 East Crescentville Road.

President Vanover: Okay. So, I don't disagree with you. That's something that I know I have talked to about and asked and primarily about Interstate 275 too, because that's my back yard, but, we'll run it to the Administration, and see what we can do.

Mr. Uhl: Yes, if you wouldn't mind signing in on the sheet there with your name, address, and either a phone number or an email address, and, we'll check in our Code to see if it's permitted, and then we'll see what other options are potentially available to us.

Mr. Stowe: There's one on (Route) 747 down further past Mulhauser I believe, and there's not even, it's not a residential area. Then, you know, the other issues are the loud cars and loud stereos.

Mr. Anderson: I seem to recall us talking about this when we were doing the warehouses. I thought we had in the covenants already a prohibition for that down (Route) 747, and Crescentville, so, I guess what I'm saying is would it also be inside of there because we talked about truck traffic when were doing the PUD discussion. Does that sound familiar to anybody else? I remember talking about

President Vanover: Well, I know in some of our Zoning "re-do's", it's been brought up, so, it may be just something to get taken care of.

Mr. Anderson: I'm 100 percent for it. I thought we already had a prohibition there, so, I'm surprised that it's not, and maybe we just need more signs if that's the case.

President Vanover: Right.

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I agree with you Mr. Anderson. That's what I was saying to Mr. Vanover beforehand is that I remember that when we were specifically dealing with Strategic that I thought that we had addressed the "jake braking", but I didn't know exactly. That was a while ago, so, I don't off the top of my head know exactly what it was, so, it's very possible that it is.

President Vanover: Thank you for coming in.

Mr. Menchen: Good evening my name is John Menchen. That's spelled M E N C H E N. I reside at 11720 Van Camp Lane. I've only lived in Springdale for a few months. I've been living in other parts of Ohio as well. What I have found is that the construction in other areas appears to be endless to the point where people are making a joke that if you want to plant the State flower, it's a traffic cone in a pothole. I'm also concerned with how long the project took place on East Kemper Road. I'm not really sure what was happening there along with some paving perhaps, but that seemed to take about maybe ten, twelve weeks, and then, at the same time, Forest Park was doing something on their end of Kemper Road, so, you had both things happening at the same time, and there's this crunch of traffic and the fact that it's seemingly going on statewide, and I know we can't control statewide, but, I think it would be a much better use of everyone's time with the construction if we only did maybe one thing in Springdale and that would be with the unoccupied buildings on Tri County Mall where they're knocked down, nobody's occupying them, so they're better off just being knocked down and we can put up trees, make the air cleaner from what's coming off of (Interstate) 275, and on (Route) 747 because when you have the construction like you do, the traffic won't be used to it because lanes will be constantly changing, you'll have more traffic cones, and the driving public is always at risk for these kinds of changes, and there has to be a point where we say, "Enough is enough. We've done everything we need to do.", and call it "Done". And, that's what I would like for the Council to consider at a point where we can just call it "done".

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I just want clarification, you mean you don't want us to do any updates on our streets, or you don't want us to do any updates? Because, Tri County Mall we don't own. So, we can't knock that down. We don't own that. But, I'm trying to understand because I know what you're talking about on Kemper Road where we had things that we had done as well as over in the Heritage Hill area there was construction that was done with Butler County, and things like that, so, we do other things in conjunction with other people, so the things that we're having done were different from what Forest Park was having done, so if they had theirs done and finished faster, or things like that, they had a whole different scope; a whole different thing that they were doing than what we were doing, so, that's why ours might take longer than somebody else's or something like that. It just depends on the job. I just wanted to make sure that I understand what you're asking. Are you asking about road work; you don't want us to do any more road work, or are you talking about buildings? I want to make sure I understand.

Mr. Menchen: Again, what I'm mainly concerned about is the risk that this sort of activity presents to the driving public, especially when seemingly every year there's something else that's happening. So, what I'm asking for, is a point where we say, "It's done. We've done all the improvements that we can possibly do on these streets, and then we're done. And, I have yet to see that happen. And, as I've said, I've lived in different parts of Ohio and when I was living up by Dayton, that one junction of Interstate 75, and it was 35; that took ten years to finish. I really don't know how we're expected to be patient with something like that. So, yes, we do have to make improvements to the roads, but, really there has to be a point where we say, "It's done. It's up to code. It's where it needs to be."

Mr. Riggs: Thank you. The project you referred to on Kemper Road, on East Kemper, that was a bridge repair project. We replaced the deck. So, while there was a lot of work going on underneath the bridge while the lanes may have been closed above. It did take a long time to complete. And, there was a lot of traffic pattern changes because we had to maintain traffic, so, there was a lot of lane-jockeying, moving around just to keep traffic flowing through the area. Now, as far as the projects in the area, this summer was an unusually busy summer in terms of construction. It could be a good or bad thing depending on how you look at it. We made a lot of improvements; Kemper being one of them, Crescentville Road, Ray Norrish, we've got (Route) 747 going on, Route 4. It just so happened it was a perfect storm

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Mr. Riggs (continued): of where all the funding came to be this year. And, in hindsight, yes, it probably would have been better if we could have tried to look at coordinating the Capital Investments with the neighboring communities, but, a lot of the times, we're just at the mercy of the grants and the funding programs that we're a part of, so, I do agree that we did have a lot going on. As far as being done, we have a comprehensive plan, and a connectivity plan that outlines a lot of recommendations for the future that we're still trying to pursue, but we can definitely look at trying to coordinate those better with the adjacent communities as well as ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) but, we're, unfortunately, far from done.

Mr. Menchen: Do we have any ballpark figures for being done?

Mr. Riggs: The connectivity plan had, I forget the exact number, but it was \$20 million dollars-worth of recommended improvements. Now, the funding for all of those improvements haven't been identified, so, we're still trying to pursue funding, and, that's the unfortunate thing that we're up against is we're trying to prioritize the projects, go after funding, but, we're at the mercy of when we actually get funding to go to construction, so, it's really hard to coordinate, but, we'll make better attempts at doing so, especially when we know ODOT has a busy construction season, or an adjacent community has a lot going on too, because it's not really fair to the public to be sandwiched between two construction zones.

Mr. Menchen: Every season there's something else happening.

Mr. Riggs: That too is driven by private development. So, as soon as the mall takes off, when that gets going, it's going to look a lot different around the area as well. So, we're trying to meet the demands of the private sector, as well as trying to maintain our own assets with traffic signals, roadways, bridges, culverts, you name it.

Mayor Webster: We have 138 lane miles in the City of Springdale and there's no way that our budget would allow us to maintain those 138 lane miles without some outside funding. So, as Mr. Riggs indicated, a lot of this, when we do these projects, a lot of it has to do with when the funding becomes available. We try to stay on top of this and look ahead, say, Ray Norrish Drive we know will need resurfacing, so we might make an application this year, but it might be two years before we get that, so once we get it though, we usually have to act on it. We can't stall it off a lot of times. The other thing is a lot of these projects we do in concert with a neighboring community. And, so, we might be the lead agent. Well, like Crescentville Road for example, it's been on the drawing board for 20 years probably, and we finally got all of our ducks lined up and everything fell in place this year, and, I think Butler County was the driving force behind it. They were the controlling force, but, all we did was make a contribution to that. But, I mean, a lot of these things are out of our control as far as timing, but, when you live in an area like we live in, with all the freeze and the thaw cycles that we go through every year, we're never going to be able to fix a road and walk away from it. That's never going to happen. There's constant maintenance, and, so, I don't see any end in sight. As Mr. Riggs indicated, this summer was an extraordinary season because we had the huge project on Crescentville Road, we had the one on Kemper, and (Route) 747, and we're not through yet. We've still got some resurfacing to do on 747. I hear what you're saying, but that world doesn't exist. We're not going to just repair a road and walk away and never have to go back to it. It's a constant thing. We do the best job we can at maintaining traffic and making it as convenient for businesses and people who patronize those businesses as we can, but, there's going to be some inconvenience. You just can't help it.

Mr. Hawkins: And, just piggybacking on it, appreciate the inconvenience it is, I personally have a business that is in Forest Park, off of West Kemper, and that was a nightmare on a regular basis going back and forth from Springdale working my way up through Kemper. But, as it has been indicated, the infrastructure is critical for our residents and businesses coming through here. But, back in 2008, 2009, before 2009, the City was on a schedule to make sure that we're keeping up with the roads; about \$750,000 to \$1 million dollars would go in annually, around the City in various places, just to make sure that you don't have a pot hole in front of your home, and that businesses have good roadways going back and forth to keep attracting them to come in. I can tell you this that the City picks vendors, the Administration gets approved by Council, individuals that do a very good job in terms of how they go through and manage that, and manage traffic. And, I say that in

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Mr. Hawkins (continued): comparison because there's some other neighboring cities that don't do a good job with regard to that. They maybe have one flagger instead of having flaggers on each side that are communicating back and forth. So, Springdale is cognizant and aware of making sure that we make this less of an inconvenience for our residents and our folks coming through here as we can because we know it's inconvenient. We know that it is. And, as indicated, we do try to plan it out, but, sometimes, when the money becomes available, we've got to use it at that point in time. So, we're aware of it, and appreciate your concerns on it, but, it's something where we try to make it as easygoing as possible for you and for ourselves, and business holders in the City.

Mrs. McNear: The honest truth is you better get used to the color orange. We will never be finished doing road repair, and, not just the City of Springdale, but, anyplace where we have the cold, the freeze, the hot weather, and, that's a good thing. As annoying as it is, and trust me, my street has been closed down more times than you can imagine this summer, because the alternative is potholes. And, if you live in a place where they don't fix the roads, it's really terrible. I come from Philadelphia where your whole car will get lost in a pothole. So, it is annoying. My whole street was torn up, my yard was torn up this summer because of the things that were done up there, but, the honest to God truth is we will never stop fixing our roads. Because, that's part of our job up here is to make sure that you have roads that are drivable. Now, if you look at (Interstate) 75, they've probably been working on that section over by Princeton High School for a good ten years. We were just driving down there the other day and I said to my husband, "I think they were working on this five years before you retired, and he's been retired for three, and they're nowhere close to being finished. Now, as soon as they finish the section where they've been working now, it's going to be in a condition that they have to start over again. So, the honest truth is we're never going to be finished. And, remember, it's a good thing. As annoying as it is, it's a good thing. And, I'm sorry. I wish we had better news to give you, but, it's the "good news, bad news" story. But, thanks for coming in and sharing your pain, and we feel it too. Thank you.

Mr. Menchen: Thank you very much.

Mr. Jones: We would like, if it's okay, at this time, if we could get Mr. Wilson from Parks and Rec up before we go to the ordinances.

President Vanover: Sure. That's fine.

Mr. Wilson: I appreciate your time this evening. Tonight, I'm here to announce the Tenth Annual Springdale ComeUnity Bash. It's kind of hard to believe that it has been ten years since moving here and us starting this program, or this event. So, the event and festivities will take place this Saturday, September 9th, down over at the Community Center. I'm sure some of you have seen the work that's getting done for the Mud Quest. We'll kick off the festivities at 1:00 p.m. with our family mud quest, and for those of you who don't know, our mud quest is a family-oriented mud obstacle course, built for everybody to enjoy. Now, we are taking registration, but spots are filling up, so, if you're going to sign up, please do so in a timely manner. Then, starting at 3:00 p.m., is when we open up the rest of the festivities. We've invited a lot of non-profit, and local groups to help support themselves. They're going to sell food, drinks, and yes, they will sell alcohol. And then, we also plan on having a few family-friendly events. We plan on having our climbing wall, inflatable games, face painting, the petting zoo, and then, back by popular demand, we plan on having the funnel cake food truck, and the dog trick show. So, we plan on having two separate dog trick shows. One will be at 5:30 p.m., and the other will be at 7:00 p.m., and those will last about 30 minutes. After those are over, the bands will start. So, we have two bands planned for the evening. One will be at 6:00 p.m., which is Just Vince and the Fellas, and then the next will be at 8:00 p.m., which is My Girl Friday. I believe that's all I have for you guys. Any questions?

Mrs. McNear: Hey Charlie, thanks for coming this evening. Just wanted to bug you again about when will the pony rides return? Because, I was really looking forward to seeing my granddaughter ride bareback with her hair on fire.

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Mr. Wilson: No, absolutely. That’s something we can check into again for next year, but she will get some exposure to some animals and we will have our petting zoo, so, she’ll have to fake it for now.

Mrs. McNear: Thanks.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 36-2023

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President Vanover: Council, this is a first reading. We will see it again on the 20th (of September); our next meeting. Any discussion? (None) We will see it again

Executive Session

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I move that the Council go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to discuss the compensation of a public employee.

President Vanover: Do I have a second?

Mr. Hawkins: Second.

The motion for Council go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to discuss the compensation of a public employee passes with six affirmative votes. Council departed chambers at 7:26 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 7:50 p.m.

President Vanover: Council is back in session after retiring for an Executive Session. At this point, I am going to release Council from confidentiality pertaining specifically to this session that we just had.

Old Business	-	None
New Business	-	None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet on September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Mr. Jacobs: Board of Health will meet next Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. adjacent to these chambers.

Mr. Uhl: Civil Service will meet tomorrow, September 7th at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

Mr. Anderson: Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to meet on September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Communications from the Audience	-	None
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Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 36-2023; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into an Agreement with the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners to Administer the Community Revitalization Grant Award for the Installation of Sidewalks Along Tri-County Parkway in the City of Springdale. We had a first reading for that.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There will be a second reading of Ordinance No. 36-2023; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into an Agreement with the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners to Administer the Community Revitalization Grant Award for the Installation of Sidewalks Along Tri-County Parkway in the City of Springdale. There will also be a request for an ordinance with an emergency clause regarding retention notice for employees.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

_____, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2023

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WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners has established a grant funding resource for cities, villages, and townships within Hamilton County for 2023 called the Community Revitalization Grant (CRG) program; and

WHEREAS, interested local governments could apply for funds to implement community and economic development plans, spur other development projects, remove blighted properties or conditions, and/or promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale (the “City”) submitted an application for an economic development project including installation of sidewalks along the south side of Tri-County Parkway from Northland Boulevard to Princeton Pike to provide better connections and accessibility to bus stops and employment centers in the City of Springdale and region; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to enter into an agreement with the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners accepting the grant funding available through the Hamilton County Community Revitalization Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, _____ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That it is hereby declared necessary and to the best interests of the City of Springdale to enter into an agreement with the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners in connection with the Hamilton County Community Revitalization Grant Program.

Section 2. The Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement, for and on behalf of the City of Springdale, with the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners under the terms and conditions listed in the attached agreement, which is deemed to be a part of this ordinance as if fully set forth herein and when so approved and executed, shall be in full force and effect.

Section 3. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this ____ day of September, 2023.

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Approved:

Mayor

Date

Joint Agreement Between the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio and the City of Springdale, Ohio to Administer Community Revitalization Grant Awarded for Infrastructure Improvements

This Joint Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into on ____ day of _____, 2023 ("Effective Date"), by and between the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio ("County") and the City of Springdale, Ohio ("Grantee").

Whereas, the County included the Community Revitalization Grant (CRG) program in its 2023 overall budget to partner with cities, villages, and townships to implement impactful economic and community development projects; and

Whereas, participating local governments applied for funds to implement community and economic development plans, spur other development projects, remove blighted properties or conditions, and/or promote economic development; and

Whereas, the Grantee submitted an application for an economic development project including installation of sidewalks along Tri-County Parkway, further described in Exhibit A (the "Project") and Exhibit B (Grantee's "Application") attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of this Agreement; and

Whereas, the CRG Review Committee recommended funding the Project to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

In consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements contained herein, the sufficiency of which is expressly acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Term:** The Grant Term shall commence as of the Effective Date and extend through December 30, 2024 (the "Grant Term") unless the term of this Agreement is modified in writing or the Agreement is terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof.
2. **Grant Agreement and Uses:** Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the County, by and through its Office of Economic Development, hereby grants to the Grantee a one-time grant of money in the amount of Three Hundred Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$304,800) (the "Grant Funds"). The Grant Funds are awarded to the Grantee exclusively to undertake and complete the Project. Any other use of Grant Funds without prior written approval of the County shall be considered a non-allowable expenditure and may be subject to reimbursement of Grant Funds to the County upon a financial audit.
3. **Disbursement:** Upon execution of this Agreement, the County will disburse the Grant Funds on a reimbursement basis. The Grantee shall invoice the County for Grant Funds and provide source documentation on corresponding expenditures in a format acceptable to the County. Source documentation shall include invoices and proof of payment. The County will make all reasonable efforts to pay such funds to the Grantee within 30 days of receipt of invoice and acceptable source documentation. The Grantee shall not submit invoices more frequently than monthly. Disbursement of Grant Funds is limited to actual costs and expenses the Grantee incurs after the Effective Date for the Project up to the maximum of Three Hundred Four

Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$304,800). Grantee agrees that the Grant Funds are restricted and may only be used for the uses outlined in Exhibit A. Grant Funds disbursed under this Agreement cannot supplant any other funding. Any Grant Funds disbursed to Grantee for ineligible costs or expenses shall be returned to Board, immediately upon request.

4. **Subcontractors:** The Grantee agrees to secure qualified personnel and/or contractors to complete the Project. All personnel performing work on the Project shall be under the direct supervision of the Grantee or the Grantee's contractors. The Grantee agrees to comply with any and all applicable laws governing the selection of contractors under this Agreement.
5. **Competitive Procurement:** The Grantee agrees that the procurement of goods and services utilizing Grant Funds shall be through a competitive procurement process required by the Ohio Revised Code.
6. **Records of Grant Funds and Access:** The Grantee shall maintain full, accurate and complete financial and accounting books, records and reports ("Records") of all direct and indirect uses and expenditures of the Grant Funds consistent with cash basis accounting principles. The Grantee shall keep and preserve all Records for at least three (3) years following the expiration of this Agreement. The County or the County's designated representative, at the County's cost and expense, shall have the right to audit the Records at any time but shall not unreasonably interfere with the Grantee's operations in connection with any such audit.
7. **Reporting:** The Grantee will submit semi-annual progress reports as well as a completion report. The County reserves the right to require the submission of additional reporting as it relates to the activities included in the Project. Such documentation may include, but is not limited to, reports, spreadsheets and databases whether in electronic or paper form. With reasonable promptness, Grantee shall supply County with such reporting and information pertaining to the Project as from time to time may be reasonably requested.

7.1 Semi-annual reports. On January 31 and July 31 of the year of receiving the Grant Funds, Grantee shall submit a report satisfactory to the County which includes the following information:

- .1 A narrative summary of Project status during the reporting period;
- .2 Amount of Grant Funds obligated and spent; and
- .3 Description of any risks to Project implementation.

7.2 Completion report. By January 30, 2025, Grantee shall submit a completion report which includes the following information:

- .1 Project summary;
- .2 Impact the Grant Funds made on the Project;
- .3 Feedback from businesses on the economic impact of project, including testimonials; and
- .4 Total Grant Funds spent.

- 8. **Adherence to State, Local and Federal Laws, Regulations:** The Grantee shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to the expenditure of the Grant Funds and the completion of the Project.
- 9. **Termination:** This Agreement may be terminated by the mutual written agreement of the parties; or by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other in the event of a party's substantial failure to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Expenditures incurred prior to termination shall be submitted and reimbursed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

The terms of this Agreement are hereby agreed to by all parties, as shown by the signatures of representatives of each.

CITY OF SPRINGDALE:

 By: Doyle H. Webster
 Title: Mayor

 By: Kathy McNear
 Title: Clerk of Council/Finance Director

 Date

 Date

Approved as to Form:

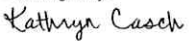
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HAMILTON COUNTY

 Jeffrey W. Aluotto
 Hamilton County Administrator
 On behalf of Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners

 Date

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 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

8/30/2023

 Date

Exhibit A
Project Scope and Budget

A. Project Scope

The Grantee will use the Grant Funds to construct a new sidewalk along the southside of Tri-County Parkway from Northland Blvd. to Princeton Pike to provide better connections and accessibility to bus stops and employment centers with the City of Springdale and region.

B. Project Budget

Funding Sources:

Hamilton County Community Revitalization Grant - \$304,800

Funding Uses:

Construction - \$304,800

Exhibit B
Grant Application

Hamilton County Community Revitalization Grant (CRG) Application

Review program guidelines and eligibility requirements at https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/open_hamilton_county/projects/community_revitalization_grant before filling out this application. Complete applications and corresponding attachments should be emailed to Marc Von Allmen at marc.vonallmen@hamilton-co.org by May 5, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

I. Applicant and Project Information

1. Local government applying	City of Springdale
2. Contact person	Jeff Agricola
3. Contact person email address and phone number	jaagricola@springdale.org office: (513) 346-5520
4. Project title	Tri-County Parkway Side Walk Extensions
5. Project category (Property Development, Infrastructure, Building Improvement, or Other)	Infrastructure
6. Project address and/or parcel ID(s)	211 Northland Blvd, 35675175155 Tri-County Parkway; 11333 Princeton Pike
7. Project narrative	

See Attachment

II. Budget and Funding

8. CRG funding request \$383,814.00

9. List the proposed use(s) of the CRG in the table below or as an attachment to the application.

Use	Amount
Construction	\$383,814.00

10. List the proposed sources and uses of funding for the overall project using the table below or as an attachment to the application.

Source	Type (Private or Public)	Amount	Use	Amount
City of Springdale	Public	\$40,400.00	Engineering	\$40,400.00
134/144 Merchant	Private	\$165,000.00	Construction	\$165,000.00
Hamilton County	Private	\$220,000.00	Construction	\$220,000.00

III. Project Impact, Need, and Support

Applications which indicate direct job/payroll creation or retention should provide verifying documentation (i.e., letter from business owner). If the project will not result in the creation or retention of jobs/payroll, skip questions 11-15.

- 11. FTE jobs created as a direct result of the project
- 12. New payroll as a direct result of the project
- 13. FTE jobs retained as a direct result of the project
- 14. Payroll retained as a direct result of the project
- 15. Types of jobs to be created or retained

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Applications that indicate business support should provide verifying documentation (i.e., letter from business owner). If the project will not result in the direct support of any business, skip question 16. Indicate Yes or No for Letter of Support.

16. Businesses Supported

Business Name	Business Type	Business Benefit	Letter of Support
Kemba Credit Union	Bank	Connectivity	No
Vora Ventures	IT Company/Office	Connectivity	Yes
Guardian Savings Bank	Bank	Connectivity	No
Benihana	Restaurant	Connectivity	No
Jake Sweeney Auto	Auto Dealer	Connectivity	Yes

If the project does not involve property development, please skip questions 17-19.

17. Property development activities included in the project (do not include activities that would be completed in a later phase). Indicate Yes or No.

Acquisition	No
Remediation and site preparation	No
Demolition	No

Renovation
New Construction

No
Yes

18. Is the property currently occupied? Indicate Yes or No. Yes

19. If the current phase of the project includes renovation or construction, provide the information below.

Residential SF		Residential Units	
Commercial SF		Industrial SF	

20. Provide justification as to why the project has financial need and/or serves a financial need (i.e., budget constraints, economically distressed community/location, serves or supports low-income individuals, etc.)

See Attachment

21. List the organizational partners involved with the project and provide details regarding their involvement to date and moving forward.

See Attachment

22. List the adopted plans or policies that the project will help implement and provide specific references to the applicable sections of the plans and policies.

See Attachment

23. Provide any additional information about the project.

See Attachment

IV. Additional Considerations

- Projects including acquisition, renovation, or construction related to parks should indicate how the project will also support businesses, business districts, and/or redevelopment of the community overall in order to be a competitive application.
- Applicants should consider including the following attachments if applicable:
 - o Operating Proforma: If the project involves new construction or renovation, provide a post-construction operating proforma. This will help demonstrate and confirm any financial need of the project.
 - o Proof of funding: If the project includes funding from other sources, please provide documentation of the availability of those funds (i.e., commitment letter or term sheet from a lender). This will help demonstrate support and leverage for the project.
 - o Construction Budget: If the project involves construction and there is not enough space in the application to provide adequate detail, provide a detail construction budget as an attachment. This will demonstrate capacity to complete the project.
 - o Property Control: If the project involves property development, provide documentation of applicable property control (i.e., option to purchase, consent of property owner). This will demonstrate capacity to complete the project.
 - o Support Letters: Provide any received support letters for the project to demonstrate support.
 - o Site Plans, Elevation Drawings, and/or Maps: Provide documentation as applicable including site plans, elevation drawings, and/or maps to provide additional context for the project

If you have any questions regarding Hamilton County's Community Revitalization Grant program or this application, contact Marc Von Allmen at marc.vonallmen@hamilton-co.org or 513-946-4415.

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Project Narrative:

Per the City's current [Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan \(2022\)](#), adding a 6' wide sidewalk and shared lane markings (sharrows) along the south side of Tri-County Parkway from Northland Blvd. to Princeton Pike (SR 747). Tri-County Parkway is recommended. The project is intended to provide a new sidewalk along the south side of Tri-County Parkway from Northland Blvd. to Princeton Pike (SR 747). The total length of the sidewalk connection is approximately 2,750 LF (0.52 mi.) with the approved new private development projects along the corridor being responsible for approximately 1,205 LF and the City proposing to utilize the Hamilton County Community Revitalization Grant to construct the remaining 1,545 LF.

Multi-modal (bike, pedestrian, transit, etc.) connections are encouraged to be part of every development within the City. The City has approved two development projects along the corridor that include construction of a sidewalk along their frontage of Tri-County Parkway. The 134/144 Merchant Street Development, which is currently under construction, includes installation of approximately 515 LF of sidewalk along Tri-County Parkway. Construction of the Hamilton County 911/ EMA Facility redevelopment project located at 111 Tri-County Parkway is expected to begin construction this spring which includes the installation of approximately 690 LF of sidewalk along Tri-County Parkway.

Upon completion of the public and private projects, a pedestrian connection from Northland Boulevard to E. Kemper Road and by the means of the existing sidewalk along Princeton Pike (SR 747) to the Tri-County Mall redevelopment known as the Artisan Village site will be provided. The proposed sidewalk construction funding will supplement the 134/144 Merchant Street Development and the Hamilton County 911/ EMA Facility sidewalk installations to along Tri-County Parkway to increase mobility within the corridor and encourage more bus ridership to the routes along Northland Blvd, thereby reducing auto dependency in the community. A well connected and efficient system that is easy to access and use for the community can be a safe transit option for those who are dependent on alternate transportation.

Bus transit is a key mode of transit in urban centers. It is an inclusive, safe, and inexpensive transit option that caters to a diverse community. Currently, Springdale has local and regional bus connectivity through routes operated by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority's (SORTA) METRO bus service and the Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA). These routes cut across the width of the city with frequent bus stops, aligned primarily along established commercial corridors such as Kemper Rd, Route 4, and Northland Blvd.

The total project cost for the city sidewalk extensions along Tri-County Parkway is \$424,214.00 as outlined in the attached project estimate. The total opinion of construction cost including a 10% contingency allowance is \$383,814.00 and the estimated engineering fee is \$40,400.00. The City is requesting the grant to cover the anticipated construction costs in the amount of \$383,814.00 while the City will be responsible for the estimated engineering fee of \$40,400.00 to serve as the local share (+/- 9.5%).

Provide justification as to why the project has financial need and/or serves a financial need (i.e., budget constraints, economically distressed community/location, serves or supports low-income individuals, etc.).

According to The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments' (OKI) [Environmental Justice mapping](#), The project corridor is located with an area of an elderly, low income, and minority population. OKI developed the Environmental Justice (EJ) population identification and geography were noted to be based on US Census block groups and American Community Survey data.

The new sidewalks proposed by the City to fill in the gaps between the existing sidewalks and the public sidewalks to be constructed by the private redevelopment projects will provide better mobility for the

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elderly, low income, and minority population EJ groups. The sidewalk will provide better connections and accessibility to bus stops along Northland Blvd. and to the many employment centers within the city and region. The new sidewalk will comply with the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) and ADA ramps will be constructed at all required locations for the new sidewalk.

List the organizational partners involved with the project and provide details regarding their involvement to date and moving forward.

134/144 Merchant Street Development

This redevelopment project was approved by Planning Commission on September 14, 2021, under Permit No. 20211168. This redevelopment project is currently under construction which includes the conversion of the former two vacant office buildings into 131 apartments as well as the construction of 97 new townhomes surrounding the two three-story apartment buildings. The approved development plans also include the installation of approximately 515 LF of public sidewalk along Tri-County Parkway. The estimated cost of this public improvement based on current expected bid prices is approximately \$165,000.

Hamilton County 911/ EMA Facility- 111 Tri-County Parkway

City Planning Commission moved to recommend approval of the Zone Map Amendment to a PUD and the Preliminary Development Plan, and approval of the Final Development Plan, for the property located at 111 Tri-County Parkway, Permit No. 20221253. City Council approved the Zoning Map Amendment, Preliminary Development Plan, and Final Development Plan for the Property on October 19, 2022, under Ordinance 31-2022. This redevelopment project is expected begin construction this spring which includes the conversion of the formerly vacant office building to the County's new 911 Dispatch and Emergency Management Operations facility as well as the installation of approximately 690 LF of public sidewalk along Tri-County Parkway. The estimated cost of this public improvement based on current expected bid prices is approximately \$220,000. Springdale will benefit from the revitalization of the existing building and improved site amenities as well as by having the vital Hamilton County service located in an upgraded facility to provide better emergency service to the community.

List the adopted plans or policies that the project will help implement and provide specific references to the applicable sections of the plans and policies.

Springdale Comprehensive Plan- Plan Springdale (2022)

The City's comprehensive plan indicates on page 5 that the city needs to ensure sustainable and comfortable connectivity for pedestrians and bike users within the city in order to make Springdale an active, healthy, and diverse City with a distinct regional identity.

On Page 16, one of the key challenges and priorities for the City is to expand pedestrian and multi-modal infrastructure that can serve the diverse needs of the local population as the City is currently heavily auto oriented with many areas offering limited non-vehicular access.

The goal for Transportation and Connectivity theme as listed on page 43 is to create a connected and safe system of roads, bicycle infrastructure, and pedestrian facilities that links neighborhoods, business districts, and civic facilities.

Springdale Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan (2022)

As a follow-up to the City's comprehensive plan update, The City of Springdale developed this Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan to improve multimodal infrastructure and overall connectivity throughout the

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city. The connectivity plan's goals listed is listed on Page 6 of the Connectivity Plan. One of the goals is to Create a continuous network of safe pedestrian and bike paths along major transportation routes.

The connectivity network vision plan as shown on page 19 recommends adding a 6' wide sidewalk + and shared lane markings (sharrows) along the south side of Tri-County Parkway from Northland Blvd. to Princeton Pike (SR 747).

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE THE PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE RETENTION INCENTIVES TO FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES USING FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANTS RECEIVED FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AND CONTINUED RETENTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in 2021 and 2022, the City of Springdale was awarded funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) which could be used for a variety of purposes including the payment of salaries and other payments to employees in recognition of the risks they endured serving the City during extraordinary times, and funds to ensure employee retention continues in order to provide necessary and essential services to City residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale’s Police and Fire Departments applied for and were awarded a grant from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, ARPA First Responder Retention Incentive Grant (the “State EMA Grant”) which was to be used to make retention payments to all current police officers, police clerks/dispatchers, and firefighters equal to 10% of the employees' 2022 annual base salaries up to a defined maximum, and inclusive of the employers required share of any payroll liabilities; and

WHEREAS, City Council hereby accepts the funds from the State EMA Grant and authorizes the payment of retention bonuses to all eligible police and fire department employees using the State EMA Grant funds consistent with the formula provided for by the State EMA Grant; and

WHEREAS, in order to recognize the efforts and retention of all other eligible City employees who will not receive a payment under the State EMA Grant, the City will use a portion of the ARPA recovery grant funds to pay a commensurate retention incentive to other eligible City employees; and

WHEREAS, the retention payments shall be paid to all eligible City employees within the time limitations established through the State EMA Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, _____ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. Council hereby accepts the funds from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, ARPA First Responder Retention Incentive Grant, and authorizes the payment of retention incentives to all eligible police and fire department employees consistent with the formula provided for by the State EMA Grant.

Section 2. Council further authorizes the payment of retention incentives by the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to all other current full-time and part-time employees using a portion of the City’s other ARPA recovery grant funds commensurate with the percentage under the State EMA Grant, exclusive of additional compensation earned for overtime, holidays, and shift differentials, and inclusive of the employers required share of any payroll liabilities, and as further clarified in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

Section 3. The retention incentives shall be paid to eligible City employees who were employed by the City in a full-time or part-time capacity on or before June 17, 2022, and are currently employed with the City.

Section 4. The retention incentive grant funds shall be calculated, accepted, dispersed, and reported in accordance with the grant guidance published August 2, 2023 by the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Section 5. Elected officials, members of boards, committees and commissions, and seasonal employees of the City are not deemed eligible for retention incentives provided for by this Ordinance.

Section 6. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II(D)(3)(d) of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is to execute the agreements with the state of Ohio and make disbursements to employees in accordance with timelines contained in the grant guidelines.

Passed this ____ day of September, 2023.

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Approved:

Mayor

Date

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JAKE SWEENEY CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2023 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT AWD V8 VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has advertised and received bids for the purchase of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram is equal to or less than the best bidder with a price of \$87,912 for the purchase of two 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD V8 vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, _____ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City of Springdale accepts the State’s vehicle specifications and agrees that Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram is equal to or less than the best bidder for the purchase.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram in the amount of \$87,912 for the purchase of two 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD V8 vehicles for use by the City of Springdale Police Department.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council/Finance Director is hereby authorized to pay Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram a sum not to exceed \$87,912 for the purchase of the two 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD V8 vehicles.

Section 4. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall be effective immediately upon its passage. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to execute the agreement prior to the expiration of the bid to ensure the purchase amounts.

Passed this _____ day of September 2023.

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Approved:

Mayor

Date