

City of Springdale Council

September 7, 2022

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on September 7, 2022

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

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

The minutes of the August 17, 2022 meeting were unavailable.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 28-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 153 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

President Vanover: Council you have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 28-2022. It is a first reading this evening. We have a public hearing scheduled for the 21st of September. Do we have any discussion this evening at this point? (None) Alright, we will see this again.

Ordinance No. 29-2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE SPRINGDALE COMMERCE PARK PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1145 STRATEGIC PARKWAY

President Vanover: Likewise as earlier stated, this is a first reading on Ordinance No. 29-2022. We, again, have a public hearing scheduled for September 21st. Do we have any discussion this evening? (None) Alright.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Executive Session - Imminent Litigation

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I move that we go to Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) to consult with legal counsel regarding imminent litigation.

Mr. Anderson: Second

The motion to go to Executive Session for Imminent Litigation passed with a 7-0 vote. Council departed chambers at 7:05 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 8:29 p.m.

Meetings and Announcements

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

Mr. Jacobs: Board of Health will meet tomorrow adjacent to these chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Uhl: Records Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Anderson: The Rental Program Committee that was established at the last meeting will be meeting again on next Wednesday, the 14th (of September) at 2:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building in one of the conference rooms.

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Communications from the Audience

Mr. Pass: My name is Warren Pass. Some of you know me as "Harry"; that's my nickname. I live over here on West Kemper. We've lived there for almost 30 years; 244 West Kemper. What I'm here about is concern about the Springdale bike and pedestrian connectivity. I went to the meeting, the last meeting you had, and I had to get a magnifying glass when I got home to try and read what all the lines meant. Fortunately, I had a magnifying glass and even that one was almost not good enough. The way it's drawn up is we're going to have a like, maybe in my front yard, a 12 foot wide multi-use path for bicycles and a sidewalk in my front yard. My front yard's not very big. My backyard is big. And, it used to be half-wooded, but I cleared most of that out. But, the last time there was anything done to my front yard, it was to put the sewer system in. And, that was okay, even though I don't like that big drainage in my front yard. And, so, I look at that and see how far back it is, and I think about how far back they're planning to put a bike path and sidewalk in my front yard. My wife is in a wheelchair; she has a walker, and we have a large ramp because she couldn't go down steps. She can't use steps period. And, it will come back almost to the end of that ramp. My neighbor has a flag pole; it would come back almost to her flag pole, she says. Fifteen feet; the City has the ability to use 15 feet. Now, I could understand the sewer, but I have something going in there permanently means people going up and down in front and not that many people use that. There are people that walk to Tri-County or walk to that area and walk through my yard; that's okay. The only time I don't like it is when they throw stuff in my yard, which happens a lot. In fact, if you go down there right now, you'll find a Styrofoam cup about yay big, and a couple of other things in my front yard. Somebody likes to throw banana peels in the front yard. I just don't think it's right to take up either side of us, whichever side it is. It's not right to take up that much space out of our front yard and get people closer to our front doors. We just don't need that. I don't need the people that I see walking up and down and throwing trash in my yard or cigarette butts. There's always cigarette butts out there. I don't need them going up and down in front of my yard again. I look at the rest of the area of Springdale. I know there's nobody else here complaining about it, but some of the people that have narrow sidewalks, their sidewalks are going to be widened four to five feet minimum to go up to six to eight foot wide on those sidewalks, and, on Kenn Road, it's going to do a lot of the same thing it's doing on Kemper. So, I don't know if they're aware of this or not. Now, I was told that there was a survey put out. I question the sample on that survey because I didn't get a survey. My neighbor didn't get a survey, and she said her neighbor on the other side there, they didn't get a survey. What would the survey turn out to be if they were the people that are affected by this plan? Kemper Road residents, how would they answer that survey if they saw what was planned? I could understand the bridges; the two bridges going across (Route) 747. I could understand that. Just like over at Princeton, they got the bridge that goes over; that used to; I guess it might still be there. It used to go over the old high school. Kenn Road, drive up and down Kenn Road quite often, and over to Mercy (Fairfield Hospital). And, those folks, there sidewalks on both sides. It might be just one side that goes up under the bridge, but, they're going to end up having to give up more of their yard to get the kind of sidewalk that I was told about.

Another thing is I'm concerned about quality. When they put the sewer system in, I guess they took pictures of everybody's aprons; their driveway aprons. My wife and I, we had totally new asphalt put in, and a concrete apron so it wouldn't wear down the asphalt when we're going out. Well, I went out there and at the time, I was in a wheelchair when it was being built, but I got out there and I was talking to the fella that was supervising them building his aprons back the way they were supposed to be. He said, "This is wrong. Your (apron) is not right." And I knew it wasn't right. I said, "What am I going to do to get you all to change it?" This is what we have to do. Now, I know someone who went out there and talked to them when they were building it and had theirs built a little wider than it was before. I don't know why, or how he got that done, but he talked about it. He got the extra concrete and made it a little bit wider. And he even came to me about it. So, I complained and went to the City about it and kept calling and finally they came down and the guy said, "Yeah, you're right. It's not the same as the way it was." I said, "Well, what are you all going to do about it?" And that's when they said that the Mayor said not to do anything because it cost us more money and they'd have to correct everybody's that was wrong. So, yeah, (Mayor) Webster, you didn't get my vote because his reasoning was okay, if we do correct his, then we'll have to correct everybody else's. Now, there were some people that had theirs corrected, but, they were the

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Mr. Pass (continued): citizens that had to pay \$800 to have their part done. My wife got on the phone to call, "Can we be part of that (and) pay \$800 to get ours corrected? We'd be glad to." No, you can't be part of it. We were never given a reason why. We were told we could not be part of it, so, we spent \$2,400 correcting it ourselves. Also, I got a brick mailbox. You can find my house real easily between going down Kemper. I got a brick mailbox. I had that built because I got tired of people coming around with baseball bats knocking down mailboxes. They hit my mailbox; it vibrates back to them. It's got some cracks on there where they tried, but, and the only that's ever knocked that mailbox was a "Got Junk" truck did it two years ago and I went to the insurance, but they just said, "No, no, no; we'll take care of it." And they came back with a guy in masonry. The guy was retired, but was a father of one of the men that worked there and they rebuilt it. So, yes, I'm here complaining. But, also I'm complaining why, how come, I don't know what brought this on except that I know that the City of Cincinnati is getting a grant to put a bicycle path connecting some of their cities within the City. That's the City of Cincinnati; that's not Springdale.

The other thing I'm concerned about is moving the Rec Center. Why are we going to move the Rec Center over here? We've got a great Rec Center right there. So, we move it over there, it's going to make it less convenient for everybody that lives on this side of (Route) 747 and maybe make it more convenient for the folks over on the other side, which is maybe the reason, but, why don't we just have two Rec Centers if that's the case? Because it's not fair to both of us. Now, Blue Ash has their Rec Center, and they also have The Summit, which is all umbrellaed under their park and recreation. My daughter runs the Rec Center in Blue Ash. Her boss runs The Summit. She was involved heavily, so, I can't with Artisan going in over there, why can't we just keep our Rec Center and then have something over there for them to get to? And, with those bridges going over (Route) 747, that might help with the people coming to the Rec Center back here. A lot of money was built on that Rec Center. I don't know what you're going to do with the building? Tear it down? I don't know, but, it's just not right moving it because there's a lot of people that use that Rec Center. My daughter swam on the swim team there, my son swam on the swim team there. He just retired from the Navy this year. So, yes, I have some concerns.

I got a little upset at that last meeting I said who's going to replace my \$1,000 mailbox if it gets damaged? And, who's going to replace my concrete apron this time? And, is it going to be, if you all do something like this, what kind of quality are you going to guarantee the citizens that live on Kemper, and why not a survey for those citizens going all the way up to Kenn Road from Lawnview, all the way up to Kenn Road, Kemper, then Kemper, Kenn down. The people on Kenn might not mind it. I don't think, I know there's two, my next door neighbor and the people next door to her do not want this. And, I think if you would take a sample to survey around the people where these lines are drawn, then see what it says. Because, right now, in fact, at that meeting, there was a lady here that sat right up here and she was talking about how wonderful it is to be able to walk, how she walks up to Oak Hill, and walks around the cemetery, and up to Glendale. I spend a lot of time in my living room because my wife is sometimes in a hospital bed in our family room or she's in there in the recliner, and my grandson spends one or two days a week with me in that front room, so I see the people going up and down. I never seen that lady on Kemper before until after that meeting. And, my next door neighbor, I saw here walking up Kemper going west on the other side. My next door neighbor was here at that meeting too. And she said, "I saw that lady the other day for the very first time going the other direction on this side of the road." I can tell you she, Karen, is extremely verbal about this. And, if my wife was here, she would be a lot more verbal than me because, usually when she starts talking, I just shut up. And, that's the truth. That's my bible study class. So, thank you for this time. Please take these things into consideration and thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you Mr. Pass. I appreciate taking the time to come in and it's good to see you.

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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. 29-2022; An Ordinance Approving A Major Modification to the Springdale Commerce Park Planned Unit Development for the Property Located at 1145 Strategic Parkway. That was a first reading. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 28-2022; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 153 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio Relating to the Operation of Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Programs in the City of Springdale. That was also a first reading.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: We will have a second reading of Ordinance No. 28-2022; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 153 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio Relating to the Operation of Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Programs in the City of Springdale, and we'll also have a second reading of Ordinance No. 29-2022; An Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Springdale Commerce Park Planned Unit Development for the Property Located at 1145 Strategic Parkway. I think that's it unless there's anything else.

President Vanover: We have a Public Hearing associated with both of those.

Mr. Hawkins: Yes. I don't think there's any other legislation unless there's anything else from Council or the Administration.

President Vanover: Administration are we good?

Mr. Uhl: Just to confirm, we will be having two public hearings on both of those amendments for Zoning, and, we just received an email yesterday regarding a bridge inspection agreement, so, we'll be getting that together so that will come before Council for a first reading, and a second on October 5th.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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