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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on October 5, 2022

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

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

President Vanover: Just for an FYI, Mr. Braun called me this afternoon. He had another engagement before, and he's on his way here, so, he will come strolling in at any moment.

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

Mr. Anderson: Sorry, one quick correction on those. On Page 2, towards the bottom Mr. Anderson, it said, "or should we rely on Tom (Vanover) for that". We were talking about the BZA, and Planning Commission reports back and forth, and Tom Hall is our representative from Planning to this. The minutes show Tom Vanover. So, it should be Mr. Hall, who does an excellent job and should get that recognition.

President Vanover. Yes, okay.

Mr. Anderson: It's towards the bottom. About seven up from the bottom.

President Vanover: Okay.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction of Mr. Tom Hall on Page 2; Mr. Hawkins seconded. The motion to accept the minutes with the correction of Mr. Tom Hall were approved with seven affirmative votes.

The minutes of the September 7, 2022 meeting were considered. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Ghantous seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Communications

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None

President Vanover: Council, I gave the FYI for Mr. Braun, also, Mayor Webster has a presentation for the Health Department, and, we're going to go ahead and plug that in now.

Mayor Webster: I think all of you are aware that our Health Department has been working very diligently for several years; five, or six to achieve the accreditation that's mandated by the State. Several years ago, the State came in with a mandate that you had to be accredited or you had to close your doors. So, a lot of the smaller health departments chose to close their doors rather than try to achieve the accreditation that was necessary. Well, thank goodness, with the support of City Council, Administration said, "Absolutely not. We're going to keep our Health Department open. It's a great public service." So, especially since we recruited somebody as capable as Matthew Clayton to run it for us, we sure as hell aren't going to close it up. We're going to get the accreditation. And so, we had a lot of conversations with Mr. Clayton before we employed his services, and he was just emphatic about achieving this goal as we were. So, I'd like to have Matt (Clayton) step forward and I wanted to take the opportunity to read a letter that he received from PHAB (Public Health Accreditation Board). Matt got a very nice letter from the CEO there, and I want to read that letter and also present Matt with a certificate and a plaque. These are a hell of a lot nicer than what we give out (laughter), and I'm sure it costs a few more dollars.

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Mayor Webster (continued):

Dear Commissioner Clayton,

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is extremely pleased to inform you that the City of Springdale Health Department was awarded the designation of National Accreditation through PHAB on August 22, 2022. To receive this national accreditation through PHAB, the City of Springdale Health Department underwent a vigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it met nationally established public health quality standards and measures. Strong public health departments make all of our communities healthier places to live, work, learn and play. PHAB's national accreditation program fosters health department's commitment to the accountability, communication transparency, quality improvement, performance measurements, and the capacity to deliver essential public services to promote and protect the health of your community. Committing to achieving the highest standards of public health practice, the City of Springdale Health Department has also demonstrated a consistent and continued commitment to strengthen the community partnerships to improve health, which, in turn, enables the department to better serve the City of Springdale. PHAB thanks you for supporting the City of Springdale's Health Department successful pursuit of accreditation, and to congratulate you on the important role you played to assure that your community will now be able to reap the benefits of being served by a nationally accredited health department.

*Sincerely,
Paul Kuehnert*

Mayor Webster: Matt (Clayton), I can't say how proud I am of your achievements, but, on the part of the entire government here, we'd like to say, "Thank you very much."

Mr. Clayton: Thank you. (Applause)

Mayor Webster presented the plaque to Mr. Clayton.

Mayor Webster: Would you like to say a few words?

Mr. Clayton: I'm probably happier about this than I could be about receiving any other award. But, I'm receiving this award with the full understanding that I'm one member of a team that worked very hard to achieve this. It was an awful lot of work, and I just want to mention some of the people that made this possible. And that would be, first and foremost, Becky Carrasco who has been working with the Springdale Health Department since May 2020. Amy Ellis, our Director of Nursing, Ella Jergens, our former Environmental Health Director, Rachel Stothfang who worked on accreditation with us in 2022, Debra Boggs, Charles Noble, Amanda Sias, Jean Hicks, who was our Director of Nursing for many years, Amy Kruep, Peggy Boyle, Pat Baker, Lena Fogle, and then we had many student interns and contractors who contributed their time and effort to make this possible. That included: Serena Kaul, Madeline Kidd, Amelia Mitchell, Deanna Coutts, Urmi Chauhudri, Dan Gierse, Alan Kalos, Dr. Parth Modi, Dr. Sheetal Malhulkar, and Griffin Richardson. But, I would be remiss not mention that the Board of Health, our elected officials, our Administration, and our Mayor have provided endless support to the Springdale Health Department and have partnered with us to improve community health and achieve this accreditation award. We would also not have achieved accreditation without the support of our Police Department, our Fire Department, Recreation, Building, Tax, Finance, Public Works, and Economic Development Departments. I also cannot accept this and not mention our partners who made this possible, including Springdale Offering Support, Coalition of Springdale Churches, our non-profit community, and not to mention, and certainly not the least, our Springdale Chamber of Commerce, and our Springdale business community. I would just like to say, "Thank you" for all the efforts that have been put forth by all these individuals and all these organizations that helped to propel our small health department to achieve this national accreditation award. Thank you all very much. And, while I have a moment, while I'm here, can I mention that we have a Health Fair coming up next week. It's on October 11th that we have our Annual Health Fair. We'd like everyone to come out. A few notes about our annual health fair is

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Mr. Clayton (continued): that we will be providing the flu shots, and, in addition, we're going to be providing the bivalent COVID vaccine for anyone who wants it. We have both the Moderna, and the Pfizer available. There are going to be some screenings provided by Tri Health including BMI, Hearing Screenings, Blood Pressure checks, body composition screenings, and derma scan screenings. Individuals can also pay \$55 to have Tri Health provide cholesterol and glucose screenings. Sterling Rapid Response will partner with us to provide the influenza vaccine for individuals who have private insurance or are insured by Medicare or Medicaid. So, that will occur next week, October 11th in the auxiliary gym of the Springdale Community Center. It will occur simultaneously with our Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Expo. We're very much looking forward to partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and also serving our community through our Annual Health Fair. Thanks very much for giving me a moment to mention that and look forward to seeing everybody next week for free health screenings and a free jab of your choosing. Thanks so much. (Applause)

President Vanover: Well, I will kind of piggy back on what Mayor Webster said. The decision to continue the operation of our independent health department paid bonuses just in the last couple of years. I can't imagine what going through that ordeal would have been had we had to depend upon Hamilton County Board of Health and that, so, and, for the yeoman's work that the entire department, a tip of the hat, and you know, recognition well deserved, so, Mr. Clayton I'd ask you to pass it on, and thank you for your leadership.

Mr. Clayton: Thank you sir.

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Matheny: Good evening. Just wanted to announce that, after a three year hiatus, our Springdale Chamber of Commerce is hosting our 15th Annual Business and Community Expo and Chili Cook Off next Tuesday, October 11th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. down at the Community Center. So, to entice you to come and get your free health screenings, and your free jab, you also get free chili. So, it's a good time. We have door prizes and it's a good way to talk to some City departments and see what's all offered here, as well as what the businesses in the Community are up to. Hope to see you all there. Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 30-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE BRIDGE PROGRAM INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 30-2022; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Ordinance No. 30-2022 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 31-2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 111 TRI-COUNTY PARKWAY AND APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY

President Vanover: Council, this is a first reading. Is there any discussion this evening?

Mr. Anderson: And this may be a detail question. It's a good thing Mr. Braun is here now to answer it. In Section 2, 2(b), it says, "the dumpster gates shall remain closed at all times". Is it just understood that it's would be "except when in active use". Do we need to...I mean, they're allowed to use their dumpsters and use their gates. Is it assumed that it is "except when in active use", or do we need to change that language?

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Mr. Braun: So, that's the language that came from Planning (Commission) when it came through to us. That's why the language reads that way. So, I don't think Mr. Lamping is here, but, you might be able to add some insight to that. But, the language I tracked it from the conditions that came down in the letter that we received.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: During our meeting, I do know that Mr. Okum wrote down every single...every consideration that they had asked for, we wrote down. So, every single consideration was down here. What they wanted originally was, or what we wanted to avoid was open gates on that. Because we wanted to make sure that it was enclosed and I do that was mentioned. I don't remember it saying "at all times" to be completely honest. I don't remember that in our thing, as far as saying that the gates had to remain closed at all times. I believe the intent was not to leave the gates open to the dumpster all day long was the intent of it. I don't know if we need to do a change in here to reflect that, because we literally, the way that it was made was they read down all the considerations and so I think that he may have put "dumpster gates remain closed at all times", but I think he meant not to leave them open all day.

Mr. Braun: This is a first reading. What I might suggest, and I can bring it back to you at the next meeting, I'll run it by Mr. Lamping, is that we can obviously change that to say that, "the dumpster gate shall remain closed other than when emptying the dumpster". I'll run that by him to make sure that's the intent, and I'll bring that to the next meeting if you like.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.

Mr. Jacobs: It might be a question beyond what we can answer here. Do we know how many employees will be showing up for work on a daily basis?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: They did give some numbers, but, they said that overall due to the confidentiality and the turnover and the different things like that that they couldn't give us an exact number, and they're doing it in phases, so, at the beginning, there will be a certain amount, and then there will be a different amount later on. And, like I said, they will have 24 hours because it is a 911 operating thing, but, due to confidentiality kind of things, they were kind of vague on the exact amount. But, it will be in phases, and they will start with the 911 people and there will be more added later.

Mr. Ramirez: Yes, I asked that exact question as it concerned the parking spaces. And, like Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup said, for security reasons, they did not want us to know how many people were in the building at any given time and that would vary whether they had meetings, or they had situations where additional people needed to be in the building for security reasons, they didn't divulge that, but, they assured us that the parking would be covered. Thank you.

President Vanover: I don't see any more lights, so we'll visit this in two weeks.

Resolution No. R17-2022

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R17-2022; Mrs. Sullivan Wisecup seconded.

Mayor Webster: I have a question for Mrs. McNear. Do you know by any chance what this total was last year?

Mrs. McNear: Off of the top of my head, I do not.

Mayor Webster: The number I've got in mind in \$970,0000.

Mrs. McNear: Yes, it was the first time I've ever seen it over \$1,000,000.00.

Mayor Webster: That's what got my attention.

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Mrs. McNear: Right, but it's been at 3.08 (MIL's).

Mayor Webster: An extra digit which is thrown in there, which is good news.

Mrs. McNear: Yes. That's the first time we've been over that in all the years I've looked at it.

Mayor Webster: Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: You're welcome.

Resolution No. R17-2022 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R18-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR URBAN CANOPY RESTORATION GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R18-2022; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Resolution No. R18-2022 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business

Mr. Uhl: I just wanted to give Council a quick update on Artisan Village. A couple of things. We talked with the developers earlier this week. They finally have received all of the fencing. They've received their fencing permit. The fencing is due to get installed on or about October 17th. It will take around three weeks or so to get fully installed. There's quite a bit of material to get set up with the fencing and what not. So, we should see some things there in the next probably ten days or so. So, secondly, they did say that they are getting closer to filing for demolition permits, so, different parts of the property over there will be demo'd. They will be filing those with the Building Department they believe some time in the next probably four to six weeks to begin some select demolition before the end of the year. So, and with that, I want to introduce Andrew Spoor, who is Bond Counsel for the City. Some of the infrastructure that the developers will be putting in place will include a lot of the roadways, sewers, new water lines, and what not, so, they have proposed a financing option to kind of help that project go horizontal before they begin doing any vertical construction to kind of help the project along and get started sooner than later. So, with that, I'll introduce Andrew Spoor to talk about the bond anticipation notes.

Mr. Spoor: Thank you. So, to refresh everyone's memory, when this originally came to Council earlier in the year, the plan, at the time, from the developer was to effectively get a lot of their vertical financing in place, and then issue actual TIF (Tax Increment Financing) bonds off of that. The TIF (Tax Increment Financing) bonds would be underwritten and they would be sold to the public in a public offering. It will be sold like large entities generally speaking, but the idea is that they would be held by third parties in a typical bond financing. For multiple reasons, they would ultimately come to the conclusion that the developer has that they want to issue what are known as anticipation notes, instead of bonds because they're not yet in a position to get all the financing lined up that is necessary to give third party bond holders confidence that the project will build out fully. So, in other words, what these anticipation notes are being used for is essentially internal financing. So, what the developer is proposing is that either the developer or one of its affiliates or an entity that is a client of one of its affiliates involved in various investments would essentially purchase these bond anticipation notes themselves. They would not be placed to the market, and, I believe they're looking at approximately in the range of \$40 million dollar bond anticipation note issuances. These would themselves be secured by the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) revenues; a pledge of the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) revenues. Unlike the bonds, there are a few major differences. First, an anticipation note is essentially only about a two year instrument. They can go longer than that, but what the developer is proposing is a two year instrument. So, they would be issued some time later in the year, and then they would have a maturity 24 months later. So,

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Mr. Spoor (continued): essentially, they don't have a very long term window on them. There are a number of considerations that the City staff took into consideration while they were discussing this with the developer to protect the City's interests on this. And, those are primarily the following. First, the idea is that this will be internally funded by the developer. So, there won't be third party bonds that are being issued by the Port Authority in this case, so, the risk is going to be controlled to internal risk. The second is that the anticipation notes do have this 24 month window on them. It could go a little bit longer, but, the idea is that they don't go much beyond that. So, in other words, if the project isn't developing out at that point, then there won't be a risk of bonds being issued on a project that really isn't materializing. The BANs (bond anticipation notes) will be issued, they'll mature, and at the end of that maturity, they will have to be paid off by the developer who, according to the existing documentation, will be providing a guarantee of those BANs (bond anticipation notes). It's not being required by the City; it's more of a requirement of the underwriting, but, that's currently how it's set up. And then, finally, one of the stipulations of the City is that there is not a long term minimum service payment obligation or a special assessment obligation that runs with the site. Principal reason for that being the desire to avoid some unfortunate situations that exist elsewhere in Hamilton County where you've got a project that has this kind of permanent debt that's larger than the taxes that is saddled on it and makes it hard to resell and redevelop. In this case, there is none of that. It will simply be a pledge of the statutory service payments i.e. what the taxes are on the site otherwise, and, it should prevent that long-term inhibition development problem, assuming that nothing else develops, which, of course, everyone expects it to develop. This is more of a protection on the property so that it doesn't get caught in a kind of a debt loop. That's a lot of information and I can stop right there if anybody has additional questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Oh, one critical thing. There is no pledge of any kind of general funds, or anything like that from the City on this. The pledge that would be involved in this is the same pledge that was anticipated back when the development agreement and TIF legislation was originally authorized, which is a pledge of the TIF revenue if and when it comes. And, if it does not come, there is no other obligation to the City to actually come out of its funds to pay for this. Furthermore, the issuer of the BANs, as they are known, bond anticipation notes would still be the Port Authority, so there's no direct obligation of the City in the form of a municipal debt. It would be the Port Authority's debt.

Mayor Webster: I think you answered my question, but, so, the City has no obligation here at all?

Mr. Spoor: It has an obligation in the form of the pledge of the service payments, but, it's only a "pay if received" obligation. So, if the project never develops service payments, the City doesn't have to come out of any other fund to pay for these debt obligations.

Mayor Webster: So, the only thing we could potentially lose is some TIF revenue that we're not getting now.

Mr. Spoor: That's correct. There is no other obligation of any municipal funds except for the TIF funds from this particular TIF, and if this particular TIF never generates any revenue, then there's no payments made by the City.

Mayor Webster: Okay, then, it's a little confusing. The same point that I can't imagine that this project is going to generate any TIF revenue in the first two years here.

Mr. Spoor: No, it will not in all likelihood.

Mayor Webster: So, the likelihood is there's not going to be any TIF money available to retire these bonds.

Mr. Spoor: That's correct.

Mayor Webster: Or notes.

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Mr. Spoor: That's a very good point. Effectively, the TIF revenue from this project, even at their original estimates, wouldn't have been materializing until after that because of the way that taxes work in Ohio because they're in arrears. So, practically, what will have to happen at that point is they will either have to ask to, what is known as "rolling the notes", meaning renew them for an additional two years, or, which the Port Authority would have to agree to, and, in the contracts with the Port Authority, that's something the City can put that they would have to agree to as well. So that would be Option One, or, Option Two is, and this is what the developer expects, is that sometime between now and a year from now they will have pulled together a lot of this private financing for all the other stuff that they're going to build and at that point they will be ready to take the BANs out with long term bonds. And that will be going along the underwriting that the City's municipal advisor has kind of previously discussed. So, you're absolutely correct. The whole thing would be that the project has to start developing sometime between now and the time that the BANs come due in order for them to re-fund them with long-term bonds. Otherwise, they would default at the end of that two year period.

Mayor Webster: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: Did the developer indicate how much they're trying to raise through these BANs or anticipation bonds?

Mr. Spoor: So, the total amount that has been discussed to date is \$40 million (dollars) of which, about, \$34 million (dollars) is projected to be actually used on the build out. The rest of it would be the cost of issuance, and what's known as capitalized interest to pay for the BANs during their outstanding period, which is pretty standard for what they're proposing in terms of the type of financing they have. The amount is what they have suggested. But, in terms of the break out of where there's capitalized interest and then a portion of it goes to the project fund to actually build, that seems to be within parameters.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you.

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

Mr. Uhl: Thank you.

Mr. Spoor: Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you.

New Business

Mayor Webster: Yes, I have some New Business.

President Vanover: Okay.

Mayor Webster: Over the last ten months, nine months, as we've looked at the relationship with the mall redevelopment and whether we want to move the center or not, and, one of the key elements of this thing was, "What's going to happen to the fees?" I think that, in our two public engagement sessions we had, three really with the seniors, that was an often-asked question, "What's going to happen with the fees?" "What's going on with the fees?" "Are the fees going to go up?" And, I think I assured everybody every time that question came up that yes, the fees will increase, and, so, what we did in anticipation of this is Charlie Wilson, has surveyed, I won't say every community in Hamilton County, but, several, especially all the ones out here in the Mill Creek Valley, up north also. Not only community centers, but also the YMCA's, and other private clubs like Planet Fitness and so forth and so on to try to get a handle on where Springdale's fees stacked up against these other ones. And, I may have shared this with some of you also. We find out that we are at the almost bottom of the heap as far as fees are concerned. The last time that we had a fee increase was 2009 in our fees; 13 years ago we raised the fees. So, it's high time we raised those. Whether we move, whether we stay; whatever. So, anyway, I'd like to pass out. You guys got yours right? This is the proposed Rec Center fees. These will be available in the morning for

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Mayor Webster (continued): any public records requests. So, this is what we're proposing to do. I don't think this needs any legislation or any action on Council.

Mr. Braun: Previously have we set fees for the Rec Center by ordinance?

President Vanover: No.

Mr. Braun: Okay, so, they're administrative then?

Mr. Anderson: Is the expectation that the new fee structure will start when a current membership ends? Are you expecting to prorate those for people? I know I just renewed my pool membership last month. Am I going to stay on that annual fee until it expires, and then go to the new ones, or what is the thinking there?

Mayor Webster: These fees would go into effect January 1st.

Mr. Anderson: So, any new renewals or changes from that point on?

Mayor Webster: Yes, right. There's no plans at this point to have an ongoing annual fee adjustment or anything like other communities do. And, one thing that I would like to point out that I think is sort of the most important line on there is the family. How much is costing a family? Right now, for a family to belong to our Community Center, regardless of how many children; you want pool, privileges, everything else costs you \$95 a year. Ninety five dollars a year. You go across the City to Sharonville; same outdoor pool, same amenities for the most part that you have here, although we think our amenities are better, but, be that as it may, \$255 a year for a family. We're paying \$95 today, and we're proposing we raise that to \$180; still well below what our neighbor charges and all of these, well, I won't say all of these, but the charge that we gave Mr. Wilson was that we wanted the fees to remain in the middle of the pack. We can't continue to be the lowest, and we sure as heck don't want to be the highest. And, so, we think that all of these fees would sort out somewhere in the middle of the pack.

Mrs. McNear: As I'm looking at this chart, I would fall into the "Senior 62+" group, which is a current fee of \$20 annually, and it's moving to \$30 annually. I belong to Mercy HealthPlex and my fee plus tax is just shy of \$70 a month, so, this is truly a bargain, whether it's \$20 or \$30 annually. Thank you.

Mr. Ramirez: Mr. Mayor is there any comparison been done with these fees as it relates to income tax for the other cities?

Mayor Webster: I'm sorry. I didn't understand the question.

Mr. Ramirez: These rates; how do they compare to other cities. You said we're at the bottom. How do we compare with our income tax rate to these other cities with higher rates?

Mayor Webster: As I stated Joe (Ramirez), our charge to Mr. Wilson was to put them in the middle of the pack. Half of the cities and the municipalities he surveyed are higher, and half are lower, so, we're right in the middle.

Mr. Ramirez: Well, I understand that. What I'm asking is I know where we stand with recreation, but, in comparison, some of those are funded by maybe higher income tax rates and ours at two percent I want to know where our two percent is in comparison to the other cities that may be higher. Are they paying a higher rate or are they paying a lower rate and paying higher fees for recreation?

Mayor Webster: I don't know how we go about answering that. I really don't.

Mr. Ramirez: Well, it'd be easy to figure out. Just find out what the income tax rate is for the other cities.

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Mr. Uhl: I think the short answer is we did comparables with Sharonville. We did comparables with Mason; communities that operate community centers. So, I think as far as income tax comparison, I'm not exactly sure what Sharonville's income tax rate or Mason's is, but, even with that, we're still on the low end of our proposed fee structure. So, I think the only one that might be lower from community centers is Evendale, but they don't have the same types of amenities that we offer here, so they have pool and whatnot, but, not everything. If that helps answer. But, we can look into it a little bit further if it's information you'd like us to get.

Mr. Ramirez: Well, I'd still agree that the rates are very affordable, or I mean they're reasonable, let's say that. So, that wasn't really what I was getting after. The question is going to come up that we pay two percent, somebody is paying one percent, and now we have to pay a higher rate for our recreation as well.

Mayor Webster: That's true, but I think the other thing you have to look at is the property tax rate. We just passed a resolution here this evening authorizing the County Auditor to levy a 3.08 mil levy. That's what the City of Springdale pays 3.08. Last time I checked, there are 38 taxing communities in Hamilton County. I think there were two, maybe three that were lower than us. So, yes, we charge a two percent earnings tax, but, we've done that primarily because all the workers that come into this City every day. But, as far as what the people in this City pay for their services, I mean the 3.08, if you have a house that's valued at say \$100,000, you're going to be taxed on about \$45,000; 3.08 is like \$120 a year in property tax. Heck, that doesn't even pay for your garbage collection, let alone your street lights, your police, and your fire, and the snow being scraped off of your street in the wintertime. So, no, I don't think we have anything to be ashamed of as far as this fee schedule here; our two percent earnings tax and our 3.08 mil property tax.

Mr. Uhl: Just in some quick research by our City Solicitor, we were able to find out that Sharonville has a 1.5% income tax rate, the City of Mason has a 1.12% (income tax rate), the City of Evendale as a 1.2%, and Blue Ash has a 1.25%, and we are still below what the other ones are currently charging, with the exception of Evendale, but, again, it's not quite apples to apples. Hopefully that provides a little more insight.

Mr. Jacobs: From my experience as a resident, it was a great deal under the old rates. It's a great deal under the new rates. But, I also think as residents looking at this going forward, this is not going to help us do the services we need to the Rec Center. That's going to take further sacrifice. The residents are going to have to pay more. Still a great deal, but we've got a lot more sacrifices to come to make the Rec Center what we need it to be, and, this alone won't. I can't imagine Administration saying this is going to really contribute to that effort that has to be undertaken.

Mayor Webster: I'm not sure what kind of sacrifices Mr. Jacobs is talking about, but, if you're talking about a tax levy, a recreational levy, I'd say, and this can be arranged, over my dead body. And I can't imagine us going before the public and asking the two percent earnings tax to be raised. And so, well, let me talk a little bit about the Rec Center and the other things because that seems to be a hot topic these days. We had these assessments in May of all of our municipal buildings. And, I said to anybody that would listen to me about this that some of the numbers in there are somewhat alarming, but I would challenge anybody in this audience. You do the same thing, we'll give you the contact of this assessment company. Have them come out and do the same thing to your home. And let me tell you one thing, if anybody in here has a home that's over 50 years old, the assessment is going to be it has outlived its usefulness. So, how many of us are going to tear down our house? I mean, I don't think we're quite 50 yet, but, we're +40. I don't think we're anywhere near tearing our house down, or our condo, and I don't think any of you live in houses that are ready to be torn down. So, it's an important tool, and that's all there is. It's a tool, and it points us to some things that maybe we weren't aware of, and we will use that and these guys are using presently as they put together the five year capital improvement budget, and will continue to use that. It's not like all of the sudden we have no money for capital improvements. Let me just remind you that the last two years we spent \$300,000 putting in a new roof at the Community Center; \$300,000. That wasn't budgeted anywhere, but it had to be done, and it's the same way. We will prioritize those improvements and we'll make a dent in them every

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Mayor Webster (continued): year as we go forward. But, I don't think we have to prepare the Community for sacrifices. With all due respect.

Mr. Jacobs: No, I didn't mean to imply that anything like that is coming. I just know we are going to have to prioritize. It's not going to be an easy lift. But, I think anybody that's been in the Community for a long time knows the lift is always made. We take care of the buildings, and I think your point is well taken. Lots of us have had recent electrical work to our homes for example, or various things like that that come at you without expectation. I wasn't doing doom and gloom. I just know it's not going to be an easy lift.

Mr. Hawkins: I agree with everything that's been said in terms of obviously our residents have had and continue to have great amenities at a low cost; relatively speaking. The question I had and I'm just more of a confirmatory thing, it sounds like Mr. Wilson or Administration was tasked with putting us in the middle of everybody else in terms of where the fees would be. And, I'm just confirming, as I'm looking at the differences in the increases, it's not uniform in terms of we're not doing 30%, or 40%, and so I was just confirming that when the analysis went through folks were looking at just each individual youth versus over 18 versus family and trying to find the middle range for each of those. Is that accurate?

Mayor Webster: That's exactly right. We did not apply a general percentage across the board, and that point was raised last night when we talked about this at the Park and Recreation Commission. Several of them raised the same question.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I have a question because I'm very involved in the Rec Center, so I had a question about this. On the non-resident fees, youth 12-17, the \$25, sorry, there was no fee before and now there's a monthly of \$20 or annual of \$240. I know, is that the activity pass as what we used to call it? So, if I lived in Forest Park, and I have a child who wanted to play a sport and we don't have it in Forest Park, in order to play it in Springdale, I would have to pay a non-resident youth fee, which was normally the \$25, but now, it's not even listed on here as what it is now. As a non-resident, but, now, it was \$25 before, but now you're saying \$20 for a month or \$240 for the whole year? Is that the same fee or is that a completely different pass? I want to make sure that I'm talking about the same thing.

Mayor Webster: I think this is totally different.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Okay.

Mayor Webster: This has nothing to do with the league participation stuff.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Yes, because that why I wanted to make sure as we're going through because I don't want people to look at this and go, "Oh my goodness, I can't do this because I don't want to pay \$240 so that my kid can play three seasons." I want to make sure that when people look at this that it's clear that the activity fee is separate and not affiliated with this non-resident fee.

Mr. Jones: That's exactly correct.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Thank you so much.

Mr. Anderson: Sorry, one more question please. Was there any thought given to incentivizing annual membership for this? It seems like now, are we allowing month-by-month memberships so somebody could join just for say the pool season and get an even better deal than they would if they joined any other pool, and then cancel out. Was there any thought giving a discount to an annual membership to encourage residents to be year round, lifetime type members maybe by discounting it by a month or two for those just to encourage that community instead of just kind of mercenary "I want to use an activity today, let me just do a month membership".

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Mr. Uhl: Yes, we haven't worked out a couple of those details, but that was a concern obviously. We don't want people just to join, pay \$20 May, June, and July and then cancel. So, we are working through a couple of logistical issues to see how we can safeguard ourselves and also, like you said, incentivize maybe a pre-pay for the full year, versus a month-by-month. He was going to call around and figure out what some other people do to safeguard themselves from just a short-term membership to alleviate that issue.

Mr. Anderson: That would be great. I'd love to have people there year-round. I know it's always a lot busier in the summer when there's a lot more to do and outside in the pool, so, I'd love to encourage people to join for the full season.

Meetings and Announcements

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

Mr. Anderson: The Rental Program Committee will meet in the Administrative Conference Room on October 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Hawkins: It's more of an announcement. We have an excellent Fire Department and an excellent Police Department and just wanted to commend our Police and Fire along with all the other first responders from the situation we had at Princeton back on September 23rd. Everybody did a great job; staff, administration for the school as well. But, our Police and Fire in particular. Our Fire Chief was out giving directions to folks, and it was great to see how all that came together; not just with our own City first responders, but, as well as the collaborative effort from everybody in the area. So, just want to say, "Thank you" to those guys and the Administration.

Mr. Uhl: Just a quick update. The Civil Service Commission will be meeting tomorrow, Thursday, October 6th at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. McNear: Just wanted to say what a nice day we had up at the Fire Department on Saturday for the annual open house. It was great as usual. There was a new addition this year that I just wanted to mention that there's what I would call a bouncy house, but it really isn't a bouncy house. You walk through it, it's to teach children what to do in case of an emergency. It talks about changing the batteries, and the alarms and things of that nature, but it's a very nice unit and I was told that that was financed through Jake Sweeney Chevrolet, so, I just wanted to give them a plug and thank them for that because it was quite an expensive piece of equipment to add to, but I think the kids will really enjoy it. As a matter of fact, my husband even took videos of it because he liked so well. It was a very nice day as usual. Thank you.

Mr. Jones: And, to Mr. Hawkins point, one of the things we're doing with Fire and Police, they are also following up with the school and continue what can we do better, what we should keep the same and all that. So, they rolled right in to follow up meetings as well. But, thank you for your positive comments on that and we will pass those along. A couple of quick announcements. I mentioned this a couple of weeks ago. Document shredding this Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. down at our Community Center. Father/Daughter Dance also this Saturday 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. And then, Mill Creek Alliance Cleanup on October 29th 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and then I've laid flyers in the back if you would like to grab a flyer on your way out, and I've also passed those out up here to the elected officials. Our Public Works Director is very involved in this and he reminds me that some folks up here have participated and he called you out by name and said he appreciated that. So, if you're interested, grab a flyer on your way out and would enjoy your participation in that. Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: I forgot my announcement before. The connectivity plan; we've been going back and forth with KZF Designs. Our City Planner and our City Engineer have had time to review the plan as well, and provided some comment so, initially, we thought we had thought we would bring it before Planning Commission in October. That's actually being pushed out to November, so, right now it is planned to go before Planning Commission on November 8th, and then will come before Council on November 16th. Thank you.

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Communications from the Audience

President Vanover: If you would identify yourself please.

Mr. Haugh: My name is Kevin Haugh. I live on (12090) Elkridge Drive in Springdale. My first question was about the increases in the Rec Center fees. In the study was there anything that looked at the income of residents in Springdale versus the other communities we looked at? Especially with the economy right now, people are stretched thin. Are we looking at family incomes as they relate to the rec center fees in other communities?

Mr. Jones: That was not looked at. We looked at, in the last more than 20 years, the rates have been increased twice, and most recently in 2009, and we based it off of that. And, as Mr. Uhl indicated, although the task was the Mayor indicated to the Park Staff was we don't want our fees to be more than in the middle. We actually continue to be at the lower end.

Mr. Haugh: I was concerned looking at some of the areas north of us and other areas that basically print their own money. Are our residents as financially the same as they are or are we at different income levels as some of these other communities? If we can look into that as we move forward with this.

Mr. Jones: There's no plan at this time to measure from that. It's simply that it's been 13 years since we've raised the rates, and we continue to be the lowest in the area.

Mr. Anderson: It's an interesting point that you raise. I will point out that when we went through our comprehensive plan that this body approved about six months ago, as part of that we did look at income with some of these same communities, so there is an idea of how close we are to average income with some of the same communities that were just established. If you wanted to get to the details, that's still available to look at. If I remember right, we were in the middle of the communities that Mr. Uhl mentioned. We're on the lower end and the mid-end of some them; some we were above. So, again, I think we're in the middle of income range, at least based on the Comprehensive Plan, so, I'm glad we can look back at that and say there's a piece of data that is useful. So, I do think it's competitive in that space. It is a good point though. We can look at other dimensions to see if that increases a lot. I do support subsidizing Parks and Rec as much as we can because it builds that community that so many people look for and makes Springdale unique. These fees are still very low for what you get. So, I appreciate that it's probably time to look at it again, and it's not to say that we can't change it again if it turns out to be a big barrier, that's certainly feedback that I'm sure Administration can take, and maybe that's something where we look at a sliding scale in the future or a fee discount if you're in a certain range, we can certainly look at that. I think at a base though, it's due to be increased. It's just been a long time. Thank you.

Mr. Haugh: I agree. I just wanted to make sure we increase it proportionately.

Mr. Hawkins: I was going to agree. There's a lot of different metrics you can use to compare and consider, but I think at the end of the day, still when you're looking at \$15 a month per family, just sitting here thinking 30 years ago going in to college and working out at the gym where I worked out, I was paying more than that for just myself and that was only a weight room. There wasn't a place to go run or a pool, or any other activities like basketball or anything like that, so, when you still come back to these actual numbers and you look at what they are in comparison to anything else I can think of, it's still really, really good.

Mayor Webster: We looked at the YMCA's, Planet Fitness, we're not in the same ballpark with them. Every year, well, I'm not going to say every year, last year, we spent \$2.2 million dollars more than what we took in in fees at the Community Center; \$2.2 million dollars for a community of 11,263 people, we spent \$2.2 million dollars on recreation. So, we're asking, I don't know what this generates; I think \$80,000 or \$81,000 something like that. So, we're losing \$2.2 (million dollars), so we're asking the Community, "Hey, we need another \$80,000 to help us offset that \$2.2 (million dollars). And, the \$2.2 (million dollars) is not going to go down; it's going to go up. So, it's still a hell of a deal for everybody concerned.

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Mr. Haugh: My other question was on the facilities assessment. I guess my question is for Administration. What is being done to maintain these buildings that we're almost \$32 million dollars behind or close to being behind? It's recommended that \$13.3 million over the next five years from buildings falling apart from old fire alarm systems; what is being done to get in front of this; although I think now we're kind of behind.

Mr. Uhl: Your question is a good one. There was a lot of things that we knew of; that we knew we needed to put on our radar; that are on our radar, and as discussed earlier, this facility assessment on each of our buildings brought those to the forefront and kind of helped frame them. And, what we've tasked each of our Department Heads to do is go back and prioritize the different things that were discovered through the facilities assessments. What makes the most impact and what do we have to do from a life safety perspective to bring alarm systems up to make it better, to make it safer in different work environments. So, it's a constant evaluation. We're constantly trying to find those funds to put towards some of these maintenance items that have to take place, but, as the Mayor alluded to earlier, these are things that we're going to start chiseling away at. There's a lot to take on, and we're trying to figure out what makes the most sense and how do we take care of some of these bigger things sooner than later.

Mr. Haugh: Are these going to be more on the individual departments or more of the City as a whole as far as funding these repairs and things. The Community Center has cracks and falling apart. Is that going to come out of the Community Center's budget, or is that coming from the City's budget, or where does that money coming from?

Mr. Uhl: So, that's a good question. Everything is funded through the General Fund, and each department has a budget that they work in out of the General Fund. So, yes, and yes to both of your questions. But, essentially, it's money that some of it will be covered by the General Fund, some of it gets covered under our Capital Improvements Fund. But, ultimately, it's all City money, yes.

Mr. Haugh: But, that's not going to take away from their budgets for other things?

Mr. Uhl: Well, it will impact every department's budgets for everything. Essentially if you want to view it as one pot of money, and how it's dispersed, so every department has an expectation; they have to cover the first \$100,000 of their Capital Improvement costs; be that, a lease payment on a fire engine or an ambulance, or police vehicles, and what not, or if it's exterior renovations that need to happen to their building. So, they're responsible for the first \$100,000, and then everything transfers over to the Capital Improvements Fund. But, it's just funds, and it's just numbers. At the end of the day, it's still City money, if that helps answer or frame the question, or answer better.

Mr. Haugh: Is there preventative maintenance monies, or is that part of their budget that's not Capital (Improvements)?

Mr. Uhl: So, every department has a building maintenance line that some of these things were already talked about and discussed over the past few years on how we start taking care of some of these things. Some of them have been addressed, and, as you noticed in some of those facilities assessments, there were a couple of things that were noted that with cabling, and with cat 5 cabling networks and phone systems and stuff like had all been upgraded, so, again, some of these high-priority items had to get taken care of initially. Our phone system was antiquated and we had to scour eBay to find replacement parts. Well, you can't run an effective operation by doing that, so, we also looked at how we improve continuity of operations and determined that if something were to happen to any of our buildings, a voice over IP phone system would be a better system for the City as a whole to maintain normal department operations even if we couldn't be at one physical location. So, that was one of the things, and that was a big lift too. There was a lot there that were implemented for that phone system. So, we looked at the critical components, so a lot of the exterior issues with some of our buildings that allow water intrusion and what not, those are kind of some of the priority areas as well. Hopefully that answers some; there's a lot there. There's a lot there, and every time we sit down and meet we think, "Okay, how do we get from here to there." But, all of our Department Heads are fantastic and they've all done a great job of prioritizing their lists.

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I had gotten some questions after the assessments went out as well, and the questions that I got were kind of odd. People were saying that we hadn't done anything with any of our buildings. And, that's just not true. So, I wanted to be clear on that when people ask about the assessments. We didn't just let it fall under disrepair. We've been doing things through the entire time that we've had any of these buildings. There's been money spent on them; there's been updates. There's been things that have had to be done that we've done, and I'm very proud of our City to be able to keep them going. If they were really so dangerous, the Rec Center wouldn't be open. It's not falling down; it's not crumbling down. It is standing on its own. You're not going to lean up against it and it will fall down; it's a solid building. Our buildings are solid buildings. Are there things that need to be done? Absolutely; we saw that. But, I guess that the message I want to get out that I have gotten in is, "Why isn't the City doing anything about this? How come the City hasn't done anything about this? Why are all of our buildings in disrepair?" When you drive past our buildings, you know that they're not disgusting; you know they're not falling down; they're not graffiti'd. We have windows that are solid. We have solid foundations, and solid buildings. We don't have unsafe places for any of our citizens, or any of our workers to be. So, I guess that's a big thing that I want to get across is that when you look at those, you're looking at every single thing they ever found wrong. If you've ever had an assessment when you like buy a house or something like that, and they go through, mine was like, "Oh my gosh! My house is falling down!", but, it's not. It's not. And, I feel very safe sitting in this building. I don't feel like it's going to crumble down. I know that there have been some updates done to this building within the last year. There's been some over at the Rec Center, there's a new women's locker room at the Police Department; there are things that we have done to update things and I do want to get that across that even though there are things that need to be worked on, we've done a lot. So, I just wanted to get that out there that even though it says some bad things, we've done a lot of great things. Thanks.

Mr. Uhl: Thank you for that, and, I think the accolades that need to be paid are to Council and the Mayor. They've taken care of the residents first by way of services, streets, and different amenities and looked to themselves second. So, they're always putting the residents first; the resident's needs first, and that's why some of these other items, as they pertain to some of the buildings, have been put off on to the back burner and now here we are. We do have to address some of these, but, the residents have always been first in this City, and it continues to be the first priority. So, why are we in this situation? Because the residents have come first.

Mr. Hawkins: And really, just highlighting, I want to make sure this is really focused on, the dialogue you've had with our Administration going through just now, the reality is, and what Mr. Uhl is telling you, you're asking him about is there a different pot of money this is coming out of or a different fund this is coming out of. It's all the City money, I tell you, sitting on the Finance Committee, there's not more money than what there is. And, you're right, there's some other municipalities who can just about print money with some of the things that are there, right? There's a place that has a golf course that loses money and, no big deal, right? And, you heard from the Mayor that we take a hit in terms of cost and revenue on the Rec Center because of something that's provided for the residents. It's willing to do that because of the lifestyle that it gives residents in Springdale. But, the idea that Council, and the Administration just say, "Hey, we're not going to worry about repairing things or fixing stuff just is not the case. Everything has to be prioritized just like all of us do in our own homes. You've got to figure out what is the most important thing to take care of in terms of putting dollars there because there aren't going to be magic dollars that come out from anywhere else, and always, the priority becomes Police and Fire; we've got to take care of that, we've got to take care of our infrastructure on our roads. Those are the things that impact all of our residents. We have some residents out of 11,000 that are never going to set foot in the Rec Center; they're just not, right? But, we still want it to be there. We want it to be available. If you go through and you look at the budgets and forecasting, there's discussions every year about things that need to take place throughout the City; projects need to take place; not just building repairs that we're forecasting and setting out. There are things that take place economically where it may not be prudent to put that at a higher priority than something else, or at the cost of Police and Fire and some of these other things. There's a reality that still, I think we feel the impact of a decade and a half ago with some decisions made by the Governor and the State legislature that, as a municipality, we still suffer from. We had to

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Mr. Hawkins (continued): suffer from and we had to manage things through the course of that and Council and the Administration, and the Mayor have done excellent jobs where some other cities, and villages, and townships weren't proactive like we were back in 2009 to be able to maintain some things. During those times, we had employees that probably suffered some in terms of their income without having to go to the residents and cut services. So, you know, there's some narrative that's out there. Some residents that are thinking City Administration, City Council just isn't even thinking about some of these other projects or buildings. That's not the case. You only have the money that you have, and the first thing that we've got to take care of is everybody's safety. That's a priority. Anybody that's been coming through for the last couple of years, we've been dealing with the roof at the Rec Center, right? I can't tell you how many years that's been going on. That was a major issue going back a few years when I remember my kids in particular were out playing basketball and we have buckets or garbage cans out on the court because there's water leaking in. Administration immediately went and addressed that. Now, we had money that was budgeted to go someplace else; was not to go to the roof that year. But, immediately went and addressed that situation. So, folks have been very prudent in terms of addressing things, and it's important that residents understand that. It's all priorities and I think what you see is folks are prioritizing things in a way that's appropriate to make sure we take care of your needs.

President Vanover: Well, and I think the Mayor's example about kind of drawing it back to your house. I'm in an 80 year-old house, there are things on my list, and my wife's list, which are two different things, but there are things, you know, we have a pot of money, and we've got to keep the lights on, got to keep heat, got to keep the exteriors done, whatever, and also, along that line, and Mrs. Ghantous being in real estate, I see them because I get called in on them, when they do a home inspection at the sale, I mean, some of these inspections are like, early only, I had this jaundiced eye that, there's no way I'd touch this thing, but, it's, you know, now I have issues with home inspectors, but that's another story, so, it is, I think that's the best way to look at it. We all have homes, I've got a 22 year old concrete driveway. I'm out there treating it and all this to keep it going. Windows; we've upgraded windows and we put a roof on a few years back. It's stuff that, you know, you don't want to live with buckets throughout the house, and we want to keep the lights on, so, we prioritize. You have your wish list, you have the "musts", and the wish list, and sometimes I win and hold the wife's wish list off, but that really is the best way to look at it and draw back, because it is. It's big numbers. But, it's one of those cases, I mean, we put bonds, we went in debt to bring the roads back up to repair because we'd tightened our belt, and you know, everyone's like no, we're not going to do this, well, you can only push back so far and it's going to cost you. So, we've learned that lesson at different times. So, it is, I agree, it's a big slice of pie that's going to have to be cut up, but we'll do it, you know, but we're still going to keep the lights on and keep the Fire Department going, keep the Police Department going. The first time you have to pay for trash pick-up, don't call me. You talk to neighbors. I've got a brother-in-law that lived in Anderson. He wouldn't pay for Rumpke pick up and he would occasionally visit dumpsters along the way. We're kind of spoiled. The recycling, I mean, I wish we could do more. We went out a bought bigger containers because, you know, we're into it. But, that's just who we are, you know, and I won't take a back seat to anybody in the City versus any other City. But, it is, I won't lie, it's a big slice of pie that we're going to have to cut up, but, we'll get there; trust me.

Mr. Anderson: So, one thing that might be useful to residents, because a lot of these questions have come up in a lot of different venues, is if they have questions, or if you have more questions with more detail about, "What about this item? How is this going to be addressed?", because we talked about prioritizing that work. We do the best we can and have been for a long time as you've heard. If there's specific items inside of those inspections that you have questions about "Where does that fall in the priority?", we're available to take those questions. I don't want you to think that we're "stiff-arming" you here saying, "Hey, we're doing the best we can." If there's a specific one, I mean, we all have the one year budgets that show what we do; we can look back and see things that have been done year, over year, over year, but if there's something in one of those reports that you think is important that we might be missing, we're open to that specific feedback. It can be here in front of Council, or you can reach out to us. We all have contact information on the web. You can call or email any of us if you want to find out about a specific one. I know when I saw the reports, there were some things I was like, "Wow, gosh, I have to believe that was a new finding. There's no

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Mr. Anderson (continued): way we would have let mold sit in a sleeping area.” Some of that stuff was really eye-opening, but a lot of it are things we’ve talked about like you’ve heard today. So, I guess my message to you and to anyone else that’s interested, if there’s something about the inspections that you have a real specific question on, let us know. I think every person up here is open to that question, and we can see where it fits in priority. What might be a priority for you is something we might not have thought about; a specific area or a specific concern at the Community Center. Tell us. We’re here for that and I’m here for that feedback. So, I wanted to give you that information too. Thank you.

Mr. Haugh: Thank you.

President Vanover: Is this a wish list? (laughter)

Mrs. Vanover: I just wanted to say something. I live in Heritage Hill. My kids participated in sports all year long. The fees have been lower than low. I have co-workers that, when my kids were playing baseball and soccer, and her kids were playing baseball and soccer, she was paying five to six hundred dollars a year for a sport for that, and our Rec Center gave us uniforms for free. So, we definitely have something to be proud of because I’ve always bragged on that with our kids, and they were always involved.

President Vanover: Identify yourself please, ma’am. (laughter)

Mrs. Vanover: Eh...

Ms. Wells: Hello, I’m Katie Wells, I live on Bernhardt Court. I wanted to piggy back off of his questions a little bit. I know in the past before the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) was allowed to expire, there was mention of TIF funds being used for some of these items that are desperately needed, so, where does that kind of stand now?

Mr. Uhl: That’s a very thought-provoking question, and very involved. The short answer is the TIF funds can be used for some of these items, yes. There’s no, we’re not planning on how that applies to any of these maintenance items yet. The money’s not there. The money hasn’t come in, so, we’ll kind of wait for the money to come in and then use that as a mechanism to get some of these things addressed and fixed.

Ms. Wells. Perfect. And then, is there still a Facilities Committee and does that meet to address all of these problems and when the TIF funds would potentially hopefully start rolling in?

Mr. Uhl: So, we just had a discussion about that earlier today about now that we have our facilities assessments completed, and have a little more clarity on a few things that we’d look at talking with the Council members to see if that’s appropriate to reconvene.

Ms. Wells: Perfect. And then that’ll just be posted online, the calendar?

Mr. Uhl: Correct.

Ms. Wells: Thank you. That’s it.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 30-2022; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to Provide Bridge Program Inspection Services for the City of Springdale. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 31-2022; An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for the Property Located at 111 Tri-County Parkway and Approving the Preliminary Development Plan and the Final Development Plan for the Property. That was a first reading. Item Number III was addressed with Resolution No. R17-2022; A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for 2023. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number IV was addressed with Resolution No. R18-2022; A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File

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Mr. Hawkins (continued): a Funding Application for Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. That passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters were forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There will be a second reading and a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 31-2022; An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for the Property Located at 111 Tri-County Parkway and Approving the Preliminary Development Plan and the Final Development Plan for the Property. There's also a request for An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with the Best Contractor for the E. Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Rehabilitation Project and Declaring an Emergency. That's all I have unless there's anything else from Council or the Administration.

President Vanover: Administration, are we solid?

Mr. Jones: The only thing that I would mention is that we will have a lot of introductions forthcoming in the near future. We have a lot of replacement positions for folks who have retired and so forth. So, you'll see quite a few introductions in the next few months.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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