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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on August 21, 2024.

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

President Anderson provided the Invocation.

Mrs. Browder took roll call. Council members Anderson, Gleaves, Jacobs, McFarland, Sullivan-Wisecup, Vanover, and Webster were present.

The minutes of the July 17, 2024 meeting were considered. Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Gleaves seconded. The minutes were approved with six affirmative votes and one abstention (Ms. McFarland).

Presentation – Recognition of Marjorie Underwood Randolph

Parks and Recreation Director, Charlie Wilson gave a presentation regarding the major improvements to Underwood Park and Cameron Park. Mr. Wilson provided before and after photos. Renovations included new playground equipment, accessibility improvements, as well as a covered picnic shelter area at the parks. Mr. Wilson also provided a video that was taken during the opening of the parks after the renovations.

Mayor Hawkins: Before you go anywhere, I have a proclamation for you with regard to the generous gift that you have given, and, just wanted to say again, you've brought to reality things that we have talked about, envisioned, and dreamed about for years. We've talked about wanting to have a shelter house for years, and now we have two, thanks to you.

Mayor Hawkins read the proclamation and presented it to Marjorie Underwood Randolph.

Ms. Underwood-Randolph: I want to thank the Mayor, the Council, Charlie (Wilson), and every worker who put in every minute to help make this possible. Thank you so much. My mother would be pleased. (applause)

Presentation – Proclamation for John Jones, City Administrator Retirement

President Anderson: Alright, that's going to be a tough act to follow. I'm not sure if you have the presentation for the next one, but, we do have a proclamation and a resolution. Next, we'll move on to a proclamation recognizing John Jones, retired City Administrator, and his retirement. I believe there's a proclamation first, and then a resolution, so, Mayor Hawkins, when you're ready.

Mayor Hawkins: Before I do this, Mr. Jones, you have served our City well, and improved our organization. We're better for you having been here. You've impacted not just the City and the organization as a whole, but, you've touched many individuals. You've changed the culture of the organization, and, you've taken an interest in every person that's worked in the organization from folks that are at the entry level of dealing with customer service, to your Department Heads and Directors. Mr. Jones has always found a unique way to connect with everyone, and bring them closer. You've also taken an interest in trying to make everyone richer. If you've been around Mr. Jones and everyone in the organization for sure has heard him talk about deferred comp. So, he even got me doing deferred comp. It's part of his interest in making sure that he's literally and figuratively enriching individual's lives. Words can't express the amount of appreciation for what you've done. I'm going to read this proclamation. We have a little bit more for you too going on.

Mayor Hawkins read the proclamation and presented it to John Jones.

Mayor Hawkins: One more thing. With the assistance of Ms. Browder, you have left an indelible mark on this City, and, as such, I know you already have two keys to the City from the City of Cambridge, and Trenton, but, we have also given you a key to the City of Springdale. So, with the help of Ms. Browder, she's put these all together for you. I know this probably wasn't a big surprise because you were missing your other keys. (laughter) But, we want you to know that we appreciate you, and, in closing, the environment that you fostered has been remarkable. The team that you've helped assemble, and the culture through there; it's made all the difference in

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): the world. And, by us having great leadership at the top, and then great Department Heads, it filters down through the entire organization and we're able to give great service to our residents, which is our goal. So, thank you, thank you, thank you, and, as you would say, a "John Jonesism" when you're evaluating how someone has done, "You knocked it out of the park". (applause)

President Anderson: John, don't go too far. Why don't we read our piece of it, and then we'll open it up for comments and feedback. Is that alright? You can out down in the well here though. It's an unusual space for you to be at. It might be unique. With that, I'd like to move on to Item eight, which is Resolution No. R11-2024.

Resolution No. R11-2024

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN J. JONES FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mrs. Webster made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R11-2024; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Mr. Jones, you are one of my very favorite people in the world, and you know that because I text it to you on a regular basis. I say to you out of nowhere, true? I say, "You're one of my favorite people". Since the moment you came in, you've made everyone feel comfortable up here like you've always been here. And, we've accepted you like that's the way that it's always been also. Thank you for making that transition easy in the beginning, and this transition is going to be easy because you made it so that way too, but, it's going to be hard, because we're going to miss you a lot. Good thing is I know where you live (laughter), and, I look forward to coming over and checking the progress in your yard. Because, I don't know if a lot of people know this, he likes to garden, and he has a great yard for it. So, I do look forward to seeing your yard in your retirement, and seeing it grow like you grew our City. Thank you.

Mrs. Webster: John, I remember the day you were hired very well. Doyle (Webster) came home after interviewing you for this job, and he told me he had found Derrick's replacement. I said, "How can that be? This is the first day you've been interviewing people." He said, "I know it, but I have found him, and his name is John Jones." And, I guess he was right. You have been a wonderful City Administrator. Your humor, the way you treat people, your management skills have just been wonderful. I wish you and Kim nothing but the best in your retirement. Safe travels, and thank you for what you've done for our City.

Mr. Jacobs: Thank you. Mr. Jones, in the short time I've been up here, your support, as mentioned by others, making me feel comfortable. And, when I think of you, I think of the words "professionalism", "approachability", and "honesty", and then, you have to throw in humor as well because you match them all up so well. It's really made it a wonderful experience. We are going to miss you very much. My question is can we call you "Three Keys Jones" now? Because I like that. I think that would fit.

Mr. Jones: Thank you.

President Anderson: Alright, I will add this comment as well. Thank you Mr. Jones for the work that you've done. It's been a pleasure working with you. I know for me, one of the marks of leadership, especially in a role like you're in, is the work you do day-to-day is important. But, also, the legacy you leave behind. Sometimes, it's the work you do, or a key item, or key law, or, the fact that we didn't get sued a certain number of times. You kept us on the straight and narrow. One of the key marks of a good leader is the people you leave behind too. How you've touched them, and improved their leadership skills. And, if you left the organization better than when you came in. I look down the aisle and I see two new faces in new seats here; both were internal candidates. I see Brian Uhl moved over into your chair, and we have Ms. Morgan joining us as Assistant Administrator. I think that's a testament to your leadership ability here and the work that you've done isn't what just happened out there, but, you see it here that you've developed people and passed on those skills, so, thank you for that.

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Mr. Vanover: Well, I had the distinct and unique honor to sit in on the interview that Mrs. Webster mentioned. And, Mayor Webster and I both commented afterwards how impressive the interview went, and we were impressed with you. You're the third City Administrator I've worked with, and, I keep wearing them out. I don't know why. But, beyond that, just the culture change, the atmosphere; it was completely different; pre and post. But, the thing that I relish the most out of this, is I can call you friend, and that means a lot.

Mr. Gleaves: I'm the baby of the bunch, and, man, I'm going to miss you. The first day I met you and walked in your office, and you were just so welcoming. You treated me so kind, and you treat everybody the same way. And, that's a rare art these days. So, thank you so much for everything you've done. Thank you for being so really good to me, and I'm going to miss your jokes. I really will. Have a good time in retirement.

Ms. McFarland: I think I'm the baby, baby of the group, but, thank you for everything you did to support all three of us new coming in. I truly appreciate everything you did for us, everything you've done for me over the last few months. I'm just sorry we won't get to work with you more, but, don't be afraid to stop by and visit. Thank you.

Resolution No. R11-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Again, thank you Mr. Jones for your time here and best of luck in retirement. You know where to find us. If you'd like to say anything, please. I guess I should have said that before we voted. We might need to change our votes. (laughter)

Mr. Jones: Wow, this has been very humbling. Thank you Mr. President and Elected Officials, Mayor Hawkins, Mr. Uhl, our new City Administrator. Boy, I might need a little time to get used to that one. Ms. Morgan, seeing you in a completely different light, so, congratulations. Mr. Braun, and Mr. Riggs, thank you. Ms. Browder, and Deb (Boggs), thank you. A little bit of this evening folks, it almost felt like you were talking about somebody else. So, let me say a couple of things if that's okay. I have had the privilege to work for 40+ years in three different cities. I'll tell ya, a lot of changes, a lot of different things go on, a lot of people you meet and so forth; none better than right here. So, I'd like to say something about Lawrence Hawkins III. First of all Mayor, you're doing a great job, and the measuring stick comes pretty quickly in a role like yours and the support that you have given to this Administration has been incredible. Support is so important, and, ladies and gentlemen of Council, it comes from you as well. We feel it, we recognize it, we appreciate it. So, thank you very kindly for that. Again, congratulations to the two folks that are joining the dais now. I think they'll serve you quite well. Mr. President, I appreciated your comments. I too feel that way that it's important that we have a succession plan in place. Mayor Hawkins talks about it quite often with us as well. Ladies and gentlemen, you're in good hands. Mayor Webster, I appreciate you hiring me in 2018, and Council confirming it. Thank you very kindly. I told the Mayor about six years ago, I wasn't so sure about the culture that I walked into. That's not a bad reflection on others, it's just I do things a little bit different. That's okay. And he said, "What do you want to do about the culture?" I said, "Well, it takes quite a while to change a culture in an organization. Statistically, they say five, seven, ten years." And I kid you not, he goes, "You better get started." So, that's where we started with that. Let me tell you what 40.8 years equates to. So, take this into consideration for a second. I have had the honor of every Sunday for 40.8 years to iron clothes. Now, not that I want to be overly specific because Nicole Browder said, "Yes, leave that alone." I have ironed 14,845 outfits. And, I'm not exaggerating. Let me tell you what else 40 years, eight months, and 14 days equates to. If you just worked ten hours a day, that's 148,450 hours, but, let's not stop there. That's 8,907,000 minutes. Or, 534,420,000 second. Just thought I'd share those with you. So, I am going to start a new chapter, but, boy this has been a great job. Made some friends, embraced some challenges. We did some concentrated efforts to make sure we got the right people in the right positions. We thought that was so important along the way. My favorite part of the job is working together as a team. You accomplish so much as a team when you're working on things. And, in my opinion, some of the things that have been accomplished, I'm taking John out of that equation. Some of the stuff has been impressive. And, one of my favorite things it to watch staff grow and to see people get promoted. So, I thank you, all the incredible people that's helped me along the way in the journey, none more than my wife Kim, my daughter Jenna is here, I appreciate that. My son Johnny made it Friday. He talked several times with, as did my daughter as how much they appreciated how kind folks have been to them. So, I thank you for that. So, I also thank my

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Mr. Jones (continued): wife and my kids. We've had a lot of long nights over the years, and you get the text and the emails, and so forth, but, it's all part of it. We're going to continue uninterrupted. Brian (Uhl), and Stephanie (Morgan) will keep this going just fine. That succession plan has turned out great. I wanted to thank Anthony Pagan and Nicole Browder with putting up with me in the mornings. Folks, I come in and my wife will tell you, I'm full of energy early in the mornings, and I come in here without coffee, and I'm ready to go, and they put up with me, what I think, they would probably argue, would be wisecracks. I see it as a good sense of humor, but, nonetheless, I appreciate you tolerating me. Big shout out folks to our Department Directors. You're very blessed. You've got some great Directors here. The City would not be able to function without those folks in place. I want to thank our co-workers, many family and friends are here. I thank you for that. Very kind of you to be here. I've become friends with Joe Braun, I've become friends with Shawn Riggs, all through work, and it's a wonderful thing. So, I also want to thank the folks that serve on our Committees and Commissions. It's very important that you have those committed individuals in our Community. You've got to love that guy right there. So, as I conclude my 40 year career, I stand proud on the many things that I believe that we've achieved along the way in various different locations, but none more proud than what we have achieved in the City of Springdale, and will continue to have go forward and go into our line of the way that we want things to go, because I believe you have the right pieces of the puzzle in place now. In my role as a leader, I've always found it been about making others better, and to help prepare them for the next opportunity. I hope in some small way that my presence here in Springdale has done that, and I hope in my departure that's the part that at least I will feel, and I hope that is felt by some others. You know it's important you surround yourself with people much smarter than you. That's a blessing when you do it; it's not a threat. People should not be threatened by that. So, let that sink in for a moment. Surround yourself with people smarter than you. So, I would argue, I'd rather you not offer your own opinions on this personally, but, I would argue I was not great at a single thing, but I did find staff that were the very best at a lot of stuff. And, you get them on your team, and it all comes together. So, when people inquire as to what you plan to do in retirement, well, I want to do some travelling, that's going to happen. I may do some consulting, and there's going to be some other things that will get into, but the privilege and honor it has been for me to work here is hard to put into words. The support and the folks that embrace you here; it's like none other I've ever witnessed. So, I want to close with a couple of comments. One is I do feel very blessed. I think the Lord has taken good care of me. Frankly speaking, I was blessed that I had wonderful parents. I came from a family of eight children. I was the best one (laughter). No, I was. But, of those eight, I tell ya, my parents had no running water, no indoor plumbing, no heating, no cooling system. We come up on 139 acre farm that my dad had inherited from his mother, and, I don't know how they did it. We had two fireplaces, and we had a coal stove which was helpful, and one window fan, so I always appreciated that in the upstairs. But, you know, they wanted a better life for their children, and all eight of the kids have done okay, and, so, I thank my parents for that. They taught us a great work ethic, and, I've always been proud of that. So, again, I want to thank Kim and Jenna for being here. I see several friends, I see some new friends, some current workers, former employees, daughter, wife, and some folks; I appreciate that. So, here's my final comments. You know they say, "Money's not everything", but it does help your children stay in touch with you. (laughter) So, now that I'm segueing into retirement, I now have more time to spend with my driving instructor, otherwise known as my wife Kim. And, finally, Jenna, I'm going to be nice to you, because I'm positive she's going to be picking out my nursing home someday. (laughter) Thank you very much. (applause)

President Anderson: Thank you John.

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Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service

Mr. Coleman: I ask your indulgence for a second, Council because I have something that I needed to say in regards to Mr. Jones.

President Anderson: Please take whatever time you need for that.

Mr. Coleman: It will just take a few seconds here. I have often come to the Administrative office and I would say to Teresa, who you know as the Administrative Assistant out front, and I would say, "Is Mr. Jones busy?". And she would say, "Yes. He's calculating." I was under the impression that he was calculating the budget, now I know what he was calculating (laughter). To come up with all those numbers, I said, "Okay, I'll have to let Teresa know that now I know." But, thank you so much. It's been my pleasure most certainly. Moving on with the actual Civil Service report, which is just a few items here. I want to highlight that the Fire Lieutenant promotion process continues to move forward with letters of interest were supposed to be accepting until August 16th, and hopefully, we have a good crop of interested candidates there. Also, I see Chief Butler here, and I wanted to make sure that the approved number of police patrol officers is, at the time of this report was one officer away from full staffing, and, hopefully now we have full staffing. So, we'll know that within two weeks that, for the first time in quite some time that the Police Department will have full staffing within the Patrol Officers. Finally, the efforts to hire for the Police Clerk position are still continuing, so, if anyone knows of anybody that's seeking that job opportunity for Police Clerk, please continue to send them our direction as we still have a vacancy there. I certainly want to thank the efforts of everyone who's been involved for all of these different positions because it's been a monumental task. Special thanks to new City Administrator, Brian Uhl, and Assistant City Administrator, Stephanie Morgan. I told them both I couldn't wait until I could see their names up on the dais, and it's happened. Again, thank you both, and that concludes my report with exception that the next Civil Service meeting is scheduled for September 5th at 2:00 p.m. Thank you.

Rules and Laws	Mr. Jacobs	-	No report
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Finance Committee

Mr. Vanover: Our year to date receipts in the General Fund are \$23,797,051.72. The year to date expenditures are \$24,671,178,66, which leaves us an ending balance in the General Fund of \$8,381,841.83.

Planning Commission	Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup	-	No report
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Board of Zoning Appeals	Mr. Gleaves	-	No report
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Board of Health	Ms. McFarland	-	No report
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Capital Improvements	Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup	-	No report
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Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: First off, just a reminder, Town Hall Meeting at the Rec Center on September 11, 2024. It will be an opportunity to come and speak with elected officials that want to participate. I know Mr. Anderson and myself will be there. Anyone else who wants to come can be there. An opportunity to share ideas, and give feedback in an informal setting, so, again, that's going to be Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Rec Center. The Springdale Police Department Citizens Patrol Academy is starting a new class September 9th and it runs through November 4th. They're going to meet on Monday nights from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. A great opportunity to learn about our Police Department criminal justice system, and, how things work in general. I taught at a citizens patrol or citizens academy in Middletown years ago. Just a great opportunity for folks to learn. So, there's still spots available if people are interested. August 29th there will be a Concert in the Park at 7:30 p.m. at the amphitheater. This is to replace the concert that got rained out earlier in the month. Please come out and enjoy that event. And, want to note that our pool received the "Pool of the Month" from SwimSafe for July based on how the

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): pool was run, and management, and, it's a great tribute to those individuals. Last, but not least, we will have, dare I say, a Goldfish Swim on August 31st, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Now, before people start picketing, and calling, and emailing, these are toy goldfish. So don't come down and call up our Municipal Building, and yell at people. We're having a toy goldfish swim August 31st, 2024, and it will be little individuals like this running around that kids can capture for prizes. So, a toy goldfish swim will take place. We continue to swim with the fish. If anybody wants to see these, I'll pass those down. Have people come out for that again, August 31st, 2024 at 1:00. With that, that concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Uhl: Just a few things for by way of a report this week. Just wanted to recognize our Chief Fire Inspector, Tom Lindsey retired on August 16th. It was a good turnout for his retirement celebration and we do appreciate his 25 years of service here in the City of Springdale. Been a fine member of our community and our work force. Also, want to publically recognize Mr. Jones for his service here in the City of Springdale. I appreciate all the opportunities that you've afforded to me over the years. I wouldn't be in this position right now if it weren't for the opportunities you provided me over the last four and a half years. So, I'm forever grateful for that. Out Building Official, Carl Lamping will be retiring on August 30th. We have a conditional job offer extended to an individual to replace him, so, we're hoping by the end of September we can bring that person on-board. That's the end of my report.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun: I just wanted to report that yesterday I had the opportunity to attend training with three members of our Police Department in Sharonville, the Ohio Attorney General's office put on a seminar on improving and drafting better record retention policies. And, I talked to them there, and we have some really good ideas. What otherwise would be a routine Records Commission meeting, hopefully when we have that on September 4th, we'll have some new ideas to present on ways that we can be more efficient, and change our policy to benefit the City a little bit. So, other than that, I have no other report.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: Just a few things. Northland Boulevard Project; construction continues on that. The Crescentville Road Resurfacing Project is pretty much complete. It's substantially complete. But, there is an MRF Agreement on the agenda tonight that's going to help offset some of the local cost. The Tri County Parkway Sidewalk Extension Project; we had a pre-construction meeting with Adleta on August 7th. They're tentatively scheduled to begin on the sidewalk installation on October 14th, but, they're looking to do some of the tree plantings and some of the tree removal ahead of that. They believe it's only going to take five weeks to complete once they get started, and, the contract completion date is December 20th. That's all I had.

Rental Program Committee

Mr. Vanover: The Committee members have been made aware and provided the results of that study, and, we have a meeting scheduled for August 28th at 2:00 p.m. to go through that. That's where we are right now.

Urban Farming Special Committee

Mr. Jacobs: Just an update in terms of the survey the City put out. It was sent out in the newsletter; QR Code on the back. I appreciate, we appreciate all of the residents that have participated in the survey, but, we could use more, and, we're going to close that survey on August 30th, so, if you have not completed the survey, please do. We need your feedback. Beyond that, before the next Urban Farming Special Committee meeting, which will take place on September 3rd, we're hoping to have some legislation to go through then, and then our goal, ultimately is to bring that before Council. Unless there are any questions, that concludes my report.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I just had one question. If, for any reason someone doesn't have the QR Code still, is there anywhere else that they could find that survey if they wanted to complete it?

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Mr. Jacobs: I believe the newsletter is digitally on the City website, and, so, they could go that route. I've seen it on social media on some community pages as well. But, we could push for more of that, and we could try to spread it around some more.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Thank you.

Mayor Hawkins: Along those lines of Meghan Sullivan-Wisecup, they also could come to the City; we'll have copies here if they need to utilize it there if they can't get online and do it.

Communications

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None

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Webster: Good evening. As you know, my name is Doyle Webster, I have three things I'd like to quickly discuss. First off, I'd be remiss if I didn't congratulate these two for being promoted to these positions. They both are very well qualified, and, I feel very comfortable that the City is going to continue to run. I felt pretty comfortable when I left the Mayor's office that it was going to continue to run under Mayor Hawkins, and, I'd just like to echo Mr. Jones' comments about the Mayor's office. I think he's doing a fine job and I'm sure these two are going to fit right in and the City is not going to miss a beat with three new people in these positions, so, keep up the good work. I'd like to talk a little bit about John. As my wife said, I knew as soon as we interviewed him, like maybe he was the second or third one that day, and I knew as soon as we started the interview that that's the guy that we wanted. I'm sort of an old school manager. And, was a manager for about 40 years with three different banks before I became the Mayor of the City. So, I probably hired hundreds of people over the years. And, I have to say that my hiring of John Jones is the finest one that I made over the years, and, I'm very, very proud that I did that. But, he did the work. All I did was say, "Hey, you're the one we want." But, like I said, I'm from old school, and old school says if you're the manager or supervisor, you don't get too close to the people that you're managing or supervising because you might have to someday discipline those people. And, God forbid, you might have to terminate them. So, you don't want to get too close to them. So, one of the things that I noticed with John, I just thought he was a little too close to the people. I was concerned about that. And, so, I called him in one day and I said, "John, I don't want to micro-manage what you're doing here, but, I'm concerned about this." And, he proceeded to tell me, and gave me some examples of him going out for dinner with I think the Police Chief in one of these jurisdictions, knowing full well the next day he was going to call him in and fire him. And, he did it. No regrets, no sleepless nights, no mulling over the decision. It was the thing he had to do, and, he did it. And, so, it sort of put my fears at rest that he would do what's necessary to be done, even though maybe he would have been out drinking with that person the night before. So, anyway, about the culture thing, that's exactly what happened. And, I tell ya, I just sort of sat back and marveled at the way he was able to change the culture in the work environment, especially in the Administrative wing, and, I think that permeates itself all the way up and down the organization. And, I think that anybody would tell you that this is a darn good place to work. Very easy, people are friendly, nice, but you still have to do your job, and, so anyway, John, I can't say it enough, thank you, thank you, thank you for everything you've done for this City. Now, finally, wanted to talk a couple of minutes about Underwood Park. I guess I'm the only one around here, since I'll be 85 years old in a couple of weeks that had served with her mother. And, I was not on Council or an elected official, but, I was an appointed Park and Recreation Director back in 1970-1971, and, so, I came to all the Council meetings, and Mrs. Underwood was naturally there. And, I'll never forget her. Even though she was small; very tiny woman, she was very impressive, and she didn't say a whole lot. But, when she opened her mouth, and she said something, you damn well better listen to what she had to say because it was very worthwhile, and, so, I just can't say "Thank you" enough for the generosity of these people. I mean, I'm sure her mother is looking down on this meeting this evening, and, with a lot of pride in what her daughter has done for this City. And, so, I'm out of time. Thank you very much.

Mr. Cox: My name is Tommy Cox; 12069 Cantrell Drive. Just have a complaint. There's a party house at 731 Yorkhaven. Every Saturday, the whole entire summer, I've sent them a letter; a nice letter to ask him to turn his music down. They have, you know, I don't know how many people; it's a lot. Quite a bit of partygoers, and, this thing goes on 1:00, or 2:00 in the morning. And, I've called the Police, the Police come, the music goes down. As soon as they leave, right

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Mr. Cox (continued): back up. Call them again, same exact thing, so, I'm just tossing it your way to see what we can do about it because it's really bad. I mean, it's been going on quite a while. That's all I've got.

President Anderson: Hang on a second. We'll see if we can give you some information tonight.

Mayor Hawkins: Mr. Cox, we will definitely go through and address that situation. Please make sure you put your information in and your phone number down there so we can follow up with you.

Mr. Cox: Okay.

Mayor Hawkins: Thank you for bringing that to our attention.

Mr. Gleaves: Mr. Cox, what was that address again please?

Mr. Cox: It was 731 Yorkhaven.

Mr. Gleaves: Thank you.

President Anderson: Just so you're aware, we do have a process. Obviously, Administration is going to look into it, but, we have ordinances on the books to help in situations like that where there's repeated offenses or repeated problems. It's part of the nuisance property ordinance that we have. I'm not saying that this has risen to that level; we'll certainly look into it. But, just know that we do have ways to deal with that if it's a continuing problem. There's no reason that anyone in the neighborhood shouldn't be able to share the Community the way that we need to. So, we can look into it. So, thank you for bringing that up.

Mr. Cox: Appreciate it.

Ms. Webster-Tudor: Good Evening. I'm Julie Webster-Tudor. And, I'm here on behalf of Springdale Offering Support. Just wanted to give the community and Council a little bit of an update. We've been pretty busy this summer with aiding a couple of residents in the Community. I received a call about the end of June from Brandiss Jackson, the Director of Nursing, who had gotten a tip from a resident that another resident had no functioning toilet, no functioning bathroom, kitchen. The pipes were a mess, everything. Was just living in horrible conditions. So, she came to S.O.S. to see if we would be able to help, which, of course, the Board, we all agreed wholeheartedly. So, they hired a plumbing company to come in. First, they hired a biohazard cleaning company to come in because the conditions were just deplorable that they were living in. So, then the plumber came in and redid some work on the pipes, and put in a new sink, bathroom, everything, so, they are good to go, and, I understand that she's reached out to People Working Cooperatively who has also provided them with a new water heater. So, we got that resident taken care of, and then, about late last month, she contacted me about another lady who lived in Baldwin Grove who had a diabetic emergency and was in the hospital and so forth, but, anyway they discovered that her house was just very hoarded and unclean and unsanitary, so, we also hired the biohazard cleaning to go in and clean that out for her, so, just wanted to let people know that Springdale Offering Support isn't just at Christmastime, we are here to help, and we're happy to do so. If you have any needs, or want to know how you can help us out, you can call (513) 505-5707. Thank you very much.

Mr. Spradlin: Good evening. My name is Cole Spradlin. I live on 870 Yorkhaven Road. Being completely honest, I have no idea when it's going to be time again to re-sign the contract with SwimSafe, however, I do want to say, "Thank you" for making that hard decision and signing them on. I'm about to complete my fourth year at the pool. Sadly, we only have five days left. I truly have no idea how I'm going to keep myself busy. I do hope that when that time comes around, we sign with SwimSafe again. I worked at the pool when it was under the City. Loved it under the City, however, now that we are under SwimSafe, I have never seen it run so smoothly. We have our new Head Manager, Scott, we have a Regional Manager, Seth. He can come in and help fix problems that me or Scott cannot fix. And, I enjoy that we have that extra safety net just in case something goes wrong. For example, one of the chlorine injectors

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Mr. Spradlin (continued): in the baby pool the other corroded and it sheared off. Seth was able to get a part that we already have, and kind of engineer it to fix the chlorine pump into the baby pool. I also enjoy the fact that now that our pool is weekends only, I have the ability to go sub at other pools, so I still get hours, keep myself busy, because, my other job, I work concerts. There's not concerts every night. We also have only had to call in staff from other pools twice this season, and, I'm glad that we also have that other safety net, because, I remember last season, Ms. Morgan you remember, we were very understaffed last season, and, that hit us pretty hard. So, now, if we're in a place where we need staffing, we can pull in from other pools, but, also, since SwimSafe was able to hire so many people, we were fully staffed with a couple of extra, and I really did enjoy that. I also want to welcome you two to your new places by the way. So, that's all I have. I just wanted to say that we should sign with SwimSafe again.

Mr. Gleaves: Cole, thank you so much for that information. Very, very, useful. One question to you. Will you be back next year?

Mr. Spradlin: Right now, I am planning on it. Yes.

Mr. Gleaves: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Hawkins: Cole, appreciate the work you've done as part of the leadership down at the pool this summer. And, I'll segue into the very issue that Cole has brought up, and I was going to bring up at the end of the meeting in terms of legislation requests for the next meeting. The Administration is going to request Council to ask for legislation for regarding pool management for next year. It's something that we need to address in September, so, we're asking for at least a first reading for the first meeting in September. Thank you.

President Anderson: And, we can consider that request at this point. And, Cole, I will tell you you're not the first person to bring that information up about SwimSafe. I've had at least two other residents contact me; go out of their way to reach out to share their experience with SwimSafe and the pool, and, these were both people that were very vocal with concern about the transition. They acknowledge the change was hard, but, they wanted to make sure they reached back out and shared with Administration and Council that it was well done, that it was well-managed in transition. It's not to say that the work that was being done before was a problem. They were very appreciative of Sharon and the work that that was. But, they were impressed with SwimSafe, and they universally asked that we consider continuing with them just because they thought that experience was good. Obviously, the business side of it is still the business side of it, but, from the customer side, the resident side, it's been overwhelmingly positive over the summer. So, take that.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Cole, personally, I just want to say that I'm very proud of you. You came in as the Head Guard, and are now the Assistant Manager, and, that's very awesome in your first year in a leadership role to move up to that, so, I'm very, very proud of you. You did a really good job. And, thank you for coming and giving us updates throughout the summer, and letting us know how things are going. We appreciate it. Thank you so much.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 32-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98.01 OF THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES GOVERNING THE ENTERTAINMENT ADMISSION TAX IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 32-2024; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 32-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 40-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS (MRF) RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF WEST CRESCENTVILLE ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 40-2024; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Ordinance No. 40-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 41-2024

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

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 41-2024; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 41-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 42-2024

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE 2024 S-27 SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 42-2024; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 42-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 43-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FYDA FREIGHTLINER CINCINNATI FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 FREIGHTLINER MS 106 TRUCK CAB AND CHASSIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 43-2024; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 43-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 44-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH W.A. JONES TRUCK EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HOOKLIFT UPGRADE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 44-2024; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 44-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 45-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN FIFTH THIRD BANK AND THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$240,000.00 TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND AUTHORIZING OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 45-2024; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

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Ordinance No. 45-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 46-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY RECREATION/CONSERVATION PROJECT PASS-THROUGH GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RELATED TO CERTAIN OUTDOOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 46-2024; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 46-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 47-2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 505 WEST CRESCENTVILLE ROAD AND APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I just wanted to remind everybody that this last month I did report on this from the Planning Commission meeting. This was the second time that they had come to Planning. There was a lot of considerations as you can see, "a" through "i" that were hammered out over this, and, Planning Commission would definitely like you to consider changing this to a PUD and have it reflect all the "a" through "i" conditions.

President Anderson: I do have one other question. On "h" we listed business names inside of the ordinance. Is that, I don't remember that being typical. Typically we put addresses. Do we need to make a change there for the next reading, or is that going to be alright?

Mr. Braun: I typically, when I prepare the legislation, do it identical to the way it comes, because, we need to incorporate the same changes they did. That's why I did it the way that I did it. If you would like, for in final reading, I can add the addresses, but, they did include the names of the businesses there. I can do it whichever way you prefer.

President Anderson: I did notice that it was in the report that way. I think that's probably a note for them going forward that it would be better to have the addresses when they submit to us if possible, just so it's cleaner, and maybe we can amend it just to put the address next to it so that we still track to what the Planning Commission sent, but also clarify that we're talking about those specific sites.

Mr. Braun: I'll make that correction.

President Anderson: Thank you. Any other questions or discussion tonight? Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting, along with the public hearing that I mentioned.

Ordinance No. 48-2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE SPRINGDALE LAKE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12021 SHERATON LANE

Mr. Gleaves: Does anyone know if this bodega has another location?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: They do not currently own another location. They were actually fashioning theirs off of one that they liked and had seen other places, and, so, this is their first bodega.

Ms. McFarland: It is being developed by Sugar Creek Packing Company, which previously had an office in that building.

Mrs. Webster: Does anybody know what the hours are going to be at this place?

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Ms. McFarland: At the Planning Commission meeting, I don't think they confirmed, but it is not going to be a late night bar open until 2:00 a.m.

Mrs. Webster: Just be for the residents there?

Ms. McFarland: No, it was open to the public.

Mrs. Webster: But, you don't know for sure the hours.

President Anderson: We can find out for the next meeting if that's alright.

Ms. McFarland: I was going to say I think one of them are in the audience. They might be able to better answer that.

President Anderson: If you'd like to answer the question, we can take it, or, we can just deal with it at the next meeting. If you know. Would you mind coming up to the mic and just stating your name just so we have it for the minutes. And, if you're not sure tonight, that's totally fine. We can answer it during the public hearing.

Mr. Harris: Hi. Ian Harris with Sugar Creek. We initially proposed a 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. timeframe, but, we're flexible. It's not a solidified timeframe yet.

President Anderson: And, that's what was presented at the Planning Committee, because that's what we would be reviewing. Okay.

Mrs. Webster: Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you for answering that. And, again, we will see this again at our next meeting, and there will be a public hearing as well, so, we'll have an opportunity. I did want to say since you're here, I looked at the drawings, and I thought it was a wonderful idea, for what it's worth. I thought it was a great spot for it, especially since there's so many residents on that side now, especially with the Arrays, and having Route 4 right there, sometimes a barrier for people to easily get out, so, I thought it was a lovely concept. Any other questions or discussion? We will see this again at our next meeting.

Resolution No. R12-2024

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

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R12-2024; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R12-2024 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: A special thank you to Mr. Jacobs for taking us through all of those readings. That's was quite a bit tonight. Thank you.

Executive Session – Economic Development

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I move that we go to an Executive Session under Article II(D)(1) of the Springdale Charter to discuss Economic Development issues.

Mr. Vanover: Second.

Motion to go to Executive Session under Article II(D)(1) of the Springdale Charter to discuss Economic Development issues passes with seven affirmative votes. Council departed at 8:40. Council returned at 9:49.

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Old Business

President Anderson: There's an item "Discussion for Chapter 30.03 Ordinances and Resolutions". I just asked to have this on the agenda as a placeholder so I could let everyone know that we're still in discussions about how to make those updates we talked about at the last meeting. Mayor Hawkins and I still have to sit down with Council and review some of the proposals in that. So, there will still be an opportunity for Council to give feedback, but, we haven't done that step yet. I expect that we'll have an ordinance that we can discuss in our next meeting. So, unless there's anything else tonight on that, that's where we're at with 30.03. Any other Old Business that we want to bring up tonight?

Mrs. Webster: I think in view of the fact that what our last two meetings have been like, that we should reconsider taking those weeks off next summer. I think it's been really poor that all of the stuff has been piled on us all at once, and I just think that we should reconsider that. And, we should do it early because a lot of people that work have to tell their employer that they'd like that time off, so, I think like January or February, or even earlier if you so desire.

President Anderson: I think that's a great point. I'll make a note that we can discuss the summer schedule for next year in the first quarter ahead of time. The challenge I think we'll have is, I'm not sure if we have visibility to all of the ordinances and changes that will happen. When we decide to do summer schedule, we had a discussion, and Administration didn't expect that we would have this many things, so, it was a bit of a surprise, but, we can talk about it in January, sure.

Mayor Hawkins: And, I appreciate Councilmember Webster's comments on that. It's important to note too, if Council decides to have a summer session, Council can always make a decision if there's legislation that comes through, or important things, to have a formerly regularly scheduled meeting, or a special meeting, and, you guys have been great as a Council in terms of repeatedly indicating, particularly when there's things potentially going on with the mall site, saying, "Hey, look, we're willing to come in and meet" on an off-schedule or a formerly scheduled, but cancelled meeting. So, Council always has that ability too. Administratively we try to forecast as best as we can. Sometimes, there's things that pop up in terms of grants, or whatever that we didn't know would necessarily be there or hit at that time, and, so, we've had some very full agendas, but, whatever Council's pleasure is, Administration will try to keep you guys apprised of things as best as we can.

President Anderson: I think it's worth noting that even in tonight's agenda, seven of the items that we went through were emergency items, and we didn't have "line of sight" to those until a week before the meeting. So, even tonight's agenda, even if we had both our meetings this month, we probably would have still had this agenda. This wasn't things that were deferred from the first meeting. These were things that had come up, or, were firmed up. In some of those cases, like the trucks, the Public Works things, those were still being discussed even if they'd be added, I think, even the day of. Like Thursday or Friday, we were still getting quotes back. So, even those we would still be having those items. So seven of those ten items tonight would still have been there even if we had a meeting.

Mrs. Webster: Well, the last time, we had seven ordinances added to the agenda at that time. I don't believe that that's ever happened. I don't know, but, I don't think so.

President Anderson: Yes, that was unusual, I agree. And, we're working on trying to improve that. Some of that's just administrative. It just happened that way.

Mrs. Webster: Well, I just think that the meetings are too long at this hour, and especially for the full-time people. And, I just think we ought to reconsider that next year, or the end of this year. I'll bring it up again, and we'll go for it.

President Anderson: Great.

New Business

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None

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Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Vanover: Just a reminder to reiterate that August 28th, which is next Wednesday, 2:00, the Rental Committee meeting. And, hopefully, we'll have a lot of positive work come out of that.

Ms. McFarland: Just a reminder we will have an Urban Farming Special Committee meeting on September 3rd, adjacent to chambers, and then a Board of Health meeting on September 12th.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: We have Planning Commission on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Mr. Gleaves: We will have a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting August 27th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

President Anderson: I'm sorry, is this Ms. Morgan's light? I've got a light without a name on it. Is that Mr. Uhl? No, that's not his light. Stephanie's light is on. Oh, the label's in the wrong place then.

Mr. Uhl: Just a couple of announcements. Just to reiterate the rescheduled Concert in the Park will take place Thursday, August 29th at 7:30 p.m. The Buzz Bin Band with 90's hits cover band. The pool is open on weekends only; Noon to 6:00 p.m. through Labor Day. Labor Day, September 2nd, the Community Center will be closed, but the pool will still be opened. And, just to make sure people have it on their calendars, the ComeUnity Bash and Family Mud Quest will take place on Saturday, September 7th.

Ms. McFarland: I did just want to say a quick "Thank you" to everybody up here. All the residents of Springdale that have supported me and my family over the last few weeks, months. It's been a rough go, but, everybody's support has been incredible, so, I truly appreciate all of you. Thank you.

Mayor Hawkins: And, we appreciate you as well. Just another reminder, Town Hall meeting, September 11th at 7:00 p.m., and Toy Goldfish Swim August 31st at 1:00 p.m. And then last, but, this is important, this Friday, at 7:00 p.m., another chapter will be written in the greatest high school football rivalry ever as Princeton will host Moeller Crusaders. So, I wanted to make sure that's out there too.

Ms. Morgan: Friendly reminder of the Auditor of State's new fraud reporting and training requirement that is due to be completed not only by all staff members, but elected officials as well, due September 28th. So, any assistance needed, please contact me, and, I'll be happy to help out with that. Secondly, just wanted to say, pleasure to join you all on this dais. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Spradlin: Cole Spradlin, 870 Yorkhaven. This is very brief, just so there is no confusion on Labor Day Monday, the pool, according to my schedule, will be open until 8:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

President Anderson: Thank you for that.

Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 32-2024; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 98.01 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Governing the Entertainment Admission Tax in the City of Springdale. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number II was addressed with Resolution No. R11-2024; A Resolution Commending City Administrator John J. Jones for his Dedicated Service to the Citizens of the City of Springdale. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number III was addressed with Ordinance No. 40-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): an Agreement Between the City of Springdale and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners for Municipal Road Funds (MRF) Relative to the Improvement of West Crescentville Road and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number IV was addressed with Ordinance No. 41-2024; An Ordinance Reducing and Recertifying Special Assessments Levied for the Purpose of Constructing Certain Improvements and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item Number V was addressed with Ordinance No. 42-2024; An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting the 2024 S-27 Supplement to the Springdale Code of Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency, passing with seven affirmative votes. Item Number VI was addressed with Ordinance No. 43-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with FYDA Freightliner Cincinnati for the Purchase of a Truck Cab and Chassis and Declaring an Emergency, passing with seven affirmative votes. Item Number VII was addressed with Ordinance No. 44-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with W.A. Jones Truck Equipment for the Purchase of a Hooklift Upgrade and Declaring an Emergency passing with seven affirmative votes. Item Number VII was addressed with Ordinance No. 45-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Springdale, Ohio To Enter Into a Three-Year Lease-Purchase Agreement with Fifth Third Bank in the Amount of \$240,000.00 to Finance the Purchase of a Dump Truck and Declaring an Emergency passing with seven affirmative votes. Item Number IX was addressed with Ordinance No. 46-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute a Community Recreation/Conservation project Pass-Through Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Related to Certain Outdoor Recreation Improvements and Declaring an Emergency passing with seven affirmative votes. Item Number X was addressed with Resolution No. R12-2024; A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Continuing Disclosures Related to the March 2017 Street Improvement Bonds passing with seven affirmative votes.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Item Number XI was addressed with Ordinance No. 47-2024; An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment and Preliminary Development Plan for the Springdale Cinema Apartment Project at 505 W. Crescentville Road. That received a first reading. Item Number XII was addressed with Ordinance No. 48-2024; An Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Springdale Lake Planned Unit Development and Approving the Preliminary Development Plan for the Property Located at 12021 Sheraton Lane. That received a first reading. And, the other items are all forthcoming. Unless there's anything else from Administration.

Mayor Hawkins: From the Administration, if we can just have a formal request from Council or a Councilmember with regard to Item Number XIII; An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale, Disposal, or Transfer of Surplus Property, as well as a request for Item Number XIV; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for Participation in the H2Ohio Rivers Initiative Chloride Reduction Grant Program. As well as legislation for Chapter 30.03 legislation and, legislation with regard to pool management for 2025.

President Anderson: You can consider those requested.

Mayor Hawkins: Thank you.

President Anderson: Any other legislative actions that needs to be requested in advance of our next meeting from Council or Administration that we haven't covered? (None)

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Adjournment

President Anderson: All that's left before us is Item 20.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

President Anderson: We're adjourned. Thank you everyone.

Council adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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