

# City of Springdale Council

December 18, 2024

President of Council Anderson called Council to order on December 18, 2024.

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

Mr. Vanover provided the Invocation.

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

President Anderson: We do have a quorum with five members present. The other two Councilmembers are under the weather and won't be with us tonight.

The minutes of the December 4, 2024 meeting were considered. Mr. Vanover made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Jacobs seconded. The minutes were approved with five affirmative votes.

## Committee and Official Reports

### Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Civil Service Commission did meet on December 5<sup>th</sup>. All members were present, which was Mrs. Darby, Ms. McNear, myself, along with Ms. Morgan, Mr. Uhl, and Ms. Edwards. The meeting was somewhat of a brief meeting, as it was a recap of our hiring processes that included the Building Inspector hiring process, Fire Lieutenant promotional process, Patrol Officer hiring process, and Police Clerk hiring process, along with the Public Works hiring process. So, the good news is the majority of those departments are in pretty good shape. The hiring is in place. Candidates have been selected, background checks were moving forward, and going into the end of the year, I'd say we're in pretty good shape with fulfillment of the positions, so, hopefully, we won't see the revolving door next year as we've seen this year. But, again, I'd say I think we're ending the year on a good note. The only other unfinished business that we had was a review of the job descriptions for the Facility Maintenance I, Facility Maintenance II, Facilities and Grounds Superintendent, and the Parks Maintenance Supervisor. Those job descriptions were reviewed, and approved so that we could conclude that aspect of the business, so, again, things are moving forward and in pretty good shape. Any questions?

President Anderson: I don't see any tonight. Thank you Mr. Coleman.

Mr. Coleman: You're welcome.

Rules and Laws

Mr. Jacobs

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No report

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### Finance Committee

Mr. Vanover: Finance Committee met on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, and, we reviewed and unanimously approved the budget document we have before us, and we heartily ask for your support on this.

President Anderson: Thank you, and we'll go through that in detail in a little bit here.

### Planning Commission

Ms. McFarland: Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup was not available at the meeting, so, we did discuss our appointment of positions. So, the Chairman was reappointed as Dave Okum, the Vice Chair as Steve Galster, and the Secretary as Joe Ramirez. We did get a packet from the Building Department for the Springdale Thoroughfare Plan. That's going to be covered at our January meeting. We had two things before us. The first one was a daycare at 140 West Kemper Road. We did approve that at a 6-0 vote. That will be Millennium Creative Committee and they will move into the other side of the doctor's office, and then the second one was a townhome development. It was just a concept plan review at 345 Glensprings Drive. And, that was looking to be a neighborhood mixed use. There's definitely some concerns for it being in a floodplain. There's sewer line concerns. There's a sanitary sewer overflow there. They were looking to have 35 three bedroom plus den townhomes, so, that is still in process. They understand that's a very difficult piece of land to develop, so, the owners of it are still working on it. And, that's all we had.

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Gleaves: The Board of Zoning Appeals met in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. on November 26<sup>th</sup>. We had six present and one absent. We had Old Business; tow variances. The first variance for BZA Application 20240570; Sunoco Image Upgrade at 12089 Princeton Road. The property owners are requesting the following variances; to allow wall signage of 209 square feet, where 57.5 square feet is the maximum permitted per Zoning Code Section 153.459(C)(2)(a). That variance did not pass. It was three voting yes, and three voting no. The second variance was to allow an electronic fuel price display to have two colors, red and green, to differentiate diesel and regular fuel, where Zoning Code Section 153.460(D)(3) requires the use of one color. That passed by a 6-0 vote. New Business was BZA Application 20240643; Tico Tax at 284 Northland Blvd. This application had two variances; the first was to allow wall signage without channel cut letters, in violation of Zoning Code 153.459(2)(d) which requires all wall mounted signs to be channel cut letters and to allow for a total of 108 square feet of wall signage where 52.22 square feet is the maximum permitted per 153.459(2)(a). These two variances were continued because the applicant did not have clarity on the documents that were presented. One of the documents that was presented was not the document thought that it was. And, another issue was that the BZA questionnaire is normally filled out by an applicant. It was not filled out at all, so, we, in good faith allowed this applicant to adhere to the things that were not done, and come back and do this again. I think it's the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. That is all that I have. Are there any questions?

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President Anderson: No, only to note that's unusual. Typically the Building Department would catch those missing questionnaires before it comes. I know there's a lot to transition there, so, hopefully we get through it in January.

Board of Health

Ms. McFarland: Board of Health met this past Thursday in these chambers. The first thing we had was a resolution for Dr. Ketring. He has served 30+ years on the Board of Health and this past meeting was his last meeting. He has decided to move on and focus on some family things. So, we will miss him greatly. He has brought a lot of knowledge to the Board of Health over the years. COVID cases, we still have less than last year. We've had 19 so far this quarter. Not too much in the Food Program to update. Obviously, construction has started on Wawa, and the remodel on Mi Cozumel in the old Friday's is still pending. We did get some updates from the Health Department on their Emergency Preparedness Plans. They're working on enhancing that program and updating plans and staff trainings for the City going forward in the event of another COVID situation or anything like that. We did have a personnel update. Several of our fall interns will be back in the Spring. And, I believe that's all.

Mr. Gleaves: I made a mistake here. I'm still stuck on December 24<sup>th</sup>, when our normal BZA meeting is. We had a meeting last night. May I report that please?

President Anderson: Yes. Are we done with the Health report? I didn't see any questions. Go ahead and give us the rest of the report for last night's meeting.

Mr. Gleaves: Sorry about that. The normal BZA meeting that was scheduled for December 24<sup>th</sup> was last night, December 17<sup>th</sup>, and we had six present and one absent. And, we had two cases of new business. The first was BZA Application 20240666; Springdale Elementary Fence Variance at 350 W. Kemper Road. The property owners are requesting the following variance to allow chain link fence to be installed where fences are required to be constructed out of wood, vinyl, wrought iron, aluminum, or other similar materials per Section 153.253(E)(5)(c)(iii) of the Springdale Zoning Code. That application passed with a 5-0 vote with one person recused. The second one was BZA Application 20240706; Garage Into Living Space Variance at 171 Balsam Court. The property owners are requesting the following variance, to allow for a residential single household to have a zero car garage where one car is the minimum garage size permitted per Table 252-2 of the Springdale Zoning Code. A motion was made to disapprove this and that passed 5-1, so that variance did not get approved. I apologize for the mistake, and that's all I have.

Capital Improvements

President Anderson: Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup had no report for that. There was no meeting related.

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Mr. Anderson - No report

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## Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had a tree lighting here at the Municipal Building. The second graders from Springdale Elementary came and sang, and they did an amazing job. We also had a visit from Santa Claus. Everyone was very excited about that. The Chief and I even got to sit on Santa's lap and ask for some things for the holidays coming up. December 7<sup>th</sup>, we had the Santa 5k and Vendor's Village, and we had a great crowd there at the Rec Center. A lot of activities going on and everyone had a good time. And, that concludes my report.

President Anderson: Thank you. And, I can attest I know Charlie Wilson is in the audience too, that the Vendor Village was excellent again this year, and the entire 5k the way Elizabeth puts all of it together, and the team is really great for the Community, so thank you for that.

Mr. Vanover: I'll just jump on the bandwagon, and I talked to Mr. Wilson already, but, we were in a neighboring community, and they had a vendor market, and ours was far superior, and this is one of the upper echelon communities. And, we had much more variety in it, so, hats off, and Elizabeth and the whole gang down there, they did a phenomenal job. Keep it up.

President Anderson: It really is wonderful for the Community.

## Administrator's Report

Mr. Uhl: Just real quick, I just want to recognize Ms. Morgan for her work on this year's budget, or the 2025 budget rather. And, also the work that our Department Head's put into compiling all of the necessary documentation to kind of move forward and compile all this in a short amount of time, but also with in respect to your time and commitment with the Departments that you lead, but, also being good stewards of public funds as reflected in where we're kind of ending 2024, and what we hope to do in 2025, so, thank you to all of you. We appreciate that.

President Anderson: I know we'll get to the budget in a minute, but, it is worth noting since you brought it up there are a number of new Department Heads this year as well, and new turnover in Administration, and this budget didn't skip a beat. This is excellent work. We'll go through it still with a fine tooth comb and ask our questions, but, at least presentation-wise, it's really excellent. Not a step was missed.

## Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun: The only thing I'll report is that we'll be preparing a summary in January of the law changes that went into effect, and circulating those, and, other than that, I have nothing else to report.

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## Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: Two items tonight. We've got the Northland Boulevard Project. Unfortunately, the contractor was not able to switch over traffic into the eastbound lane as originally hoped. I think the weather got to them. So, they're looking to resume work sometime in March, and then make that switch in May. So, they changed their schedule a little bit on us. The other project the Tri County Sidewalk Project. Construction is probably about 85% complete. The plan was to get done by the end of the week, but, again, the weather is not cooperating. So, hopefully, they will still be able to get it done since there's only a few items left, but, it may be the following week, or shortly after Christmas before it gets completed. That's all I had.

## Rental Program Committee

Mr. Vanover: Rental Committee met on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and, we are nearing the end of an arduous project. We will have recommendations coming to Council next month, but, I want to thank everybody for digging in both this section and the first section. I think we've got some real work done and accomplished, so, with that, we'll see that in January.

## Urban Farming Special Committee

Ms. McFarland: The Urban Farming Committee met on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. We did take into consideration some motions made from the Planning Commission meeting, and, we presented those at the last Council meeting. We did move to make some changes to that. We will have a public hearing, and vote on that and hopefully finish that Committee up at our next meeting in January.

President Anderson: And there's a public hearing set for that already. So, we should be set.

Communications

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None

## Communications from the Audience

Ms. Tudor: Good evening, Julie Tudor. I'm here to report that Charter Revision had their annual meeting as prescribed by the Charter on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. All five members were in attendance. Mayor Hawkins swore in our newest member, Michelle Miller, and we had elections. I was reelected to be the Chairperson, and Michelle Miller will also be the Secretary this coming year. Thank you very much. And, on a side note, I'd like to thank Mr. Vanover for his very appropriate invocation tonight. Thank you.

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## Presentation of the 2025 Budget

Mr. Vanover: First off, accolades to staff, and Department Heads. Not only did they get this put together in a timely manner, but, we are finishing the year almost two million dollars under budget. That is definitely something to be proud of. That's a lot of work, and, a lot of concern. That shows to the public that we are good stewards of what they give us, and, from the Finance Committee, I appreciate that very, very much. We're going to have an estimated \$5.4 million dollar carry over into the next year. Now, this will probably be the last for a run of that size, unless they do an outstanding job again, and we see some influx and revenue coming in because we have learned as in the past that sometimes putting off a project is costly, so, we're trying to get the projects completed and worked in in the current budget year. Our revenues for 2024 are projected at \$23,209,094. And, I was thinking when I was going over it before the Finance Committee meeting, I can remember when we were looking at, well, one that I remember the clearest, was a \$15 million dollar budget. So, we've grown the budget almost ten million dollars. And, we expect it to see it continue to grow. Since 2020, the City has seen over \$454 million dollars in new development and redevelopment projects. And that speaks as Ms. Browder and I were talking before the realization that Springdale still is a viable place to be and that we will continue to uphold that as we move forward. Other notes in the intro; grant funding. Our Department Heads are doing a phenomenal job of capturing grants and putting that to use. We are welcoming that, and I have said that grants are our money. It's money that we've passed on and we're recapturing that back in. So, there's nothing to look down about a grant. The only other highlight or comment, our Street Improvement Bonds; we've got payment projected for 2025 of \$712,050. And, with that, we'll start through section by section. First off the Police Department. One little quick note on the proposed budget, the Police personal service, there's a jump there, but, part of that is driven by the fact that we have 27 pays this year, so, it kind of looks like it's skewed, but, it's just the way that the calendar is breaking out.

Police Department	-	No questions
Fire Department	-	No questions
Health Department	-	No questions
Parks and Recreation Department	-	No questions
Building Department	-	No questions
Waste Collection	-	No questions
Public Works	-	No questions
Administrative Office Budget	-	No questions

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Economic Development Department	-	No questions
Finance Department	-	No questions
Legislative Body	-	No questions
Other Boards/Commissions Budgets	-	No questions
Tax Department	-	No questions
General Administration	-	No questions
Transfers and Advances	-	No questions
Cameron and Underwood Parks	-	No questions
Adult Sports Fund	-	No questions
Street Maintenance Fund	-	No questions
State Highway Improvement Fund	-	No questions

Mr. Vanover: Just a quick note while we're there, as of this date, and, as my grandfather would say, "Good Lord willing, and the crick don't rise", our salt dome is completely full, and we're hoping that we'll have a mild snow-free winter.

One Ohio Opioid Fund	-	No questions
Grants Fund	-	No questions
Court Computerization Fund	-	No questions
Springdale Youth Boosters	-	No questions
Merchant Street TIF	-	No questions
Sheraton Lane TIF	-	No questions
Commerce Park TIF	-	No questions
Drug Enforcement Fund	-	No questions
Law Enforcement Fund	-	No questions

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DUI Fund	-	No questions
Law Enforcement Training Fund	-	No questions
Insurance Trust Fund	-	No questions
Health Insurance Trust Fund	-	No questions
Street Improvement Debt Fund	-	No questions
Capital Improvements Fund	-	No questions
Residential Recycling Fund	-	No questions
Parks and Urban Forestry Fund	-	No questions

President Anderson: I think we missed the Tri County Mall TIF Fund, but, I suspect that we're fine there. Did I miss it? Oh, I skipped ahead. Carry on. Oh, I'm missing that page; that's why.

Mayor Hawkins: There's nothing there anyway.

President Anderson: I'm missing that page, that's why I missed it. It's not in the copy that was printed out.

Northwest Business Center TIF	-	No questions
Unclaimed Monies Fund	-	No questions

President Anderson: Mr. Vanover, did you have a Parks and Urban Forestry Fund in there?

Mr. Vanover: We did do the Urban Forestry.

President Anderson: And then Northwest Business, and then we're on Unclaimed Monies. Is everyone caught up? Page 193?

Mr. Vanover: Yes.

OBBS Assessment Fund	-	No questions
Fire Insurance Proceeds	-	No questions

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Mr. Vanover: That covers and concludes the expenditures. You've got the revenues. The last section are fund summaries and that kind of breaks it down and ties everything back up. So, with that, unless there's any further questions, that is our proposed 2025 budget that we are recommending to Council.

President Anderson: And, I'll say again, I know we do say this every year, when it gets to the point that it's up here at Council, it's already been through a number of revisions and reviews, Finance Committee reviews, Council has had an opportunity to see it and ask detailed questions, so, this page turning is a final test; a final question. It's in no way the only review that happens. I do want to say again how much I appreciate the amount of work that goes into this every year. This is a professional budget. This is serious. The way that it's done is excellent. I would match it against any Fortune 25 company I've worked for, any City around us in terms of the level of detail, diligence, and information that's captured in our budget. If anyone has questions about how it's used or what projects are planned, all they have to do is pull up this document that's usually available on the website a couple of weeks after the meeting, and there's detail for both mission statements, every budget, comments for significant items. It is complete. So, again, I know we've said it before, but it's a lot of work and it is appreciated, and it is looked at and it is used by a lot of people, so, thank you.

Mayor Hawkins: I also wanted to piggyback and thank our Department Director Heads. We've got the best Department Directors around, and this is something that takes months that goes into this, on the cutting room floor with their Department Staff and working through all of those things before it comes to Administration, and gets sent back, and they go back and work through it again. Also wanted to note, because I know the people at home may not see, but we have Department Heads who are present with us today for the meeting, and I'm very appreciative that nobody got up and left after their Department was called. So, we appreciate you sticking around. Also wanted to say again, "Thank you" to Ms. Morgan for all her work that she goes through. We sat there when she's going through the paper part, it's like "Do you need any help? Can we sit and help put some of these together?" It's like, "No, if you guys get out of the way, it'll go a lot faster." So we left her alone. The last thing I do want to note is when you guys look at Page 2, and Mr. Vanover was going over this some, but, it's important and is worth repeating when you look at the pie chart with regard to the biggest majority of where our money comes from in terms of earnings tax, this goes back to again this is not serendipity, this is intentional with regard to increasing our population and bringing people in to our City. This is a mission that this Administration has, prior Council has, and I hope this Council continues to have is it's very, very important; 82% is going to come from earnings tax. So, if we have more people here that are working and generating money, then that's more money that's going to come into our coffers. We're going to be able to provide more services within. So, just wanted to note that in terms of the budget and what's important. Thank you.

President Anderson: Final call for any questions or comments on the presentation of the budget. Thank you. We'll move on. And, I think you beat last years' time by I think two minutes. So, thank you for that.

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## Ordinances and Resolutions

President Anderson: Before we get into the first ordinance, the Chair is open to a motion to amend our agenda to add Resolution No. R15-2024, which would be a resolution appointing a member to Civil Service. In the past, we had talked about waiting until January for these openings, but I believe that Civil Service Commission is meeting the afternoon of our next meeting, so, that vacancy would be good to be approved.

Mr. Vanover: So moved.

Mr. Jacobs: Second.

President Anderson: Any questions or discussion about adding it to the agenda? Seeing none, Ms. Browder if you would poll Council on adding Resolution No. R15-2024 to the agenda.

Motion to add Resolution No. R15-2024 to the Council agenda passes with five affirmative votes.

President Anderson: I'm now passing out at the dais a copy of that. We will insert this into the agenda at the end of Ordinances and Resolutions.

### Ordinance No. 62-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR THE EAST KEMPER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE I PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 62-2024; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Ordinance No. 62-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

### Ordinance No. 63-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE SPRINGDALE CINEMA PROJECT, THE EXECUTION OF ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT RELATED DOCUMENTS INCLUDING A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE PRINCETON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ONE OR MORE PORT AUTHORITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 63-2024; Ms. McFarland seconded.

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President Anderson: So, I know we have a number of items related to the cinema projects, and I know the developer is here. Is this a good time to have a presentation from them? So, at this point the developer is here for the cinema projects and they had a bunch of information that they wanted to share with Council related to this item as well as several others we're seeing tonight. So I invite the developer up to share the exciting news and pictures of what's coming.

Mr. Spencer Lee gave a presentation regarding the future development by Springdale Cinema – LLC, which will be located at 505 W. Crescentville Road. Mr. Lee discussed the plans for the property as well as amenities that would be included at this site. Additional information can be found by visiting City's website, at [springdale.org](http://springdale.org).

President Anderson: Before we get to the vote, I just want to give a reminder to Council that since this does have the emergency clause, it will require a super majority of Council to pass tonight in spite of the fact of missing two people it means the only way this would pass is with five affirmative votes. A vote of four would still pass the ordinance, but it would lose the emergency clause and be delayed for action. Anything less than that it would fail. Just so you're aware of your options. I'm in no way exerting pressure; just so you understand the process.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 63-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

### Ordinance No. 64-2024

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN SPRINGDALE, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE UNDER SECTION 5709.40(B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, EXEMPTING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, DELCARING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE PARCELS, ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 64-2024; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Ordinance No. 64-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

### Ordinance No. 65-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGREEMENT WITH SPRINGDALE – CINEMA, LLC RELATED TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 505 WEST CRESCENTVILLE ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 65-2024; Ms. McFarland seconded.

Ordinance No. 65-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 66-2024

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PRIORITY OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED FOR PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 505 WEST CRESCENTVILLE ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Gleaves made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 66-2024; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Ordinance No. 66-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 67-2024

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION/ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND ADJUST ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 67-2024; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 67-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 68-2024

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025, UNTIL THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATION PERMANENT ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 68-2024; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 68-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 69-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 55-2023 TO PROVIDE FOR WAGE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 69-2024; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 69-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

President Anderson: I'll add a thank you to all of our City workers. I know I certainly appreciate the work you do and we all do. Thank you.

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## Resolution No. R14-2024

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RITA HART AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2026

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Mayor Hawkins: Just wanted to say Ms. Hart has been a long time resident of the City of Springdale with her husband. Raised her son, Ryan, here, is a graduate of Princeton High School. She was the Princeton High School nurse for a long period of time as well, and has served our City well on the Board of Health, and looking for her to continue on, and for Council's support. Thank you.

Resolution No. R14-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Next up on the agenda, we have Resolution No. R15-2024 that we've added. Mr. Braun, if I can ask a procedure question. Can we do nominations before the first reading to save Mr. Jacobs some of his voice, or do we need to read it with the blank first?

Mr. Braun: You can do the nominations.

President Anderson: Thank you. I just wanted to make sure we stayed above board on that. So, in deference to Mr. Jacobs, our next Resolution No. R15-2024 is a resolution to appoint a serving member to Springdale's Civil Service Commission. At this point, the floor is open for nominations for this position.

Mr. Vanover: I take great honor in nominating Mr. Robert Coleman to the position on Civil Service. He has served us extremely well for a number of times, and he is an integral part of that Committee.

President Anderson: In full agreement there. Any other nominations? (None) Hearing none, and then by acclamation, we will read Resolution No. R15-2024 with Mr. Robert Coleman inserted in for the blank. Sorry, officially I have closed the nominations at this point, and now we'll insert it.

## Resolution No. R15-2024

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT COLEMAN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027

Mr. Gleaves made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R15-2024; Mr. Vanover seconded.

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President Anderson: Just because there's no lights doesn't mean I'm not going to take an opportunity to thank you Mr. Coleman for the work that you do. You're in here every month as an unelected person that does so much for the City. The meetings you go to, and the rigor you go through making sure our positions are filled is truly appreciated, and not enough people see that work. So, I just wanted to say thank you again from the dais. It is very much appreciated.

Resolution No. R15-2024 passes with five affirmative votes.

President Anderson: I had no doubt that you would have gotten the other two votes had they been here as well. Thank you Mr. Coleman.

## Old Business

Mr. Jacobs: A question for Administration. I'm not sure if you can answer. Is there any update on the prosecution of the nail bandit that you could give?

Mayor Hawkins: I can't tell you for Hamilton County; haven't looked that up. We hadn't talked about that for a while. I believe he was already sentenced in Butler County, and that matter is resolved, but, that was a misdemeanor, and Hamilton County had a felony, so, we can check it out, and let you know shortly.

Mr. Jacobs: Thank you.

New Business - None

## Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Vanover: We all are awaiting a December 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, so, from the big guy himself. So wanted to take this quick brief moment to wish everybody in Springdale a very Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year.

Mr. Uhl: Just an announcement for our government offices on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve will be open until 2:00 p.m. on both days for both New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve.

Ms. Morgan: The Civil Service Commission will kick off the new year on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

President Anderson: They decided to get in a meeting before Council. I see how it is.

Mr. Gleaves: Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to meet here in these chambers at 7:00 p.m., January 28, 2025.

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President Anderson: And, as a reminder, what would have been our January first City Council meeting has been pushed back to January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers. So, one day later at the same time. Just as a reminder that that's happening.

Communications from the Audience - None

## Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Legislative Summary, Item I was addressed with Ordinance No. 62-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. for Design Engineering for the East Kemper Road Improvements, Phase I Project for the City of Springdale, Ohio. That passed with five affirmative votes. Item II was addressed with Resolutions R14-2024; Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Rita Hart as a member of the City of Springdale Board of Health and Resolution No. R15-2024; Appointing Robert Coleman to serve on the Civil Service Commission. Both passed with five affirmative votes. Item III was addressed by Ordinance No. 67-2024; Adopting the Final appropriation and Transfer Ordinance for 2024. That passed with five affirmative votes. Item IV was addressed with Ordinance No. 68-2024; Adopting a Temporary Appropriations Ordinance for the Period January 1, 2025 until the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Permanent Ordinance is Adopted by City Council. That passed with five affirmative votes. Item V was addressed by Ordinance No. 69-2024; An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 55-2023 to Provide for Wage Increases for Certain City Employees and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with five affirmative votes. Item VII was addressed with Ordinance No. 63-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute a Development Agreement with Respect to the Springdale Cinema Project, the Execution of Ancillary Development Related Documents including a School Compensation Agreement with the Princeton City School District and Joint Vocational School District and a Cooperative Agreement with One or More Port Authorities, and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with five affirmative votes. Item VII was addressed by Ordinance No. 64-2024; Declaring Improvements to Parcels of Real Property Located in Springdale, Ohio to be a Public Purpose Under Section 5709.40(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements from Real Property Taxation, Declaring Certain Public Improvements to be Necessary for the Further Development of Those Parcels, Establishing a Tax Increment Equivalent Fund, and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with five affirmative votes as well. Item IX was addressed by Ordinance No. 65-2024; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute a Community Reinvestment Agreement with Springdale-Cinema, LLC Related to the Redevelopment of the Property Located at 505 West Crescentville Road, and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with five affirmative votes. Item X was addressed by Ordinance No. 66-2024; An Ordinance Establishing Priority of Property Tax Exemption Granted for Parcels of Real Property Located at 505 West Crescentville Road Within the City of Springdale, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with five affirmative votes.

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### Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Item VI; An Ordinance Amending Section 153.252(F)(6)(c) of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Regulating the Husbandry of Fowl, Rabbits and Bees is in development. Item XI; An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Appropriation/Estimated Receipts for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025 is in development. Item XII; A Resolution Authorizing the Investment of Municipal Funds is in development. Item XIII; A Resolution Requesting Advance Payment from the Hamilton County Auditor will come before us at the January meeting. Item XIV; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into a Business Incentive Grant Agreement with the Owner of Slick City Entertainment will come before this Council in January, or at our January meeting. Item XV; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into a Job Retention and Creation Incentive Program Agreement with Salas O'Brien, Inc. will come before Council in January at our first meeting. Item XVI; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into a Job Retention and Creation Incentive Program Agreement with Mitchell's Salon & Day Spa, Inc. will come before Council on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. And, all other issues are forthcoming, unless Administration has anything.

President Anderson: Mayor Hawkins, did you have something to add?

Mayor Hawkins: Not with regard to that. Just wanted to give an update from Mr. Jacob's question. We gathered some information real quick.

President Anderson: Please.

Mayor Hawkins: Mr. Dyson has got a jury trial set for January 13<sup>th</sup> of this coming year. That's the latest on what he's got going on in terms of Hamilton County.

Mr. Jacobs: Thank you.

President Anderson: Cross that off of our "To Do" list.

Mr. Gleaves: I want to commend Councilmember Jacobs for getting through this tonight. Last night we were together at the BZA meeting, and he could not speak hardly at all. Fantastic job, and thank you for what you did tonight.

President Anderson: Thank you and before we adjourn, I want to add my best wishes and Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanza, whatever you celebrate around this time of year, anyone out there everyone on the dais, I wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year next year, and we will be back again in a couple of weeks.

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Adjournment

President Anderson: And, with that, we have Item 17.

Mr. Vanover: So moved.

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

Council adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder  
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:  
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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