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Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Gleaves: The Board of Zoning Appeals met August 26th in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. We had one application from High Lift Off Road; 271 Northland Boulevard; Application #20250861. The property located at that address is requesting the following two variances in conjunction with a proposed fence: 1) To allow fencing to project past the front building line of the principal structure as required per Zoning Code Section 153.253(E)(5)(a)(i). That variance was approved with conditions, and those conditions will be met along with the Fire Department and the Building Department. Variance number 2) To allow fencing to be constructed of chain link fence where wood, vinyl, wrought iron, aluminum, or other similar materials is required per Zoning Code Section 153.253(E)(5)(c)(iii). That variance was also approved. Both variances were approved by a 7-0 vote. And, again, all members were accounted for. That's all I have. Unless there's anything else. Thank you.

Board of Health

Ms. McFarland: The Board of Health resumed meetings following summer break last week. First thing included the Health Commissioner's Report. We did have our first reading for Regulation R1-2025, R2-2025, and R3-2025, which are a renewal of the license fees for food operations, public swimming pools and spas, and hotels and motels. We will have the second reading of those with a public hearing in October, and a third reading in November. We did have a review of updates made to the Health Department's Strategic Plan and Emergency Response Plan. Food program update included an update on Wawa with the opening date still temporarily October 16th as far as we know. Slick City and QT are both approved and under construction. Mr. Hayak's on Route 4 has opened and Smoothie King, which will be opening near First Watch, is in process and scheduled to open towards the end of November. They did have the Mental Health Resource Fair held in June that over 70 residents attended, and we had representatives from multiple mental health agencies in the area. They will be doing suicide prevention which is at the end of October. The Health Department will do a training, and then all of the City employees will do a training later in the year. Then, wrapping up with the Nurse's Report, there was no Narcan uses in June, July, and August. Vaccine clinics were a little bit lower just because of the summer months, and they had their regular home visits, and their blood pressure clinics continued but a little bit lower numbers again because of summer vacations. Our next meeting, unless there's any questions, is October 9th.

Capital Improvements Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup - No report

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President Anderson: OKI Executive Board did meet on September 11, 2025. There was discussion about the recertification for the Transportation Bill for next year that's at the federal level, which a lot of the funding comes through back to Springdale, for example, comes through that. OKI did share that we are well positioned for prioritization. It passed through those dollars. We're not expecting significant delays, and the recertification of the transportation bill looks like it's tracking well. But, as

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President Anderson (continued): always, anything that happens at that level can be hit or miss. It just depends on what the winds are like when that comes up for a vote. But, in terms of OKI, we're doing everything we can. OKI did add about \$14 million dollars added to the resurfacing projects. I mentioned this at a previous meeting where OKI did start allowing for small grants for resurfacing projects on their own. They did add money for July start dates, so things that are ready to go will start getting funding very quickly. And then, then last thing I wanted to share is the federal certification process for our M.P.O. (Metropolitan Planning Organization). This is almost like the federal local audit of their organization that you would see. OKI was recognized as having the planning processes that comply with the spirit and intent of all federal statutes, and it was actually singled out for six practices that received commendations for nationwide best practices. These were things like outreach tools, public involvement, the planning process itself, and the use of data like GIS (Geographic Information System) tools; there are more than 30 tools online that I've shared over time where people can understand better what's happening in their cities. So, things like demographics, flow rates, things like that that help businesses compete in our region. We're a model organization that we're a part of nationwide which is good, and it shows the value of working together what that does, so our M.P.O. works really well together and we're a part of that. So that's all I wanted to share on that, unless there's any questions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: First off, letters are going to be going out to selected residents from the City in the next few weeks regarding a tree planting program. So, Public Works has identified some areas in public right-of-way that are adjacent to residents' properties where it will be a great opportunity to have a new tree planting. If someone receives a letter, again it's not going to be everybody, but if you receive a letter and you do not want a tree planted there, there is an opportunity and the letter will indicate that you can "opt out" by calling the Public Works Department and say, "No thank you. Don't place a tree there." Otherwise, trees will start to be planted. Also, I want to commend our Police Color Guard who were featured in presenting the colors and the flag on September 13th at the FC Cincinnati game. They did an outstanding job. We were just commenting we didn't know they were going to be down there, but they were there, front and center in front of everybody and I think because of them, FC Cincinnati had a last second victory against Nashville and qualified for the playoffs. And, lastly, as we talked about before, on September 8th, we had a ribbon cutting for the Ross Park Rejuvenation project that Alice Cardona, who was here at our last meeting, did. It was a great event. Also, she'll be featured on a segment we've been doing called, "What's Going Down In The 'Dale!". You can see it on ICRC when that gets completed. We also put them on our website and on Facebook as well. With that, that concludes my report. Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you. Just one question on the tree planting. Do we know what type of trees we're planning to plant in that area or is that coming in the letter?

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Mayor Hawkins: So, the letter is going to indicate that they have selected appropriate tree species that are native or well-suited to our local climate requiring minimal maintenance once established. So, if you're asking for the specific species. No, I don't have that.

Mr. Uhl: There will be two or three.

President Anderson: There will be a few they'll choose from depending on the situation? Alright. I just know in the past we've had a lot of discussion about that. I didn't know if we had settled on a standard. I assume it's not going to be the Bradford Pear though?

Mr. Uhl: No pears.

President Anderson: Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Uhl: Just a couple of quick updates. At the end of August, Chief Butler was asked by the U.S. Secret Service to participate in a promotional panel. They flew him out to Washington D.C. where he was there for about two and a half days conducting assessments for the United States Secret Service for their promotional process for the position of Captain. So, honored to have Chief Butler represent Springdale and be asked by the Secret Service to participate in that. We have a Finance Officer/Tax Commissioner second interview scheduled for tomorrow. So, that is progressing. We will keep you updated as that evolves. We have one candidate coming back for a second interview, so we'll keep you posted. A quick RITA update just by way of a couple of questions that were asked last meeting. Both by Councilmembers and the members of the audience that came up for Communications from the Audience. One of the questions was this percentage, this kind of floating percentage and what that looks like. And that's a percentage based on operating costs and also the amount of collections and the number of collections, so it's a quantity and quantity. And then they tell me with about 95% certainty their Finance Department kind of drills down on those numbers so they're pretty certain. One of the other variables is their total operating costs for RITA, so the more organizations that are within RITA, those costs are shared amongst all agencies. Another question that was asked by a member of the audience was their frequency of payment. We did confirm that was twice a month, mid-month and end of month. And those come into the City coffers. And then contract commitment; they don't lock you in, but the only thing that they ask is that you remain for consistent for that tax year. So, by July 1st of any given year, we can provide them notice that we discontinue their service effective December 31st so that the whole tax year stays in place for them and then we would pick up for the following tax year. I think that makes a cleaner break as well. And last on my list, the Chamberlain Park bridge on the Marwood side of the park should be open hopefully in the next ten to fourteen days. Our Parks Department has made some concrete repairs over there to the bridge so they're allowing it to cure and to also remove some debris that's in the tunnel there.

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Mr. Uhl (continued): So, hopefully that all will get remedied here soon and that side of the park will be opened back up. That is the end of my report.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun

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No report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: Northland Boulevard is moving along. You probably noticed they're starting to work in the median now. They're putting in the hardscape; the large landscaping stones so this is the exciting part. You'll start to really see the aesthetics come through. That's the big part, really the intent behind the design. That's exciting. The contractor is looking to switch to Phase III; maintenance of traffic. So, that means both sides of the road are going to be open and they're going to close the inside lane so they can continue working on the landscaping in the median. That's expected to happen in early October, at least the last I heard. It's probably going to stay that way throughout the winter months and going into spring while they wrap up the landscaping. The East Kemper Road Improvements Phase I; we're looking to have 75% plans back to the utilities pretty much at the end of this month. The Northland Kemper Intersection Realignment and Shared Use Path; we submitted our feasibility study to ODOT on August 21st. I know they're still reviewing it. They have several groups within ODOT that look at their area of specialty like individually, then they come together, and we get all the comments back at once. We're waiting on that to be completed. Then the Springdale Industrial Park and Concrete Repairs and Catch Basin Reconstruction Project; that was awarded last meeting to Husac Paving and Excavating. We had a pre-construction meeting on September 2nd, and they should start work by the end of the month if they haven't already. I haven't reached out to them in awhile. That's all I have.

Rental Program Committee

Mr. Vanover

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No report

Urban Farming Special Committee

Ms. McFarland

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No report

Zoning Code Revision Committee

Mr. Gleaves: The Zoning Code Revision Committee met September 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the meeting room adjacent to these chambers with attendees including City staff, representatives from McBride Dale Clarion, the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. The Committee discussed areas of current zoning, the required evaluation along with potential improvements to enhance the usability and accessibility of the document. A list of proposed code changes will be prepared ahead of the next meeting which is scheduled to take place in the next few weeks. That's all I have.

President Anderson: Glad to see that Committee has kicked off. It's important work.

Mr. Gleaves: Thank you.

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Communications	-	None
Communications from the Audience	-	None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 39-2025 (Second Reading and Public Hearing)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.252(F)(6)(c) AND CREATING SECTION 153.252(F)(6)(d) OF THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING THE KEEPING OF BEES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

President Anderson: This is a second reading and there will be a public hearing. How we've done this in the past is how we'll do it again this evening. We'll do the reading once, and then I'll open the public hearing. We'll close the public hearing and then we'll have deliberations and then take action.

President Anderson: Council, as I mentioned at the start of this, this does require a public hearing. At this point I'm opening the public hearing related to Ordinance No. 39-2025. If anyone would like to come forward and speak on this topic, this is your opportunity. The floor is now open. (No one came forward). I am now closing the public hearing related to Ordinance No. 39-2025.

Ms. Sullivan Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 39-2025; Ms. McFarland seconded.

Mr. Jacobs: I wanted to thank the Chair of the Committee, Councilmember McFarland, for taking the leadership to get this thing in front of Council. I think it's a great chance for the Community to give residents more control over their own property while having a positive impact on the environment. And we can contribute to Alice Cardona's mission with that pollinator garden. So, I'm really glad this is in front Council, and I appreciate it.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I just wanted to remind everyone that this did come before Planning Commission twice and it was voted unanimously to come before you guys. Thank you.

Ordinance No. 39-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 37-2025 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO THE CURRENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND SWIMSAFE POOL MANAGEMENT, INC.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 37-2025; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

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Ordinance No. 37-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 38-2025 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. FOR WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 38-2025; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

President Anderson: I just wanted to make one note is that I appreciate that Springdale continues to provide this service to residents. It's not something that all the communities do, and for those of us that have lived here most of our lives it's easy to forget that this is something that makes Springdale special. More communities are pushing these costs on to the residents directly. They may negotiate rates, but a lot of them get a Rumpke bill every month, but that's something that's included with your services here and I think it's important to note that when it happens. So, thank you for keeping this as part of our tax base.

Mayor Hawkins: I was just going to say along those lines you can't go and get these kinds of rates by yourself. We've had folks that have asked that question. So, we're fortunate to do what we're doing.

Ordinance No. 38-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 40-2025 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 40-2025. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 41-2025 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRE RECOVERY USA, LLC FOR BILLING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECOVERY OF MITIGATION FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE FOR EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE SPRINGDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 41-2025. Any questions or discussion this evening?

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Mr. Uhl: With these two ordinances, I just want to share that there are several neighboring agencies that do follow this practice as well. It does include Colerain Township, Springfield Township, Harrison, Liberty Township, and Butler County, and Glendale has been doing this for about six or seven years. Also, Chief Stanley will be here for the Proclamation at our next meeting on October 1st so if you have any other questions, he'll have some more details he can provide and probably be better to answer some of those questions as well.

Executive Session – Economic Development

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to go into Executive Session under Article II(D)(1) of the Springdale Charter to discuss Economic Development Issues. Mr. Vanover seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote to go into Executive Session. Council departed chambers at 7:33 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 8:32 p.m.

Old Business	-	None
New Business	-	None

Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Vanover: The Rental Committee will be meeting on October 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room in the back.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers on November 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Gleaves: The BZA meeting scheduled for the 23rd of this month has been cancelled.

Communications from the Audience	-	None
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Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Legislative Summary, Item I, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute an Addendum to the Current Agreement Between the City of Springdale and SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc. was addressed by Ordinance No. 37-2025, receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item II; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for Waste Collection and Recycling Services was addressed by Ordinance No. 38-2025, receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item III; An Ordinance Amending Section 153.252(F)(6)(c) and Creating Section 153.252(F)(6)(d) of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Regulating the Keeping of Bees in Residential Areas was addressed by Ordinance No. 39-2025, receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item IV; An Ordinance Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Springdale Fire Department was addressed by Ordinance No. 40-2025, receiving a first reading. Item V; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC for Billing Services Associated with the Recovery of Mitigation Fees Charged by the City of Springdale for Emergency and Non-Emergency Services Performed by the Springdale Fire Department was addressed by Ordinance No. 41-2025, also receiving a first reading.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Item VI A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor will be before Council at our October 1st meeting. And that's all I have unless Administration has anything else.

Adjournment

President Anderson: All that's left before us is Item 17.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Boggs
Acting Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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