

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on June 4, 2025.

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

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

The minutes of the May 21, 2025, meeting were considered. Mr. Vanover made a motion to accept the minutes; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. The minutes were approved with six affirmative votes and one abstention (Mrs. Webster).

Communications

President Anderson: Are there any communications for Council this evening?

Ms. Browder: We do have two liquor permits that the City has received. These are existing permits being transferred between entities or locations you're probably familiar with; Mi Cozumel, and then the other is related to the BF LLC going on Sheakley Way, which was a transfer from the P & G Restaurant Group out of Columbus.

President Anderson: Council, there's no vote or action on this; just if there's any concerns or questions, this is your opportunity to ask them. I'm sure if there were concerns from the Police Department, Administration would let us know.

Mr. Uhl: No concerns from Police.

President Anderson: Sounds like you can go ahead and file those without comment.

Ms. Browder: Thank you.

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 24-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO TO ADMINISTER A 2025 SMALL EVENT GRANT

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2025; Mr. Vanover seconded.

Ordinance No. 24-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 25-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN HEALTH ACCOUNTS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE RELATED TO THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Mayor Hawkins: Just for Council, again, this has been going on since 2010. These are the same percentages and contributions that the City's made since 2010. Just for a point of reference going back in time. It's been something that has worked well for the employees, and I think that they appreciate it. Thank you.

President Anderson: Council, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 26-2025

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE CENTURY BUSINESS PARK PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 865 EAST KEMPER ROAD

President Anderson: Council this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 26-2025. Keep in mind we will have a public hearing at our next meeting at the same time. Are there any questions or discussion this evening?

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: At Planning Commission we did talk about this at length, and I did want to bring up one thing in particular on this. Under Section 1(C), "There shall be a canopy system approved for the site for drop off/pick up, etc.". I want to specify something with this is that it will not be hanging over where the public will be driving. This is not going to be hanging out into any area outside of the sidewalk. It's going to be right in front of the entrance. It is something that we might end up going back and revisiting on the final or speak to Staff about to see exactly how that's going to work in that space. So, that piece, I just want to let you know that it's not a big canopy. It's very small, just to enter into the space canopy for the walkway.

President Anderson: So, a question with that in mind, should we be removing Section C and just relying on point A and B that have that as just a reference in the Planning Commission report? I'm just concerned that if we leave this in here it will require a canopy regardless of what Planning Commission says. And I'm seeing Mr. Braun nod his head "yes", so I think I've got it right.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I'd say if we're allowed to do it, I would like to make a motion.

Mr. Uhl: Just by way of clarification, as Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup stated, I guess there was some discussion at the Planning Commission meeting in the way the motion was written didn't necessarily specify the type of. Staff's recommendation is to not extend out into the parking lot because that would prevent and cause some obstruction to the vehicular traffic and the flow in the parking lot. So, it's up to Council as well to strike entirely or modify the language.

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Mr. Braun: If we do want to do what I'm hearing you want to do, I think we should modify it to be clear, because remember what you pass is what's going to be in effect. And it's slightly different than what was passed down below. So, the only thing I would remind Council of is you need a supermajority to pass it that way because if you accept it, simple majority. If you reject or modify it, super majority. I don't think that's going to be a problem because I think what we're really doing is clarifying what was the intent down below, but I just wanted to remind you of that requirement should you make that amendment. But I do think if you want to accomplish what Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup said, and I think it would be wise to do, you should have us amend that and bring it back in that form for a second reading.

President Anderson: So, by amend, do you mean strike "C", or amend "C" to reference whatever Planning approves.

Mr. Braun: Whatever you all as a Council decide you want to do is fine, whether it's amend or remove, but I think that revision should definitely be there just so that they don't run with it the way we worded it.

President Anderson: So, I guess that's a question back to Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup. Based on what you know with Planning.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: My question is still, I understand that the purpose of it that Ms. Fields was actually the one who had brought it up that she had wanted it in there was to break up across the front, and make it stand out as theirs. My question is, is it going to be more of a problem than a help if you have people who are coming in wheelchairs and different things, and you have an awning; half if it's still going to be coming down and so you have to think about loading and unloading their buses and things like that. I had concerns about that, but, basically, the canopy part was the only part that I was confused about. I personally would like to remove it if it doesn't serve a purpose in Planning other than design.

President Anderson: The only concern is if we strike it completely as opposed to clarifying, that will then force sending our vote after the public hearing next time to a super majority, which is fine if it's what we're trying to do is to address that canopy concern. I mean, it makes sense to me to strike it and leave it in as the covenants. I wonder thought if we could leave "C" in there and just amend it to say something like, "based on Planning's final approval", but that's duplicate from "A", so I would think we should strike it, but we can find out if you want to make a motion.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to make a motion to strike Section 1(C) from Ordinance No. 26-2025.

Mr. Jacobs: Second.

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President Anderson: We have a motion to amend Ordinance No. 26-2025 to strike Section 1(C) in its entirety. As Mr. Braun mentioned, if this is approved, the ordinance when it comes for a full vote next time will require a super majority. So, just keep that in mind. Is there deliberation available for amendment? So, at this point the floor is open for deliberation on the amendment if anyone has questions or concerns, this is your chance to ask questions or concerns about the proposed amendment. (none). Seeing none, Ms. Browder would you poll Council on the proposed amendment to strike Section 1(C) from Ordinance No. 26-2025.

Motion on proposed amendment to strike Section 1(C) from Ordinance No. 26-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Going forward, we will consider this Ordinance No. 26-2025 as amended. We will see this at our next Council meeting, and we will have a public hearing slated for that as well.

Ordinance No. 27-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH DONOVAN ENERGY FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

President Anderson: Council, you've heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 27-2025. Questions or discussion this evening? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Public Hearing

Resolution No. R13-2025

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

President Anderson: Next on our agenda is Resolution No. R13-2025. There's a public hearing attached to this as well. So, we'll handle this just like we did the other public hearing, where we had one inside of a second reading. So, we'll go ahead and read the resolution, I'll open the public hearing, we'll complete that, and then I'll ask Council if you want to proceed with the vote or not.

President Anderson: Council, Resolution No. R13-2025 requires a public hearing. So, at this point, I'm opening the public hearing related to Resolution No. R13-2025. If anyone would like to address Council related to this resolution, the floor is now open. You simply need to come forward to the podium, state your name and address, and speak to this issue. At this point, the floor is now open. (No discussion) At this point, I'm closing the public hearing related to Resolution No. R13-2025. Council, you've heard the reading, what is your pleasure?

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R13-2025; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

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Motion to adopt Resolution No. R13-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business – Zoning Code Revision Committee Appointment

President Anderson: We had one item already populated for Old Business, and that's the Zoning Code Revision Committee that we spoke on last meeting. How we'll handle this is as opposed to just me appointing a member from Council, what we'll do is we'll go ahead and open the floor for nominations just as we normally would for any other Committee appointment. So, we'll go through nominations. Once we have all the nominations, if there's more than one person nominated, then we simply we go by a name vote down the row, and whoever has the majority of votes will be Council's appointee to that position. Any questions about the process? Was that a question about the process Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup?

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I have a question. If someone is on Planning or BZA already and they're on Council, are they considered for nomination? I didn't know if it was since we do have people from Planning and people from BZA also, so I wanted to clarify that.

President Anderson: Yes. All seven members of Council are available to be nominated. That's certainly your prerogative to accept or not accept the nomination if you think it would be a conflict, but it's not a conflict so much as just additional experience that you would bring. So, anyone on Council would be eligible for it. And, again, the nominations are a standard process. It doesn't require a "second". You can nominate yourself. It just requires simply a name, and then you're in the pool for the Committee. Any other questions about the process?

Mayor Hawkins: I guess I just want to be clear, and I was at the BZA meeting. Mr. Gleaves had referenced it to those members as well. Is the ideal end goal within selecting representation from Council, Planning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals to only have one person versus two people?

President Anderson: One person from each Committee, and they'll represent that body. So, the idea is that that person would then respond back and reflect the views of the rest of that body and carry those issues forward so they can be a working group.

Mayor Hawkins: Okay. That's what I thought. I just wanted to make sure for clarity's sake.

President Anderson: Yes. But, if somebody were nominated by that other Board, they wouldn't be eligible to be also the Council appointee and then have two votes.

Mayor Hawkins: Right.

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President Anderson: So, we should clarify that. Has BZA and Planning already nominated a person. I thought they were both discussed it but haven't actually placed the nominee. So, the floor is wide open then at this point for anyone from Council that could be on that Committee. So, at this point we'll go ahead and do nominations for our Council's appointment to the Committee.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate David Gleaves to serve on the Committee.

Mrs. Webster: I was before him.

President Anderson: Go ahead Mr. Jacobs. I didn't hear you. There was cross speak.

Mr. Jacobs: Thank you. I'd like to nominate David Gleaves to serve on the Committee.

President Anderson: Are there other nominations?

Mr. Vanover: I'll throw in my hat, as I said at the previous meeting, into the ring, and continue to keep it there.

Mrs. Webster: As per your request from a couple of weeks ago, I have given this Committee appointment a lot of thought. Since I have the time, I would like to be appointed to this Committee. Because there's a lot of talk about how much time the Committee, how many meetings there will be, and all the working, I feel like I could do a good job there. I do not think the district Council people should be appointed to this Committee because of the upcoming elections. There is no guarantee that anybody is going to be back, and this Committee is supposed to go for a couple of years. As for the at-large Councilmembers, Mrs. McFarland is already on Planning Commission, and Mr. Gleaves is already on Board of Zoning. So, I guess by process of elimination, the new appointment should be me. I only have one Committee meeting and that meets just two or three times a year; it's the Finance Committee so we don't meet that often. Thank you for your consideration. And, before I go any further, Mr. Anderson, I had my light had it on for four people. I had it on before Meghan's, I had it on before Lawrence's, I had it on before Jacobs, and I had it on before Vanover's. And this is about the 16th time you've done that to me, and you will not do it again. You always go over me when I'm the last resort, and I don't like it, and it better not happen again. I'm tired of it.

President Anderson: We have three names currently for the pool of nominees. Are there any other nominations? Seeing none, there are three nominees for the Council appointment to the Zoning Code Revision Committee. The three names that are eligible are Mr. Gleaves, Mr. Vanover, and Mrs. Webster. So, as the process has been in the past for when there's multiple nominations, we'll simply go down the line and all you simply need to do to respond is the name that you're voting for to be appointed, and then whoever has the majority of votes will then be our appointment.

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Mrs. Webster: I have a question about your Executive Session at the last meeting. Somebody is supposed to be telling me what went on in the meeting, and I have yet to hear about it.

President Anderson: So, right now we're dealing with Committee appointments.

Mrs. Webster: Okay, well I just want to make sure you don't forget me.

President Anderson: Okay, so we're voting for the Zoning Code and Revision Committee appointment currently. There are three names eligible. Mr. Gleaves, Mr. Vanover, and Mrs. Webster, so Ms. Browder will then go down and poll Council, and you simply need to respond with the name that you want to vote for.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Mr. Gleaves.

Mr. Gleaves: Mr. Gleaves.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Gleaves.

Mr. Vanover: Mr. Vanover.

Mrs. Webster: Mrs. Webster.

Ms. McFarland: Mr. Gleaves.

President Anderson: Mr. Vanover. So, with four votes, Mr. Gleaves is our appointment to the Zoning Revision Committee. Mr. Gleaves, when we get the additional names, we'll go ahead and do kickoff and we can talk about the process and, again, Mr. Braun and Administration will be able to. Being on that Committee is going to make up people both from Council, and then residents, most likely residents from Planning and BZA just know some of the process they'll need some help with. So, we'll be looking for you to take a leadership role with that. Just to address the question from Mrs. Webster that happened during the Committee appointments, in terms of getting caught up from Executive Session, we can take that offline. That's something that's usually done at the request of the person who's absent, so we can talk about that after the meeting if you'd like or find another time. We don't usually discuss Executive Session or the process of that in the public meetings.

New Business

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None

Meetings and Announcements

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers on June 10th, next Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m., and we also have our first concert coming up in the park next week on Thursday the 12th; it's The Remains. Thanks.

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Ms. Morgan: The Civil Service Commission will meet tomorrow, June 5th at 2:00 p.m. adjacent to these chambers.

Mr. Gleaves: The Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to meet this month, the 24th of June at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers. I'm not sure if we're going to have training that has been tentatively scheduled. I had heard that it's possibly pushed back to July. Mr. Braun, do you know where we're at with that?

Mr. Braun: It's my understanding that it is going to be in July. Mr. Uhl, do you know that? Or Ms. Morgan? Is it your understanding that Ms. Hays is going to be out in June for the training for BZA and is going to be in July? I'll get back to you and clarify, but it was my understanding that she had requested that be done at your meeting in July, so I'll confirm that.

Mr. Gleaves: Thank you.

Mr. Vanover: Just while we're in meetings and announcements, clarify the meeting day and time for next month, our regular Council meeting because we're moving into the summer schedule.

President Anderson: Yes, that's a good reminder. So, we still have our regular June meeting that's coming up, June 18th, and then after that, we will have a July 2nd meeting, which is the one that's usually cancelled for summer schedule, but that's where we switched, so, our next two meetings are going to be June 18th, at 7:00 p.m. here, and then July 2nd. The July 16th meeting is cancelled, and then the meeting after that would then be August 20th. Just for Council to keep in mind if there's ordinances that are required, especially if they require two readings, just keep in mind the timing that there's going to be a big gap after that first meeting in July until the meeting in August that we have. So, if you have things that you want to bring forward, make sure that you're accounting for that.

Communications from the Audience

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None

President Anderson: And just for the record, if we could just record that Mrs. Webster has left the meeting or is leaving the podium and walking out. Just so we have that in the record.

Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: As you review your Legislative Summary, Item I was addressed by Ordinance No. 24-2025 receiving a second reading; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into a Funding Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio to Administer a 2025 Small Event Grant. That passed with seven affirmative votes. Item II was addressed by Resolution No. R13-2025; A Resolution Adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Springdale for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2026, Through December 31, 2026. That passed with seven

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): affirmative votes. Item III was addressed by Ordinance No. 25-2025; An Ordinance Authorizing Contributions to Certain Health Accounts of Employees of the City of Springdale Related to the City's Health Insurance Plan. That received a first reading. Item IV was addressed by Ordinance No. 26-2025 receiving a first reading; An Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Century Business Park Planned Unit Development for the Property Located at 865 East Kemper Road. That received a first reading, and we did strike Section C of that ordinance. Item V was addressed by Ordinance No. 27-2025 receiving a first reading; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Donovan Energy, LLC for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Design Services for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the City of Springdale. Council also voted to appoint Mr. Gleaves to serve on the Zoning Code Revision Committee. Unless there's something else from Administration, that's all I have.

President Anderson: That covered (Items) 12 and 13?

Mr. Jacobs: Yes.

Adjournment

President Anderson: Then all we have left before us is Item 14.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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