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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on November 19, 2025.

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

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup provided the Invocation.

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

President Anderson: Ms. McFarland notified us that they've got a number of illnesses running through their household, so we wish her and her family health quickly.

The minutes of the November 5, 2025, meeting were considered. Mr. Vanover made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. The minutes were approved with six affirmative votes. (Ms. McFarland was absent)

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Good evening. The Springdale Civil Service Commission met on November 6th in the Springdale Municipal Building and the meeting was called to order by myself. Members of the Commission were all in attendance. Also were Assistant City Administrator, Stephanie Morgan, along with Human Resources Administrator, Renetta Edwards. There were a few items on the agenda that we wanted to have discussion on and complete and first of all was the Finance Account Clerk I hiring process. And, that process, at this point was 28 applicants had applied for the Finance Account Clerk I position prior to the October 31st closing date of the posting, so that particular position is moving forward and may very well be looking to fill it shortly. Is that right Stephanie? Okay. The Public Works Maintenance Worker position; the candidates are in the background process there, so, again, that position is moving forward as well. Lastly, the Police Clerk Hiring position, there were 87 total applicants for the Police Clerk Hiring position. Elimination of the applicants will occur based on the qualifications prior to determining applicants for interviews. In other words, not 87 people are going to get interviewed, so, again, due to waiving the testing, we will be looking at qualifications within the process. That completes my report. Any questions? (None)

Rules and Laws

Mr. Jacobs - No report

Finance Committee

Mr. Vanover: The General Fund beginning balance for October 1, 2025, was \$7,872,913.00. Our revenues for October were \$1,798,081.00. Expenditures totaled \$2,520,012.00, giving us an ending balance on the General Fund of \$7,150,982.00. That would conclude my report.

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Planning Commission

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission met on November 11th and we had all members in attendance. Our first person was Full Throttle. It was for a Minor Modification at 11725 Commons Drive. What they were asking for was to have black accents on the side of the building that would actually blend with other area and they also wanted an awning that had red underlighting so that the awning would look like a lit up red, and so that was approved 7-0 with saying that they needed to work with the City to make sure that the colors were approved. And then we had SCP Building 4 at 1125 Strategic Parkway. It's the old GE Park for those of you who know. It was a Minor Modification. The building is south of Sleep Number. It's in the bottom corner and they wanted to request a Minor Modification to allow fencing. It would not be visible because where it was it was lower and it's not visible from the right-of-way, so it was voted "yes" 7-0. Kroger came with Wastewater Treatment Tanks at 11801 Chesterdale Road. They had already been through BZA as we heard last month's report, and so what they were wanting when they came to us for was relief from Section 153.253(E)(20) of the Zoning Code which requires materials of accessory structures to be complementary with the main building and the tanks will be painted to match the building and staff will work with Kroger to make sure that it is good. That passed with a 7-0 vote. That is everything that I have unless you have any questions.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Gleaves: I want to make clear I did not give this report last meeting, so I'm going to give it now.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Sorry. I knew it happened last meeting. I'm so sorry.

Mr. Gleaves: Okay. The Board of Zoning Appeals met on October 28th. Training was conducted by our Law Director, Joe Braun, at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting started at 7:00 p.m. There was one absence. Kroger had four variances at 11801 Chesterdale Road. The property owner was requesting the following four variances from the Springdale Zoning code in conjunction with the installation of a wastewater treatment system. Variance number one was to allow detached accessory buildings in the front yard where they are only permitted in the rear yard per Section 153.253(E)(20)(b). Variance number two was to allow for more than one accessory structure where there is only one permitted per Section 153.253(E). Variance number three was to allow for an accessory structure to be 5,000 square feet where 750 square feet is the maximum permitted per Section 153.253(E)(20)(c). Variance number four was to allow an accessory building to be 40' in height where 16' is the maximum height permitted per Table 253-2. All four variances were approved by 6-0 vote with two conditions. Condition number one; vertical landscaping to be surrounding the structure along the east, west, and north side. The plans should be submitted to Staff for review and approval. Number two; all lots owned by Kroger are to be consolidated. That's my report. If there's any questions, please feel free.

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Board of Health

President Anderson: Ms. McFarland is out, so I believe Mayor Hawkins has the report.

Mayor Hawkins: Pinch hitting for Ms. McFarland. Board of Health met on November 13th. We did have a quorum despite having two members absent. We had three resolutions that were approved. Board of Health Regulation R1-2025; A Regulation of the Springdale Board of Health Amending Board of Health Regulation R1-2024 Which Established Fees for Food Service Operations, Retail Food Establishments, Vending Machine Locations, Temporary Food Operations, and Mobile Food Operations Within the City of Springdale; and Established Fees for Food Service Operation and Retail Food Establishment Plan Reviews and that passed unanimously. We also had Board of Health Regulation R2-2025; A Regulation of the Springdale Board of Health Amending Board of Health Regulation R2-2024 to Establish Fees for Individual Public Swimming Pools, Individual Public Spas, Individual Special Use Pools, Additional Individual Public Swimming Pools at the Same Location, and Government/Tax Supported Swimming Pools. That also passed with a unanimous vote. And third, we had Springdale Board of Health Regulation R3-2025; A Regulation of the Springdale Board of Health Establishing Fees for Hotels and Motels Within the City of Springdale, Amending Section 4.0 of the Springdale BOH Regulation R3-2024. We also had a report with regard to some things that are in the works. QuikTrip at 55 Progress Place; plans have been approved and construction is pending. Smoothie King at 80 West Kemper; plans approved, construction pending. Firehouse Subs, Princeton Plaza coming back to us; plans approved, construction pending. And Family Diaz Butcher Shop in Princeton Plaza; plans approved and pending payment. We also recognized Rosie Davis as the Employee of the Month for November who is one of our student interns. That concludes my report, unless there are any questions, which, if you ask any, I'm going to hold those over for Ms. McFarland.

President Anderson: I will say, "Thank you" for filling in so admirably. It sounds like there's a lot going on in the City and the Board of Health is pitching in, so thank you. I don't see any other questions, so I think you're off the hook.

Capital Improvements Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup - No report

O-K-I

President Anderson: OKI Executive Board did meet on November 13th. Just two updates from that meeting that might be interesting to people on Council and to the public. In case you start hearing about House Bill 445, it's being worked on through committees right now and it's aimed to change the way that MPO's (Metropolitan Planning Organization) operate. MPO's, if you may recall, are things like OKI, these special purpose multiple jurisdiction planning organizations. This is how money gets down to the local level. Columbus is looking at making changes to how MPO's can work in Ohio. Just note that as it's currently written, there's no effect expected for how

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President Anderson (continued): our MPO will work, which is good because OKI is one of those boards that just gets things done around here. The work that they're doing is primarily targeted at Cleveland and Columbus' MPO's that are struggling to work as effectively as ours does. The other update we got was we got updates on transportation needs assessments that were done for elderly and disabled in our region. I thought it was interesting because they were able to get over 3,300 surveys; 2,000 from Hamilton County alone where people were describing their preferences. These are households that rely largely on public transportation and services like, and services related to that. So, it was good to get that feedback from the community directly so as we do planning for grants, it's going to be things that people actually want and would use. But I thought the number of surveys was admirable and worth mentioning. The last thing we talked about that is worth mentioning is the climate pollution reduction grant that was given to OKI a year and a half ago, I think. We got results from that survey. It's the first time that emissions inventory was done for our region. So, we talked about greenhouse gases and where they come from, so rather than guessing, there was a full inventory done and it was interesting to learn that industrial store; number one polluter; nine to 11 million metric tons per year. Second only is residential emissions, so this is like HVAC, heating, things like that. That came in at about eight million tons a year. The reason I mention it is because one of the other stats they included on that was tree canopy, which negates carbon and these greenhouse gases. In our region, our tree canopies account for about 3.1 million in reduction and negative for greenhouse gases. So, it's still a small percentage of the work, but if you think about things that Springdale does for like being a tree city and our tree planting programs, these things have a measurable impact, and we should continue to encourage them as they make a difference in our Community. That's it for the OKI update, unless there's any questions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: A few things going on in the City since the October report, so, first off, we had Slick City Ribbon Cutting on October 28th. I tried out the slides; they were wonderful. They have food, basketball, dodge ball, video games, the ability to host parties. They also are a great Community Partner as they made a donation to the Princeton Closet right off the rip. We had the Wawa Ribbon Cutting on November 7th. Much anticipated opening. Great crowd. There was a line around the building before they even opened up. That's what free coffee will get you, right? There was a hoagie sub making contest between our Police Department and our Fire Department. The Police Department did win. There was a lot of lettuce flying during that contest. We also had the Princeton High School cheerleaders present and participating in that. So that was a wonderful event. We had the Spooky Boo Bash at the Rec Center on October 25th. Elizabeth Johnson did an amazing job on this event. Also, a big thank you to Princeton Key Club who came out, and they were the volunteers for most of the booths that were set up. There were around a dozen or so booths. They were very creative. They had "pin the spider on the web", a spooky ring toss. Skeleton plinko. Ghost bowling, and a pumpkin launcher to name a few. There was a costume contest. Incredible costumes. My favorite was probably the escaped patient from the mental asylum with bandages and oozing sores. Very, very cool. We also had the Sam's Fuel Station Grand

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): Opening event on November 11th as well. Again, a very generous Community Partner as they made donations of \$2,500 to our Police Department, Fire Department, as well as for our Veteran's Memorial and it was very, very kind of them. In terms of the Veteran's Memorial, we had on Veteran's Day our normal celebration and Major David Mast was present. He was our guest speaker and assisted in laying the wreath. We had the third graders from Springdale Elementary come out and sing and they braved the cold weather and hung in there for that as well. There have been increasing concerns, not just in our Community, but around the State, around the country regarding people that are in need, specifically with regard to food with some things that have gone on, and higher government. There was a portable food pantry containing a box of food placed on City property that had been removed by the City. The thought was very generous and kind, good intentions and thoughtful, but the item did have to be removed. There are a number of reasons; I'm not going to go into all of them, but some of it goes into we can't have anything placed on City property without permission, and then from a liability standpoint in speaking with Mr. Braun, confirming that the City can't directly or indirectly endorse anything like that because the City then puts itself in a position of liability. That said, the act was kind, but not something that we can go forward with. We're fortunate to have a Health Department and we have a number of different resources that folks can come and access, either in person, or via telephone, you can call up, and we can set folks up with resources regarding food, clothing, shelter, mental health, medical health, whatever. We've got a wide range that we can assist folks with. So, we've got our Health Department staff ready and waiting to help and we suggest if people have issues or concerns, please come in or call in and they will take care of you. That's it. I want to announce and commend our City Administrator, Brian Uhl, who recently had a new accomplishment as he received the International City/County Management Association Credentialed Manager Candidate designation. So, congratulations for that. And, last but not least, we have received our Certificate stating that we, Springdale, are an official America 250 Ohio Community Partner. And complete with a flag as well that we will be able to display. So, with that, that concludes my report, unless there's any questions.

President Anderson: Just one minor housekeeping question. The container that was removed. If the person that put it out there wanted to reclaim it, do you know if it was stored somewhere or if it was destroyed?

Mr. Uhl: Our Parks Department has that. Just reach out to Administration tomorrow and then we can make sure it gets back.

President Anderson: Understand the reasons. It's unfortunate, but just in case they want it. I remember seeing a picture of it somewhere and it looked like a nice container. I'd hate to see it destroyed.

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Administrator's Report

Mr. Uhl: I have a couple of things, as does Ms. Morgan. Just a quick update on our Finance Officer/Tax Commissioner position. We are still looking for a potential candidate. The person that we had in our background stage we decided to move on from that individual. Our HVAC controls and LED lighting project continues with a few minor things that need to be done still this month, and then a couple of punch list items, but we're hoping this project and lifts, etc., can move on here sooner than later. Not to steal Mr. Riggs' thunder if he has this on his agenda, but speaking with Mr. McKinney the other day with Public Works, the Northland Boulevard project, if they haven't already, I know they're going to be opening both lanes of travel, so that should be happening soon if it hasn't yet. They're not quite done with it, but they're done with it for the season for now, and we'll hopefully be wrapping up sometime the first half of next year. Lastly, we're currently involved in union negotiations with the Police Department. The two unions right down there, and we hope to have contracts here settled in the next couple of weeks and we'll be bringing legislation before Council to get those situated. And Ms. Morgan.

Ms. Morgan: Thank you, sir. I just wanted to pass along an update regarding the Tax Department partnership with RITA. We have been having weekly meetings with the RITA team and remain on target for January 2026 start. We've had two extracts of data from our existing software so far with one pending, and our database with RITA is currently under construction. Welcome letters will be going out to all taxpayers, all residents and businesses. Those will be in the mail in early December coming from RITA, and we will also be posting information to the City's website here in the very near future. We also had a newsletter article in the most recent addition that went out into the homes last week. So, much has been happening in the background, but happy to report that all is progressing well and according to schedule. Thank you.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun: Tonight, I just wanted to report to Council that on November 12th, I met with Councilmember-elect Thompson and Councilmember-elect Hall, along with other members of City Administration and we have conducted their new Councilmember training, and I can report I think they are ready to serve. Subject to them reaching back out to us, which we would expect some, we're ready to go, so we will be able to be on time for your organizational meeting. That concludes my report.

President Anderson: Great. Thank you for that and I will say again also thank you to Administration. I sat in on most of that meeting. It's very informative and if anyone needs a refresher, I know the Law Director has some documents with updates on our rules and just nicely done binders of rules and conduct and things like that if you're interested. I encourage you to reach out and get a copy if you don't have one. They look something like that. But they are handy references.

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Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: Thank you. So, the Northland Boulevard Project is close to wrapping up as Brian mentioned. The contractor did put out the final asphalt surface and pavement markings down. They're working on a few things like the traffic signal stuff, but that hopefully will be completed in the next few weeks. So, the full lane closures will be removed. So, all lanes will be reopened, but there will be some spot closures for the contractor to continue work inside the median and that will probably continue through the spring. But it's close to wrapping up. So, the headache is about to go away. The East Kemper Improvement Phase I Project. We had 90% Plan Review meeting with Public Works on October 23rd. We're in the process of finalizing the plans. And we're looking to bid on that in January. The Kemper/Northland Intersection Realignment-Kemper Road Shared Use Path Project, which I just refer to as Northland Phase II; we performed a feasibility study and ODOT just approved that on Tuesday this week, on the 17th. The Stage III Design Fee Proposal, basically, the final engineering proposal that's going to be discussed later on this evening, and the project, the schedule is tentatively scheduled to be bid in April 2027 with construction completed in July 2028. Last but not least is the Springdale Industrial Park Concrete Repairs and Catch Basins Reconstruction Project. The contractor finished removing the railroad crossing. They're going to continue work in the spring and hopefully be completed early in the spring with the rest of the remaining concrete work. That's all I had.

Zoning Code Revision Committee

Mr. Gleaves: The Zoning Code Revision Committee convened on November 17th with participation from City staff, representatives from McBride Dale Clarion, and members of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission. The committee continued to review the potential zoning code amendments focusing on areas such as accessory structures, lighting and signage. McBride Dale Clarion will now incorporate the committee's feedback and begin drafting proposed code updates. That's all I have. Are there any questions?

President Anderson: I don't see any, although I will say it is timely. I'm seeing other communities are starting to get in on this as well. A nearby community just recently had a township had a bulk of their zoning code thrown out by the electorate and they have to start from scratch. So, I'm glad that we're being proactive and getting updates done the way that we are. So, thank you for your work.

Mr. Gleaves: It's helped a lot that we've gone every week. But we're going to take a break, but I'll report that break later.

President Anderson: Alright.

Communications

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None

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Communications from the Audience

Ms. Demus: Frieda Demus, 595 Observatory Drive. Mayor, Council, I wanted to thank you for the help you gave me. I came to the Council last month with a concern and you were very generous in explaining to me what the parameters were, and that the problem would be looked at and it pretty much has been resolved. I was a little concerned about the relationship factor, but it has not been an issue. Keenan (Riordan) also responded like within the very next day. He came out with a representative from the Maintenance Department, Housing, maybe I've got my departments wrong, and then also an interpreter and that was taken care of, but I especially wanted to thank Mr. Gleaves and Mr. Jacobs because they responded so very quickly, and I appreciate your help and to be quite frank, I was extremely satisfied with the quick response and the way that you handled it, so I do appreciate it. Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you for coming in.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 44-2025 (Second Reading)

AUTHORIZING A PRELIMINARY ORDINANCE WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR BRIDGE SIZE CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE ROUTE 747 AND INTERSTATE 275 WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 44-2025; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 44-2025 passes with six affirmative votes. (Ms. McFarland absent)

Ordinance No. 45-2025 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING TAXATION

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 45-2025; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 45-2025 passes with six affirmative votes. (Ms. McFarland absent)

Ordinance No. 46-2025 (First Reading with Emergency)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VERDANTAS FOR FINAL DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR THE NORTHLAND BOULEVARD AND KEMPER ROAD INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS AND SHARED USE PATH PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 46-2025; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

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Ordinance No. 46-2025 passes with six affirmative votes. (Ms. McFarland absent)

Resolution No. R19-2025

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO PURSUANT TO SECTION 9.64 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R19-2025; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

President Anderson: I presume this means we'll start getting even more emails about the cybersecurity training in our City mailbox?

Resolution No. R19-2025 passes with six affirmative votes. (Ms. McFarland absent)

Old Business - None

President Anderson: Before I get to other people in Old Business, I just wanted to mention that I meant to put on the agenda we had an item that was carried over from our last meeting. The resolution of a letter to send up the chain regarding occupancy limits and the challenges we have doing that. We had talked about having that tonight. It's still under development, which is why you didn't see it on the agenda, but it should have had a placeholder here, which is why I'm bringing it up now, so just know that we will still see that resolution probably at our next meeting.

New Business - None

Meetings and Announcements

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9th.

Mr. Gleaves: Board of Zoning Appeals, November 18th meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16th, and the Zoning Code Revision Committee will be meeting on December 8th.

Mayor Hawkins: We will have the time capsule sealing on December 1st here at the Municipal Building in the atrium. We will be joined by the fifth graders from Springdale Elementary, and we'll have the tree lighting on December 2nd here at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Legislative Summary, Item I; Authorizing a Preliminary Ordinance with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for Bridge Size Culvert Improvements at State Route 747 and Interstate 275 within the City of Springdale was addressed by Ordinance No. 44-2025 receiving a second reading and six affirmative votes. Item II; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 94 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Regulating Taxation was addressed by Ordinance No. 45-2025 receiving six affirmative votes. Item III; A Resolution Adopting a Cybersecurity Program for the City of Springdale, Ohio Pursuant to Section 9.64 of the Ohio Revised Code was addressed by Resolution No. R19-2025 also receiving six affirmative votes. Item IV; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Verdantas for Final Design Engineering for the Northland Boulevard and Kemper Road Intersection Modifications and Shared Use Path Project and Declaring an Emergency was addressed by Ordinance No. 46-2025 also receiving six affirmative votes.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Item V; A Resolution of the City of Springdale, Ohio Supporting Action to be Taken by the Ohio Legislature to Address and Limit the Overpopulation of Commercial Rental Properties Locating in Single Family Zoned Neighborhoods will come before Council at our next meeting on December 3rd. Item VI; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Plattenburg & Associates Inc. for Professional Accounting Services for the Audit of the City of Springdale for the Years Ending 2025 Through 2029 will also receive a first reading at our next meeting on December 3rd. That's all I have unless there's anything else from the Administration.

President Anderson: I will add to, Council you did have a memo that was left in your mailboxes that outlines a number of committee appointments that will be coming up in our December 3rd meeting, so, just know that we'll probably have some additional resolutions on December 3rd, including four of them for resident appointments; one for charter, one for Civil Service, one for Tax Review Board, one for BZA, and then there's 11 Council appointments that require Council appointments and our votes that will also be on our agenda for December 3rd. So, not our special meeting, but in the December 3rd meeting. And you can refer to your memo on the details for those. Any other business that anyone else would like to bring forward related to legislation?

Outgoing Officials Recognition

President Anderson: The last thing that we have on our agenda before adjournment is something that we haven't done in the past, that I think is a good thing for us to do, and that's recognizing outgoing officials. The results of elections can be hard or exciting depending on who you are and where you are on the ballots, but we

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President Anderson (continued): should take a moment to pause and recognize the officials either by choice or by the election are leaving dais after years of service, so, we added this as our last meeting with some of these representatives on the dais to officially recognize them while they're here with us to receive the commendations. Council, we will still have our normal resolutions that we do officially commending them in our December meeting with the new Council, but as an outgoing Council of peers, both Administration and I thought it was important that we do this to recognize their work. So, tonight, we want to recognize Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup and Mr. Vanover for their years of service and I believe Mayor Hawkins has some comments that he wants to make related to that and there will be an opportunity for anyone else on Council that wants to say anything, you'll have that opportunity as well.

Mayor Hawkins: What about the second Communication?

President Anderson: Yes. Before we do that. Thank you for catching me on that. And thank you for letting me know. I skipped right past that. I had my sheet over it. Let's go back to Communications from the Audience. There was an opportunity that you still have to speak to Council on any matter that you would like. Simply come forward to the podium, state your name and address and you have up to five minutes to address Council. Sorry, Ms. Vanover, I should have caught that. Thank you for speaking up.

Communications from the Audience

Mrs. Vanover: My name is Donna Vanover. I'm at 11982 Tavel Court in Heritage Hill. I would like to thank Councilwoman McFarland, and Councilwoman Webster on their respect given to my husband, Tom Vanover, during the recent election process. Tom has served these last 32 years with honesty and respect of our neighbors, contrary to other sitting Councilmembers, when it was stated that their goal was to remove him during this election, which was very disheartening to both of us. There's no shame in losing a seat on Council when all is above board. But, when that is not what went on, it will be discouraging others in running for seats in the future. I pray that our neighborhoods will continue with the improvements that my husband has already started.

Mrs. Webster: Excuse me, are we allowed to do our proclamations now, or do we have to wait for Lawrence (Hawkins)?

President Anderson: If you're referring to outgoing recognition, let's save that until after we finish Communications from the Audience.

Mrs. Webster: So, I wait for awhile?

President Anderson: Unless you wanted to address Ms. Vanover's comments.

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Mrs. Webster: I'll do it from here.

President Anderson: Okay, we'll come back to you.

Outgoing Officials Recognition

President Anderson: As I mentioned before, it is no small feat to spend time on this dais. There's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that people don't see, and I truly, for myself, appreciate Mr. Vanover's and Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup's time and attention throughout the Community and on all the committees that they've worked on. I believe Mayor Hawkins had some comments to make, so I'll turn to him first.

Proclamation – Meghan Sullivan-Wisecup

Mayor Hawkins: As indicated, it's important to make sure we give flowers to folks while they're here. So, first off, with regard to Ms. Meghan Marie Sullivan-Wisecup, I have a proclamation.

Mayor Hawkins read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup. (applause and standing ovation followed)

Mayor Hawkins: In addition to that just briefly, you served the City well and the City is better for your time and service. We've sat through a number of years on Planning Commission, BZA, City Council, and we've seen some "sheddy" things together in meetings. It will be odd to look down the dais and not see your face there. Over the years, we have shared many a look and have been able to communicate with one another without saying a word on the dais. You are responsible for the one time when I completely lost my composure on the dais and laughed uncontrollably like an eight-year-old child. We were in a meeting; I can't remember if it was Planning Commission or BZA.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning.

Mayor Hawkins: Planning, and Meghan was commenting on something and she said, "That looks like "shed". S-H-E-D. And, I thought she said something else, and I laughed uncontrollably for about five to eight minutes until Liz, who was taking our minutes, leaned over and said, "She said "shed". I said, "Oh, okay." Because I'm looking at everyone else thinking, "What is wrong with you? Did you hear what she just said?" On behalf of the City, we thank you and you'll be missed and it will not be the same not seeing you on the dais.

President Anderson: Thank you Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup for your time here. I believe Mayor Hawkins, you still have the floor.

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Proclamation – Thomas Vanover

Mayor Hawkins read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Vanover. (Applause and standing ovation)

Mayor Hawkins: Now there's one other thing on behalf of this Council and prior Councils, Administration and myself. (Mayor Hawkins presented Mr. Vanover with a plaque which included a gavel) (applause)

Ms. Webster: We have been friends of the Vanover family for 40 years. In fact, I think I'm the one responsible for him being here a long time ago. I'm very sorry to have him leave this dais, but I feel the sorriest for the City of Springdale. Tom is very knowledgeable about the workings of the City. Having served on the Board of Health, some of this will be repetition Mayor Hawkins. I didn't know you were going to do it all. The Board of Health, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Finance Committee, Rules and Laws, Rental Committee, President of Council and a couple of others I'm sure I've missed. Tom Vanover is the ultimate professional. Even when a member of this dais had an issue with a member of Council, Tom handled the matter with dignity and professionalism. Best of luck in the future, Tom and Donna. Thank you for your service and dedication to the City of Springdale. Thank you.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Tom, I talked to you before the meeting, you already know. I've known Tom since I was about six years old. He lived right next to my best friend and when I got to be on Council, he was absolutely invaluable to me. Especially those first few years, I called on a daily basis, "What am I doing? What do I do? How do I look like I know what I'm doing?", and thank you. Your honesty, your integrity; it's always been number one with me, and you know that. I appreciate you.

Mayor Hawkins: You left the City better than when you found it. Which is the goal for all of us, right? We go back 22 years to 2003 when I was first on Planning Commission and so you literally have been on the dais with me since the first time, I sat up here in some capacity. You've always conducted yourself professionally in your duties. When I started on Planning Commission, you, along with two other people, Steve Galster and Dave Okum, were role models for me. And, no one said, "Watch these guys", but you sit and you watch and you learn what to do and what not to do and so you three were folks that I watched and you figure out how to make a motion, you figure out how to do reports on Council, how to do reports on Planning, you figure out what is pertinent information to ask about and look for and so I appreciate that personally for the role that you played for me going through that. You will be missed, and, as you would say, "A tip of the cap".

Mr. Uhl: To both of you, thank you very, very much for welcoming me in 2020 when I joined the City and I have very much appreciated the conversations, and, more importantly, the friendships we've established over the years, and I appreciate the time that we spent together up here on the dais, but also in various committees and you guys have been fantastic for the City and, again, continue to provide a great

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Mr. Uhl (continued): foundation for the City to continue move forward. So, thank you very much for your service. You will be missed and please stop in and see us.

Ms. Browder (speaking on behalf of Ms. McFarland): Mr. President, we did have some comments from Ms. McFarland that she wanted us to read. I don't know if you received that note. I do have it here. She had preferred that I take care of that for her this evening if that's okay.

President Anderson: Sorry, there's no light for you on here, so we're still in Item 16.

Ms. Browder: Her intent was to have a message for each of you, Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup and Mr. Vanover, so I'll read that for you now and this is written from Ms. McFarland, Councilmember, who was ill this evening and unable to attend.

I am so sorry I am not able to be there tonight to serve with you both one more time.

For Mr. Vanover: You have served on Council since I was a kid. As kids, we looked up to the leaders who were taking care of our City. I never imagined I would have the opportunity to sit on the dais and serve with you. Thank you for your support as I began my term two years ago. Thank you for offering continued support as you step away into a well-deserved full retirement. And, of course, thank you for your service to the City.

I also need to say a quick "thank you" to your wife Donna who always checked in on my kids during some of those long meetings and to one of the ones who always made sure my kids had candy.

For Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Meghan, I have known you since I was a kid too, Chris' little sister. As one of the big kids, I always looked up to you. I can't begin to thank you for your support over the last several years. Both personal and professionally, you have rallied with me through some of the best and worst times. I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve with you. It won't be quite the same without you. I hope this new found time will allow you to focus on yourself and get some much-deserved rest. Don't forget, you will always be known as the Honorable Megan Sullivan-Wisecup.

To everyone else: cover your coughs, wash your hands and stay healthy.

President Anderson: Thank you for those comments, Ms. McFarland and Ms. Browder for passing them along.

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Adjournment

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

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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