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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on October 15, 2025.

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, Sullivan-Wisecup, Vanover and Webster were present.

The minutes of the October 1, 2025, meeting were considered. Mr. Vanover made a motion to accept the minutes; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Before we get to Committee and Official Reports, I just wanted to give note to Council. In our meeting last time, we had mentioned that there was going to be a presentation from KZF at tonight's meeting. It wasn't put on the agenda specifically but just note that we'll get to that presentation during number seven "Communications" to Council, so that's when we'll have that presentation we talked about last meeting.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Good Evening Council. The Springdale Civil Service Commission met on October 2nd, 2025, in the Springdale Municipal Building. Members of the Commission in attendance were Mrs. Kathy McNear, Mr. James Dunigan, Assistant City Administrator, Stephanie Morgan, and Human Resources Administrator Renetta Edwards, along with myself, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Robert Coleman. Referencing reports to the Commission, Ms. Edwards reported that Taryn Radford was promoted to the position of Finance Account Clerk II. And this is important because it started a chain of events as a result of her getting promoted, which therefore left vacancies which then caused us to take a look at our hiring position. So, as a result of the promotion of Ms. Radford to the Finance Clerk II position, an Account Clerk I vacancy followed, and due to this situation, a new hiring timeline was presented to fill this vacancy. Mr. Dunigan made a motion to approve the timeline as requested and it was seconded by Mrs. McNear, and that motion passed 3-0. Next up, a new hiring timeline for a Police Clerk vacancy was presented for approval by the Commission and, again, this was a result of a recent vacancy within the Police Department. Mr. Dunigan made the motion to approve this timeline, and Mrs. McNear seconded the motion and that motion passed 3-0 as well. Lastly, a request from Administration was presented to waive the civil service testing requirement for the Police Clerk position. That was necessary in order to make sure that the individual had the required skills and qualifications necessary for the position. It was thought that the testing would slow the process down and may not produce the quality candidate that we were looking for, so Mr. Dunigan made a motion to waive the testing requirement. Mrs. McNear seconded,

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Mr. Coleman (continued): and the motion passed 3-0. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6th at 2:00 p.m. That concludes my report.

Rules and Laws

Mr. Jacobs

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No report

Finance Committee

Mr. Vanover: General Fund beginning balance as of September 1, was \$7,686,383.00. The revenues for September were \$1,899,838.00. The expenditures for September were \$1,713,308.00, thus giving us a General Fund Ending Balance of \$7,872,913.00. That would conclude my report.

Planning Commission

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: We had Beyond Hello from 12140 Springfield Pike come. They were coming for a minor modification. It was for buffers, landscaping on the north and east side. They wanted to cut it down to zero, and we told them that they needed to work with the City about getting more vertical so that it breaks up some of the brick on the side of that building because it is going to be quite a large building on site, so they will be getting with the staff from the City and approving what will be planted over there. That is everything that I had unless Ms. McFarland had anything or any questions. That did pass with a 7-0 vote. Sorry.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Gleaves

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No report

Board of Health

Ms. McFarland: The Board of Health met last Thursday, October 9th. It started with the Commissioner's Report. We did have an update on the Wawa opening date which I think we all know now is November 7th. Slick City did open on the 10th which was this past Friday. We did have our second reading and Public Hearing for Regulation R1-2025, R2-2025, and R3-2025, which are our license fees for food operations, public pools and spas, and hotels and motels. We will have our third reading and pass those or vote on those at our next meeting in November. We did recognize several months of employee of the month from the Health Department including Charles Noble, Marley Broenner, Pushkar Bhatia, Emily Butcher, and Becky Carassco. The Commissioner did present some information to us regarding the recent Executive Order from Governor DeWine regarding the hemp 8 products that are being removed from locations around the State. They are being mistaken for candy and given to children. So, that is something that I definitely would advise you to go check out. It's not something you want your kids to get their hands on. So, the last thing we had was our Nurse's Report. We did have no Narcan uses in September. We had our vaccine clinic for the month with 19 people and 55 vaccines given. We had three new referrals for home visits. Our Blood Pressure Clinic had 42 of our seniors. And then we did have an update on the Health Fair which was held at the Rec Center and was very well attended. Our next meeting is November 13th.

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Capital Improvements Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup - No report

O-K-I

Mr. Anderson: OKI did meet. Board of Directors did meet on October 9th and we reviewed the Executive Committee Meeting from the month prior. Two major actions occurred that Council should be aware of. The first one is the TIP project update. This is one of the bigger grant blocks where money comes for projects like what we have in Northland Boulevard. Things like that flow through these monies. This is where the STB the surface Transportation grants get approved and other federal funds. The Board did approve \$82 million dollars worth of projects which represented 52 of the 62 applications. That's up from \$50 million dollars that were approved last year so there was a lot of money that was moving and actually able to flow to projects in our region. Two of them that are local that people might see. One of them is in Forest Park on Winton between Kemper and Sharon. One of the projects approved was a multi-use path there. That was just over \$1 million dollars that was approved. There was also 15 simple repaving projects approved. This was the program that I told you about in a previous meeting where it was a pilot program where simple repaving projects could now be paid for through some of these funds. All 15 apps that were submitted were approved and around \$11 million dollars of local match was covered by toll revenues. So, these ended up being just complete pass-through projects for the communities that deployed them. One of the projects that is also in Forest Park that was approved that was again repaving on Winton was also approved through this program. So, it's a good opportunity. The intent is to have that program run again so we should be looking for deadlines and opportunities to use that. They really are looking for ways to make this money flow quickly to projects that are shovel ready and ready to go. So, we should keep an eye out on that. And then, the last thing that was included was a TIP amendment. This was an update to projects. One of them that people might see in the near future is I-275; a new connector between Reed Hartman and I-71. That's a problem area and a new connector is now being funded through this program. So, that's something that should help at least for highway traffic as people flow from 275 over there and then going south to avoid some of the delays, so that will be nice. That's it for OKI unless there's any questions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: A number of things. First off, we had a ribbon cutting at Microland on September 25th of this year. Very classy affair. Looked like it should be a black-tie event. They had a red carpet, representatives from all over the country as well as the world from their corporation. Had several elected officials there and City staff. Microland was very excited to expand into Springdale and puts them closer to some of their main clients, including GE Aerospace. So, that was great, and we welcome Microland. We had a ribbon cutting for Tinker's Treasures on October 4th. It's over there by Sam's Club and it's a business with several businesses within it, so people rent booths and then sell their wares. Lots of interesting things for folks to see in there and buy and they can go and check that out. I had the opportunity to tour the Hamilton County Convention Center. I'm on the Convention Facility Authority Board and so the

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): expansion down there has been moving along quickly. The renovation will have a total of 750,000 square feet. An exhibit hall is going to be 200,000 square feet. The exterior façade is being renovated, and across Fifth Street they're going to build a bridge where there will be a hotel eventually at that site. There's also going to be a new feature with regard to an outdoor plaza that's going to be there and that should be opened up probably by December. They're hoping to have ice skating out there, and some other events for this winter. They also are going to have a rooftop area where you can go out as well as an extension of the exhibit space. Our Fire Department had their annual open house on October 4th. It was well attended and a great event as usual. Lots of things you can see. My first time using an fire extinguisher, so that was fun. They did a demonstration where they were cutting up a car, so, as usual, they're bringing up fire safety to the community. And, we also had our Health Fair on October 4th and a variety of information was made available. A good number of providers in healthcare partners were present. It was also an opportunity to get vaccination shots and flu shots. I got my flu shot while I was down there too, as referenced by Ms. McFarland, Slick City is open and they're going to have their grand opening on October 28th at 4:00 p.m. So, that's when they'll do their ribbon cutting. At the Rec Center, the Senior Room renovations are complete and noting again that was paid for with a block grant so that was good to save money from our General Fund coffers. Also, with regard to the Rec Center, the Rec Commission is accepting Memorial Hall of Fame nominations and so the Rec Commission decided to open that up as well to the Community. You can go online. There's information with regard to making nominations, or you can drop them off at the Rec Center as well. We're almost winding down. Two more things. Susan Wyder, a long-time Springdale resident of over 40 years and educator of the Princeton School District and on the Princeton School Board had retired from service and was honored on October 13th with an Open House and at the Board meeting where several proclamations were read. I think every Mayor or First Lady were present at that event with regard to all six of our municipalities. And everyone honored Ms. Wyder with regard to her long time of service, and she left some indelible marks with work that she did over the years and she touched many, many people with regard to her time serving in that capacity. Lastly, wanted everyone to know we're going to reseal the time capsule on December 1st. We're still working on a time, and to be reopened December 1, 2050; 25 years from now. Myself, Department Heads, are going to be writing letters in reference to innovations that have been made, challenges we face, goals we're working towards. We're encouraging each Councilmember, if they are so inclined, you don't have to, but we're encouraging you seven to write a letter to future Councilmembers from 25 years out similarly in terms of your experiences and what you're dealing with and what you're hoping for the future. From Council, we're asking to have those to the Administration by November 1st so that we can include those as well and get those sealed. And, we will have more information with regard to that forthcoming. That concludes my report, unless there's any questions.

Ms. Webster: This is a question for Mayor Hawkins. Have they decided who's going to take over the Closet, or what's going to happen to it?

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Mayor Hawkins: Yes ma'am. So, Anna Johnson, who is another Princeton grad, she's already taken over the Closet and there were some jokes with regard to how it was, at one point, moved to the bus garage, and Ms. Wyder was not happy about that and Tom Burton, former Superintendent was present and asked to come up and speak and he said, "I'm the one who made it get moved to the garage." So, everyone was laughing at that. But Ms. Johnson actually has moved it over to what used to be Walton's in Sharonville, right off of 42. It used to be a Walton's Pinball and Game Arcade. So, it's over there now, has its own home and she's running the show and excited to do it.

Ms. Webster: She did a wonderful job with that.

Mayor Hawkins: She did.

Ms. Webster: A wonderful job.

Mayor Hawkins: She did.

Ms. Webster: It was a real plus. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Uhl: Just a follow up item regarding the bodega that had been asked about a couple of meetings ago and I reported out that there was some right-of-way permits that were pulled, but nothing on the interior and whatnot. Ms. Hays did reach out to the Sugaright just to ask them if their intention was to continue to move forward and they said they're continuing to work on their plan, but they don't have any definitive start date yet. So, just wanted to provide Council with that quick update. Also, you'll notice our leaf collection has started. So, residents are reminded to rake their leaves down to the curb and our crews will be through to pick those up. I did drive around yesterday and noticed several areas that have more leaves down than others, but nonetheless, Public Works is trying to get ahead of everything so they're grabbing what they can. You may also see the chipper out from time to time. We are doing some tree work and removing some ash trees, so the chipper is not running. That service ended back in September, but, if you do see it out, it's because we're chipping what we're cutting down in various locations throughout the City. That's the end of my report.

Mr. Jacobs: Just congratulations and kudos to the City. I noticed the Veteran's Memorial got a really nice pressure washing and cleanup. It looks fantastic, just in time for Veteran's Day, so, great job to the City staff.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Jeffrey Levine (interim)

No report

Mr. Levine: Thank you all very much for having me. Joe has been pretty sick all week. It takes a lot for him not to be here, so he's pretty down for the count. But it's always good for me to be here and see you all. Thank you for having me. I was able to talk to him earlier today, and he has no report.

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President Anderson: I always say the more Jeff's at the podium, the better, so thank you for being here.

Mr. Levine: Agreed Mr. Anderson.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: Just a few quick things. So, Northland Boulevard; the contractor did switch over to the Phase III Maintenance Traffic, so basically, they're maintaining traffic on the outside lanes. They closed the two inside lanes while they continue to work on the landscaping inside the median. That work in the median is probably going to take through the winter and going into the spring and next year then they'll come back, the contractor will come back and start paving final surface and putting in the final paving markings on. The East Kemper Phase I Improvements; we're wrapping up 90% plans where we're working to get those out to the utilities by the end of the month to finalize our utility coordination efforts. The Kemper Northland Intersection Realignment and Kemper Road Shared Use Path that's basically Northland Boulevard Phase II. We completed the feasibility study back in August. We received partial ODOT Review comments on October 8th. We're working through to address those as they come in. But we're hoping to get all the comments addressed here probably in the next month so we can go into final engineering within the next month or so; probably two months from now. The Springdale Industrial Park Concrete Repairs and Catch Basin Reconstruction; so, the bulk of that work probably will not happen until the spring, but the contractor is out today, actually. I drove by this afternoon, and they were working on removing that old railroad crossing on Tri Con, so that is going to be done probably by the end of the week. It looks like they're halfway through today. And that's all I have.

Rental Program Committee

Mr. Vanover: The Rental Committee met on October 8th, and we discussed and looked at some data from an intense month of enforcement from the Building Department. We had 25 violations, 12 were owner-occupied; 13 were rental properties, and all but two of them had been taken care of. And, really, discussion kind of headed in a path that we will be disbanding. We have gone as far as we can go at this point. The Committee started about four years ago and the first two years we started and worked on enforcement, Building Department regulations. I'm very happy with what we've got and the program there, and the last couple of years we've worked on the parking problems and conditions over in Heritage Hill which actually resulted in a number of parking spaces pulled off the street for safety reasons. And we are wrapping it up. But, there is one item that we would like to bring forward and that is a request for a resolution going to Columbus to beg, borrow, steal, and plead to get more support from the legislative side because there are a lot of issues that the federal government or State has cut our legs out from underneath us, and we need support from them and this is a problem that is going throughout the area. It's not just Springdale, it's everywhere. So, I would like to ask for Council's concurrence that the resolution be brought forward and presented at our next meeting, and, with that, that would conclude my report.

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President Anderson: And, just for Council's benefit, what Mr. Vanover is speaking to is really about one of the issues that we ran into with the Rental Program Committee that Springdale wasn't really able to address is really around occupancy. Springdale has an occupancy limit on its books based on the size of the house, the type of location it is, and there's a belief that some of the health and safety issues that go along with that are a challenge for us to address as a City. There isn't a resolution that the Council could bring forward to enforce it because the types of things that we would need to do to enforce that ordinance are prohibited by State or Federal law. So, the Committee had asked Council to consider looking at a request to the State and Federal agencies to kind of look at what they're doing that is affecting us, and we can take that up under New Business. We'll take that up as a Council that request, but that would be when we can talk about that more there. But, as Mr. Vanover mentioned, the Rental Program Committee did decide as part of its meeting that we think that we've taken that as far as we could as that Committee's scope was originally set out to look at the issues that we already took care of. So, with that, I want to thank Mr. Vanover for chairing that Committee for the last three and a half years and then also for Ms. Megan Sullivan-Wisecup who was a part of it along the way with me. That was one of the more collaborative committees that I've been a part of. I think the Committee did a really good job bringing forward that nuisance law that's been used to good effect. We had really good collaboration with Administration and all the Department Heads as we went along there, and I think it was a good model for how those committees could work, so, I appreciate the leadership that was shown there. But, with that, I am, just for the record, disbanding the Rental Program Committee as it was originally scoped to do, so we won't see that on our reports going forward, but that ends with my thanks.

Zoning Code Revision Committee

Mr. Gleaves: Zoning Code Revision Committee met on October 13th with attendees including City Staff, representatives from McBride Dale Clarion, and Planning Commission, and even Mayor Hawkins stopped in on us to grace us with his presence. The Committee reviewed a list of areas within the Zoning Code identified for improvement. In-depth discussions were held to develop appropriate changes aimed at enhancing enforcement and interpretation. Due to the length of the proposed changes, weekly meetings will be held to ensure timely review and development of Code recommendations. That's all I have if there's any questions.

President Anderson: Thank you for that. Although, I will mention that there are probably two or three things that the Rental Program Committee did kick over to Zoning, so we appreciate you taking those torches and dealing with them because they're really outside the scope of what we're doing there.

Communications – KZF Presentation

President Anderson: As I mentioned, one of the first things we're going to do is part of Communications to Council is a presentation from KZF on the Mill Creek Presentation. So, if KZF wants to come forward and go ahead and take us through this. I'm sorry. I know your name is Eric, but I apologize, I don't know your last name, or I would have said that.

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Mr. Anderson: Anderson. Eric Anderson.

President Anderson: Anderson. Okay, that's fine. Thank you for that. Well, we do need more Andersons at the dais too, so you're welcome to take the mic.

Mr. Anderson, Vice President of KZF Design presented an update on the Mill Creek Connector Feasibility Study that was completed in September. The City of Springdale applied for a mini planning grant from Hamilton County in 2024 and funds were awarded to study a shared use path that connects the planned bike and pedestrian facilities that Mr. Riggs mentioned along Northland Boulevard going towards Glenview Gardens to Winton Woods shared use path. The purpose of the feasibility study was to identify and recommend a preferred alignment to connect those two areas as well as estimate construction costs. The information would then be used to apply for grant funds that can be used for construction of the path. Once presentation was completed, Mr. Anderson asked if there were any questions.

President Anderson: While people are thinking of them, I have two questions for you. I can tell you I know the transportation alternatives program was something, that, at our last OKI meeting we did approve six of the eight applications that went in. They're all bikes and these same type of programs. One of the bigger ones that took a lot of money that last cycle was the Ohio River Trail, down by Sawyer Point that took a lot of funds. It's that same type of project that we have here. A question that I had for you on the proposed alternative; I understand why you want to be on Route 4 on the east side of the road, but the way that you've designed it, that means there's two crossings then to get to the north. Is there something that we'd have to do different at that intersection to account for that? So, at that intersection where Route 4 comes down, if you're on the east side, that means a biker would have to stop and wait for crossing Route 4, and then again to cross Sharon. Are there things that people do in those types of busy interchanges to make it easier for the bike trail to continue?

Mr. Anderson: Yes. I mean we looked at this. We were looking at costs in a variety of things. You could do an evaluation of the intersection and look at improvements to cross. I mean, it was just approved less than a year ago I think with new crosswalks and signals. But you could improve it. You could add signage like rapid flashing beacons to aware drivers. They can be started with a little push button, so, you can do signage, signal improvements, I'm sure there's a variety of other items that you could do to improve it as well.

President Anderson: So, that's something that we'd look at that next phase once engineering would start. We'd try to find the right way to make that a safer interchange.

Mr. Anderson: The study that we're presenting here is to figure out if you can build it and kind of how much, and what are the constraints. And then, you'll work through those things in more detail in design and engineering.

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Mr. Gleaves: Thank you for coming down. Is there any thought to someone like myself, I live right behind Hooters, and we would have to physically put our bikes on a rack or something in our truck to physically drive, take it out, and use the trail. Is there any loading or unloading stations? Any thought for anything like that where you could park, take your bike out?

Mr. Anderson: We didn't really look at parking areas as part of this study. But there are plenty of available properties. I've done studies with other communities where we've looked at partnering with private property owners for shared parking, allowance to allow people to park in a specific area or including bike parking like bike racks for people to use, but we didn't really look at that as part of this study. It was more feasibility of the pathway. Does that make sense?

Mr. Gleaves: Thank you.

Mayor Hawkins: Appreciate the work that you and the design firm did. This is all helpful. A lot of what we see and hear, particularly when we get to Sheffield, is going to involve some collaboration with obviously you referenced the City of Cincinnati, but also Springfield Township and Forest Park as you're going down that roadway. When you're looking at all of it in terms of cost, is the biggest cost probably going to be what we see along Sheffield in terms of that topography and having to build that up to be able to put a bike path on that roadway in terms of what you've seen?

Mr. Anderson: Yes. Most of the alignment is "flat at grade" or will require minimum grading. The Sheffield Road section involves more walls and more widening of the roadway corridor.

Mayor Hawkins: Do you know in terms of, at least from your guys' standpoint, have you had anyone reach out from Forest Park or Springfield Township with regard to this idea of connectivity? I know that they've been involved with the Mill Creek Canoes and Conversation, but has anybody specifically from either of those municipalities reached out with regard to any of these plans?

Mr. Anderson: No. We did not reach out to them as part of the study. I am the Project Manager for the Glenwood Gardens Winton Woods Project, so I have been in touch with them for the last five years almost working on that project. I don't think Forest Park or Springfield Township would be involved in any reviews necessarily except for utility coordination. We did go through and exercise with the City of Forest Park to get Sheffield Road right-of-way. It had been dedicated but not accepted, and we worked with Forest Park to get that whole corridor documented as existing right-of-way. I think we've cleared a lot of the hurdles through other projects in getting this stretch designed and constructed.

Mayor Hawkins: Thank you.

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Mr. Vanover: Looking over the horizon, is there a thought process or an intention to extend that further north beyond the Crescentville Road or well downtown Springdale because once you get up into Fairfield and you get up to the Mack Road extension, you lose that shoulder because they took the road down to go over the railroad track. Any thought along the sustained line because there's going to be some negotiation of Route 4 and I know in other places, bike-friendly, they have installed new sensors on the signals that will pick up because most of the sensors that we are using today will not pick up the metal of a bicycle now. So, unless you have access to a manual trigger, then you're kind of left hanging out there.

Mr. Anderson: So, this would be like a side path separate from the roadway, so, you wouldn't necessarily need the detection in the roadway. I would think users using this path would use the push buttons at the signals.

Mr. Vanover: Well, where Mr. Gleaves was talking, coming down Ray Norrish to Route 4, they're on the west side, so they come into the southbound lane, they have to negotiate that to get to the northbound side where the path would be. So, there's got to be some way, one way or the other whether it's a dedicated crosswalk or a multi-use crosswalk, or improved signalization to be able to access that side since it's on the northbound side.

Mr. Anderson: We didn't really look at the types of signal improvements that would occur. This was a pretty high-level study. I can't speak to the City's plans to improve that necessarily.

President Anderson: We can take that.

Mr. Uhl: Eric, thank you very much for the work that you put into this. I do believe Eric is probably their regional expert when it comes to a lot of these shared use and multi-use paths and whatnot, and especially as we engaged KZF years ago to begin our connectivity plan and what that would look like, one of the things we focused on was the jewel that we realized was just to the south of us at Glenwood Gardens and how are we able to connect into that pathway to allow our residents the opportunity to engage a bigger bike and pedestrian network down in there. So, this was kind of that offshoot; that was that next step to "is this even a possibility". It was something that we had in discussions, I believe, probably during the course of those meetings and whatnot and this small grant gave us the ability to say, "Can we do it or not?" And, so, thank you for putting this together and just to address one of the other questions Mr. Gleaves had was, I know Mr. Riggs, and we looked at a grant earlier this year about connecting communities that are bisected by highways. And we weren't successful with that grant application, but next time it rolls around or something else that we could qualify for, we need to better connect our City to get underneath the highway both on Route 4 and also on 747, so, we realized there's opportunities to connect up into Butler County with their connectivity plan up there with the Miami to Miami connection. So, there's a couple of sights that we could potentially feed to or

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Mr. Uhl (continued): route to. As we move forward with different developments and whatnot to include the Slate Apartments they'll have a multi-use path along Crescentville that will help get us to extend our reach on the northern end and so as new developments are coming through, we're making sure that this is kind of a priority to help better connect all these different areas, but we do realize there's a few choke points along the way but we're trying very hard to make those connections from the north and south.

Mr. Anderson: If I can just add one thing. If you're looking at this map, this is 275 and we did identify some locations where you could improve crossings on the east and west, but the highway does present a significant challenge trying to even just get around what's there right now.

President Anderson: Again, these are just opportunities. As we have these plans in place, we're able to see these grants come forward and as developments happen, then we can tie into them so this work is important because now we can say we have an approach and a plan, and we can go after dollars to do it each time as it comes along. I do want to say, "Thank you Mr. Anderson" for the work KZF does, especially from a cycling and pedestrian background. As an avid cyclist, I've seen the improvement in our region, and when I see OKI approving more of these transportation alternative grants it is something that more and more communities are looking at. So, the work that you're doing to help communities is appreciated, so thank you for this.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you and thank you for having me.

There were no Communications per Ms. Browder.

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Webster: Hello, my name is Doyle Webster; 12142 Peak Drive here in Springdale. I wanted to talk a little bit this evening about SOS. It's that time of year again where we're starting to make plans for the holidays. Reaching out to needy families and reaching out to donor families. If you'd like to help us out, we can always use the help. We're going to restructure it a little bit this year. We're not going to be dealing with food. We're not going to collect them from the office buildings, and we're not going to offer them to people. We're going to offer to the ones in need, we're going to offer them gift cards, and we just don't have the staff, the facilities to handle that influx of food. Last year I think we did I think 26 families, and it was a monumental effort. We had maybe 20 people working one Sunday afternoon for about three hours over at the Kemper Pond Office Park and it was a monumental effort just for those 26 families. And that's just the first part of it, then the families have to go over there and pick it up. Somebody has to be there, and some of these people aren't able to load their own vehicle, so anyway, we've decided we will not be doing food this year. Presents yes. We're reaching out to not only children, but I think this year we're going to be helping some elderly also. We're very proud of that. It's been a very eventful year. We've helped three families that were in bad shape with hoarding and a few years ago we had a

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Mr. Webster (continued): presentation at the Board of Health about hoarding. I never knew that was a problem, but evidently, it's a major problem, especially with some of the elderly, and so we've got a list of several families there that we're going to help this year with the hoarding problem. So, anyway, if you would be so inclined, donations, make checks payable to SOS. You can drop them off here at the City building. I guess SOS has a mailbox over there. Or you can give us a call. Julie Tudor will be taking the calls; (513) 505-5707, and if you want to call to get on the list of families, she'll be taking care of that for us. So, anyway, open up your hearts, and your wallets. Thank you very much.

President Anderson: Thank you. And I will also mention I believe the SOS is the beneficiary of our upcoming December Holiday run. I think the money that is raised for that also goes to SOS along with some funds from the Vendor Village. Certainly, another way if you don't have the opportunity to give directly, those activities are good for the Community and also help SOS.

Ms. Demus: Hi. Frieda and Clem Demus; 595 Observatory Drive. A street comes into us from Lafayette. I would say over the last nine months we've been having quite a few problems in the neighborhood. Directly next to us it is owner-occupied, but it appears to be at least four or five additional families that are living there. And, when you multiply that times the number of cars, a lot of illegal parking, the trash has gotten out of control to where they can't completely close...they have two large containers, and it's still not enough. So, they're not completely closed. So, we're also getting more feral animals. It's kind of like a buffet over there, and so not only that, but when the wind blows and of course the trash kind of travels down. There's also been some other issues with some items that were taken from my yard without permission and also oil changes made on the property and the oil poured in our front yard. Those are the most significant. There are some other little minor things that are more nuisance types of things, but I didn't know exactly how to approach it, so, I did talk to one of the Councilmen; David (Gleaves), thank you very much. He was very helpful, who then referred me to Dan, and Dan was extremely responsive, I think within 24 hours, and I appreciate your help. I guess the question is, and I kind of got my answer today, maybe we're experiencing this in other areas and kind of what is the overall plan. Do we have a pretty decent relationship with our neighbor? We've talked to him about some of these. Sometimes it becomes a language barrier and sometimes a cultural barrier where he doesn't quite understand property boundaries and so I've also been talking to Officer Keenan (Riordan). He also is dealing with a few different departments so that they can also figure out who needs to address what; what is legal, what is just kind of a nuisance type of a thing. So, I wanted to present it to Council just to make sure that you understood that we were experiencing this problem. We've talked to other neighbors, and nobody wants to come forward. So, it's not like we're the only ones. Everyone is talking about it, but nobody really wants to say anything. So, that's pretty much it. Thank you for your time.

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President Anderson: I don't know if anyone wants to address that, but I can tell you, as you heard earlier when we were talking about the Rental Program Committee one of the things that we talked about was there was several stories of that in different parts of the neighborhood. It's not unique to where you are. It's not unique to Springdale either. So, one of the things that the Rental Program Committee brought forward that Council approved was a nuisance property ordinance that if there's repeat offenders for things that are citable, and that's where Officer Keenan would be good at coordinating that work, and the Building Department is engaged with. As those things come forward, the more times they're documented, the more opportunity the City has to help you bring that property up to be a better Community member. It's not that we're trying to penalize people who for cultural reasons, but you still have rights as a property owner that you should be able to enjoy your property too. We heard that story not just from you but from a lot of people around the City, which is why we took that action. So, the nuisance property is one of the things that we did. We also heard about Officer Keenan probably showed you our notices that were updated that shows how multiple departments can now work on the same problems again and again and they document those to help the homeowner. Those are some things that Council has been able to do so far. The challenge that we have that you heard me speaking on earlier that Mr. Vanover mentioned was the occupancy issue. We do have an occupancy limit that's on our books, but it's not something that's easily enforced because we're not able to go into a house to verify that. If it's a rental property, there's a voluntary program for each time a lease turns over. They're supposed to tell the City who the new lessees are, who's in the building and that's a health and safety issue. The City isn't able to go into that just to check occupancy. There has to be a different reason, and that's where you heard Mr. Vanover and the Rental Program Committee say that we're going to take up asking the State and federal government for help with that because the way the laws are written there's not much more we can do at the City level, but as you see these things externally, you're doing the right thing to let the City know each time; the non-emergency line or the Building Department and they'll send somebody out each time it's cited, hopefully will get people to understand what's expected. So, you're doing the right things. Thank you for coming forward. I think a couple of other people wanted to give you some comments as well.

Mr. Jacobs: I'm glad you came out. I saw firsthand the problems you were dealing with. There were mattresses in the back yard. It was very off-putting, and I know you had other issues with parking. I remember kids riding down the middle of the street on bicycles. So, it's a multitude of problems. I appreciate you coming out to share it with everybody and as was mentioned, it does take residents like you putting it on record and then a clock starts ticking. It still will take time, but, again, I appreciate you coming out and reaching out to us in the first place. Hopefully you'll get some resolutions at least on that property next year or as soon as possible.

Ms. Demus: Okay. Good. And, once again, I wanted to thank David (Gleaves) and you also for an extremely quick response and it was very helpful in helping me kind of determine what was legal, what was a nuisance, what was old people just worried about stuff. So, appreciate your time.

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President Anderson: You've got a couple more people. You've touched a nerve. This is something that people always want to talk about because quality of life is important. It's hard to come forward and we appreciate that.

Mr. Gleaves: Thank you so much for coming down and bringing it forward. We've just got to get a grip, basically as a nation. This is a national problem. You know you watch the tv, see two or three companies that are buying your home; we don't care what condition it's in. There's no home ownership. They're renting them out. We've got to find a way of knowing who these people are. Who owns the homes and making sure that we have legislation where we just make sure that they're doing what they're supposed to be doing. And we're going to work on that.

Ms. Demus: Thank you. Appreciate it. Now, just to be more specific, the home is owner-occupied, but there are at least four to five other families and I say four to five because sometimes it's hard to tell because sometimes it changes, and if you multiply that times the number of cars parking on the wrong side of the street; sometimes on the grass also, so it is owner-occupied.

President Anderson: We hear you.

Mayor Hawkins: As it's been said, if there's something that comes up, make sure you contact the City. If you want to contact an Elected Official to get you to the right spot with the City, do that. There is, I don't know if you're aware of this or not, but there is an open case with the Building Department regarding your neighbor. And I want to make sure Council is aware of that.

Ms. Demus: No, I was not aware of that.

Mayor Hawkins: There's an open case with regard to that that's being dealt with. I wanted to make sure you know, Council knows and anybody else who's watching is aware.

Ms. Demus: Okay. It's good to know we're not the only one.

Mayor Hawkins: But the main thing is to contact the City if there's an issue that comes up so we can address it. Sometimes it's something that's already on the radar. Sometimes it may be something new. If it's something that's being addressed, that process takes some time, people can get cited into Mayor's Court if they're not fixing what the issue is, but it is on Building Department's radar.

Ms. Demus: Okay. I appreciate your time.

President Anderson: You've got one more. Mr. Vanover wants to share his thoughts as well.

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Mr. Vanover: And thank you, again. Actually, what brought me to form the Committee happened probably five or six years ago. I was listening to a nationally syndicated radio station out of Nashville Tennessee, and this was their discussion and the ramifications of this happening, multiple families, increased vehicles. Streets were not designed for that. So, that was my impetus, and I realized that if Nashville has the problem, and I live in Heritage Hill and I have been harping at that and listening to people. I have been out since August talking to residents in my district and Rental Committee heard it the other night or the other afternoon, that is the common thread. How do we control this. And, unfortunately, federal government cut our legs out from under us several years ago on the rental program. It used to be a mandatory inspection once every three years, or an occupancy change. They said, "No, you can't do that". Well, as is usually the case, the people that make those decisions don't live in our neighborhoods. And, they don't have to look at their neighbor and see the problem and the pain that you endure. So, that's part of my impetus is that I spoke earlier of getting a resolution and sending it to Columbus. That's our first step. We go up the ladder and get some assistance from them because we need it and, again, it's not unique to Springdale. I know our legal attorney was talking in our meeting that Reading was having the same issue. So, it's there. And just because the Committee has ended, it will not stop there. We are going to push up to the next level and make phone calls and get our Elected Officials at that level to become involved and give us some solutions because that's part of their job.

Ms. Demus: Agreed.

Mr. Vanover: Thank you.

Ms. Demus: Okay. Thank you.

President Anderson: One more, I think.

Mr. Uhl: Well, Frieda thank you for coming in and it's odd seeing you in this capacity because normally you're the one sitting behind the counter at the Community Center and now we're the ones sitting behind the counter (laughter). I just want to let you know and just to echo what the Mayor said. Feel free to reach out to us at any point in time. If it's an issue or problem and you're not sure where it goes, you don't even have to think about it, just let Mr. Wilson know. He'll make sure it gets to the right people.

Ms. Demus: Okay. Great. I appreciate that. Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you for coming in.

Mr. Uhl: Also, Frieda, we do appreciate everything you do back at the Community Center as well. You're a very, very, valued employee. Thank you.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 42-2025 (Second Reading with Emergency Clause)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION AND COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH STATE STATUTES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 42-2025; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Jacobs: At our last meeting, we removed a section that we had discussed in terms of providing health insurance to our members. I don't know if there's that last "whereas" section where it does bring up health insurance, vision, and dental insurance still in the ordinance. But I also wanted to make a motion to strike Section 6 and I'm open to discussion on it. Personally, I feel like purchasing a membership is almost an obligation of Councilmembers, and I think especially with the fact that we would be receiving an adjustment in our compensation, I'd like to see us put that money right back into the City and buy our own Rec Center passes. That's my position on Section 6. Thank you.

President Anderson: So, just to be clear, so you're giving deliberation there. If you're making a motion, you need to make a motion.

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to strike Section 6 from Ordinance No. 42-2025; Ms. Webster seconded.

President Anderson: So, at this point, I'm open for deliberation around the motion to amend, to strike Section 6. Are there questions or discussion on that motion?

Mr. Gleaves: Well, to be clear, I don't really have a problem with it. I don't see an issue with it. We work hard. I think we work hard. Our job is to work for the Community, and I appreciate the Mayor bringing this forward to bring us more with the team. This is something that's been given to other City employees and maybe there needs to be some clarification on what we are. What body we are, but I think we're a City employee, and I don't see any issue with this. I just wanted to state that.

Mayor Hawkins: I just want to remind everybody. Folks did this the last time this came up in the last meeting. There's a lot of "we", "me", "I". It's important, again, people get caught up in this. This isn't for anybody who's sitting on this dais in a current capacity right now. So, the terminology needs to be "for whomever she or he is that fills those seats". Whether it's a district, whether it's at large, whether it's the Mayor. Whoever she or he may be, that's what this is for. So, it's not about whether I want to have health insurance or I want to go to the Rec Center. It's about what do you think for that person that's going to sit in that seat, what should their compensation be? Very important. So, a lot of this happened last time too. It's not about what you think for you. It's what you think for that next person. Okay? Thank you.

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President Anderson: Thank you for that clarification.

Mr. Jacobs: I appreciate the intent behind all of this. My view on Section 6; it's not that this is going to save some vast amount of money, and that's not the reason, but I will say the "I" in the messages, I don't think a member of Council should receive this benefit. I do believe that Councilmembers of the future should be expected to pay that out of their own pocket. That's just where I'm sitting on whether it's future Councilmembers or the principal of the matter. But, again, I appreciate the intent behind all of this. Thank you.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Number one, I know that Mr. Gleaves had asked what we are. We're Elected Officials. We're not employees. We're not hired by anyone other than the electors. And, so, that makes it different than an employee because an employee is that you interview, you get a job, you do your job, whatever. It's a little bit different. I don't know if that matters or not when it comes to that. My question was I know that we're not allowed to accept gifts from outside things. We can't accept presents over a certain amount, or gifts or things. Would this be considered part of compensation? Would it be like when we go to file our taxes, is the money for the membership on this, or is it just a gift? And, if so, is that a problem? I just want to make sure of that. I honestly will not be here because I'm not running, so I know for a fact this has no bearing on me. I want to understand so that whomever in the future is going to be sitting in this seat, I want clarification on that. That's my question.

Mayor Hawkins: Excellent question. And, we went over this with regard to Mr. Braun and Mr. Braun had looked at these things too. There was no issue with regard to this being a gift or anything that would run afoul. There are a number of different communities that have different sets of compensation for Elected Officials. So, Administratively we looked at that, presented that to Finance Committee as well in terms of being able to see sort of what some other places do. But this would just be something that's in alignment with compensation, not necessarily a gift. Whatever Council thinks is what it is. I don't care beyond the fact that I think that it's important that Elected Officials should be above the minimum for OPERS. Beyond that, there are ideas that came up and like I said, the Rec Center thing was something that when we're dealing with employees having it, I was thinking that Elected Officials should have that too, but whatever Council thinks with regard to it is fine by me.

President Anderson: And we're still talking just about the motion to remove Section Six.

Ms. Webster: Thank you. I am looking at this with different eyes. I don't have any doubt in my mind that all of us up here, including myself, ran for the betterment of this City. And, to do a job, but I think that these perks, and I call them perks, are going to get people to run just to get them. And will not have the City's interest at their best. And that's the way I'm looking at this. And, when I looked at it in Finance Committee, it all sounded good, and I studied it later and thought about it, and that's where I'm coming from. I just feel that this could happen. It might be happening now. Thank you.

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Mr. Vanover: Well, I would beg to differ with Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup. You get a W-2, you have to pay tax on it. How we got to this point is different, but our electorate interviews us, and that's what it is. So, we are an employee. Plain and simple. Ms. Webster, I respect you, and I respect your opinion on this, but quite honestly if we look at that as a perk, payroll is a perk. And if somebody's going to run for this position because they get paid, there's not much we can do except be aware and be an intelligent voter and make sure that before we pull that trigger that they're there. So, it matters not to me. Again, it does not go into effect until December 1, 2027. I've reached the glorious stage that I have Silver Sneakers and so this benefit doesn't really affect me personally, but, again, this is for the next group. And that's kind of what you look at. I mean when I started down this path, my philosophy was I found this seat in a certain position and my goal is to leave it in better or at least the very same position I found it. So, and I pray that that's the mentality that anybody that gets up here operates from. But I really don't have a problem with the membership. Yes, they can pay. I mean it's not a big deal, but it is offered to employees. Now, the membership differs from the healthcare issue that we deleted because that definitely could run people afoul and cost them money. So, it was checked and found that at least under the current IRS tax codes that this is not a taxable benefit. So, now, tomorrow, it might change, or five years down the road that might change and then that's something and again this is not cut in stone. I mean we can always go back and revisit that issue. But, if that would change, I personally don't have a hard negative feeling on that.

Ms. McFarland: Personally, I think it's a nice benefit, whatever word you want to use for it. I do think about the future potential of where our Community Center may go if the cost increases, I would hate to see an Elected Official not be able to afford that and feel like they are not serving their Community to their best ability because they cannot provide that membership. I certainly don't have a problem with people choosing to pay it if they choose to, but to leave it as an option to somebody that if they want to accept that as a benefit that the City is giving then that's something we can do as well. And I'm not sure if that's even an option, but everybody has their opinions and is that something that we can keep that in there, but people can continue to pay for that if they wish.

President Anderson: We're still discussing the motion to strike Section Six. Any other questions or discussion on that? I will say for my part I think it's such a minor thing and I think it gives a message too that the Elected Official is a part of the Community Center too. I don't think it's about the money. I think it's about removing a barrier that may or may not exist. I don't think anybody I've ever talked to that has run for Council or been on Council before has ever said that a membership would change their opinion or desire to help or work. I do think that it's in line with the way that employees are treated in general and members of the Community, so I don't have any problem with the membership. And, with that, I don't see any other lights. So, at this point, we're going to poll Council on it, but just understand a vote of "Yes" is a vote to strike Section Six from the legislation. A vote of "No" is a vote to leave it in. So, a vote of "yes" strikes it, a vote of "No" is to leave it in.

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Motion to strike Section six fails 1-6.

President Anderson: We're still in the motion and discussion for Ordinance No. 42-2025 as a whole. Before we continue, there was a question about the "whereas" clause is that my understanding is that's a scrivener's error and could be stricken. We don't need to do a motion to amend to remove that line from the whereas.

Mr. Levine: Correct. No motion is necessary.

President Anderson: So, you can strike that off of your own as you're considering it that, that is a scrivener's error and that will just be removed from the final version.

Mrs. Webster (off mic): I didn't understand what you just said.

President Anderson: So, Ms. Webster, there was a comment that Mr. Jacobs brought forward on the "whereas" clause. It still references health, vision, and dental insurance which our last amendment removed as a motion we did in our last meeting. So, what the Law Director stand-in has confirmed is that we do not need a motion to strike that from the "whereas". It's considered a scrivener's error, meaning it's just a typo, and we can continue in the final version those words won't be there. Does that make sense? Okay.

Mr. Vanover: In reviewing this and going over this with the Finance Committee and I've had further discussions with the Administration because there was a question about Council having a marker on what this increase is going to be, that will be presented at the Budget, and Finance Committee so we will have a chance prior to, if we deem it out of line, then we can check it at that point and make an adjustment from there. So, that's the assurances that I've gotten from the Administration and I feel comfortable at that level.

President Anderson: I do have a question related to this. This ordinance deals with the Elected Officials. I think it was around last year there was a request brought forward around Boards and Commissions, maybe it was two years ago that we haven't reassessed those in some time. At that point, that research showed that we were still very much in line with other communities, but I suspect that that has changed or should change as well. I guess it's not directly related to this but is there intent to also address that as part of the budgeting process going forward because I would expect that to come in the December/January time when we adjust City employee wages. Is that something that's being considered or could be considered along with this? I just don't like even the message that we're dealing with Elected Officials but then ignoring the Commissions that also do this important work.

Mr. Uhl: Yes, we'd looked at other Boards and Commissions in surrounding communities. We were the anomaly. I would say the vast majority are non-compensated for Boards and Commissions. There's only a few. I know Sharonville's Civil Service Commission is compensated. Part of that is because they do a lot of work

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Mr. Uhl (continued): with the School Board as well. So, a lot of work on them for that. But, when we looked at surrounding communities and not just in our County, but other surrounding counties, we were the anomaly.

President Anderson: But specifically, if we wanted to address that we still have the opportunity to do that, just as part of the normal process and budgeting. I just know that I look at the work that Planning and BZA and the Civil Service Commission especially do. Those are monthly meetings too, and that hasn't changed in almost as long as ours hasn't changed. So, I hope that we can look at that and maybe that's a conversation for offline.

Mayor Hawkins: As Mr. Uhl indicated and my predecessor I think has stated this once before too when I think that issue came up. Most folks aren't getting paid to do those tasks. Mr. Uhl is on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Uhl: Zoning Commission.

Mayor Hawkins: Zoning Commission. He's still waiting for his first check. Okay. So, it's something that shows an appreciation. Someone may say it's a nominal amount, but the fact that the City of Springdale for decades has done that for people that are on Board of Health, Planning, Rec Commission, and BZA really speaks to showing some type of value for them, but it is not something that other communities typically do. And when we talk about our one neighbor and some of the amounts that they're paying for their elected officials; they're not doing it. So, it's says something with regard to that it's more of an anomaly. But, again, Council is controlling the purse strings, but, just in terms of a point of reference, most folks don't get paid to do those things.

President Anderson: Alright, but that's something Council could address later separate from this if we wanted to.

Mr. Vanover: Mayor Hawkins mentioned the Board of Health, and actually they are a recent addition to the pay because I remember years back when I was on that Board it was volunteer. The State dictated that you could not pay them. So that has changed and that obviously we reflect it that way.

President Anderson: Any other questions or discussion on Ordinance No. 42-2025? I will remind Council that as it has the emergency clause now, it does take five affirmative votes to pass as an emergency measure meaning what it would take for it to take effect in the timeline that would be needed for the dates included. A vote of only four votes for, it still would pass just without the emergency clause.

Ordinance No. 42-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 43-2025 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE, DISPOSAL, OR TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 43-2025. Any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Resolution No. R17-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA 250)

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R17-2025; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

President Anderson: I will remind Council this was the resolution that Council requested through a vote in the last meeting which is why you also see it under Old Business which is part of our rules. I do see that this fulfills the needs or the requests from our last meeting. So, we can act on this tonight. If this passes, just understand that there's additional work that Council and Administration will be required to do. There's a Committee that will be formed. We'll be asked to put together some activities. I think one of the keystone ones that every community is supposed to do is a reading of the Declaration of Independence. That happens as a community event during the celebration and then other activities that might happen. I don't know if there's anything else that Administration wanted to add to that.

Mr. Gleaves: I just want to thank Administration for getting that pdf out to us. That helped a lot. I appreciate that. Thank you.

President Anderson: Alright, and the other thing I will mention that is if this passes, in Old Business something else we're going to have to talk about is the forming of a Committee. So, one of the requirements is that some group is put together to help spearhead the work that would happen, and we can decide the best way to do that if this passes.

Resolution No. R17-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business – America 250

President Anderson: As I mentioned, there's an item, America 250 that we just passed a resolution that we're going to become an America 250 community. So, I don't know if people had thoughts on the best way to do that. What I would propose is that now that we know that we've done this to review the material that they sent. There's a description inside of it for a Committee that needs to be formed or a group that would work. I would assume that it would include members of Council and Administration if they're willing as we figure out what that calendar of events would look like, so I'm going

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President Anderson (continued): to propose that just we think about that work and then at our next meeting come prepared to discuss it as part of Old Business. So, we'll leave this on the agenda for our next meeting. My expectation is that we'll form a Committee that will do whatever work is required there because there's some Administrative work that will have to happen.

Mr. Vanover: The only word of caution I would say is that because we have elections pending in front of us that we postpone the committee formation until afterwards, and the people have given their voice.

President Anderson: That's one of the reasons I didn't want to do it tonight is because our next meeting would be after the election, and we'd have some more visibility there. There is a requirement as part of joining it that we form a committee I think within 30 days of it being accepted. So, there will be a timer, but to your point I agree. That's the reason I want to make sure that we've got good coverage there.

Mayor Hawkins: Thank you.

President Anderson: He's checking his cheat sheet. If you're looking at the flow chart, the next step is they accept us and then we have to form a committee.

Mayor Hawkins: So, this is something that administratively we talked about while this process was coming through and coming to Council. And, so, part of it, it would appear, and we can double-check with legal counsel, that within 30 days we have to have either designees or committee formed. And, so, administratively part of what we were thinking was we can make designees administratively and allow the new Council post December 1 to formulate that committee at that time. So, as a suggestion we've taken care of the designee part that I think is within the 30 days. We can double check with legal counsel, but I think that we're in good stead with regard to that and allow our Council to move forward with that after we have the election.

President Anderson: I think so. I think the 30-day counter is after they accept us. So, I think we've got time either way, but nonetheless, I don't think we have to do any action tonight. But it's just to make people aware that since we've passed it you might want to look at that again and see if there's other things we can address, and we'll take that up at our next meeting.

New Business

Mr. Vanover: I would ask Council's concurrence that we draw up a resolution and forward to Columbus asking for their support and legislation addressing the issues of some of the rental and actually was sitting here thinking we might be able, it might be beneficial to either reach out to the Center for Local Government and maybe give the other communities an opportunity because there is safety in numbers and it's a louder voice than just us calling in the wilderness.

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President Anderson: So, I guess that's an item for discussion. It's not a motion yet, but what does Council think about engaging with our lobbyist first before we write a letter. Either way we can write a stern letter. We've done that before with other things where we've written a letter with a motion to describe the issue to our legislative State-level reps and beyond that. So, we can write a letter ourselves, or we can engage with the Center for Local Government first. What do people think about that? This is around the occupancy limit that we were talking about earlier where federal and state law has really prevented us from being able to enforce the rules that we think are important for health and safety. What do people think?

Ms. McFarland: I couldn't agree more with Mr. Vanover. We had the audience member just tonight with these concerns and it wasn't even a rental property. So, I think certainly maybe partnering with some of our communities nearby as we think we all know this isn't a Springdale issue. So, I don't think it would be hard to find some back up to go to the State with us to try and get some attention on the matter.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I agree also. I think that it would have a little more traction up at the State if we had some more voices with us.

President Anderson: There's nothing that prevents individual Elected Officials to speak to other Elected Officials and get that support. The question is what's the best way to engage our lobbying arm. Is that something I don't know if Mayor Hawkins or Mr. Uhl would want to speak to. Is that something that you think we should do first in your experience with that, or should we just start as a legislative body down that path?

Mr. Uhl: If Council wishes, I think maybe a better lobbying arm would be the Ohio Municipal League. I think they're probably a little more impactful, especially with this. The Center for Local Government is more of almost a regional council of governments, so I think OML is probably our best recourse. I can look into reaching out to them a little bit further to find out what, if anything, that they've done up to this point, and then kind of report back to Council at our next meeting.

President Anderson: I certainly think that's a great approach is that if you could do the research before we take any sort of action. I don't want to get in front of that research. Mr. Vanover, do you feel that that's appropriate? I know we talked about this at the Rental Committee. I don't want to step on those motions that we made.

Mr. Vanover: I have no problem with that.

President Anderson: Okay. Do you need anything else from us. I think you understand the issue. You've been to all the meetings. Okay. So, we'll go ahead and include that in Old Business on our next agenda and update from the OML and the occupancy issue, and we'll have that at our next meeting to discuss.

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Meetings and Announcements

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

Mr. Uhl: Have two events going on back at our Community Center. On Saturday, October 18th, we will have our Shred Event and that starts at 9:30 a.m. and runs until noon or until the truck is full. Residents are requested to present a photo I.D. indicating that they are a Springdale resident. The second event that we have back at our Community Center is on Saturday, the 25th. That is our Spooky Boo Bash and that runs from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. And that is for kids ten and under to partake in games, haunted rooms, treats and a costume contest.

Mr. Gleaves: Zoning Code Revision Committee will be meeting this Monday, the 20th at 2:30 p.m. And BZA will be meeting the 28th. We have a training session that will start at 6:00 p.m., and our meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. right here in these chambers. That's all I have. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience - None

Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Legislative Summary, Item I; An Ordinance Establishing Compensation and Cost-of-Living Adjustments for the Offices of Mayor, President of Council, and Members of City Council, Consistent with State Statutes and Declaring an Emergency received a second reading. It was addressed by Ordinance No. 42-2025 receiving seven affirmative votes. Item II; A Resolution of the City of Springdale, Ohio, Supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250) celebration was addressed by Resolution No. R17-2025 and will be back or no we supported that with seven affirmative votes. And Item III received a first reading; An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale, Disposal, or Transfer of Surplus Property. That was addressed by Ordinance No. 43-2025. Again, receiving a first reading.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Items in Development include Item IV; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 94 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Regulating Taxation. That will be in front of Council at our November 5th meeting for a first reading. Item V; A Resolution Adopting a Safe Streets For All Safety Action Plan for the City of Springdale, Ohio will also receive a first reading at our November 5th meeting. That's all unless Administration has anything else.

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Adjournment

President Anderson: All that's left before us is Item 16.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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