

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on December 3, 2025.

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

Ms. Browder took roll call. Council members Anderson, Gleaves, Hall, Jacobs, McFarland, Thompson, and Webster were present.

The minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting were considered. Mr. Jacobs made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Gleaves seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Communications	-	None
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Communications from the Audience	-	None
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Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 47-2025 (First Reading)

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

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 47-2025. Any discussions or questions this evening? (None) Seeing none, we will have that at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 48-2025 (First Reading with Emergency)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MORTON SALT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SNOW AND ICE CONTROL ROCK SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 48-2025; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

President Anderson: I know I'll say it. I certainly appreciate Public Works using as much salt as they did the other night. They did an excellent job. The City's roads look great. A number of people came out, reached out. Facebook comments are all very positive. So, thank you for the work that they do.

Ordinance No. 48-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 49-2025 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 69-2024 TO PROVIDE FOR WAGE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 49-2025. Any questions or discussion this evening? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again.

Ordinance No. 50-2025 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS (IAFF) LOCAL #4027

President Anderson: Council, you've heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 50-2025. Just one note before I open for discussion. Just note in your copies and on the agenda, in case you hadn't seen, it listed as Local #4127 instead of the correct number of #4027. It's simply a scrivener's error. We don't need to take any action to adjust it. We'll have a corrected copy on the agenda at our next meeting. But, in case you were following along, that's why the numbers were different. At this point, are there questions or discussion? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Resolution No. R20-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO SUPPORTING ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE OHIO LEGISLATURE TO ADDRESS AND LIMIT OVEROCCUPANCY IN SINGLE FAMILY ZONED NEIGHBORHOODS AND REMOVING REGULATIONS PREVENTING ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL ZONING CODE FOR OWNER OCCUPIED AND COMMERCIALY MANAGED RENTAL HOMES

Mrs. Webster made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R20-2025; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

President Anderson: Let me just lead off to give some background, especially for our new members. This was, if you were following along at the end of our last Council sessions, this was a resolution that was brought forward by the Rental program Committee in response to challenges that we incurred and have seen around the City related to rental inspections, but also just over occupancy came up. It is an item that the current Zoning Code Revision Committee is looking at as well. But a number of the things that they're going to run up against are really restricted by State and federal law. So, we're just trying to raise that issue up, and the point of this resolution is to communicate formally the concern we have around that. So, with that, are there any other questions or discussion? I realized I was the sole member of the Rental Program Committee left on Council, so I felt I needed to give some background.

Resolution No. R20-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Resolution No. R21-2025

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MEGHAN SULLIVAN-WISECUP FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mr. Hall made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R21-2025; Ms. McFarland seconded.

President Anderson: I know with our last meeting going through it when Meghan was here, we had an opportunity to speak to her. This is an opportunity for the resolution from the new Council to formally acknowledge that work as well. So, I appreciate that we still do this in addition to what we added before. And, again, Meghan, if you're watching, I know she had a medical procedure this morning and couldn't be here tonight, but I wanted to say, "Thank you" again for the work that you've done.

Resolution No. R21-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R22-2025

RESOLUTION COMMENDING TOM VANOVER FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mrs. Webster made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R22-2025; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

President Anderson: And again, like the last meeting, we didn't end up typically have the opportunity to thank outgoing Councilmembers and it always seemed difficult to have them vote on their own resolutions if we did it at the last meeting when they were here for sure. So, again, this is an opportunity for Council to say, "Thank you" to an outgoing Councilmember who dedicated a large chunk of his life to the City, and we can say we appreciate it once again. So, with that, are there any other questions or discussion? (None)

Resolution No. R22-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: And again, thank you Mr. Vanover, who is in the audience, for your service to the City over the years.

Resolution No. R23-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2030

President Anderson: As we've done in the past where there's a blank in a resolution, before we read the resolution for the first time, we'll go through the nomination process. How we do that, especially for the new people, is I'll open the

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President Anderson (continued): floor for nominations, simply call in with your light if you'd like to nominate a name to put into that position. I will call on those people. If there's more than one, we will have a roll call vote for which person would then be brought forward in the resolution. So, we'll start the nomination process for this next one which is for the Charter Revision Committee, and, again, the floor is now open for nominations.

Mrs. Webster: Michelle Miller would like to come back on Charter Revision Commission. I have her credentials, if you will, if you'd like me to read them. She's been on there a couple of years. Springdale-born and raised and her husband the same thing, raised their kids. She's very active with S.O.S., helps a great deal. She's on the board and she does a lot. As a sidenote, we also coached her in soccer and softball, so we've got a special feeling for her. Thank you.

Mr. Gleaves: I'd like to nominate Riei Hiratsuka. Riei grew up in Wimbletons across the street, graduated from Princeton High School. A dedicated mom. She served eight years in Ohio Army National Guard. She's coached a U8 soccer team for the past two years, and she's an active member of Springdale Elementary's PTA.

President Anderson: Any other nominations for Charter Revision? Alright, at this point, I'm closing the nominations. Since we have more than one name nominated, we'll need to go through a, not a roll call, but a one-by-one vote. How that will work is Ms. Browder will poll individuals by name. When your name is called, you simply need to state into the mic whether you prefer Ms. Miller or Ms. Hiratsuka. If it's easier for people on the dais, Michelle or Riei will also work, and we'll know what that means. Any questions about the process we're using before we go through the vote? In that case, Ms. Browder if you would go down the line and poll Council.

Mr. Jacobs: Hiratsuka.

Mrs. Webster: Michelle Miller.

Ms. McFarland: Riei.

Mr. Hall: Miller.

Mr. Gleaves: Riei Hiratsuka.

Ms. Thompson: Riei.

President Anderson: Ms. Miller.

President Anderson: Alright, at a vote of 4-3, Riei's name will be inserted into the Resolution for Charter Revision. At this point, I'll turn it back to Mr. Jacobs who will please read Resolution No. R23-2025 with Riei's name inserted.

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING RIEI HIRATSUKA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2030

Mr. Gleaves made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R23-2025; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Mrs. Webster: Thank you. I would not vote for this woman for all the tea in China. About 13 months ago, she was trying to get me recalled for doing nothing but talking about the chickens and I will read what she wrote, "We do need to do a recall. If no one else will do anything to help her." I don't need any help. "I guess I will be starting one. It won't be until February. I figured I'd let the Websters enjoy the holidays and deal with one after this. I'll need time to find a replacement." This Council is so divided now. This just did nothing but make it worse. Michelle Miller has been on that Charter Revision for two years. She (referring to Riei Hiratsuka) doesn't know anything about the Charter Revision. This is very upsetting. Very upsetting. I will not be around somebody that wants to get me recalled for no reason young lady. "And don't get me wrong", this is her again. "Don't get me wrong. She's a terrible person and I don't feel bad for her." (President Anderson interrupts with gavel)

Mrs. Webster: I'm reading what she wrote.

President Anderson: Mrs. Webster, if you'd just address your comments to the Chair as opposed to the audience.

Mrs. Webster: Okay. I'm sorry. I'd be glad to. "And don't get me wrong, she's a terrible person. I don't feel bad for her. This is karma, but I can't watch her embarrass herself any longer. The circus needs to end. You know it's bad when I of all people actually feel sorry for her." Thank you.

President Anderson: I would like to add, that as in the past when we've had multiple people nominated, I see it as a good thing that there's a number of residents in the City that we feel are qualified and are willing to serve. It's always nice to have opportunities to bring in people, be it new or experienced. I know Ms. Miller personally. I've worked with her on Planning and BZA as well, and she's certainly been a good member of Charter. I would hope that the City would find other ways to use her talents because she is a benefit to the Community as well. Mrs. Webster, did you have another comment?

Mrs. Webster: Yes. I would like to thank you for meeting with me Monday night. I informed our leader what I was going to do if her name was brought in for any Committee because of the way she was talking about me a year ago. And he told me he would tell me if anybody was bringing her name in, and he did tonight. And I

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Mrs. Webster (continued): appreciate that, President Anderson. And thank you very much. By the way, I'm going to request my seat be moved because Meghan Sullivan-Wisecup got her seat moved when she was upset with you, and I'd like to get mine moved because I'm upset with him. Thank you.

President Anderson: We'll deal with Administrative matters later. We're still on the topic of Resolution No. R23-2025.

Resolution No. R23-2025 passes with six affirmative votes and one opposing vote (Webster).

President Anderson: Welcome to Charter Revision. On the side, I think they had their annual meeting earlier tonight and there might not be action for several months unless things are being resolved as Riei is in the audience, I'm just making her aware since we have that opportunity here tonight.

Resolution No. R24-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028.

President Anderson: Again, this is a position that will be nominated. This is for the Civil Service Commission and just like with the last position, I'll open the floor for nominations. It's not necessary, it's not required to give background, but you're welcome to as long as it's brief. If you would like to nominate someone for that, you simply use your call light, I'll call on you and you can state the name that you want to bring forward. At this point, the floor is now open. (No names were brought forth)

President Anderson: So, what we'll do in the case where there's not a nomination available tonight, the chair is open to a motion to table Resolution No. R24-2025 for our next meeting, which will give us an opportunity to seek out another member, or check with a current member, so at this point the Chair is open to a motion to table.

Ms. McFarland: I make a motion to table Resolution No. R24-2025 to our next meeting.

Mr. Hall: I'll second it.

President Anderson: There's no discussion related to tabled, so, Ms. Browder if you'd poll Council on the motion to table Resolution No. R24-2025.

Motion to table Resolution No. R24-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: We will see this on our agenda for the next meeting. Hopefully we can take time between now and then to reach out to the Community members and see if we can find a qualified candidate for that. With that, I will also say for anyone that's in the audience or watching, if you'd like the opportunity to serve on the

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President Anderson (continued): Commission, what you'd simply need to do is reach out to Administration or any member of Council and they can bring your name forward.

Resolution R25-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE TAX REVIEW BOARD FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027

President Anderson: This is for the Springdale Tax Review Board. Again, this is an open position that we require nomination. So, like the previous two, I will open the floor for nominations, take names, and then, assuming we have one, we'll move forward from there. At this point, the floor is now open for nominations for the Tax Review Board. (No names were brought forth) Alright, at this point I'm closing the nominations and the Chair is open to a motion to table Resolution No. R25-2025.

Mr. Jacobs: I move that we table Resolution No. R25-2025.

Mr. Gleaves: Second.

President Anderson: Ms. Browder if you'd poll Council on the motion to table Resolution No. R25-2025.

Motion to table Resolution No. R25-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

President Anderson: Resolution No. R25-2025 has been tabled. We will see it again at our next meeting, and again, just like the last one, hopefully between now and our next meeting we'll have an opportunity to reach out to members from the Community and if anyone in the Community would like to serve on the Springdale Tax Review Board, this is an opportunity. Simply reach out to a Councilmember that you're comfortable speaking with.

Resolution No. R26-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2029

President Anderson: Again, it's an open nomination. Like before, I will open the floor for nominations, go through the diem process, and then we'll resolve the Resolution there. At this point, the floor is now open for nominations for Resolution No. R26-2025, which is for the Springdale Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Michele Gilmore for the seat on Board of Zoning Appeals.

President Anderson: The floor is still open if anyone else would like to nominate. Seeing none, I'm closing the floor for nominations, and then by acclamation, we will read Resolution No. R26-2025. Sorry we should vote on that. All those in favor of

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President Anderson (continued): including the name Michele Gilmore, the current seated member to Resolution No. R26-2025 for the reading signify by saying, "aye". Then by acclamation Michele Gilmore's name will be inserted into Resolution No. R26-2025.

Resolution No. R26-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHELE GILMORE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2029

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R26-2025; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

President Anderson: I will say that Ms. Gilmore did reach out to me and did indicate that she did want to return. She's been a valuable member of Board of Zoning Appeals. In addition to the Board of Zoning Appeals, she also serves on the Zoning Code Revision Board representing that group, which I think makes her uniquely qualified to continue.

Resolution No. R26-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business - None

New Business

Council Committee Appointments

President Anderson: There's a number of items that are on the agenda for New Business. They're all related to Council Committee Appointments. This might feel like a new process to some as we continue to update our processes. In the past, a number of these Committees would simply be appointed by fiat, but in further looking at what's required by the City, a number of these require Council's consent. So, Council, I passed out my recommendations for these Council Committee Appointments, but we will go through a nominating process for each position, as it is your right to speak, so you'll have an opportunity for each seat to nominate somebody else if you would like. I do want to remind you that these are Council Committees only, so, the only names that are valid for these positions are current Councilmembers. So, we'll go down the list. The first one is the America 250 Committee. This is the Committee that was formed or approved by our previous Council to work as part of Springdale being an America 250 Community. The responsibilities for the Committee are especially around working with Administration and the public to determine the types of activities we want to do to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary. There are two positions that are available. The first is Chair and the second is member. We'll start with Chairperson, and with that, I will open the floor for nominations.

America 250 Committee Chairperson

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Lavonne Webster as Chairperson of the America 250 Committee.

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President Anderson: Any other nominations? (None) Seeing none, then by acclamation all those in favor of approving Mrs. Webster as the Chairperson for America 250 signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (None) Mrs. Webster welcome to the Chair of the America 250 Committee.

Mrs. Webster: Thank you.

President Anderson: We hope for great things.

Mrs. Webster: Yes.

America 250 Committee Member

President Anderson: Next on that is member for the America 250 Committee. Again, the floor is open for nominations.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Dan Jacobs to serve on the Committee as a member.

President Anderson: Any other nominations? (None) Seeing none, then I'm closing nominations for member and then by voice vote all those in favor of approving Dan Jacobs for member to the America 250 Committee, signify by saying, "aye", opposed or abstentions? Then, by acclamation Dan Jacobs is appointed as a member of the America 250 Committee. Welcome to the Committee, Mr. Jacobs.

Planning Commission

President Anderson: Okay, next on the list is Planning Commission. Again, we will go through the nomination process. The floor is now open for nominations for the Council Representative to Planning Commission.

Mr. Gleaves: I'd like to nominate Dan Jacobs for Planning Commission.

President Anderson: Any other nominations? At this point I'm closing nominations. Then by acclamation all those in favor of approving Dan Jacobs as our Council appointment to Planning Commission, signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (None) Then by acclamation Mr. Jacobs is going to Planning Commission. Again, it's a busy commission. We hope for great things.

Board of Zoning Appeals

President Anderson: Next, we have the Board of Zoning Appeals. Again, the floor is open for nominations for Councilmember appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Councilmember Tom Hall.

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President Anderson: Seeing no other nominations, I'm closing nominations. All those in favor of approving Mr. Hall's appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals, signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (None) Mr. Hall, welcome to the Board of Zoning Appeals again.

Mr. Hall was approved by acclamation as the Councilmember appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Hall: Thank you, Mr. President.

President Anderson: I know you're returning. This is a different seat though so before you were a Mayoral appointment I believe, but now you're returning as a Council appointment. So, I think they might make you change seats when you go to the meeting.

Mr. Hall: Thank you.

OKI Board Representative

President Anderson: Next, we'll move on to the OKI Board Representative. Again, the floor is open for nominations.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Jeffrey Anderson for the OKI Board Representative.

President Anderson: Any other nominations? Seeing no other nominations, I'm closing nominations. All those in favor of approving my name to the OKI Board of Representatives, signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (None) Then by acclamation I am reappointed to the OKI Board of Representatives. And thank you. I still like infrastructure, so I appreciate the opportunity, even though I'm in this seat facilitating to be able to go to those meetings. I find it strangely affirming.

Springdale CRA Housing Council Member

President Anderson: Next, we'll move on to the Springdale CRA Housing. There are two member positions available for this. For those that are unaware, the CRA Housing Council was formed as a bridge for the Springrose Development; the Homearama development that went on Kemper Road. It's required as part of that process. The Board still exists, although it's largely dormant since they've formed their own HOA, but we still have a responsibility to appoint members in the event that we do have to take action. There are two Council seats for that. They're both members. So, at this point I'm opening the floor for nominations for the first member to the Springdale CRA housing Council.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Lavonne Webster to serve on the Springdale CRA Housing Council.

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President Anderson: Any other nominations? (None) Seeing none, I'm closing nominations for that member position. Then by acclamation all those in favor of appointing Mrs. Webster to the CRA Housing Council as a member signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (None) Then by acclamation Mrs. Webster has joined the CRA Housing Council as a member. There's a second seat. I'm now opening the floor for nominations for the second member position.

Springdale CRA Housing Council Member

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Jeffrey Anderson to serve on the Springdale CRA Housing Council.

President Anderson: Any other nominations? (None) Seeing none, I'm closing nominations. Then, by acclamation, all those in favor of approving Mr. Anderson, myself, as a member of the CRA Housing Council, signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (None) Then by acclamation, I am returning as a member of the CRA Housing Council. We're almost through these.

Civil Service Review Board Chairperson

President Anderson: Next up we have the Civil Service Review Board. Please note this is the Civil Service Review Board, not the Civil Service that Mr. Coleman chairs. This is an escalation point that I don't believe has met in a number of years, but we still have a responsibility to staff it. And it does require Council appointment. So, there's both a Chairperson and member available. Again, I'm opening the floor for nominations for the Chairperson for the Civil Service Review Board.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Michelle McFarland as the Chairperson for the Civil Service Review Board.

President Anderson: Any other nominations? (none) Seeing none, I'm now closing nominations for the Chairperson for the Civil Service Review Board. Then by acclamation all those in favor of approving Ms. McFarland as the Chairperson, signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (none) By acclamation Ms. McFarland has been appointed as the Chairperson for the Civil Service Review Board. Welcome.

Civil Service Review Board Member

President Anderson: There's also a member position for the Civil Service Review Board. At this point the floor is now open for nominations.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to put forth my name as a member of the Civil Service Review Board. Any other nominations? (none) Seeing none, I'm closing nominations for the Civil Service Review Board Member position. Then by acclamation all those in favor of appointing Mr. Jacobs to the Civil Service Review Board as a member, signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (none) By acclamation Mr. Jacobs is appointed as a member of the Civil Service Review Board.

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Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board Member 1

President Anderson: And then the last one, again this is for the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board. There are two member seats that are appointed by Council. Once the Board meets, they do appoint a resident member to be determined later, and there's also representation from the Fire Department that will be there. At this point, the floor is now open for nominations for the first member position to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to put forth Councilmember Tom Hall's name for the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board.

President Anderson: Any other nominations? (none) At this point I'm closing nominations for the first member position of the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board, then by acclamation Mr. Hall all those in favor of approving Mr. Hall as our first appointment to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (None) By acclamation Mr. Hall is our first appointment to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board. Welcome Mr. Hall.

Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board Member 2

President Anderson: The floor is now open for nominations.

Mr. Jacobs: I'd like to nominate Councilmember David Gleaves to serve on the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board.

President Anderson: Any other nominations? (none) Seeing none, I'm closing nominations. Then, by acclamation all of those in favor of appointing Mr. Gleaves to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board signify by saying, "aye". Opposed or abstentions? (none) Then by acclamation Mr. Gleaves is our second appointment as member to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board. And with that, my impersonation of an auctioneer has ended. Thank you for sitting with me as we went through all those nominations. I might need a drink of water, and I have newfound respect for Mr. Jacobs as he reads the legislation. I don't know how he does it. Any other New Business anyone on Council would like to bring forward this evening?

Mayor Hawkins: This was something that came to my attention on Monday and I wasn't even really thinking about it until we were going through these. This was something that we hadn't addressed and so I don't know if it's something that has to be voted on necessarily. I don't know if it's something that's the decision of the President of Council versus an Administrative role, but we have a seat on the ICRC Board and so it's not been something obviously we voted on previously, but, in just checking with Mr. Braun in terms of a question of being a Council President appointment versus a Administrative appointment, or Mayoral appointment, I wanted to make sure folks were aware of that. With that, I would, if it's something Council wants to take up, it's something that Mr. Vanover had done for a number of years. I know they have some board meetings that are coming up that he served on. Obviously, it's not something that reports out, but it's important to have a stake with regard to ICRC. They're very

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): important to us and very important in the region with other municipalities. In speaking with the Executive Director, it's my understanding, I didn't speak with him, but it's my understanding that the person does not have to be an Elected Official, so I would suggest to Council, again, we'll see who's prerogative it is, but I think Mr. Vanover would be willing to serve if Council would be so inclined if there's an acquiescence from Council, and I obviously, whether it's Mayoral or the President of Council's decision, I would be fine with it, but I wanted to raise that issue whether it's something that's addressed tonight or it's addressed later, it's something that needed to be taken care of. It's important we maintain that seat. Thank you.

President Anderson: Well, that's good to know. Why don't we give it some thought if anyone on Council has thoughts about it, we'll make sure we find out who's appointment it is just so we follow the process the right way and we'll come back. Whichever we determine, if you have thoughts who it should be, go ahead and send them to Lawrence and myself in the meanwhile, certainly before our next Council meeting and then we can share at our next meeting what we'll end up doing with that or what happened.

Ms. McFarland: I think it would be great if Mr. Vanover wanted to continue. Is that something he's interested in? He's interested in? Just if that comes to it. Okay. Thank you.

President Anderson: So, for those that can't see the same things we see, Mr. Vanover is sitting in the audience and was nodding his head, I believe in the affirmative, if that's not right, I hope he speaks up later and let's me know that I misread that. So, just so we have that piece of information. Thank you.

Meetings and Announcements

Ms. McFarland: The Planning Commission meeting for December 9th has been cancelled. And, in addition, the Board of Health meeting will be held on December 11th in these chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Gleaves: Because of the holiday, Christmas coming up, the Board of Zoning Appeals has a meeting scheduled for the 16th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers. And, also before that, the Zoning Code Revision is going to start back up at 2:30 p.m., December 8th. That's all I have. Thank you.

Mayor Hawkins: A couple of quick things. One, Councilmember Hall has a couple of family members present; his son and grandson, so wanted to recognize them and thanks for coming out and getting to see dad and grandpa on the dais for his first meeting. Also, this Saturday we have the Santa5K and Vendor's Village. At 9:00 a.m. there will be a food truck there, coffee carts, and all kinds of fun stuff and get out and run a 5K and go do some holiday shopping as well. And the benefits and proceeds go to SOS with regard to that. We also have next Monday, we got snowed out for our

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): Tree Lighting, so next Monday the 8th, at 7:00 p.m., here in the Municipal Building we'll have our tree lighting, and I have to say lots of compliments. I already told Kevin, but to all the men and women in Public Works folks have really liked the decorations that they've put up so far. So, we'll have that coming up. And I also want to make sure folks are aware, and our condolences go out. Long time Board of Health member and longtime Princeton High School Nurse, Rita Hart's husband, Bob Hart passed away here recently, and so thoughts and prayers go out to her. Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: Civil Service Commission will meet tomorrow, Thursday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, and also the Finance Committee will be meeting next Wednesday, December 10th at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room to discuss the budget.

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Vanover: Tom Vanover, 11982 Tavel Court. A little history on the ICRC, I served on it many years ago when I started, and then it reached a point that Derrick Parham took over and served. I have been in contact with Jason Dudley just to let him know with the election that I wasn't sure how, but he had reaffirmed and confirmed that it does not have to be an Elected Official. We do retain a board seat on that board, so, with that it's your call. Secondly, I would like to wish this Council the very best. I have nothing but respect and pleasure that I had the opportunity and really not opportunity, but privilege to serve. That seat that I occupied was not mine. There were people ahead of me, and there will be people behind me, but it was a privilege. It was not a trophy or a prize to be held. And, with that, comes much responsibility. It has been disheartening this last election cycle was probably the most vitriol and vicious and retaliatory that I have ever seen, and I hope that changes. There were a lot of personal attacks, and a lot of lies, and that's disheartening because the City doesn't deserve that type of operation. I guess I have another accolade that was bestowed upon me by fellow Councilmembers and that being the most hated man on City Council, and that hurt. That hurt. I have treated everybody up there with the upmost professionalism and respect, so, I will hold my head up. I know who appreciated the service, I know the job that I did, and I take that with me. I do forgive you. That's in my thing, and I'm reminded of Mark 8:32, "What does it profit a man if he gains the world, but he loses his soul." So, I hope and pray for all of you that you maintain your soul because after this is all done, that's all you've got left. Thank you. (applause)

Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Legislative Summary, Item I, 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 was addressed by Ordinance No. 47-2025, receiving a first reading. Item II; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): City Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Morton Salt, Inc. for the Purchase of Snow and Ice Control Rock Salt and Declaring an Emergency was addressed by Ordinance No. 48-2025 with an Emergency Clause receiving seven affirmative votes. Item III; An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 69-2024 to Provide for Wage Increases for Certain City Employees and Declaring an Emergency was addressed by Ordinance No. 49-2025, receiving a first reading. Item IV; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Springdale Professional Fire Fighters, IAPP Local #4027 was addressed by Ordinance No. 50-2025, receiving a first reading. Item V; A Resolution of the City of Springdale, Ohio Supporting Action to be Taken by the Ohio Legislature to Address and Limit the Overoccupancy in Single Family Zoned Neighborhoods and Removing Regulations Preventing the Enforcement of Local Zoning Code for Owner Occupied and Commercial Managed Rental Homes was addressed by Resolution No. R20-2025 receiving seven affirmative votes. Item VI; Two Resolutions Recognizing Meghan Sullivan-Wisecup and Tom Vanover for Their Years of Service to the City of Springdale were addressed by Resolution No. R21-2025 and Resolution No. R22-2025, both receiving seven affirmative votes. Item VII was addressed with several resolutions including R23-2025; a Nomination to the Charter Revision Committee and that was six affirmative votes for Riei Hiratsuka for that position. Resolution No. R24-2025 was to address a Civil Service Commission nomination. That was tabled until our next meeting with seven affirmative votes. A nomination for the Tax Review Board was addressed by Resolution No. R25-2025. That was tabled as well until our next meeting with seven affirmative votes. A position on the Board of Zoning Appeals was addressed by Resolution No. R26-2025 with Michele Gilmore receiving seven affirmative votes. Also, Council named several of our members to various Commissions and Boards.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: In development for future meetings, we have Item VIII; Adopting the Final Appropriation and Transfer Ordinance for 2025. That will be before Council at our next meeting. Also in development, Item IX; Adopting a Temporary Appropriations Ordinance for the Period January 1, 2026, until the Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Permanent Ordinance is Adopted by City Council. That will be before Council at our next meeting. Item X will be before Council at our first meeting in January; A Resolution Authorizing the Investment of Municipal Funds. And finally, at our January meeting, Item XI; A Resolution Requesting Advance Payment from the Hamilton County Auditor will be before Council. That's all I have unless there's anything else forthcoming from Administration.

Mr. Uhl: We do have one item that we just completed our review on which is a price increase for our contract with Verdantas, so we've just completed our review on that and we'll probably be bringing that before Council at our next meeting, and we'll request an emergency clause with that so that those price adjustments can go into effect January 1st.

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Adjournment

President Anderson: Alright, then all that's left before us is Item 14.

Ms. McFarland: 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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