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

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

President Anderson: Ordinarily we only have invocations at our second meeting of the month. But it is on the agenda. I don't have anything prepared specifically, so I do ask that we take a moment of quiet reflection before we start the meeting.

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

President Anderson: Before we get to meetings Council, we have a bit of business that we need to take care of in terms of the agenda. Administration has asked if we could add an Executive Session to our agenda tonight. So, at this point, the Chair is open for a motion to add Executive Session under Item 9(B) for Economic Development.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would like to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session after Ordinance No. 39-2025 under Item 9(B).

Mr. Vanover: Second.

The motion passed unanimously to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session for Economic Development after Ordinance No. 39-2025 under Item 9(B).

The minutes of the August 20, 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.

Presentation – Alice Cardona – Girl Scout Silver Award Winner Project at Ross Park

Ms. Cardona gave a presentation in reference to the improvements made at Ross Park. Ms. Cardona discussed the pollinator garden as well as the painting of the playground equipment. Park maps were created with the assistance of Matt Beaty of Parks and Recreation. Additional benches were installed in the park and baseball fencing was also removed by the Springdale Parks and Recreation Department. Springdale Offering Support also donated a free library with a registered charter sign.

Mayor Hawkins: Alice, you've done an amazing job. This is four projects all in one, and we've seen a couple of different Eagle Scouts come through. Any one of these phases by itself would have been a project unto itself. As a result of all of your time, effort and hard work, I have a proclamation for you I'd like to read at this time.

Mayor Hawkins read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Alice Cardona. (applause)

President Anderson: I see some very proud parents and family in the audience.

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Mayor Hawkins: So, Alice and I; we go way back to coaching little league soccer, so, I can't hold her like that anymore (laughter). But excellent, excellent work. We appreciate all that you've done.

President Anderson: I don't want to, but we will continue to move along. Again, thank you Alice and family, and all the community that have rallied to make that happen. It's really great work that you did.

Presentation – Kevin McKinney, Public Works Director
Street Improvement Projects

Mr. Uhl: First off, I would just like to introduce Mr. Kevin McKinney. He's our new Director of Public Works and started with us on June 30th this year. Mr. McKinney comes to the City of Springdale with 25 years of local government experience. His most recent experience comes from the City of Miamisburg. He has served in various capacities; working in parks, facilities, and public works, and utilities. Kevin is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelors in Horticulture, has completed several leadership training courses with the University of Dayton. He is an internationally certified arborist and holds several certifications in Public Works, in Parks and Recreation disciplines. Kevin and his wife Mackenzie enjoy spending time with their kids Ella and Evan, and going to sporting events, watching movies, playing with their dog, Quinn, and trying new restaurants. Members of Council, Kevin McKinney.

Mr. McKinney proceeded to explain the street maintenance program for the City of Springdale. He gave explanations as to the varying types of street maintenance. He further gave updates as to current and future projects for the City of Springdale's streets.

Mayor Hawkins: Thank you for the presentation. I asked Kevin to come out and speak at the meeting because there had been a couple of calls and some Elected Officials may have gotten some calls too regarding what's going on in different places in the City regarding our roads, some of the street maintenance as well as some of the sidewalk grinding. I thought that it would be helpful for residents and Elected Officials to get to hear a breakdown of what's going on right now as well as what's being planned on in the future. The main thing is we work to go through the entire City. It takes time; it's not something we do every year. I think you go back before 2009, we probably had a street budget of \$750,000 to \$1.1 or \$1.2 million dollars. Those things have gone by the wayside, so we've gone through, and we've adjusted, we're catching back up to those things. But, wanted everybody to understand what that process looks like. And, again, just like Mr. McKinney said if folks have questions, or if residents have questions, don't hesitate to call.

Mr. Vanover: Just a hindsight look back. I'm in Heritage Hill and the contractor was either overzealous in his sign marking or underworking this year and there was a lot where we had streets no parking on the streets which it's narrow to start with, and

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Mr. Vanover (continued): nothing happened for two to three days. And, so, when we get back into it, work with a contractor and get a more realistic timetable on how it's going to play out because Heritage Hill is a choke point. The streets are small. Some of the other neighborhoods are the same situation. I've got a couple of catch basins. I'll give Mr. Uhl the locations, and there's one that looked like they dug out for grind and overlay and it's still sitting there. So, I'll get those locations to him, and we'll go on, but, welcome aboard.

Mr. McKinney: Thank you.

President Anderson: Well, let me just say this to you, welcome again Mr. McKinney. We're glad you're here. I've always thought Public Works is one of those legs of the stool that just doesn't get as much attention as Police or Fire. They're all important to our City. I truly appreciate the work that goes into and the passion that comes with somebody who can talk about hardscape for 20 minutes without missing a beat. I do want to highlight though that sidewalk program you talked about is a unique thing for Springdale that I don't think enough residents realize is unique. People that have lived here their entire lives don't realize that in so many parts of our region the homeowner is responsible for the sidewalk that is in front of their house, so the City just comes by and marks it, and then you have to take care of it, right? And that's thousands of dollars that is just part of the service that City offers. So, when we talk about 200 some squares, that's 200 some squares that the City has managed to include as part of our base taxes as Public Works service, and it really does make a difference to the day-to-day life of homeowners who already spend too much of their money on property taxes. So, thank you for keeping our streets at eight nine and we look forward to that ribbon cutting on Northland Boulevard next year. We're going to hold you to that August date.

Mr. McKinney: I'm going to hold them to it.

President Anderson: Thank you, Mr. McKinney.

Mr. McKinney: Thank you.

Communications

Ms. Browder: We do have another liquor permit request processing for Wawa. This is for a C1. Previously, you saw a C2. And there are no objections, of course to the location under construction, so we'll get that filed for you unless there's any other feedback.

President Anderson: Council, this is one of those things we don't vote on, but if you have a concern about the liquor permit transferring, this is your opportunity to raise those objections. (None) Hearing none, we'll go ahead and file that. Thank you.

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Communications from the Audience

Mr. Webster: My name is Doyle Webster; 12142 Peak Drive, Springdale, Ohio. I've got several items to talk to you this evening about. First and foremost, I want to say thanks to the City for taking care of Webster Way out there. Because I was really worried about that. I can rest easily now for another year Webster Way is in good shape. Secondly, I just want to say SOS was very proud and happy to contribute to the Girl Scout Project in Ross Park. It looks really nice. I'm anxious to see that. That's probably the oldest park in the City, I would guess, and so it's way overdue for some rehab work. Okay, the main reason I'm here tonight is I want to talk to you about Ordinance No. 30-2025, the RITA project. I have some grave reservations about that. I'm not questioning the Administration. I'm sure the project has come highly recommended to them. But I really am concerned that we're doing this at a time when we don't have a Finance Director. They're still trying to recruit one. I'm concerned about many different things. First off is the confidentiality that we treasured in the Tax Department since I took over in 1971. Mr. Knox and Mrs. McNear followed me in that office, and I think as I look back over the 52 years, I can't think of a single time where there's any information that was ever leaked out of that Tax Department about any taxpayer; individual or corporation. It just gives me the willies to think about whether we're just going to give our files to this RITA agency and hope that they don't get hacked or something, or somebody can get in there. Then, when I read the literature that was passed out at the last meeting, I saw you don't need a password to file your return. You don't need a password to make a payment. They're touting that as positive. To me, that raises some red flags that hey, guys are you sure everything is copasetic here and it just seems like it raises concerns and the biggest concern is the fact that a few years ago the Governor DeWine that wanted to pull all income tax collections from throughout the State, and pool them in Columbus, then Columbus would decide what each taxing district gets returned to them. Sound enticing? I just think this makes it a lot easier if once you give up those files, give up those records, it's a heck of a lot easier for the State government to come in and take that over and I just think this puts us one step closer to that environment. Lastly, cost-wise; pretty concerned the City enters into a contract that it might be somewhere between \$208,000 and \$230,000. When are they going to determine how much it is? Then reading through the brochure that's an annual fee you're going to pay. In addition to that, at a cost of \$606,894 was shared among participating members for their legal program. In another section, the participating communities shared \$196,682 to issue subpoenas. There's a lot of nickel and dime stuff here, which, at the end of the day, could add up to a lot of money for the City. I just think we've had a very excellent Tax Department over there for many years and I just hate to see anything happen to that, and I really would like to see us take a pause here on this and make sure we get a good, competent Finance Director that's got some background and maybe some experience in this area before we make the leap into that. Thank you very much.

President Anderson: Did anyone want to respond to that?

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Mayor Hawkins: I appreciate the comments from you Mayor Webster. I want to make sure everyone's aware, again, this is not something where we're getting rid of our Tax Department. It would be using RITA as a tool. The primary benefit that we would get from RITA, if Council decides to go down that road, would be some more resources with regard to being able to go and collect on some of the tax dollars that we may not be getting. That's the primary benefit from it. Again, we're not shutting down the Tax Department. If someone came in during tax season or any other time, they're going to have the same resources afforded to them here in person as they always would. The only difference was they'd have another tool they could use if they're filing online, and we would have another tool to be able to go and try and to collect some dollars. The estimate that we're projecting based on past numbers of what we may be able to get from additional tax dollars is somewhere between \$600,000 and \$700,000, so, there's an incentive with regard to that. I have no interest in advocating our powers. As we talked about before with regard to Columbus, that's a terrible idea because we'll never get our money back from Columbus. As we get deeper into it, I'll let Mr. Uhl speak to the process, but the beginning part of the process is there would need to be approval from Council to go through an application with regard to Regional Council of Governors, and then we'd go through the process in more detail from there. But it's a step. With regard to the Tax Commissioner/Finance Director, we have had a consultant that's been with us for a number of months now that's helped going through audits, has helped come through. She's here on a weekly basis. She's working out of a private firm, but she's worked publicly in that role for other municipalities before. I would love it if she decided that she didn't want to be in the private sector and come back to the public sector, but we have somebody that's been engaged and involved on a regular basis with us who's highly talented, highly skilled, would be able to go to a number of different municipalities if she wanted to as a Finance Director/Tax Commissioner who's also been in the position give us advice. So, it's another opportunity; it's another tool. Council can make that decision if they want to. I appreciate the concerns and they're all legitimate concerns. But, just wanted to give that feedback. Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: Just to kind of answer a couple of the other questions he had, the creation of an account with supplying a password, that allows the taxpayer to go in and look at past filings that they filed through RITA. To not have a password associated with your filing of taxes doesn't mean your information is less secure, it just means you're not creating an accessible account for you as the taxpayer. So, it's similar to online checkout at an online retailer where you can create an account, or you don't have to. Either way the information is still secure, but you could go back to look at prior tax filings and documents that would be accessible to you. And they serve roughly 400 jurisdictions throughout the State of Ohio. They're in 81 out of 88 counties and they processed in 2023 \$2.3 billion dollars worth of tax payments. So, again, we're looking at RITA as partnership. This isn't a takeover. This is just utilizing their services, their extended reach. They are tied in directly to the IRS, so we'll know if people move out of Springdale into another state, we'll know where they're at to be able to collect what we're entitled to for Springdale taxes and then their software allows for online filing, online payments, payment plans, and what not, so, there's still plenty of work for our tax

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Mr. Uhl (continued): folks to do. And, again, if nobody was any the wiser on this transition between our Tax Department and RITA, and they still walk into our offices, you still have the ability to pay as you always paid. Our Tax Department folks can file your taxes for you on behalf of the City. They can accept payments, they can set up a payment plan, so it's just an extension of our services to really enhance how we collect taxes to make it a little more convenient for the taxpayer.

President Anderson: And this just a note for us on Council; we'll still have the opportunity to ask questions and deliberate on the item when we get to that in ordinances. We're still in Communications from the Audience. Floor is still open.

Mr. Knox: For those of you who used to see me running all over the City of Springdale, obviously I can't do that anymore.

President Anderson: You're fine Mr. Knox. We can wait.

Mr. Knox: I'm Edward Knox. I should say Edward F. Knox. My son Edward J. Knox lives on the east side of town. I live at 881 Yorkhaven Road in the City of Springdale of course. I'm going to be brief. I'm going to stick to the things that I talked or presented to the Joint Committee up in Columbus. I was against RITA after I first saw it. Because first of all the State was going to establish it. They were going to spend \$5 to \$6 million dollars to do that. And, if I might reiterate what Mayor Webster said, you lose control when you have things go out of your hands. RITA is a wholly owned creature by the State of Ohio. They might not make it look that way, but it is. And that is not a good thing. The other problem I had with RITA is the contract. Is there any place in the contract where there's a penalty clause if they don't pay us when they should? Or they send us the wrong amount of money? That question I've asked so far, I haven't gotten an answer on it. If the State got into dire straits, we could get into dire straits. So, that should really be looked at. Since I can only stand for a little while, I thank you very much for your attention.

President Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Knox.

Mr. Knox: I will be followed by the other person who served in this position, which I had the great honor to be there for 12 years.

Mr. Uhl: Mr. Knox, I appreciate the conversation and the comments. The contract will be delivered after RITA accepts us. They haven't accepted us as a partner to the Regional Council of Governments. They are an independent board. We, as a member, if they accept us, if Council votes to approve this and we become a member of the Regional Council of Governments, we can run for a position to have a representative on their board. As far as the specific language for penalties on non-payment, I don't think that they would have 400 jurisdictions within their purview if they weren't making prompt payments. And, to answer a question before Mayor Webster had regarding the amount. The amount is a percentage based on the amount collected. So, that was a range based upon what we collected back in 2023,

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Mr. Uhl (continued): I believe. So, they were providing that range so we could kind of plan accordingly, but that's what they estimated that we could anticipate.

Ms. McNear: Good evening, everyone. Kathy McNear 12090 Springdale Lake Drive. Nice to see all of you again. Well, change is inevitable and it's necessary. Just look at this Council chamber. It looks incredible. Good job Brian and Stephanie. However, if we didn't change we would still be using the paper ledgers that we had when I went into the office and Mr. Knox and Doyle Webster, former Mayor Webster, and prior to that my teacher at Princeton High School who was George McNeal who was also the Clerk of Council/Finance Director, actually I think he was just the Clerk, is that right Doyle? He was just the Clerk? So that's how I learned about Springdale politics, but I do have some concerns I wanted to bring tonight. I think that RITA has some very enticing tools that the City could definitely use, but you know I still have that control freak in me that says, "I don't want turn anything over to the State". So, I know that has to be controlled in several different ways, and I assume that the City and have confidence that the City will make sure that that happens if this contract does go through. I do have a couple of questions. I read about the call center and that people will be able to call in to the call center. I was a former call center manager both domestically and internationally, so, obviously I'm a believer in it, but I also know the downfalls of it. And I wondered if there were any dedicated agents for Springdale or if you get whoever you get because, frankly, I don't think that the people on the other end of that line will know the City and our residents and our businesses like we know them here. I know there's tradeoffs and that may be one of them, but that is one thing that is of concern for me. Another thing is how often are receipts submitted to us? Do we have a weekly? A monthly? How do we get our money? Because if someone pays here, we have it in our hands right that very moment. Also, if someone pays online or over the phone with an agent, is there a fee charged for use of a credit card? I'm assuming there is. We charged here so I'm assuming that that's still on the line for people to pay that way. I did hear I know we're not eliminating our Tax Department entirely, but I'm just wondering if people are still going to be able to walk in and have their taxes prepared? I see a lot of nodding heads, and that's a good thing. And, also, how long is the contract that we enter into with RITA? I'll wait. I've got one more question. And, also, lastly, I know that there's an expense for this, but there's also income that would come from this, but will there also be an offset by reductions of staff? Thank you.

Mayor Hawkins: Thank you, Ms. McNear. It's nice to have you here and you don't have to read anything. That's a plus too.

President Anderson: We did try to ask her, and she refused three different times to do the readings tonight.

Mayor Hawkins: So, starting towards the back of some of your questions/concerns. There's not going to be a change with regard to our Tax Department in terms of personnel staff. No one's going to lose their job. We currently have two positions that

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): are open that have not been filled. But we're not going to decrease our staff. People will still be able to come in here just like they have at any other point in time and file their taxes, ask questions, what have you. That's all still going to be available. If someone says, "I want to file here." They can do that here. If somebody wants to go file online, then they have that option to do that as well. We're not going to change the service that we provide and sort of as a reference, somebody would not know if they're just coming in doing their taxes here normally that anything has changed. Sort of as I alluded to and Brian had said, this first process is to get into the position to be accepted with regard to RITA, and then we would have a contract that we would go through after that that's going to have some of those details. I don't want anyone to hold our money for any longer than anyone needs to in the process of collecting it for us. We would look at things in terms of are there consequences if someone was not paying this back as they should be in a timely manner, but that's something we haven't gotten to that point because the process would be that there has to be an approval to even get to that scenario. I think what Mr. Uhl is indicating through some of his comments are it's not a new entity, which is a good thing. Somebody has to go first for everything. It doesn't matter what it is, but we're not pioneers into this area with these individuals. So, that's something that takes away some pause in that it's been successfully proven, but, at the same time, we have to make sure that it works for us. And, if at any point in time it doesn't, then we would step away from that using that as a tool. But it really is not a "giving up" necessarily of any quality that we have. It's more of looking at there's an opportunity for us to be able to use it as a tool to get in some more of those dollars that we may be missing out on through not having those resources. And, when you look at the percentage costs versus what it is that we would be anticipate being able to get back, we're ahead a considerable amount. But I always appreciate your input, what you have to say, as well as Mr. Knox and Mayor Webster, particularly from the role that you guys have been in for the City in the past. Those are all things that if Council decides to allow things to move forward that it's going to go into consideration with regard to contract review going forward. They're all very valid points. Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: Thank you for coming in and expressing your comments. I tried to write them down so I could answer appropriately. Should Council choose to move forward, Council still maintains ultimate control over our tax code. So, our tax code will supersede anything that RITA would put out. Now, RITA has been a great sounding board. They've looked at our tax code and they've given us recommendations on some things that we can improve in our tax code that we can adopt later. But ultimately, we still maintain the control over our tax code. As far as financial reports are concerned, we have the ability to log in to the system and run reports in real time so we can extract the data, we'll know exactly what's being collected. We'll see exactly what they see. There's nothing we won't have access to. As far as the contract length in and of itself, once the City would sign on as a partner, we're in the contract and then all we have to do is give them notice that we want to withdraw. So, if it's something that we end up doing for 2026 and we realize it's not working the way we need it to, we have the ability to provide them notice and then we maintain our Tax Department, backfill the two positions that are currently vacant to move forward. And,

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Mr. Uhl (continued): as far as the call center employees, the call center employees are there to provide guidance to the online filing process. And, what I would encourage anyone to do just like they have for years here is call our folks here at the Tax Department. They're going to look at the same screens that the call center folks are. Our hours just a little bit different from the extended hours that RITA would have to offer, but I would highly encourage anyone that has specific questions here in the City just to call our Tax Department as they always have and we can walk them through the process.

Ms. McNear: Right. Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: Is there anything I missed on that?

Ms. McNear: I'll catch you tomorrow if there's anything on that. There has been some talk about having online filing?

Mr. Uhl: Correct.

Ms. McNear: Is that only going to be through RITA or will that be on our website?

Mr. Uhl: So, that goes through RITA's secure portal. So, we'll have a link to that on our site to make sure that we help direct people there.

Ms. McNear: Great. Thank you.

Ms. Jenkins: Good evening. My name is Charlotte Jenkins. I live at 676 Cedarhill Drive. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak just briefly. I want to backtrack a little bit. We've been here in the community since 1998, and we've always felt we were very fortunate to live here. It's been very beautiful, very well kept. We feel like the people in the Community and the Council are doing a good job keeping the City safe. Our kids grew up here. They went to Princeton; they're doing bang up jobs in the world. They're all doing great; a great education. But just recently I'm feeling like the neighborhood is going down. I feel like we have homes in the community that are not keeping up the beautification of the neighborhood. We have a house next door to me, 678 that is a rental, and it looks like it's about to fall down, literally. The roofing; I'm pretty upset about it actually because I hate to see the neighborhood go down. We have two houses around the corner right off of Greencastle and Harcourt, right there on the corner. There's boarded up windows, there's screens that are busted out and there's scrap metal. I've never seen that in the community before, and it's been there for a little bit of a while. I've seen the Building Inspector drive through a lot, but I don't see anything getting done, so I'm speaking up about it and I don't like the squiggly lines, the crack sealant. I don't like that at all, I've never seen that in the community before. I'm just wondering how much do we as people who live in the community, how much say do we have about how our streets look? I prefer the smooth dark pavement, not the squiggly lines. And, by the way, over there by the mall, that used to be Tri-County Mall,

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Ms. Jenkins (continued): the squiggly lines there at night you can't see what lane you're in and that's been like that for a few years now, so I'm surprised they haven't had accidents. So, I just want to know what can be done about keeping the community nice and beautiful. And, by the way, thank you to Alice, the little girl that did that. That was a breath of fresh air. Thank you for that because I am about beautification too. I love that. If we could get together and get the people to stop using insecticides and we'll have more pollinator bees, hummingbirds, and all of that. Maybe we can get her on that committee.

President Anderson: Alright Ms. Jenkins, I know a couple of comments I have too, and I know Administration probably does too. First, thank you for coming in and sharing your thoughts on the community. I actually drove through Beacon Hills yesterday. It's funny that you mentioned 678 because I had made notes of a few houses.

Ms. Jenkins: It's Oxford Hills.

President Anderson: Yes, I started in Oxford Hills, then I drove over to Beacon Hills and drove some of those streets just to see what was going on. One of the Committees that Council had formed, it's been almost a year and a half now I think was the Rental Program Committee and one of things we talked about in there was around home maintenance and property maintenance. And, out of that committee we created an ordinance for nuisance property and helping with and then also adjusted our notices to community members to let them know, "Hey maybe you need to do a little bit more to fix these sorts of visible things". I know a couple of those houses I've got on my list that actually I think have open cases already, it just takes a little bit of time especially with rental properties to find the right person to get that notice to and then get them addressed.

Ms. Jenkins: Okay.

President Anderson: But, if you have specific ones that you're thinking about, you can always call the Building Department or Administration during business hours and share those.

Ms. Jenkins: Right. I did already.

President Anderson: I just wanted to make sure we track them.

Ms. Jenkins: And then they did say there's a portal or something where you can actually follow to see how the maintenance or improvements are coming along. Is that correct?

President Anderson: Yes. So, on the City website inside Public Works, there's the IworQ portal and you can create actual notices of issues, and you can submit those directly to Public Works and you can also track those. I did have a lot of questions

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President Anderson (continued): about the crack seal that we were educated on tonight. The picture that he showed us was like one line and others, but if you drive through, at least the Oxford Hills side, you see it's a lot more than that.

Ms. Jenkins: It's a lot.

President Anderson: I know Public Works shared when I had raised that concern as well was because this was the first time we did crack seal on those streets because they were new from the years prior, it looks more visible and noticeable now then you would see if it was cape sealed after five years and that's supposed to fade. But your question of do residents have a say. Yes, you absolutely have a say.

Ms. Jenkins: Like before they do something like that.

President Anderson: A lot of that is the maintenance programs that Public Works puts together, so sharing your view of how it works like you did tonight is something that Council gets, and Administration hears and we kind of addressed our plans based on that feedback. So, I know that feedback is useful, and I know you're not the only person that has raised concerns about the crack seal and the number of cracks that were sealed. There's a lot of tar on some of those roads. I know I've got some of the tar on my tires still, so I took some of it with me. So, thank you for sharing those. I would encourage you though, as you see those maintenance issues, do share them with the City because sometimes it takes time, but I want to make sure they get tracked.

Mayor Hawkins: We spoke and as I told you come to let folks know what's going on. There are times when the Building Department may already have a property on the list like we talked about, but please call to make sure. Because if it's one where it's a new issue that's not been addressed, it's important to call and put it on their radar. So, that's the main thing. Again, you're always welcome to come and glad you guys came, but, again, you guys know you can call as you have. I think you feel comfortable doing that.

Ms. Jenkins: Right and we appreciate you. My husband told me you did call back. We appreciate that. We feel heard. Just so I understand though for the homes that are rental, and a lot of times the people that are renting are not responsible for the roofing and that kind of thing, so we've been looking at that house next door to us for a few years and whose responsibility is it to make sure that the owners fix that?

Mayor Hawkins: They'll be cited. The people that are the owners of the home, that are the property owners they've got that responsibility, so they'll get cited to address those things.

Ms. Jenkins: Okay.

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Mayor Hawkins: And also in terms of impact and input, you and your husband are part of the reason why I asked to have, and I got other calls too with regard to streets, but that's part of the reason why we had the presentation that Mr. McKinney did because there had been calls from not just you guys, but other residents and so it's a demonstration that you guys are heard. All residents are heard and we're trying to get information out, so people are well informed. Okay.

Ms. Jenkins: Thank you. Thank you very much.

President Anderson: But it shouldn't be years, right? So, if you see it for years that's a different problem. We should talk about that too. But whose responsibility is it to chase down that owner is not yours as the neighbor, it's our responsibility and we track them down through the Building Department. We've gone downtown and had to research records. The Law Director has been involved in some cases. So, it just takes time.

Ms. Jenkins: Okay. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: If your information is down on that sheet there, we'll have the Building Official reach out to you tomorrow and talk to you specifically about some of those properties as President Anderson said, a lot of those properties are probably in progress, but we should at least be able to tell you kind of where those are in the process. Some of the ones that are belabored and may be going on for a long time may already have an active case in Mayor's Court and it may be getting continued for a variety of reasons. For a while there it was problems with getting materials and people to do the work and what not, but nonetheless, if you will be available tomorrow in the daytime, we can have her reach out to you and then kind of give you an update on where things are at just so you kind of know the status of things and have an expectation when you'll see some resolve.

Ms. Jenkins: So, do they have a time limit so if there's a case ongoing how long before they actually will have to do something definite like?

Mr. Uhl: So, each case is unique, some of the simple property maintenance issues have a shorter lifespan that the Building Inspector gives the property owner. Some of the ones that are a little more involved that may be gutters or shutters or something like that impacting the residence itself, that may be a little bit of longer lead time because of materials, contractors, and what not, so there's no definitive amount for each one, so we try and use a reasonable standard.

Ms. Jenkins: What would you think the time for us as people to have to look at that like five years, three years?

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Mr. Uhl: So, it definitely shouldn't be that long, but the inspectors try to work with the homeowners because our biggest thing is we're not looking to penalize, we're looking for compliance. We're hoping to get compliance from the property owner to make sure it looks nice for the residents and the homeowners around them who are taking care of their properties. Because it's not fair and we understand that, and unfortunately some of the processes don't work at the speed that the neighbors would necessarily like or that the rest of the City would like to see who drive by it, but, it's normally in progress and in process to get resolved, but, we do again give a little bit of time to apply some reasonableness to get that compliance, but, again, we'll follow up with you to make sure that you get all your questions answered.

Ms. Jenkins: Okay, appreciate you. Thank you.

President Anderson: Still have one more comment for you. This has touched a nerve.

Mr. Vanover: I'm glad to hear your comments. I have been, for lack of a better description, a town crier screaming about rental properties and issues associated with them. I've formed a committee two years ago. We have gone through and I'm in Heritage Hill and right now we are in the neighborhood of a 25% rental. So, I feel your pain, and I have been preaching and warning that it's going to visit other neighborhoods. Know that we're putting pressure and know that we're not done with it. But it is something that is near and dear to my heart. I've listened to complaints for a while, actually, some of the action I brought up to prior Administration probably about 15 years ago, and politely got blown off, so, the good news is we have taken action, we have some work in process and it is a hot button and if you want to reach out to me, I have no problem. It's one of my hot buttons too.

Ms. Jenkins: Well, maybe we can join forces and get something done because I don't want to take up a lot of time, but I'm from a community in Detroit, Michigan, you might have heard of it's the Boston Edison Historical Area. I just visited there. I had a childhood friend whose husband died so I was there, but they are in the process of building up that whole community and the houses that I lived in went for \$440,000 and you're going to have houses in that community worth a million dollars, so we'd like to see it go up rather than down because we all win. It's better for everyone involved.

Mr. Vanover: Well, your house is probably your largest asset and largest investment.

Ms. Jenkins: I appreciate that. I'd like to reap some benefits if I could.

Mr. Vanover: Exactly. Well thank you.

Ms. Jenkins: Thank you so much.

Mr. Vanover: Thank you for taking your time and expressing your concerns.

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Ms. Jenkins: I appreciate you. Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you.

Mr. Stahlgren: Good evening, I'm Doug Stahlgren, 704 Park Avenue. Jeff, David, hello. Some of the people I know up here, so I've been on a couple of different committees for a long time. I will reiterate my concern about property values, which my neighbor just said. That's a concern. I've lived in Springdale for more than 50 years. I've been on a couple of commissions and so forth. Our biggest concern right now, and my neighbors with me, is safety. So, we continue to see solicitation in our neighborhood. We think it's, well, number one, it's unwarranted, it's not welcomed, and we continue to ask sometimes if they have registered and we get different comments. So, a couple of things about, and again, I apologize that I haven't gone through the City's website to see what kind of documentation, what the process is. I know there is a process. What kind of documentation is required when someone comes to my door. I mean I really don't want to put a sign in my front yard that says, because it doesn't look good to say "No solicitation" but that's what I want. So, and we've had instances where a couple of my neighbors, we've actually had to call the Police and said, "Hey, we think there's someone in our neighborhood that shouldn't be here". No one has responded. So, that's another concern. So, back to kind of the policy. Is there a "Do Not Knock" list I'd call it where I can put my address on Springdale's website and somebody who registers, and I assume when they have to register as someone who is coming to go door-to-door whatever that they would say, "Look, you can't go to this address". So, that's another question I have, I guess. I think that's primarily it. But, again, it's just a safety concern.

Mayor Hawkins: I'll speak first, and I'm sure Mr. Uhl will fill in the blanks. First off, there is a solicitation process that they have to go through which includes a background check and includes them getting registered here. This is something we're talking about probably a month or two ago specifically there was a resident in Beacon Hills that's a friend of mine that had someone come up in the middle of the day and knocked and she said, "Do you have a license from the City?", and the individual said, "I don't need a license. The Mayor said I can do this." She said, "Well who's the Mayor?" He said, "I don't know, some black guy." So, she chased him off the property. She called me. I came home during the day and so I called the Administration with the information that I had. She got a photo of him. They weren't registered. I went out to my neighborhood, went over to Beacon Hills, I found one individual. Not the individual that she had seen, but from the same organization. Had the conversation with him, "Do you have a license?" "No." First, he thought he was in Fairfield, and he said, "Our boss said we could be here." I said, "You can't be here unless you have permission to be here through the licensing and solicitation." Let the Administration know where he was, went combing through Beacon and Oxford Hills, found another individual. I thought that it was the individual that was in the photo that had referenced me. Thought it was better that I called the Police than I deal with that individual based on how I felt. Police did come. They addressed that individual

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): with regard to reminding them, by law, you can't be here soliciting unless you have a license to do so. Again, an educational piece for him. Usually these are younger individuals, but there were at least three in Beacon and Oxford Hills that day. I never caught up to the one that was in question. A lot of times they're getting dropped off. They didn't know where the heck they were. They thought they were in Fairfield. These were guys that were from out of state. So, it is a concern. I think one was from North Carolina, one was from Texas, so there is a process that we have. What I encourage you to do is if you encounter someone that comes to your door and you ask them if they have a license for solicitation, and they do not, that you please call either the Police, and/or the Administrative office so we're aware of it and can address it. It's important and it's concerning and that's why we have background checks for those things.

Mr. Stahlgren: I'm not sure, but are there any cities here in Cincinnati that have no solicitation at all? I'm just kind of wondering if this stuff happens in Indian Hill? Blue Ash? They're like, "No, no, that's not happening". There is no solicitation period.

Mr. Braun: I can address that. Every community has a slightly different solicitor's ordinance. I represent 14 communities, and I think all of them are different. We're not permitted to ever prohibit political speech and things like that. So, when you ask do they bar all solicitation. No, but what almost all communities do is they do place restrictions on commercial speech. Unfortunately, the United States Supreme Court says we can't bar it. As a local government, however, some things that some of my communities have done is individual subdivisions can bar it. And, through their HOA taking action, and things like that. And, as you pointed out, individual homeowners can do it with signs and things like that. So, there are ways to do it, but as a government we are slightly limited by some of the Supreme Court decisions. I hope that answers your question.

Mr. Stahlgren: I understand the political and religious stuff that they can do, but this is commercial stuff. So, no.

Mr. Uhl: Our process is not an easy one to get through. I mean there are several things that commercial vendors have to comply with to include as Mayor Hawkins said a background through Ohio BCI to verify that they don't have a criminal history. An application process, a bonding process, and then once they come into our offices here, we permit them, and then about a month and a half ago, we started issuing them. Well, we've always issued them an I.D. allowing them to show that or produce that when requested. Of late, we've been giving them a lanyard, and it's a yellow I.D. now that we've been producing and we tell them they must wear this yellow lanyard which has a photo I.D., their name and their company and there's a red tag on it that says that they are a registered vendor, or registered solicitor so that residents will know that they have gone through the proper steps with the City. But, as Mayor Hawkins said too, I would encourage anyone who has, if their "spidey senses" are tingling about a certain vendor, please give us a call. Our Police Department, anytime they are called, they do

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Mr. Uhl (continued): respond out. You may not always see them, and it may not be right away. Our Police Officers do respond out to those calls and investigate if they're solicitors. They would not not respond to that.

Mr. Stahlgren: Okay. That's good to know that there's a new process with the lanyard and the photo I.D. and so forth.

Mr. Uhl: We're trying to be....

Mr. Stahlgren: So now we can really say, "Okay, wait, where is your photo I.D.?" Where is this yellow I.D.

Mr. Uhl: Correct and....

Mr. Stahlgren: Otherwise, you better be off of my property.

Mr. Uhl: And, a lot of this is in response and you know I've been here a little over five years and I think in the five and half or roughly five years I've been here I think we've only had one or two commercial vendors come in to register as a solicitor, and for whatever reason, this summer we've had an extraordinary amount of vendors coming in to get registered. There was one about six weeks ago that had 40 different people that were going to be canvassing the City, and they all had the documentation. There were a couple of things they were missing so we held on to their permits and told them what they were missing to come into compliance and then they ended up withdrawing their application. But it's because of input from residents like you and some others that have said, "Hey, we want to make sure that these folks are registered and not have to ask or know what questions to ask to make sure." So, externally, you'll see that lanyard, but also internally we've put all our registered solicitors in a share file so that the Police or Building Department or Administration can access that file to see and know who is registered and who should be out there and who's not registered.

Mr. Stahlgren: Right. Appreciate it. Thank you very much.

President Anderson: One more comment. You also touched a nerve.

Mr. Gleaves: Good to see you again. Thanks for coming out. As Mr. Uhl said, I'd say probably back in June we discussed this problem because it seemed to be like a season thing where there were people everywhere all over the neighborhood. We had two people in our neighborhood selling the same thing. One of the things that we talked about was how do we communicate to the residents what to do. There's still to this day, a lot of residents that don't know what to do. So, what we have to do is find a way to get that information out which you just heard tonight to everybody else as time goes on for next summer or next spring that comes up so we can eliminate this problem as much as possible. That's going to happen because we know how bad it is and appreciate you coming out stating what you stated. Thanks.

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President Anderson: Thank you for coming in Mr. Stahlgren.

Mr. Stahlgren: Thanks.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 30-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL EARNINGS TAX IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 30-2025; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Mr. Gleaves: Just want to piggyback on...thanks for everybody that came out and had comments about this, but one thing that gets lost in the sauce is the large amount of people in the City that are incredibly mobile, and they don't have the opportunity to just drive here to take care of those types of things. Some of them are gone for two to three months at a time; traveling nurses. That gives them an opportunity to stay current and not have to make special arrangements that may deter some of their jobs that they're doing. So, this is just basically an extension to some of our residents that are moving into the City and live here now that are incredibly mobile. It will help them be able to take care of their affairs in a very easy way. That's all I have.

Mr. Vanover: Okay, this is, we go through an application process. If we're accepted, then we have a contract, correct?

Mr. Uhl: Yes.

Mr. Vanover: Are we going to approve that contract or is this a blanket ordinance that is covering both?

Mr. Uhl: This gives the Mayor and myself the authority to enter into that agreement.

President Anderson: So, this would give you the opportunity to do that. This isn't approving a contract because we don't have one. This simply gives you the authority to do it assuming it meets the criteria that we've discussed.

Mr. Uhl: Correct.

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Mrs. Webster: How lucky this Community is to have three former Finance Directors come to this meeting worried about the City's finances. I think that's great. With all due respect Mr. Hawkins, you don't want to close the Tax Department, but we all know and have lived through people take over things and, "Oh, no. We're not cutting anybody. Everybody will have their job." And the next thing you know is the thing is closed, and nobody has their job. I will be voting against this ordinance. Thank you.

Ms. McFarland: So, if we approve this tonight. Sorry if I'm repeating Mr. Vanover's comment. We will see the contract at a later time? We will not? That will be up to you two to make that decision? Will there be any discussion regarding all of the concerns that have been brought forward tonight?

Mr. Uhl: If you're asking to provide Council a copy of that agreement, if we're accepted from the Regional Council of Governments and address some of the things. A lot of the questions have already been answered through the presentation that we had last week, so none of these are real new questions. Again, some of the estimations that they give for what they would retain by way of collection is the only thing that's variable, but they tried to give us a good range based off of a percentage, so it's not an exact number right now. But, if you're asking for some additional information or to see what that agreement would look like, that's definitely something that we can push to Council as soon as it's received.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I know that I've gotten a lot calls through the years of people who want to be able to file online. And I want to make sure that I'm understanding exactly what we're saying is that we are not going to offer if we did not go through this, if it was just the City of Springdale Tax Department, RITA was not part of the equation, we're not offering that to any of our citizens without the partnership of RITA, correct?

Mr. Uhl: Correct. We would have to add on specific modules to our existing software. So, the software has the capabilities. We would have to buy in to those modules year over year.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: So, we'd have to continually pay for a service just like we'd pay RITA. Same kind of thing, basically, right?

Mr. Uhl: Correct.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Okay, my friend actually lives in Loveland. She used to live in Springdale and she was talking about how much she loved that they use RITA because it was so convenient for her and she was able to file online, and she's able to know everything and I asked her a lot of questions about her experience because I wanted to make sure as we're going to do this what are the advantages and disadvantages, and her biggest thing was that she can call her City as well, but she

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Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup (continued): can call RITA and they have all the answers for her and it's kind of convenient, so, I thought that that was nice hearing it firsthand from someone who's actually lived through it who used to do taxes here, and now does taxes through RITA. That was kind of a big eyeopener. I did have a question. I know that Mayor Webster had brought up confidentiality problems. Have there been any problems with RITA reported as far as confidentiality or breaches?

Mr. Uhl: No. None of those have been brought up in conversation with RITA and we've talked extensively about their security practices.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: Just to piggyback on one other thing. Several employees for the City filed through RITA as well. One of the things we were really concerned about is the level of customer service because we wouldn't want to transition into something and not have a good customer service base. And, they have all been very supportive and they said that their process in filing is very quick. One of our employees said he filed on behalf of his wife and was able to do so from his phone. So, he said it was very convenient, and I know a lot of the people who come into the City building around tax time sometimes they're waiting around for 15, 20, 30, 40 minutes and they're just here to make a payment. Payments can all get processed online without having to make a trip and wait. But, yes, the customer service base was one of the things we were really concerned about. Asking some other City Managers on their experiences and one of the quotes from a neighboring jurisdiction was, "I wish I would have gone to it years sooner."

Mr. Jacobs: I know that, for example, SwimSafe, that contract is not at all similar to this, but I do notice that the SwimSafe contract comes back to Council each year. If we vote "yes", then Administration would agree to a contract without coming back, would there be an annual revisit for Council, or would it be fully up to Administration a year from now, two years from now on whether you remain with this service or not?

Mr. Braun: Obviously, I think, and to answer as well, Councilmember McFarland's question. I think everybody's been taking notes as to the things that people have concerns about. If you approve this tonight, it won't come back to you for approval, but that doesn't mean that the folks sitting up here won't review the contract and take into consideration all the points that have been made. We can address those. If you're specifically wanting us to limit our participation and have a renewal after a year, or two years, I'm sure Mr. Uhl can check with them to see if there's a minimum amount of time we have to commit to, but we could certainly try to build that in so there isn't an automatic renewal and that way you would have the ability to weigh in if you're receiving comments from residents.

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Mayor Hawkins: Mr. Jacobs, in terms of your question, Council still is going to be who is going to make financial decisions in terms of the budget, so if Council is sitting there going at some point in time, "We don't want those fees for RITA to go into the budget", then there's going to be an issue in terms of not being able to go on and continue with that process, so there's always control and these are the checks and balances. Again, we've said it multiple times, I'll say it again, as has been intimated, we're not firing anybody. We're not going to shut down the Tax Department. I can't say it enough times. But that's the reality. If someone doesn't believe me, they don't have to believe me, but that's what it is.

Mr. Vanover: Two questions. The cancellation clause: what timeframe is there?

Mr. Uhl: We haven't discussed what that is, but they don't lock anyone into any duration of time. They don't need to recoup any money for anything. The software is what it is. So, I think we would just provide them notice that we would be done on a particular date. So, if we go through six, seven, eight months and decide this is not for us, this is not working out and we're hearing nothing but complaints, we just give them notice and start our migration process of data that they have collected thus far back over into our system.

Mr. Vanover: Okay, and follow up question. Who, I guess the question or the term would be chartered the creation of the Regional Council of Governments?

President Anderson: You might need to restate that question.

Mr. Vanover: What entity chartered the creation of that Regional Council of Governments?

Mr. Uhl: I don't know that or have that information off the top of my head. Mr. Braun may have some more information.

Mr. Braun: I can explain. My understanding of RITA is that it is a "COG", or a Council of Governments, which is we have the right to enter into through Ohio statute. So, Ohio statute gives us the ability to form one. It was originally formed by some community or some local entity of the government. I don't know who it was. But I will point out that Mr. Uhl is correct. RITA does have a Board of Directors just as MVRMA does with our carrier. There are other entities out there across the State. But I don't know who the original founder was, but we're permitted to enter into this. We do reference it in the ORC, Chapter 167, so that allows us, by statute, to do this. If you approve it.

President Anderson: I will just add that I know I was very suspicious when this first came out because it reminded me of the discussions we had years ago about Ohio collecting taxes, and it wasn't until I looked at the financials that Administration provided that showed the cost saving in terms of backfill the additional capability that residents get without turning down or changing the hands-on service that

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President Anderson (continued): people can get through Administration here that turned me a little bit towards wanting to do this. To me, it felt more like it's just additional modern capability that our residents can use, but don't have to use, which is why I think it makes sense, especially since the finances make sense. I would want to make sure that when we get around to budgeting next year that we take a look at how much of that tax recouping that we had estimated actually comes to be. That was one of the more convincing arguments for me is that we simply as a small city in Ohio don't have the ability to reach out to some of these business owners or rental homeowners to find ways to find out what resources they have outside of Ohio. So, the ability to get to federal databases to reclaim taxes that are owed is one of the big draws for me in this in addition to the online capability that residents have. I know when I come here to file my taxes in the middle of April, it's very busy. It'd be nice to be able to file it like we do online with our State and with the U.S. government. So, I certainly support the change understanding the concern that people you've heard tonight about the controls and the contracts since we're not looking at it, we're trusting you if it passes to make sure that those are addressed. I don't feel like a software change is the biggest thing the City's ever going to do, so, this is just additional capability that is available, and I hear Administration feeling comfortable with the security side of it. I know we talked a lot about the controls they have on the back end. The representatives talked about the audits that they go through both third party and from the IRS and those help me understand how they're going to maintain our information, so I certainly support that, but just understand that if it does move forward just note that we're nervous. Hopefully the contract controls can help with that.

Ordinance No. 30-2025 passes with five affirmative votes and two opposing votes (Vanover, Webster)

Mrs. Webster: Told you.

President Anderson: If we could limit the outbursts.

Ordinance No. 35-2025

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DRIEKAST PIPING CORP FOR THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY CENTER HVAC REPLACEMENT – PHASE 2 PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 35-2025; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 35-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 36-2025

ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION/ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINANCE TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND ADJUST ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 36-2025; Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 36-2025 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 37-2025 (First Reading)

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

Mr. Jacobs: I think the question would be best for Cole if he was here tonight. Do we have any information on the lifeguards this year as compared to the ones last year in terms of returning staff? In other words, were we able to hire most of the same people? I know we can't control whether they apply or not, but I didn't know how the character of the staff may have changed. If at all.

Mr. Uhl: I don't have the exact answer for you, but we can ask Mr. Wilson to see if he can provide some of that. I do know that there were a lot of returning faces this year back at the pool, so, we'll try and figure out what the returning percentage was.

Ordinance No. 38-2025

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

President Anderson: So, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 38-2025. Questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 39-2025

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

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I would say that this is a really well-timed ordinance given Alice's new pollination garden that she planted back at Ross Park. I think this is a great idea because bees are becoming extinct and if we don't have bees, we don't have life, so I am a proponent for bees. And, like I said with the growing idea of pollination gardens, I think this would be a good way to help people clean up their residences as well because they'll want to feed their bees. Thank you.

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President Anderson: Did Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup or Ms. McFarland want to share any feedback that came from Planning Commission? This was an item that was already reviewed by Planning Commission and sent back with unanimous approval, is that right?

Ms. McFarland: Yes, that's correct. So, we did review it at the last meeting, and they presented a few concerns to us. We did reevaluate that from the Urban Farming Committee and re-presented a few changes to the Planning Commission and that was approved unanimously to present to Council as written.

President Anderson: There was a lot of work that went into it, so thank you for taking it this far. Any other questions or discussion? Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Executive Session – Economic Development

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to go into Executive Session under Article II(D)(1) for the Springdale Charter to discuss Economic Development issues. Mr. Vanover seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote to go into Executive Session. Council departed chambers at 8:55 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 9:34 p.m.

Old Business	-	None
New Business	-	None

Meetings and Announcements

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission has been cancelled for this month due to no applications, so our next meeting will be in these chambers on October 14th at 7pm

Mr. Gleaves: Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to meet in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. September 23rd.

Ms. McFarland: The Board of Health will resume session starting next Thursday, September 11th in these chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Hawkins: Just a reminder if you're free, next Monday, September 8th at 4:00 p.m. come join Alice for the ribbon cutting at 4:00 p.m. at Ross Park.

Ms. Morgan: The Civil Service Commission will meet tomorrow, September 4th at 2:00 p.m. adjacent to these chambers.

Communications from the Audience	-	None
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Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Legislative Summary, Item I was addressed by An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with A Regional Council of Governments for the Purpose of Administration and Collection of Municipal Earnings Tax in the City of Springdale, Ohio. That was Ordinance No. 30-2025 receiving a second reading and five affirmative votes. Item II; An Ordinance Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Driekast Piping Corp. for the Springdale Community Center HVAC Replacement – Phase 2 Project and Declaring an Emergency was addressed by Ordinance No. 35-2025 receiving seven affirmative votes. Item III; An Ordinance Adopting Supplemental Appropriations and Estimated Receipts to Adjust Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures and Adjust Estimated Receipts for the City of Springdale, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025, was addressed by Ordinance No. 36-2025 receiving one reading and seven affirmative votes.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: We have Item IV; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute an Addendum to the Current Agreement Between the City of Springdale and SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc. and that was addressed by Ordinance No. 37-2025 receiving a first reading. Item V; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for Waste Collection and Recycling Services was addressed by Ordinance No. 38-2025 receiving a first reading. Item VI; An Ordinance Amending Section 153.252(F)(6)(c) and Creating Section 153.252(F)(6)(d) of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Regulating the Keeping of Bees in Residential Areas was addressed by Ordinance No. 39-2025 also receiving a first reading. Item VII; A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor will receive a first reading at our next meeting on October 1st. That's all I have unless there's anything forthcoming.

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Adjournment

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

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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