

## Agenda

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| C. Finance Committee               | Mr. Vanover – Mrs. Webster             |
| D. Planning Commission             | Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup – Ms. McFarland  |
| E. Board of Zoning Appeals         | Mr. Gleaves – Mr. Jacobs               |
| F. Board of Health                 | Ms. McFarland                          |
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| H. O-K-I                           | Mr. Anderson                           |
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### 7. **Communications**

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### 9. **Ordinances and Resolutions**

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[A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 56 WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE METHOD BY WHICH THE STATE OF OHIO DISTRIBUTES MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX FUNDS RESULTING IN ECONOMIC HARM TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO](#)

**10. Old Business**

[Ordinance No. 10-2025](#)

[AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.252\(F\)\(6\)\(d\)\(i\) OF THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF DOMESTICATED PETS](#)

**11. New Business**

**12. Meetings and Announcements**

**13. Communications from the Audience** *(Five minutes each speaker, Springdale Code §30.05)*

**14. Recap of Legislative Items**

**15. Legislation in Development**

**16. Adjournment**

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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on February 5, 2025.

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

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

President Anderson: Council, before we move on to the rest of the agenda and minutes, I wanted to take a moment, if I could, it's not on the agenda, but, I wanted to recognize a recent passing in our Community that was a serious loss, and I think we need to take a moment to recognize that. This past week, the City of Springdale lost Dan Shroyer. He was a former Councilmember, a strong member of the Community, a great father, husband, grandfather, and, just a really good guy. So, I ask that we please take just a minute in silent reflection to consider Dan and his family, and all the work that he's done for our Community. Thank you.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Just piggybacking on that, I would like to take a moment just to say that we're all very sad to hear about Dan Shroyer. He was a great guy, and I do want to mention one of the things that he did that he told me about when he was on Council he was so proud about was his Wounded Warriors boating trips where he would take them out fishing, and he would take groups of wounded warriors veterans and they would go out and they would fish, and it made a world of difference in so many people's lives, and both he and his wife Rhonda used to talk about it all the time with such pride. With him being Chief of Police when I was younger, and then being on Council, and being able to serve with him, I'm very, very honored to be able to have that time, and thank you for giving that moment of silence. Oh, he was Fire Chief, I'm a little emotional, sorry.

President Anderson: I'm a little embarrassed that I neglected to include that in his list of accolades. He truly was a very strong member of our Community, and it's hard to get all of the things he did for Springdale in one sentence, so, thank you for those comments.

Mayor Hawkins: Just to briefly echo those sentiments. The thing that stood out for me in his time on Council was he was very focused on making sure things were done in a fair manner, and that's something that I always appreciated and respected, and, he was also forward thinking. There were some issues that have been coming up that I've gotten questions and calls on, and some of you guys have gotten questions and calls on here recently that he was addressing in reaching out to myself and Administration two months ago. So, it just shows he's always been someone who's been a forward-thinking individual with concerns for issues that didn't even apply to him.

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President Anderson: Thank you for those comments. I'm sure there will be more we can do to honor his memory in the future, but, as this just happened in the past week, I wanted to make sure we acknowledged that. I think it's important when members of the Community like that pass, that we take the time. He really was a great man. I served on Council with him and he taught me quite a bit in the early days I was here, so I certainly appreciate that. While we're talking about the agenda and things that aren't on it, I did want to make Council aware that there is an additional item that was not listed on the agenda that we'd like to include and that's after Communications. It's part of Communications in general, but there is a "5a" that we will be covering tonight, and that will include "Introductions for Staff". This was included in your Legislative Report. Just know that after Communications we'll take the time to do that. I'm told that we don't need to do a formal motion to make that change, we're just going to include it in Communications.

The minutes of the January 15, 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.

### Communications

Ms. Browder: Yes, we do have an Economic Development Transfer Form for consideration, and I'll defer to Mr. Uhl for further information about that.

Mr. Uhl: We do have an Economic Development Transfer Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control. This request is coming from BF Plus LLC. They're requesting to file for a liquor permit for an event center over at the Sheakley Building. Administration has no objection to this. They currently do not hold a liquor permit, so they're requesting to get one from another vendor. They have operated as a business and an event center in another establishment. They've only had a few trainings and whatnot, so there's not really any issues or problems with them operating as an event center.

President Anderson: Council, any concerns that we need to address with that?

Mr. Vanover: Mr. Uhl, is that, what we call a TREX?

Mr. Uhl: Yes.

Mr. Vanover: Okay. That's fine. I have no problem.

President Anderson: Any other questions or concerns about the liquor license? Alright, seeing none, go ahead and file.

Mr. Uhl: Okay. Thank you.

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### Introduction of Staff

President Anderson: Alright next, as I mentioned earlier, this is "5a", we'll do Staff Introductions. Mr. Uhl, or Mayor Hawkins, I'm not sure which is going to take that.

Mayor Hawkins: Mr. Uhl is going to address the matter. I would just say briefly, we've got the best directors in the world here, and these two that are going to be introduced tonight are true assets, and we're very pleased to have them. Mr. Uhl is going to take care of it.

Mr. Uhl: First, I'd like to call up Melissa Hays. Melissa Hays started with us back in September as our Chief Building Official in our Building Department. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Studies from the College of Charleston, and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Villanova University. She's a Certified Planner recognized by the American Planning Association. She has over 20 years of experience in Urban Planning in both municipal and private sector roles with the City of Las Vegas, Clark County Schools, Anderson Township, Hamilton County, TEC Engineering, and, most recently, with the City of Montgomery. She's married with two daughters, and in their spare time they operate a small farm on 24 acres raising beef cattle and chickens. She is also the daughter of Mr. Dave Butch, our former Public Works Director.

Ms. Hays: Thank you so much. I don't really have many words, but, I appreciate you, meeting all of you this evening, and look forward to working with you guys.

President Anderson: Thank you. Welcome aboard.

Ms. Hays: Thanks.

Mr. Uhl: Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: Next up, I'd like to ask Renetta Edwards to come on up. Renetta started with us in November as our Human Resources Administrator. Renetta has a Bachelor's Degree in Human Ecology from The Ohio State University, and she also has a Master's Degree in Human Resources from American Intercontinental University. She brings over 17 years of combined experience in both human resources and payroll. She has experience with the City of Forest Park, and most recently Colerain Township. Renetta is married with a daughter and two sons, and in their spare time they volunteer at the Women's Shelter and the Men's Shelter with their church and travel when their schedules allow. Ms. Renetta Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: It's very nice to meet everyone. I wanted to say that my time here at Springdale has been definitely fast; quick and fast pace. But, I enjoy everything that I do.

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President Anderson: Welcome aboard. You're part of a great team, so, we're glad to have you both. Thank you. (Applause)

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

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President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 06-2025. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and move on. We will see this at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 07-2025

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President Anderson: Council, you've heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 07-2025. Is there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, like the last one, we'll see this again at our next meeting.

Old Business

Zoning Code 153.252(F)(6)(a)(i) Keeping of domesticated pets

President Anderson: Under Old Business, we had an item that was carried over from our last meeting regarding Zoning Code 153.252(F)(6)(a)(i), the keeping of domesticated pets. In short, this was the item that Council as a whole agreed to send to Rules and Law to discuss, or look into updating the ordinances or the laws that we have around the hard limit of domestic pets that we have. It's often referred to as the "Dog limit", or the "Cat limit", which currently is two of any mix of them, and the associated laws. In our last meeting, we agreed that we would take it up tonight. I believe the Committee had asked for Council's opinions on how they would like to proceed, albeit an ordinance with the research that they did, or just ideas in general. So, that's the preamble I have. I don't know if Mr. Vanover or Mr. Jacobs on the committee had anything else to add before other people chime in.

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Mr. Jacobs: I made available to Council and Administration a copy of the minutes of that initial meeting that Mr. Vanover and I had concerning the limit on two pets. And, we had talked about this last week, or, at our last meeting. In general, just to summarize and maybe bring members of the public up to speed, there had been research done. There are no communities nearby that have such a hard limit. Most of the communities nearby have no limit whatsoever. And, after a bit of discussion between Mr. Vanover and myself, and Administration, we had discussed basically two options that we're presenting to Council just in an informal way to see what the feedback would be, and that would be to move the number from two pets to either four or five, and we didn't really have a strong feeling about each. Between the four or the five, then the other option is to remove the number completely. So, those are the two approaches we've had so far. I will say, and I think all of us know in the Community that there are folks who are in violation of this ordinance. When I moved in, I was in violation of this ordinance because I brought four pets into the City. They've since passed, and I'm in compliance, but, it is true to say that there are many residents in the Community that have more than two pets, and it's not a problem, but, it could be a problem if their neighbor decides to call them out on it. And, so, I feel strongly that we should move forward with some increase because then that would protect those residents who do have more than two pets that are causing no problem, and they're one neighbor complaint away from being out of compliance, and being called on it. The last thing I do want to mention about that. Our passive enforcement system does depend on residents reporting issues that they see. And, there's a loophole there where residents that have a beef with each other could result in a negative outcome, and, I think if we can increase this limit, we're going to further protect residents from that in general. Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you for that. And, a question as a follow up on that is by changing a limit that does not change any of the other controls around safe and responsible pet ownership. It doesn't change the noise requirements, the waste requirements, health requirements. You're not advocating that; it's just the number. Is that correct?

Mr. Vanover: That is correct, Mr. President. We have in place right now leash laws, vicious dog laws, noise ordinances, all of that, and that will stay the way that it is. This in no way affects it. It's just that one caveat on the numbers, and in a tertiary search of ORC, the State of Ohio has five. I'll state strongly I'm not in favor of completely lifting the limit. I subscribe to the philosophy that the late great Barbara Woodhouse did in that there are more bad dog owners than there are bad dogs. So, with that, neither one of us had a hard lock on the four or five, but, I think those are reasonable changes.

Mr. Jacobs: I agree with Mr. Vanover in general that having a number is my preference, and, if I had to state it, it would be five, but, we're open to that feedback from other members of Council. Thank you.

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Mayor Hawkins: I just want to make sure that for everybody on the dais in terms of Council and any resident that's present or watching is clear. This is not something where we are not enforcing it. Different from I'll say the ordinance we had with regard to the sale of firearms from years ago where we were directly not enforcing it. We are enforcing this if it's brought to the Building Department's attention. And the Building Department will act, that person will get a notice, and so forth. It's a unique situation that is not easily enforced. We're not going to go banging on people's doors, or getting warrants to kick in people's doors and count dogs and cats. But, if we are aware of it, then there will be action that is taken, and that's part of what's spurring this there is an individual who was in a situation similarly because of an issue with a neighbor, but, we did enforce that with that individual. They had to come into compliance. So, want to make sure folks are aware of that. The only other thing I'll say, obviously this is something for Council to go through and address. It is important, as much as we've talked about whether it's RV's, sports utility vehicles, poultry, chickens, whatever, the main thing I'd ask is make sure that folks are considering not just the people that want whatever it is, but the people that are going to live next to the people that want whatever it is. So, this isn't about the person that wants to have five dogs; it's about the person that's going to live next to the person that's going to have five dogs. So, as you go through that discussion, I'd just ask you to keep that in mind.

Mr. Vanover: And that's correct. And, also too, just to be clear, this is not final decision, because this will have to be forwarded to Planning Commission, but, the Committee felt that we would be doing them a disservice if we didn't at least give them some preliminary guidance on what our thought processes were, but it will have to go to Planning for their approval because it's part of the Code. And, my feeling is there's not going to be a rush of people going out and buying more dogs or cats, well, just a caveat note on that, the cats by ODNR's standards are not considered domestic animals, which is part of the problem with feral populations that we have, but, and, again, a lot of that issue comes down on an owner issue rather than the animal itself. Just know that whatever we do tonight will be forwarded to Planning Commission with our recommendation or thoughts.

President Anderson: And, that's a good call, especially with cats. I believe our ordinance also requires our cats need to be kept indoors only. Our ordinances require cats to be kept indoors. I don't believe our ordinance permits indoor/outdoor cats either, so that's something that might need to be looked at. That might not be right though. Somebody had told me that.

Mrs. Webster: Since our last meeting, I have done a little research on this issue. It was first adopted in 1978, and it stands today, 47 years later. Mrs. Wall first came to City Council on November 20, 2024 and requested that we change this ordinance. There was a Rules and Laws meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. At the regular Council meeting that same night, there was discussion about changing the number of pets. I heard four or five dogs would be good. The lady with the chickens had to come to meetings throughout the calendar year of 2024. It was finally settled in 2025. What is the rush?

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Mrs. Webster (continued): Who would want to live next to a pack of dogs barking, fighting, mating, squealing, doing their business, not to mention the smell. I have known no one who has moved from Springdale because of this ordinance. I'm not up here to win friends and influence people. I'm here to do what I feel is best for all of the residents of Springdale. I personally feel that changing this ordinance would have to be hard to enforce and pit neighbor against neighbor. Thank you for your attention.

Mr. Gleaves: For the record. I own two dogs, and, if anybody has dogs for a long time, or cats, or any pets for a long period of time, one thing that they want is attention. The more dogs or pets that you have, the more attention that you have to divide to those animals. It should not be that hard to make a decision. I personally would like to see three; a combination of three. My two dogs, they are company for each other. And, it comes to a point where space is an issue. The acreage of our homes, on the average, I think four or five pets is kind of hard to manage personally, but, that's just my opinion and I'm in favor of moving to three dogs; that's a combination of the above to keep it practical within an acreage of the average homeowner, and, to give your pets the attention that they need. Thank you.

President Anderson: Any other questions or discussion? So, I will say the process that we talked about before is still the case. When we agreed on the rules of Council back in January, certainly any individual Councilmember is welcome to bring forward an ordinance however they see fit, and it would be discussed and put on the agenda. This was an item that Council as a whole sent to Rules and Law. Rules and Law has sent back the research that they did, and as Mr. Vanover mentioned, there's certainly two paths as I understand it to proceed. Well, I guess there's three options. One is to do nothing. We had the discussion of research, which I think is an important step for any Council to do in response to residents. And, if a resident comes forward with a concern, especially one that generates a lot of interest, I believe it is our responsibility to investigate it, which we did, and I appreciate the work that was done there. At this point we have three options. We can be satisfied with the research and be done, Council as a group could ask Rules and Law to draft an ordinance based on the feedback that they heard tonight, and present the ordinance here and then we would vote on sending it to Planning like we did with the Urban Farming Ordinance. The other alternative that we have that Mr. Vanover was describing would be that we as the Administration or Planning to take up the creation itself of the ordinance with the general feedback that we've given. So, with that in mind, I believe those are the three options. If anyone has other options that we're aware of, this would be the time to tell me. So, with that in mind, certainly I'm open. The Chair is open to a motion if Council wanted as a group to vote to send it to Rules and Law, what that would require is a motion from a member of Council to refer it back to Rules and Law to create an ordinance to send to Planning. The other option is a member of Council could make a motion to send it to Planning for consideration, just as a formal request. Is that right Mr. Braun? Do I have that correct procedure? So, at this point the Chair is open for motions if anyone would like to make one.

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Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I have a question. I just want to make sure if we vote to send it to Planning first, you're saying just the minutes and with no parameters? I just want to make sure I understand that we're either sending information with no parameters, or we're sending it back to Rules and Laws where they will ask for parameters, and an ordinance. Is that correct?

Mr. Braun: I mean you can always take a vote tonight and say we want you to consider the number "x", and they can do that. Remember the last time if you send something to them and they change it, that changes the ability to pass it.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Correct.

Mr. Braun: So, if you're more open-ended about it and let them bring something to you, then you as a majority can decide to adopt it or not adopt it.

President Anderson: And, as I understand that option, if it's open-ended, Planning Commission does not have the ability to add items to our agenda for consideration. What they'd be doing is basically collaborating with us. Creating an ordinance, that ordinance would still require a Councilmember or a collective vote from Council to put it on the agenda for consideration. It's really to address what we learned during the Urban Farming work is if Council's will is more of an open-ended "Hey we would like your opinion" create an ordinance. We would then have the flexibility to act on it based on that. Alternatively, we can be prescriptive. We can say, "We want you to change this number". And, again, that's an option that anyone on Council can do through a motion tonight. You could also do it on your own outside of the meeting.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: I just wanted to make sure I understood the process.

President Anderson: Do you have any corrections on that for me Mr. Braun? I hope I had that right. So at this point, the chair is open to motions if anyone would like to make a motion related to Zoning Code 153.252(F)(6)(a)(i). The chair is open to any motion. Seeing none, I believe the will of Council, at least what it is tonight is that we will continue with the research that was done. Thank the Rules and Law group for taking up that item that we prescribed. And, again, if any individual Councilmember would like to create their own ordinance, that's certainly your right under rule 30.03 in our Rules of Council. Again, thank you. I think that was a very productive discussion. I think everyone, especially with opposing views, working through that process, it's certainly something that Council does from time to time. Changing Zoning Code is significant as Mayor Hawkins mentioned. It's not just the will of the individual person that wants to use their property. It's important to remember the rest and when people buy property, they have a certain set of rules that they bought into and those are important to maintain when it's appropriate. At the same time, I do think it's important that when residents come forward that we're responsive to that. So, thank you to everyone that was involved with that.

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### New Business

Mayor Hawkins: Three matters that I want to put on Council's radar. The first one is Olde Gate Drive connects Northland Boulevard and Kemper. I personally have been in contact with the condo association for the folks back in Olde Gate Condos. The owner of the apartments back there, I've not been in direct communication with, but there's been some communication with the condo associations' attorney. Mr. Braun has had some contact with her. And, the long and short is they're looking at going through and redoing Olde Gate Drive. That, for a number of years, has been something that's been discussed. I think they've come back and asked the City a couple of times if they would take that road. It was not built to City specs 35-40 years ago, so the answer has always been "no". As they're getting ready to redo that roadway, they're considering looking at putting it to City specs, and, so, there's a whole lot of moving parts there, but, want to put it on the City Council radar that that's something that may take place. If it does get made to City specs, it would be something that we wouldn't be paying for, but would be something that would come before you guys for legislation for a road dedication. No different than any other road that's within the confines of our City. It's important to note that there are a lot of moving parts from our side of things in terms of parameters. It's got to be City specs, Public Works, as well as Mr. Braun, our legal and Administration will be monitoring to make sure that it's done "just so" if that's going to happen. So, wanted to put that on your radar. The second issue is formerly Cincinnati Mills, formerly Forest Fair Mall, is going through a process of redevelopment potentially, and, so, I believe that Fairfield City Council has already addressed this. This matter is going to go before Forest Park's City Council February 10<sup>th</sup>. It's already gone through their Planning Commission is the information that I have. What they're looking at doing, and this is primarily, what is in Forest Park that impacts our City, specifically the folks that are in Beacon Hills, and having lived on Bridgeport right across the fence of our back yard, we had the wonderful privilege of dealing with that parking lot and all the craziness that went on there. They're looking at putting in a 250,000 to 355,000 square foot, three of them; buildings that are going to be essentially be warehouse industrial-like buildings. So, while the renderings I have don't do justice in terms of the height. I envision something that is close to the buildings that we have over by the movie theater, so you're probably talking about three stories, four stories, and, again, much like when they did the mall, they're not doing much in terms of buffering for our residents that are in Beacon Hills. So, what I'm asking and proposing that Council think about and if it's something Council wants to do we can ask Mr. Braun to prepare a resolution. I'm going to write a letter to both Fairfield and Forest Park. I've had good communication with Mayor Brown in Forest Park before, and, so, want to make sure, and we can't make them do anything, just like they can't make us do anything, but it's good for them at least to have some consideration. I know that 30, 40 years ago, it would have been nice for everybody that lived in Beacon Hills, bet they would have given some consideration with regard to not having that much parking, and displacing all of the animals that were there and everything else. So, there's an opportunity here to see if they will give us a little bit of a buffer up there to help protect our residents. So, that's

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): the second thing. And, the third thing is State legislators are at it again in terms of looking at potentially changing the law. And, so, despite just having this marijuana law passed, there's a bill, things in the works, and don't know where it's going to go, and Mr. Braun's watching this for us. But, there's a bill that it's in the works of changing the excise tax on adult use cannabis products from ten percent to fifteen percent. So, initially, everybody had said well that's great. It means more money for the City. No. The thing they want to change is the percent that was going to come to the municipalities that we're going to have these places, they want it all to go to the State. So, something else where, again, depending on where those things go, I would ask that Council consider possibly a resolution to go to our State legislators to indicate that's not something that we're interested in taking place. Thank you.

President Anderson: So, I know, at least speaking for myself, if you need a formal vote to create those resolutions, we can do that tonight, but, I think all you need is at least one of us to say we'd like it drafted. So, please consider this a formal request to draft both resolutions, at least from my perspective, unless anyone on Council has real concern about us at least taking that topic up.

Mr. Vanover: Well, this reeks of the State trying to do the income tax where we send everything to them, and then they send it back, and, unfortunately, when you send money to Columbus, it's not a boomerang. It's a broken boomerang when you get it back, so, my response on that is, "yes" send the resolution with a big "hell no" on it to keep them out of our stock pot.

President Anderson: I think it's important that the resolution include some of the concerns that we have, and, if people have ones that they want to include, certainly we have an opportunity to share them tonight, or with Mr. Braun separately. I know for myself I'd like to make sure at least the item on the marijuana law include comments about cities have been taking action for the past year plus, under a certain set of expectations on how that money could be used, so when we enacted legislation that we did, and had brought in and set up licensing, we were planning to offset some of the concerns our residents had about having those types of products at least early on to understand things about public safety cost, traffic cost, things like that. Those are very real things that we considered when accepted the businesses into our Community, and I think that resolution needs to say more than just we don't like it. It needs to be specific and say the things that we'd counted on and unless they're giving us the assurances that we're getting at least that back, I'm not opposed to the extra five percent. I'm very opposed to the fact that they're going to dole it out in whatever they see fit because we did our work with certain expectations and that's really pulling the rug out from under us. It's really inappropriate by them, at least from my perspective. Certainly I'm speaking for myself here, not all of Council. That would come up when we take up the resolution.

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Mr. Jacobs: Also, speaking for myself, this is really no surprise. There's been a multi-decade effort. The folks in Columbus do not support home rule. And, any chance they can to take it away, they will try it. I don't know if we can stop it, but an example for the public just that I've seen over the last few years, if Columbus could, they would love to force, for example Forest Park, Sharonville, and Springdale to have one Police Department, and one Fire Department. And, if they could do it, they would. And, again, on a personal note, when a legislature has a super majority, you lose your checks on some of that power grab that we have seen for years, and years, and years. And, so, unfortunately, this is just more of the same. Again, only speaking for myself, and it has nothing to do with the resolution. Thank you.

President Anderson: Health Departments are another example that have come up in the past, income tax. We benefit from home rule in so many ways people don't realize the fact that residents can call us and talk to us and we can change the rules, or look at rules to see what makes the most sense for us. Just now, earlier today, we talked about domestic pets and keeping of that. Several years ago, the State tried to change zoning law for us about what types of pets and how many could be done. We wouldn't have had the opportunity to have the discussion we had tonight about domestic pets because the State was ready to overrule us. In that case, we sent a letter through our lobbying committee, the League of Cities that helped fight that back, and I think it's important we speak up when that comes up .

Mr. Vanover: Well, in a note too, over the years, the power shift has gone from municipalities to townships. And, personally, I think there's a little bit of envy because municipalities have certain powers that townships do not have, and they want a slice of the pie, but, they don't want to do the due diligence and the work so, that's also added to that, and that's been an ongoing thing for a number of years.

President Anderson: And, I will say on the Forest Fair Mall resolution, if you're asking for that, I know that if it's necessary to protect the residents on that side I know at least for myself I would be open to even sharing some of the cost that might be involved with that, if the budget could bear it. That's something I think the Finance Committee could look at. Even if it comes down to, I'm not promising money, that's not mine to do, but, I'm saying I'm open to even a conversation like that because I know the impact that the mall development had on our residents in Beacon Hills, and I want to make sure that we've taken as much steps as we can to protect that redevelopment when it's happening. And, that was a huge impact that affected so many lives.

Mayor Hawkins: We can explore all things, but, it's one of those things, much like the mall, that development that was the mall, and this development, which are these giant warehouse facilities. They're so big. They don't have to be that big. You can scale that back a little bit, you can give us a little bit of a buffer, fifty yards makes a huge difference for our residents. It's a negligible impact for them and what they're doing. They shift that a little bit further west, and it gives us some reprieve. We are

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): the only ones that are really impacted. You get a little bit from Fairfield, but, Fairfield, quite frankly, when you look at the diagram that they have, Fairfield is protecting their residents. They're not having this part of that in their area, and Forest Park doesn't have residents over there, so, they're not impacted, but we are. And, it's one of those things where, you just hope, and again, we can't make them do anything, they can't make us do anything, but, you hope that maybe they'll give some consideration to their neighbors as we sit there. And, quite frankly, if this is developed as they've proposed it, it's worse than the mall in terms of what our residents are going to look at that live over on Bridgeport. It's ten times worse in that situation. You go out there and you look at a parking lot, and a mall about 100 to 200 feet away. This looks like it's going to be a rather ominous, imposing building right there in their back yard.

President Anderson: And, again, we talked about specifics in the resolutions. I think it's important that we call our concerns about lighting, noise abatement, security. I can tell you those are the things I got calls on, and still, people, that's my district, the people I talked to in that back area, those are the things that come up, right? So, those are the things I want to make sure we've addressed. Those are real.

Ms. McFarland: That's my neighborhood. I live about ten houses up from there. The security is huge. The noise is huge. We constantly hear drag racing going on back there to the point where it gets the dogs barking, and there's a lot of commotion. So, I know even the people that live even closer something is needed regardless of what they do there.

President Anderson: Thank you for bringing that to our attention. If there's anything else we need to do for that, we're certainly here for it.

### Meetings and Announcements

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet next Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in these chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. McFarland: The Board of Health will meet Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in these chambers.

Ms. Morgan: The Civil Service Commission will meet tomorrow, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Gleaves: The Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to meet February 25<sup>th</sup> in these chambers at 7:00 p.m.

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President Anderson: In closing out meetings and announcements, I will just, as a mention in terms of announcements, last night, Ms. McFarland and I had the opportunity to join the school district in one of their regular Q and A sessions they've been having. I'd encourage both Councilmembers and members of the public to look for those in the future. There's at least one more that's being scheduled in Springdale specifically. I don't believe a date has been announced. Last night it was at the school district. It was at the Springdale Elementary, and it was well attended. There was a lot of good feedback. What I found is Superintendent Elgin (Card), the Treasurer, and several other members, and there were probably 30 to 50 members of the Community, from all over Springdale. They were there giving feedback to our school district about this isn't about a specific item or about money, it was giving feedback and them listening for what's important to the school district from our residents. So, I'd encourage everyone to take an opportunity on any number of those meetings to attend, and let your voice be heard for what you think is important for our public schools.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: The next meeting at the Rec Center for Princeton will be on March 12<sup>th</sup>, it's a Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. I thought that the one at the school was just for parents, I was told after the fact that anyone could come, so, I didn't know that, so I plan on going. It's March 12 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

President Anderson: Thank you for sharing that. It's certainly something we'll announce again. It is important, at least I feel our public schools are really important, and the fact that they're so open to the feedback from the residents right now. Take that opportunity to share what you think is working well in our public education system, and what they need to work on. They are listening.

Mayor Hawkins: Aside from that, Ms. McFarland, did you reference horse races?

Ms. McFarland: No. Thank you. I just thought about that when you started talking.

Mayor Hawkins: You always do it better than I do.

President Anderson: In that case, Ms. McFarland, when you're ready.

Ms. McFarland: February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Cinema Horse Races. SYB puts this on every year at the Rec Center. It's a huge fund raiser for us that helps keep sports cost low for our Springdale kids in the Community. It's a lot of fun. I believe Mr. Anderson will be dealing cards, and Mr. Jacobs will be serving drinks, and I'm doing something. The meeting was tonight, so, I guess I'll find out later what I've been put in charge of. But, it's a great time, it's a lot of fun. Adults only. Come out and join us.

President Anderson: It really is a good time. I appreciate SYB putting that forward.

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### Communications from the Audience

Ms. Domingo: Good evening. So, my name is Laura. I live here in the Springdale area, and it has come to my attention in regards to what's going on in the states throughout our county. I want to know in our Community of Springdale what we're doing. The reassurance to any community of immigrants. That would be based on Hispanics, Africans, Asians, or, in general, anyone from any other part of the world. I want to know. I have many questions, and I know I have a time limit, but, my first question would be for you guys. What are we doing to protect the children? As you know, there is children out here that are immigrants, don't have a legal status, but, here because of their parents. So, I want to know how they are protected outside of the school, on their way home, or going to school to their bus stop. That's my question.

President Anderson: Thank you for coming forward. I'm glad you mentioned in school. I can tell you, I know I saw a letter from the Superintendent that described their approach. We're certainly not able to speak to what's happening in the school. Mayor Hawkins did you want to comment on this?

Mayor Hawkins: Just briefly, and a few things. And, the first part is, unlike a lot of school districts, Princeton has developed a policy, put a policy in place, and if folks have questions on that, they should contact the school district and they'll leave that out for them. I've been asked about this, and I referenced Mr. Shroyer. Mr. Shroyer asked myself and Administration about this about two months ago he reached out, so that goes to the forward thinking before any of these things were put into place. And, I told him, as I've told other residents, other elected officials that have asked the question. These are federal initiatives. They're going to be enforced federally. And, so, it doesn't have anything to do with the City of Springdale in terms of enforcement. We're going to follow our City Charter, we're going to follow the State Constitution, we're going to follow the Federal Constitution.

Ms. Domingo: I understand.

Mayor Hawkins: So, there are separations with regard to what different governmental entities are doing and addressing with regard to different issues. This is not something that we have initiated, and it's not something that we're enforcing. This is coming from the Federal Government. So, and that said, sometimes folks may or may not understand how some of these things take place. And, being an attorney with doing criminal defense work and having been a prosecutor, a lot of times when people come into the system to start to go through the deportation process, a lot of times it's happened by way of them ending up incarcerated for something else, and the Federal Government is notified of their status and they get an immigration holder, and then from there once they're finished with whatever process or case has them incarcerated, then it will be up to the Federal Government if they're going to come and pick that person up and send them through the immigration process. That said, we don't have a holding facility or jail that's active anymore. We once did. It was a 72 hour facility.

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): We would have people come in; usually for OVI convictions. They'd spend their three days with us. So, it is a complete non-issue for us in terms of notifying the Federal Government or anything like that. We're not in the position to have folks, but, even when there's somebody else that's arrested. If we arrested somebody for a theft charge, they're going down to the Justice Center, and at the Justice Center, that's the holding facility, if that entity, that would be the Hamilton County Sheriff's office decides they're going to run a check on somebody, that's something that they're doing. So, for the City of Springdale, there's no aspect of what we're doing that really engages in that process. What I would suggest people do is you want to find out where your rights are, and where the process is. You contact an Immigration Attorney and go through those things. I often will tell people, "I'm an attorney, but, I'm not your attorney". Check with those folks, and let them lay out for you what that process looks like, what's constitutional, what's not constitutional. There's some things that have been argued over and debated in terms of things that have been said, and how enforceable some of those things are, but, you protect yourself when you know what your rights are. That's the best thing that I can suggest you do. But all those things, that's not the City of Springdale.

Ms. Domingo: Yes, I understand that. I have another question that follows up basically in regard to that, and that's also in regards, as you know the Community is in fear in regards to the situation as you know. We're close to the border of Butler County and Butler County has announced that they are enforcing or helping I.C.E. officials, so my next question would be then how would you express in a way that we are okay to call law enforcement for anything. Say that we see something that does not look right, or we're fearing for our safety. Will law enforcement be there and not judge or anything of the sort of our skin type.

Mayor Hawkins: I have to be very clear on this, and I'm very sensitive to this issue with my history and working in the criminal justice system.

Ms. Domingo: I understand.

Mayor Hawkins: I'm very critical of law enforcement doing their job the correct way, and I'm very, very proud of the way our law enforcement officers conduct themselves, and have conducted themselves. I have very little slack. Having been a prosecutor, when you don't do your job right, and I'm a prosecuting attorney, and you don't do a good report, you don't do a good investigation, I'm not happy with you. If you're not testifying the way you need to because then you make my job more difficult. On the other side of it, it's my job to watch all the little things that folks are doing. We've got a great Police Department. Chief Butler does an excellent job. So, I'm telling you I don't care what race, skin tone, where you're from. The last thing we're going to have is a Police Department, or any other Department that's going to be discriminatory in any way, shape, or form. That's not going to happen. So, I mean, even the idea of that is upsetting for me that someone would even denote that may be something that would come through. I'm not saying that's necessarily where

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): you're going with it, but, I can't say that any firmer. We have excellent folks that are Directors of our Departments, and they do a fantastic job, including our Police Department. That's not something that we're going to be doing. This is not, and I don't want to sound like Sam Wyche. "You don't live in 'fill in the blank'. You live in Springdale". So, we're not doing things that other folks are doing. That's not where we are. In terms of talking about neighboring places, again, it's important to be clear. I've been to a commission meeting in the just the last few weeks in Butler County. I did not hear any Commissioner, I didn't hear their County Administrator say anything about immigration enforcement or anything like that. It's important that folks understand process-wise, how things normally take place, and it's usually the way that I indicated. It's usually folks that are incarcerated, and then they get an immigration holder. In fairness, in the last 15 to 20 years of me practicing law primarily in Butler County, and Hamilton County, but a lot in Butler County, there have been different times where there have been raids on different giant businesses, manufacturing businesses, that tend to be in Fairfield and West Chester. And, there have been big roundups of folks that have not been in the United States legally. But, I could count on one hand in the last 15 to 20 years how many times those things have happened, and if there's law enforcement or communities that had said, "Hey, come over here, look over here", that may be, but, those are rare things that take place. I know several folks that work for the U.S. Marshalls that are in and around Butler County. That's not their primary focus typically. Usually they're doing something else. So, I empathize with the concerns that you're referencing and the people that have those concerns, I do. The biggest thing I think folks need to make sure they do is educate themselves on how these things typically take place, and what their rights are, and the best way to do that is through an immigration attorney. But, I'm telling you right now, the City of Springdale is not, and hasn't been, our prior Administration with Mayor Webster. Folks are not going to be doing things that are discriminatory in the process.

President Anderson: And Mayor Hawkins, to add to that, that certainly would be from Administration. I can also echo those comments. I think it was really well described the way the City is approaching this. Mayor Hawkins and I spoke about this I want to say a week ago, maybe longer just to make sure we were aligned. In general, what he's saying is true, and I go one further. You had asked what we can do to protect and reassure people. Mayor Hawkins described the policy of the City. City Council also has a public safety commission subcommittee. If we're to find out, there are checks and balances even inside this organization. If we were to find out that a policy shifted like that, and it was causing concern or harm to residents, City Council has the ability to convene that Commission and take up those concerns or questions. So, I would encourage you or anyone else in the Community if you're finding that we're not being consistent in how we're treating residents, you have a lot of avenues to have that addressed. I know all of our contact information is available on the web, and you'll find that we treat those types of concerns very seriously. I know that if you go a little further north, it's a different viewpoint. I can only speak to what we do here. I was very encouraged when I spoke with the Mayor about this last week that we're aligned in that

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President Anderson (continued): space, and I'm telling you, or anyone else that's listening that we're here to make sure that our Community stays safe, and so we're here for that. So, I hope that helps and answers your questions. I will echo though one other point he mentioned; know your rights. I think that's super important. I know other communities have described this idea of a "red card" that's going around if you haven't seen that, I'd encourage you to take a look at it. It describes a lot of those rights. That goes to law and order and the background I have in general too. It's not that we're condoning illegal activity, we're saying that everyone has certain rights and you should know what they are and the best way you can do to keep yourself safe is to make sure you know what those are. If you find, or anyone finds that we're not meeting that, let us know, and we will address it. We take it very seriously.

Ms. Domingo: I just want to clarify. You said also on the website, but say someone that doesn't know how to navigate on the website, can we always come here in the City of Springdale building and where to?

President Anderson: So, Administration would have to answer that. I can tell you my information is available and I can certainly give you any number of cards you'd like to have. I don't know if you want to address how people would come in.

Mayor Hawkins: I can't say this enough times. Folks can always call me. You can call the Administrative office (513) 346-5700. We did last year a State of the City address in March, we're going to do another one this year. And, each time, every Department Head is made available after the presentation for people to ask questions. You're going right to the top of these Departments. You've got a question about someone's paint chipping on their house, Ms. Hays is there to answer that question. You've got a question about we need to hire one person or another, Ms. Edwards will be there to answer that question. You've got a question about our Fire Department, Police Department, and so on. So, we're making folks available, and trying to foster an idea within the Community if you have a question, come ask the folks that have the answers to the questions. So, call the Administration and we'll do it. I've had people call me about all kinds of things. Some things I can handle, and some are City-related, and some are not directly, but, I'll try to get you to where you need to be. But, we want you to contact the City to ask questions that are City-related versus going online and asking random people who don't have the answer to the question. That's not where you go, and that amazes me every time I see that online. People are asking City questions to people that have no idea. Call an elected official, you can call me whenever you want to, or you can call the City and we'll get you the answer if it's related to the City of Springdale.

Ms. Domingo: Thank you.

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President Anderson: I understand. I hear what you're saying about the fear. It's real. My middle child is Hispanic in his heritage, and I worry about that too. It's very personal to me. He was born in Cincinnati, but, that doesn't mean that he's not going to run into some of these same challenges, so I see things that are happening in that space too. I'm not saying that I understand everything that's been going on, but, I certainly see things and I worry about those things too is what I'm saying. So, just know that I'm concerned about it also, and, if there's something we need to do, please do reach out.

Mr. Gleaves: To piggy back on what everybody else has said, we have a great Police Department and one thing you have to understand about our Police Department is we do not have a lot of turnover. These men and women have been here for years. They've been driving these streets for years. You have probably seen them many, many times. They have seen you many, many times. There has been incidences across the nation recently where people have been acting as phony I.C.E. agents, or agents to take care of these issues. Please don't hesitate to call the Police if someone comes to your home, and the card does not say "Police Springdale". You know what they look like, everybody that has lived here for a long time knows, please don't hesitate to call them and report anything that is suspicious, and, again, with knowing your rights. No one can approach you without proper identification. So, that is very important that you know that your Police, who you've seen many times will come and protect you. So, that's what I want you to know. Thanks for coming down. Appreciate that.

President Anderson: You still have three minutes if there's anything else you want to add.

Ms. Domingo: Well, I think I did have another one, but that's already resolved with the district near us. Winton Woods has expressed how they're going to protect our children in school, letting us know if they have a warrant, that they're allowed to just get that one person they need, and that's it, so, I'm grateful for the district's schools helping us out. And, I guess I want to reiterate for people that do have legal status that still are fearful even though they have legal status basically reassurance that they shouldn't be fearful of anything. And, again, you guys already reiterated about the Police Department, the Fire Department, and especially you guys, and I appreciate that.

President Anderson: Thank you. We appreciate you coming out. I get it. I took my son to the DMV last week to get his State I.D. He's 17. I took him down there because I want him to have a piece of I.D. I get it. I understand people are afraid. So, thank you for coming out here and letting us explain to you what we're doing.

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Ms. Domingo: Of course. I appreciate, and, again, thank you for your time and hearing me out, and questions, and concerns, and reassurance, that hopefully everyone watching this later today they understand that you guys are there any possible way to help us out.

Mr. Gleaves: Laura, one question. After you've come down and expressed yourself, and you heard what you've heard tonight. Do you feel better?

Ms. Domingo: Yes. I feel reassured. I feel safe in my Community, and most definitely I feel the support from you guys. And, I hope that continues on into the future.

Mr. Gleaves: Well you let everybody know.

Ms. Domingo: Thank you.

Mr. Gleaves: Thanks for coming.

Mr. Penwell: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My name is Christopher Penwell, I'm here on behalf of my employer, Direct Venture CDL Training. We have recently come into the City, and we have begun operations. I wanted to introduce ourselves because you will be seeing our trucks around. We're currently located on Sheakley Way, so, we'll be in the City travelling around, things of that nature. I wanted to introduce ourselves because at our core, Direct Venture CDL Training believes that every person deserves the opportunity for gainful employment and we are here to serve residents of Springdale from all different socioeconomic backgrounds to achieve those goals. We are an adult program, currently the majority of our business is Class A CDL's, so, we are looking forward to the opportunity to operate within the City. At the same time, we also want make sure that City Council, the residents of Springdale understand that we are also here to be an asset. Community outreach is very important to us. Anything that we can do as a company to assist in outreach programs put on through the City, we're more than welcome to do what we can and offer our services that way. Again, I'll keep my comments brief, but, just wanted to introduce us, and you'll see us out there, but, for us, and pun intended here, we do go the extra mile, so, we look forward to many future endeavors we can have with you.

President Anderson: I'm sorry, what was the name of the company again?

Mr. Penwell: Direct Venture CDL Training.

President Anderson: That's right. Thank you. Thank you for coming in. If you could make sure you sign in just so we have it for the record.

Mr. Penwell: Absolutely.

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President Anderson: Thank you.

Ms. Rathgens: Good evening everyone. My name is Pam Rathgens. I live at Baldwin Grove at 11111 Springfield Pike. I have been there since 2008 of March, and, since I've been there, my phone system, which was put in by Cincinnati Bell. I'm still having problems. My phone landline is open to the whole community of Baldwin Grove. I came here last week, I believe and spoke to a gentleman here in the Administrative Office in this building, I'm sorry, I didn't get his name. I also talked to a woman that was in that office also. And, I am having problems with my landline. My son says, "Mom, no reason why nobody can did a hole and take care of this problem". Now, it's been going on since 2008 March. I've even confronted Baldwin Grove Community at one of their meetings about this just recently, a week or two ago; nothing. When it happened in the beginning, I was on the landline with my daughter. It was after midnight. She said, "Mom, somebody's listening in to our conversation". And, it's still going on. I went to Cincinnati Bell downtown. I even worked at Cincinnati Bell, even across the river as an agency employee. They wanted me to work there permanently. I said, "No. I ain't crossing this bridge anymore." So, anyway, I went to a branch that was downstairs at the main floor downtown of the Cincinnati Bell branch that was open to the public. And, I talked to them. And, they said, "Well, there's nothing we can do. It's management." Well, Baldwin Grove changes managements as far as someone in that office every time you turn your head, so, I'm tired. I'm 82 years old, I've been there since March 2008, nothing. I'm tired of fighting this. I'm tired of fighting it. I don't have a cell phone at the moment because they're changing too. Contract with Verizon for senior citizens cell phone ended either last month, December, November, could have been October. I'm not keeping track. I'm tired of it. Tired of Baldwin Grove getting away with murder as far as this situation. I can't use my landline. I'm a senior citizen. They quit the smoking, okay, but still there's people smoking. They're lying to management about smoking. I have COPD, but it's not because of that smoke. I don't smoke. I haven't smoked. Never, ever. I had that problem too with the residents in the building. They're lying to management about when management asked them, "Do you smoke?" There's a certain regulation with the dogs, I mean animals. That's okay. The animals don't smoke. It's the residents. They're lying to management that they don't smoke. Many a times, I go to the front entrance of this building to go and check my mail because I've been out grocery shopping or whatever. And, I stop at the front entrance, and the last time the smoke killed me. There wasn't any smoke when I walked in, but when I came out. So, I approached management and I told her. I told her, Michelle Blair, the new one. How long she's going to last, I don't know, but, you can't even talk to them sometimes. And, when you confront, when at the community meeting I confronted them. I said, "There's smoking still going on". You say you're going to get rid of these people who are breaking the laws and regulations, but they're still here.

President Anderson: Pam, you're time is expired. Is there something that anyone on Council or Administration want to address? I'm not entirely clear the best way we can help in this situation.

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Mr. Uhl: If you would, just make sure that your contact information is listed there on that sheet, and then whatever contact phone number you would like us to reach out to you on, and we'll make sure that whatever contact that we can provide by way of Cincinnati Bell, and our communication with Baldwin Grove, we'll try and assist you the best way we can.

Ms. Rathgens: Okay. I appreciate it.

President Anderson: Just be sure to sign in there.

Mayor Hawkins: Ma'am did we have a conversation with regard to the age? Did I talk with you from Baldwin Grove about the age limits, or did I speak with another resident? There have been a couple of different residents that have contacted me from Baldwin Grove about different issues going on. I remember you talking about smoke stuff before, but, did we talk about the age of the individuals that are living there too? Did we have that conversation? Was that a concern before?

Ms. Rathgens: No sir. I applied. I had a spiritual sister that lived across the street in Mapleknoll. She kept telling me because I owned a home in Springfield Township, and I had to get rid of it because of mold and mildew. So, I put my name on the list, and in 2008, I lost a brother. I'm from the east coast, I'm from northern Virginia. I'm from D.C. I'm from the federal government area, okay? My family were all federal employees.

President Anderson: Ma'am, if you could keep the comments closer. Your time is expired. So, if you could just answer the question.

Mayor Hawkins: I just wanted to make sure if we talked about that, I thought we had. I thought you were the individual that had spoken with me about it. But, at any rate, that issue had been raised in terms of that Baldwin Grove was not in compliance with regard to age covenants, and, so, administratively we have looked into that. Ms. Hays has given information I provided to Mr. Braun, and that is something that we're looking into and addressing. So, I just wanted to make sure if that was a concern that matter is being addressed. Some of the things that you've referenced, and Mr. Uhl said leave your contact information we'll have somebody reach out to you. Some of the things you've addressed are beyond the City of Springdale's control, but something like the age is something we can address because it goes to the covenants that run with the land from when they opened that up. So, that's something that we are going to address, but, it's important to know if there's things that the City of Springdale directly is tied to, then we will, like that issue. There's certain things we may not be able to address, but, administratively, we can probably give you some good direction in getting those things resolved. Okay? So, just make sure you leave your information so we can get back to you. Thank you ma'am.

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Ms. Rathgens: Okay. I have the last community meeting, could be two years ago, but at one time there was four entities that owned that building. Not so now.

President Anderson: I'm sorry to interrupt you, but we'll need to move on. If you could make sure that the contact information is there, it sounds like Administration can look into it for you. And, again, thank you for coming out and bringing it to our attention. We'll do what we can to help obviously.

### Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: As you review your Legislative Summary Council, Item I was addressed by Ordinance No. 06-2025 receiving a first reading; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission for Use of Funding Through the Mini Planning Grant Program to Complete the Mill Creek Connector Feasibility Study, again receiving a first reading. Item II was addressed by Ordinance No. 07-2025; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram for the Purchase of Two 2024 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicles receiving that first reading.

### Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Item III; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement for Design Engineering for the Northland Boulevard and Kemper Road Intersection Modifications and Shared Use Path Project is on the agenda for a first reading at our February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. I apologize that will be a second reading. Item IV; An Ordinance to Establish Ledro Street as One-Way Traffic Designation will be brought before Council for a first reading on our February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Item V; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement for Design Engineering for the Community Center HVAC Replacement Project – Phase II will also receive a first reading on our February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. That's all I have unless Administration has anything else.

President Anderson: Are we still expecting Hamilton County Auditor Jessica Miranda at our next meeting? Okay good. And we will be tracking the other two resolutions that we talked about tonight.

City of Springdale Council

February 5, 2025

Adjournment

President Anderson: In that case, all that's left before us is Item 14.

Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder  
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:  
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR USE OF FUNDING THROUGH THE MINI PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM TO COMPLETE THE MILL CREEK CONNECTOR FEASIBILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale (the “City”) is exploring the feasibility and cost of extending pedestrian and bike facilities from Northland Boulevard at Springfield Pike to connect with surrounding trails, specifically the Glenwood Gardens to Winton Woods connector trail (the “Study”); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Study, the City applied for and received grant funding from the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission Mini Planning Grant Program in the amount of \$15,000 toward the cost of the Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission to accept funding through the Mini Planning Grant Program for completion of the Mill Creek Connector Feasibility Study (the “Memorandum”). A copy of the Memorandum is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2025.

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President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Project Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission  
And  
City of Springdale.**

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into on the \_\_\_\_ day of February 2025, by and between the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission ("RPC"), and the City of Springdale ("City").

RECITALS

The Mini Planning Grant Program started in 2015 and is designed to help jurisdictions with limited funding and planning expertise identify transformational projects to address strategic planning and development opportunities. The grants can be used for planning activities like market studies, community visioning, strategic planning and targeted redevelopment plans.

The City was formally awarded funding for their *Mill Creek Connector Feasibility Study*. The Project will conduct a feasibility study and preliminary cost analysis of extending pedestrian and bike facilities from Northland Boulevard at Springfield Pike. See Scope of Work attached as Exhibit A.

AGREEMENT

Therefore, the RPC and City agree to the following:

1. **Project Details.**
  - a. The City has been awarded \$15,000 for the Project.
  
2. **Term.** It is anticipated that the Project will be completed by December 31, 2025. Accordingly, this agreement will terminate on that date unless an amendment is executed by the parties extending the Term of this Agreement.
  
3. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by the mutual written agreement of the parties; or by any party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other in the event of a party's substantial failure to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

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Lawrence Hawkins, III, Mayor  
City of Springdale

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Date

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Brian C. Uhl, City Administrator  
City of Springdale

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Date

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Steve Johns, Assistant Director  
Hamilton County  
Department of Planning + Development

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Date

**Exhibit A**  
**Project Scope and Budget**

**A. Project Scope**

This plan further explores a portion of the Springdale Bike & Pedestrian Connectivity Plan (adopted in 2022), which recommended a series of bike and pedestrian facility improvements throughout the entire community to be implemented over time and in conjunction with new development or road improvement projects. This plan will conduct a feasibility study and preliminary cost analysis of extending pedestrian and bike facilities from Northland Boulevard at Springfield Pike for approximately 2.1 miles to the intersection of Sheffield Road and Toulon Drive, where it would connect the Glenwood Gardens to Winton Woods connector trail.

**B. Project Budget**

Funding Sources:

Hamilton County Planning Mini-Grant – not to exceed \$15,000

Funding Uses:

| Task/Phase                      | Estimated Fee |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Project Start                   | \$3,750       |
| Evaluate Existing Conditions    | \$3,750       |
| Develop Alignment               | \$3,750       |
| Final Feasibility/Cost Estimate | \$3,750       |
| Total:                          | \$15,000      |

**ORDINANCE NO. 07-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JAKE SWEENEY CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2024 DODGE DURANGO POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has advertised and received bids for the purchase of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram is equal to or less than the best bidder with a price of \$87,400 for the purchase of two 2024 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City of Springdale accepts the State’s vehicle specifications and agrees that Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram is equal to or less than the best bidder for the purchase.

Section 2. That the Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram in the amount of \$87,400 for the purchase of two 2024 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicles for use by the City of Springdale Police Department.

Section 3. That the Finance Officer/Tax Commissioner is hereby authorized to pay Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram a sum not to exceed \$87,400 for the purchase of two 2024 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicles.

Section 4. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2025.

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President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

Approved:

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ORDINANCE NO. 08-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CASTRO LANE AS A ONE-WAY STREET BETWEEN BENADIR ROAD AND LEDRO STREET**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio is committed to ensuring the safety and efficiency of vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the City; and

WHEREAS, changes to the flow of traffic on Castro Lane were discussed and reviewed by the Rental Program Committee established by Council; and

WHEREAS, after a comprehensive traffic study and input from traffic engineers, it has been determined that converting Castro Lane into a one-way street will improve traffic flow and safety conditions; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of Castro Lane to a one-way street is in the interest of public safety, pedestrian accessibility, and overall traffic management of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. Castro Lane shall be designated as a one-way street in the westbound direction, between Benadir Road and Ledro Street, effective upon the installation of appropriate signage and traffic control devices.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to install all necessary signage and road markings to implement this change in the direction of traffic on this street.

Section 3. Any vehicles traveling in a direction contrary to the designated one-way direction shall be subject to penalties as prescribed in the City's municipal code.

Section 4. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ORDINANCE NO. 09-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH LEDRO STREET AS A ONE-WAY STREET**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio is committed to ensuring the safety and efficiency of vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the City; and

WHEREAS, changes to the flow of traffic on Ledro Street were discussed and reviewed by the Rental Program Committee established by Council; and

WHEREAS, after a comprehensive traffic study and input from traffic engineers, it has been determined that converting Ledro Street into a one-way street will improve traffic flow and safety conditions; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of Ledro Street to a one-way street is in the interest of public safety, pedestrian accessibility, and overall traffic management of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. Ledro Street shall be designated as a one-way street in the counterclockwise direction, in its entirety, effective upon the installation of appropriate signage and traffic control devices.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to install all necessary signage and road markings to implement this change.

Section 3. Any vehicles traveling in a direction contrary to the designated one-way direction shall be subject to penalties as prescribed in the City’s municipal code.

Section 4. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

Approved:

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Mayor

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Date

**RESOLUTION NO. R07-2025**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 56 WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE METHOD BY WHICH THE STATE OF OHIO DISTRIBUTES MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX FUNDS RESULTING IN ECONOMIC HARM TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 56 has been introduced in the Ohio Senate which, among other things, proposes to change the way in which marijuana excise tax funds are distributed by the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, currently, a portion of marijuana excise tax funds are distributed to communities like Springdale that allowed marijuana dispensaries to locate here and the proposed legislation would eliminate that and redirect the funds to State of Ohio's general fund; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's cities like Springdale that permitted dispensaries to locate in their communities rely on the excise tax funds to cover costs associated with regulation of the businesses and public safety costs associated with them; and

WHEREAS, changing the method by which marijuana excise tax funds are distributed will result in economic harm to the City of Springdale and other similarly situated communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. The City of Springdale City Council urges that the Ohio General Assembly should not pass Senate Bill 56, or any legislation that would result in marijuana excise tax funds not being distributed directly back to municipalities like Springdale that permit marijuana dispensaries to operate in its jurisdiction.

Section 2. Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2025.

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President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

Approved:

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Mayor

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Date

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.252(F)(6)(a)(i) OF THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF DOMESTICATED PETS**

WHEREAS, Section 153.252(F)(6)(a)(i) of the Springdale Code of Ordinances regulates the total number of household domesticated pets permitted; and

WHEREAS, Council seeks to revise the total number of permitted domesticated pets per household from 2 to 3 in the City; and

WHEREAS, Council held a public hearing regarding this amendment on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and Planning Commission has reviewed the matter and (recommended/not recommended) approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. Section 153.252(F)(6)(a)(i) of the Springdale Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

- (F) Residential accessory use-specific regulations.
  - (6) Keeping of domesticated pets, domesticated farm animals, husbandry of fowl, rabbits, or bees, and domesticated household pet day care facilities.
    - a) Household domesticated pets shall be regulated as follows:
      - i) No more than three dogs, three cats or a combination of dogs and cats so as not to total more than three.

Section 2. That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved:

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Mayor

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Date