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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on January 21, 2026.

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

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

The minutes of the January 7, 2026, meeting were considered. Mr. Gleaves made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Jacobs seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Good evening, Council. Springdale Civil Service Commission met on January 8th and the members present were myself and Mrs. McNear. Mr. Dunigan had a previous commitment, so he was unavailable. Following a disposition of the minutes from the December meeting, a motion was made to approve those minutes and that motion passed 2-0 as well. In addition to the status update on current vacancies, which included the Police Clerk hiring process and we are happy to report that that candidate was in the background process, and the other update was the Public Works Maintenance Worker hiring process, and, unfortunately, that candidate did not move forward in the hiring process, so we moved forward with the New Business items and there were two New Business items. The first one was the Police Officer timeline which was presented to the Commission due to the future retirement of a Police Officer. Mrs. McNear made a motion to approve the timeline, and it was seconded by myself, and that motion passed 2-0. The second item was the Public Works Maintenance Worker timeline. And, that timeline was presented in order to add to the present list of candidates. Mrs. McNear made the motion to approve that timeline and that one was also seconded by myself and the motion passed 2-0. Other than those two items, there was just some correspondence and the correspondence was reviewed, and we moved on. Any questions? Seeing none, that concludes my report.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Webster: I have the report of General Fund activity through December 31, 2025. General Fund beginning balance, December 1, 2025, \$6,960,646.00. Revenues for December \$1,646,699.00. Expenditures for December \$2,442,404.00. General Fund ending balance December 31, 2025, \$6,164,941.00. Thank you.

Planning Commission

Mr. Jacobs: Planning Commission met on January 13th. The Commission held no official vote but did affirm by acclamation that member Okum shall remain Chair, member Galster Vice-Chair, and member Ramirez as Secretary. One applicant for a map amendment request from Office Building OB to General Industrial (GI) for Closets

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): by Design and Shine on Century Boulevard was heard. It was noted that the area around the development is already a very diverse mix of GI, OB, PUD and GB already. The applicant was present to answer questions. The preliminary plans for the development were not part of the meeting; just to approve the map amendment and the Commission approved the map amendment with six affirmative votes. That's all I have unless there are any questions.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Hall: Next Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on the 27th of this month at 7:00 p.m., if in fact it does go with the applicant and if there is a meeting Mr. Gleaves and I will be prepared for a conclusive report to the Council.

Board of Health

Ms. McFarland: The Board of Health last met January 8th in these chambers. We reviewed the Commissioner's Report beginning with smart goals for Workforce Development Plan. Those were presented to us, and we will provide feedback to the Commissioner by the next meeting. The Food Program, Slick City did complete their 30-day inspection, and then we have several that are in construction pending including Quik Trip, Smoothie King, Firehouse Subs, Family Diaz Butcher Shop, and then the Hamilton County Communications Center that just recently opened on Tri County Parkway had some vending machines that had to be approved. We did review the priorities for the Community Health Improvement Plan, and those included substance use and abuse, continued vaccine support, homebound patients, healthy lifestyles, health promotion and education, and public health preparedness. Those are ranked by the members of the Board. The Health Department Employee of the Month was Hannah Runyan. From the Nurse's Report we did have two reported cases of COVID-19, three cases of the flu, two cases of salmonella, and they did seven additional vaccine days during the month to reach some additional patients, so, they did reach 32 patients with 67 vaccines given, and the Blood Pressure Clinic for the month, they were able to complete 46 screenings. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 12th.

O-K-I

President Anderson: The OKI Board did meet on January 8th. Two items of note for Council; one, we did a review of the Public Participation Plan. There's four elements to it. It's the way that the Board interacts across the region with the public. And, as a general practice, they update their communications plan with the public at least every four years to ensure that it's updated with current laws changing to address growing tech use that things are written in plain language that's relevant into today and how OKI would work, in general for its communication plan. I just bring that up because I think it's a great practice that they use just as a regular practice reviewing how they interact with the public just as a matter of principle and looking at the technology and the language. It's just something that's noteworthy, especially for such an impactful board. I think it's great that they do that. The other thing that we addressed was the TIP Amendment. We had four highway projects and seven transits

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President Anderson (continued): projects for funding as part of the board meeting. Other than that, that's all I have to report on OKI.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: First off, there will be several exciting developments with regard to our Parks and Rec Department this year. You're going to get to hear some of that from Mr. Wilson tonight, as he's going to do a presentation regarding one of those projects, but there will be even more to come, hopefully later on this year. Secondly, we had the Coaches Memorial Hall of Fame and Springdale Pep Rally on January 9th. Bob Diehl and Ken Faught were inducted into the Hall of Fame and thank you to their families for sharing them with the City of Springdale. Appreciate all that they have gone through and helped with young people coming up in sports over the years. This Thursday, January 22nd we'll be conducting a meeting at Heritage Hill Elementary School. This is going to cover topics involving spring soccer sign ups, it's going to also go over registration with our Tax Department as well as how you get registered with the Rec Center as well. That meeting is going to be at 5:00 at Heritage Hill Elementary School. All people are welcome to attend that meeting. Speaking with Principal Erika Zaleta-Lastra, she's been instrumental in and very helpful with regard to making that happen, so we appreciate her and hope folks come out to learn some more about those topics.

Next, there have been a couple of different things that have happened over the last 30 days or so with multiple elected officials. So, I want to make sure as a reminder with regard to what folks are doing, not doing and where those parameters are in terms of what City operations are and making sure that we're not getting involved in that. And, so, operations include what vehicles, facilities, what people are doing, what types of City business. Operations also include making sure that we're not giving City employees direction directly to them. It's important with regard to that because it can get the City into hot water, and it can also disrupt operations. The employees are not Council's employees directly; they've got people they're reporting to. So, Council does not have to worry. I know one individual had asked about if they have to discipline folks. Council doesn't have to worry about hiring or firing or disciplining employees. Employees are tasked by their Department Heads to take care of certain things a certain way at a certain time. And, so, it's important to make sure that that's not something that's going to be interfered with. So, if there's instruction that's given or it appears to be instruction given, that employee may take that instruction and they may end up doing something that's contrary to what the Department Head has asked them to do. That's going to be a problem where if it's something contrary to what Mr. Uhl or Ms. Morgan has asked them to do, that's also going to be an issue that could result in that employee being disciplined up to and including termination. The other issue is if the request or the ask is contrary to policy, it can result in that employee ending up bringing action against the City for acting outside the scope of their employment. We can get sued for that, or if they do something that's beyond their job description and something happens outside the City that has a negative impact, we'd get sued from that as well. Some have asked in the past, I know there was a recent request with regard to doing a ride-along. Folks are always welcome to

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): go through and do that. Make sure that if you do that, make that request through Mr. Uhl. Please don't go and ask our Chiefs or men and women that are in law enforcement or our firefighters/EMTs directly. Let Mr. Uhl get that set up for you. If you go on a ride along, it's also important, this is something that pseudo took place not on a ride along, but in a different context years, years, years ago that you're not talking about salaries, hours of work. Anything that would unwittingly open up negotiations because that can happen easily if you get into that kind of thing. So, just as a "heads up" to make sure that no one runs afoul of those things. Lastly, everybody's important up here, so anything you guys say, everybody lives in different segments of the City, everybody travels through different segments of the City. You see something, please say something. Please call Mr. Uhl, or Ms. Morgan. They will make sure that whoever it is that needs to address that situation, they'll take care of it in quick haste. And, also, if anybody has any questions with regard to issues, roles, tasks, I am always available. I've sat in the seat that everybody has sat in as a district rep as well as an at-large rep. I'm always open to questions. I know Mr. Braun is always open to questions as well regarding any of these things that may come up. Lastly, there's an event called the Chamber Chat on January 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the northern Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. It's right off of East Kemper Road in their headquarters. Myself and Mayor Kevin Hardman from Sharonville will be there to discuss developments with regard to our respective cities and answer questions that folks may have as well. With that, that concludes my report.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Uhl: Just a few quick items, and then I believe Ms. Morgan has an item or two. First off, we received a couple of phone calls from residents. Just wanted to make sure everyone knows that the Metropolitan Sewer District is in our area and we had a representative come a couple of months ago to talk about some of the issues and problems that they have with their sanitary sewers with back up and they have identified a multitude of properties where the rainwater is discharging within their sanitary sewer lines. So, they've been sending out letters to those affected properties, and our Police Department has responded out for a suspicious person as well. They are wearing some high visibility clothing, but, just wanted to make sure that people know that MSD is in the area and they have been sending letters out for those affected properties so if you see them in and about the area, that's what they're looking for is the gutters and downspouts that are draining directly into their sanitary sewer lines causing some additional concerns and backups in their system. Secondly, I had emailed out the Center for Local Government's newly elected officials training. If anyone is interested in that, please let me know and I'll get you registered for that as what I believe is sometime in March. Let me know if you are interested and we'll get you registered. And, lastly, a bit of good news here. We have found a Finance Officer/Tax Commissioner, and she is currently in the background process. So, we are hoping to get that individual hired here in the next couple of weeks. We're looking at potentially the end of March, maybe early part of April, so that's a huge relief to us, and a bigger relief to Ms. Morgan in addition to some of her other roles and responsibilities. So, with that, that's the end of my report, and I'll turn things over to Ms. Morgan.

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Ms. Morgan: On the financial front, the 2025 W-2's are now available through your Paylocity accounts. You may have received an email or a pop-up notification from your Paylocity app if you have that on your phone. The City is set up for electronic delivery only. Therefore, you will not be receiving a paper copy. Of note, the Paylocity program is compatible with a number of commercially available tax preparation software programs, so that means you can import your W-2 information directly into one of those programs if you complete your taxes on your own. Thank you.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun

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No report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: Just two quick items. The East Kemper Improvements Phase I Project; we're getting close to wrapping up the design phase of that. We have received 95% plan review comments on December 17th. And we're looking to go to bid sometime early in February. The exact hasn't been determined yet, but it will probably be in that first week is what we're expecting of February to be advertised. The other project is the Northland Kemper Intersection Realignment and Shared Use Path. The project schedule was pushed back to fiscal year 2028 and that was due to allow more time to acquire some of the right-of-way and easements needed on that property. ODOT felt it was best to push the date back and we agreed. So, with that, the project schedule changed a little bit and we're going to submit Stage I plans which is basically like a 60% design level in March of this year, but the project is tentatively scheduled to be bid in November of 2027 and go to complete construction in June of 2029, so, again, that was to allow a longer run time period for right-of-way acquisitions. That's all I had.

Mr. Uhl: Mr. Riggs, I meant to touch base with you prior to tonight's meeting. Next month, Council will see the dedication or the acceptance of the roadway improvements for Glensprings. I didn't know if there was anything else you wanted to add. I know they've all received your letter recommending the public improvements that have been made as a result of the Wawa development. Didn't know if there was anything else you wanted to add to that before they see that next month.

Mr. Riggs: No, I don't believe so. I think everything else is in good order.

Zoning Code Revision Committee

Mr. Gleaves: Zoning Code Revision Committee convened on January 12th in the conference room with participation from City staff, representatives from McBride Dale Clarion, and members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, and Planning Commission. The Committee continued to review an updated land use table along with in-depth discussions about zoning classifications and proposed changes in order to better align with the lack of office use seen today. That's all I have for my report.

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America 250 Special Committee

Mrs. Webster: We had a meeting January 13th. Mr. Jacobs, myself, Mr. Uhl, Stephanie, Lawrence, Mr. Hawkins and we just tossed around a few things about what we could do and will do and can't do. So, we're having another meeting, February 4th before our Council meeting. But I have this brochure that has a few things that people in the audience and/or on tv and watching might be interested in and I have some websites. Now they're having something called "Going to the Movies". Ohio goes to the movies. Now, they're going to do movies around the State of people that have made movies that are from Ohio like heartthrobs like Paul Newman and Clark Gable. Then, they have the 2000 celebration of train. Buckeye 250 train and transportation celebration that is Denison Depot Railroad Museum. Dennisondepot.org. On the movies it's ohiogotothemovies.org. And, if you want to learn anything about all these things and everything they're going to do in the State, you can go to america250-ohio.org. There's a lot of stuff that everybody is of course going to do and we've had a lot of ideas, brainstorming. It was a really good meeting, and I hope a lot of firm stuff comes out of our next one. Thank you.

President Anderson: Sounds good.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Messer: Hello. I'm Daniel Messer. Do I need to stay anything else?

President Anderson: Your address if you don't mind.

Mr. Messer: Okay. 12182 Springdale Lake Drive. I just wanted to inform Council, and, you know, the public that I had an initiative that I wanted to push forward for Heritage Hill and I'm happy to say that I got very good feedback from Mayor Hawkins. We actually sat down and had a meeting and talked about it. What could happen right away, what needed to maybe take a little more time, and I just appreciate some of the positive feedback I got from Council and also from Mr. Hawkins. Just briefly to describe what it was that I presented; I just had a feeling that there would be, well, my daughter volunteered for a program at Heritage Hill Elementary which was an after-school program that allowed kids to participate in soccer. It was a lot of soccer games and character building. It was also something that was made possible by the Vineyard Community Church and then also the City Gospel Mission as well and their youth program. And, so, with those groups combined, and in working with the school, it was a very successful program. They had about 50 kids sign up. I believe they were just fourth and fifth graders and they had really good participation. The Principal and teachers noted that it gave a lot of incentive for kids to have better behavior in order to participate in it. What that got me thinking was that with our current SAY soccer program that maybe we could kind of be a part of that as well. There was definitely plenty of interest and, as far as I'm aware, a lot of those kids haven't signed up for SAY sports, so, that was when I reached out to Mr. Hawkins and others to try to bridge that

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Mr. Messer (continued): gap a little bit if there was anything that we could do. One of the big things I saw was a need to try to streamline the process of getting parents registered with the Tax Department and then with the Rec Center. Which always seemed like a difficult hurdle for some people, especially if English isn't your first language, which, in Heritage Hill is quite common. These are some of the problems that I think Mayor Hawkins is trying to help solve. Also as part of the initiative I wanted to try to get the use of the Chamberlain field because it's right in there in that neighborhood, and there are a few hurdles to that and I'm aware of those and that was what was helpful with the discussion with Mr. Hawkins was understanding what the challenges were to doing that, but it's still not a "no", it's a "we're going to see what we can do" type of thing. So, I appreciated all of that and I just thought that the Community should know that if you do have something you want to present that it's not falling on deaf ears, but members of Council and our Mayor are more than willing to help. So, I appreciate anyone else who is involved in that too. Maybe Charlie as well and others but thank you.

Mayor Hawkins: Mr. Messer I appreciate the idea with regard to bringing forward what was going on with regard to that satellite program over at Heritage Hill and those kids and it's a great opportunity for us to try to increase our enrollment base as well as reaching out to any and all Community members whether they're going to engage in our spring soccer or what have you to make sure they understand how to get registered with the City Tax Department and get registered with the Rec Center, so we're going to make that as easy as we can. I've got a box of documents in my office to take to the meeting tomorrow in English and Spanish with regard to getting registered with our Tax Department as well as getting registered with our Rec Center and so it's going to be a good thing for the City, and I can't speak enough for Ms. Erika Zaleta-Lastra. She's been very, very helpful. She indicated with regard to that program that was going on regarding soccer they had to turn folks away. I think they cut it off at 50 and they were still more individuals that were interested. She's done an absolutely fantastic job the few months that she's been at Heritage Hill as their principal. She's talked about a lot of engagement with regard to families for different events that they've had there, so we are fortunate as a City to have the elementary school principals that we have in our municipality.

President Anderson: Well, I'll just add to that. Mr. Messer, thank you again for the way that you approached Council and Administration with the idea. I think it's a great example of where there was an idea, you saw a need from other volunteer work your family had done and you saw an opportunity to reengage the neighborhood and the Community bringing that forward the way you did reaching out to Councilmembers, operations, and Administration and kind of bringing everyone together and sticking with it, respectfully with a big idea. I thought it was great the way that you communicated that and I'm glad that we're able to work with you in the Community to make that happen, at least parts of it over time. It's just a good example of where we sit up here but we're not in every house in every Community, so these ideas are welcome. So, thank you for coming forward and sharing both the idea but also that there were results from the idea. So, that's helpful too.

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Mr. Coleman: This will be short and quick. When I gave the Civil Service Commission report, I failed to mention something. That is, I request to amend my report to include Assistant City Administrator as present for the meeting, which is Stephanie Morgan, and also, Renetta Edwards, the Human Resources Administrator also present for the meeting. And I make that point because they're so important to the work that we do with Civil Service that I would be remiss not to acknowledge your presence in helping us get through those items that we needed undertaken. So, again, please accept my apology for that omission. Thank you, Council.

President Anderson: Thank you for updating the report.

Presentation—Parks Projects for 2026 – Charlie Wilson, Parks & Recreation Director

President Anderson: I believe we have a presentation for Parks Projects 2026; Mr. Charlie Wilson is in the house. Mr. Wilson, the floor is yours. Do we need the tv or is...?

Mr. Wilson: Yes, I have the tv ready for us.

President Anderson: That's much nicer.

Mr. Wilson: Again, thank you guys all for having me here this evening. I came here to talk about an upcoming project and hopefully projects that we have coming here in the future. A while back we received some State Capital Grant money that was originally intended for an ADA playground. However, the State unfortunately gave us a little bit of a haircut from the amount of funding that we needed to initially complete this project. So, basically what happened was over the course of the summer, I reached back out to our private donor, and I shared with them some of the amazing photos and what they had done at Cameron and Underwood Park and what they were able to, with their donation, to be able to complete there. So, about two months ago or so, they reached out and said, "Hey, you know, is there anything else that we can do for Springdale?" And after talking with Administration, we had a couple of projects that we were going to line up for our State Capital Grant, so we kind of threw out a smorgasbord, so to speak, to say, "Hey, here are some of the things that we're looking at. Is there anything that kind of catches your eye? Do you want to do one of them or two of them, or all three of them?" So, we presented all three of them. The first is addressing our playground need that we have down at the Community Center. As you can see, our existing playground has seen better days. It's ADA-compliant; it's not ADA-accessible. What that means is it's not terribly easy to use. There are sometimes barriers such as a transfer platform, not a ramp, so that's easily accessible. You can also see some weather on this. So, when we presented to a private donor, she decided to fund our playground, which is fully ADA-accessible. Key word "accessible". This is going to go over at the multi-purpose court. We're removing a barrier. It will be all artificial turf. There will be a ramp to clearly go up and down so that anybody, any mobility level, can use this playground. We also have some parent seating, which is something that we've heard about from our Comprehensive Plan. Parents need a place to sit. It is right next

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Mr. Wilson (continued): to our ADA-Compliant restrooms that we renovated with that State Capital Funding which falls in line. And then, Mr. Uhl and I went back down to Cincinnati and went through another round of State Capital Funding requests. So, in that room, we asked for funding for it to resurface our basketball courts, our tennis courts and then asked for four pickle ball courts and replace two of those tennis courts. We also asked for some funding for an outdoor fitness court, which I'm going to show you a short little video so you can kind of see what that is exactly. (Video was presented to Council and audience members) Let me jump back to my power point here. So, with this, we've been working with the National Fitness Campaign, and we applied for a grant partnered through U. C. We have received a \$60,000 commitment from them with the assumption that we are able to come up with the remaining funding. As you can kind of see, there's a workout studio on the back side of that picture on the right. And then on the front there's more body weight exercises that anybody can kind of get to and work within their mobility levels. So, with the State Capital Grant we need approximately \$250,000 to finish the outdoor basketball courts. We've secured \$60,000 with UC Health, but we still need \$260,000 and that bottom one, that we can wipe that off, we've already taken care of that accomplishment. But, in State Capital Funding, Mr. Uhl and I have requested \$510,000, so wish us luck in that endeavor. And this is an aerial viewpoint of what we're trying to accomplish with our health and wellness campus making recreation accessible for all. With that said, I guess I'll answer any questions or anything you guys might have.

Mayor Hawkins: It really is something we haven't had. It's a great opportunity in terms of the ADA-accessible playground and the fitness court and obviously we've been trying to get some things resurfaced with regard to basketball and tennis courts for some time now. So, it will be a great thing. The one thing that Charlie left out is the condition for the donation and the State Capital Grant is that Council has to lead a fitness class on the court once we get the money, okay?

President Anderson: We'll check the language in the resolution, but I'm sure if it's in there, we'll take care of that. Thank you, Mayor Hawkins. Mr. Wilson, this is a great plan. It's ambitious. I didn't hear you say what is the timeline on the grant. It's listed as 2026 project. But does the grant timeline match that?

Mr. Wilson: So, the State Capital Grant hopefully we'll hear something before May. May be a little lofty, but generally that's when they'll send it basically, they'll send it up to the Governor, and then it will be determined on what amount we actually receive from the State Capital Grant. But, as far as the UC match, \$60,000 would be secured.

President Anderson: I understand the Browns are competing for the same funding up in the north.

Mr. Gleaves: This is fantastic. Challenge to the Council on this. Once, if this is able to come to fruition, is there any timetable on how long it would take to complete something like this?

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Mr. Wilson: So, our hope is obviously the playground we are expecting, assuming it passes that we would hope to have that before PretzelFest. That would be a very reasonable request. The fitness courts; that too, depending on when we hear back from the State Capital is when we would get started immediately. The asphalt still falls in line with the State Capital money, so, once that gets rolling, hopefully by fall all things would be completed.

President Anderson: Do we need to add things, or have we thought about security around this environment? Do we need additional cameras or anything like that in this area? Or is that separate in terms of facilities?

Mr. Wilson: So, it's interesting you bring that up. We are actually in the middle of pursuing cameras for that outdoor area as well as replacing some of the outdated cameras inside our facility. So, our plan is to have that fully secured with surveillance.

President Anderson: So that would be separate from this. You're working on the camera situation separately?

Mr. Wilson: Yes. That money is actually already in the budget and you guys approved it. Thank you.

President Anderson: I just wanted to make sure we didn't have to make changes to the security based on this plan. So, this is still in line with that?

Mr. Wilson: Yes.

President Anderson: Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: Just as Mr. Wilson presented, the priorities are working from the right side of the screen to the left, so, since the ADA playground, we've already secured that funding, that's a "go". So, that's a matter of getting that to the table and to the right people who can make that happen and then our second priority would be the fitness court area to kind of build out that area, that existing space there, and then since our basketball courts and tennis courts are existing, although are in deteriorating condition, that's kind of our third priority. So, depending on what the funding comes back with the State Capital money, that would kind of determine how we proceed with the other projects. So, we should know, as Mr. Wilson mentioned, hopefully before the beginning of May. That's a request that goes then to Columbus, our legislators up there tend to give it another review, and then we won't know until the budget is actually signed into law July 1 on what our actual dollar amount would be. But, as soon as that's committed, they put us in contact with the appropriate Grant Administrator and then we can work on getting those projects started. The goal is to get them all wrapped up by the end of the year, but obviously we have some competing projects here. We just want to make sure we time this out and Mr. Wilson still has his nose to the ground and he's continuing to work other community partners for some other projects. Hopefully there's more great news to share with Council in a couple of months on some other projects that

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Mr. Uhl (continued): he's working towards to really enhance our area, but the overall design of this was to ensure that you didn't need membership to enjoy outdoor recreation. And whatever your physical limitations are, you can still have an inviting space to enjoy here in Springdale. Thank you.

President Anderson: So, this is being considered more like it's a park extension. It's a Rec Center facility, but it does not require membership. So, this is available to everyone in the Community.

Mr. Uhl: Correct.

President Anderson: And then, one last question on the art. So, in the fitness court, it showed different art on the back. It said "U.C." and the City emblem.

Mr. Wilson: Yes.

President Anderson: Is there any desire to make that mural an art installation that would rotate and be available to Communities, or just come and make changes, or is that fixed?

Mr. Wilson: All of the above. So, actually part of that grant if we were to get that full \$260,000 needed for the fitness courts a portion of that incorporates a look, we are permitted to have a local artist and actually contract them and pay them to do something that the City would deem acceptable on either side. So, that would actually be a part of the grant if we got the full amount. There are also other options where you can pick a standard display, but we went for the full amount because we would like to try to commission a local artist for that design.

President Anderson: Would that be a static design or would that change over time?

Mr. Wilson: Well, it could change over time if we decided to, especially if it started to look a little rough, you'd probably want to change it aesthetically.

President Anderson: I've seen some communities have a static art installation basically in some of community areas that they would rotate over time. It's a designated area and people would submit their concept art, but it would change every six months or three months it would be available for artists to participate. I didn't know if that was a part of this or if that's just the future maybe.

Mr. Wilson: Well, it's something definitely we could weigh in the future, but as far as the initial construction, we have that opportunity to commission a local artist.

President Anderson: This is wonderful. Thank you for coming in. Is there anything else on your presentation?

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Mr. Wilson: No. Thank you all.

President Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Wilson.

Ordinance and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 05-2026 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 05-2026. Are there any questions this evening? But, before I take questions, I wanted to draw your attention to one item. I passed out at the dais a single page that shows a small update; a minor change that is in Appendix A that was in the original ordinance. This should be considered part of the reading that you have. It changes one word from "provide" to "assist with". It's important to the lawyers, so I wanted to make sure we had that correction just so as you know as you're considering it, that is part of the appendix that we're considering tonight. And that's a change on Section C, "Independent Police Action".

Mr. Hall: As a matter of clarification on this, Mr. Uhl, I understand this is a renewal from years ago. Does this mutual aid include EMS and Fire protection, or just Law Enforcement?

Mr. Uhl: This is just a mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services. I'll double-check to see what we have in place for our Fire/EMS, but I do know that we cross the border quite a bit, sharing resources and our EMS services.

Mr. Hall: Okay. Thank you very much.

President Anderson: We will see this again at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 06-2026 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL UNDER THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GAMETIME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$349,607.09 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY CENTER

President Anderson: Council, you've heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 06-2026. Are there any questions this evening? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

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Ordinance No. 07-2026 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SANDY SHORES PARTNERS, INC. (D/B/A/ CLOSETS BY DESIGN) RELATED TO A JOB CREATION AND RETENTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

President Anderson: Council, you've heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 07-2026. Any questions or discussion this evening? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 08-2026 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RADIANT DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC (D/B/A/ SHINE OF CINCINNATI) RELATED TO A JOB CREATION AND RETENTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

President Anderson: Council, you've heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-2026. Any questions or discussion this evening? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Resolution No. R03-2026

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R03-2026; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

President Anderson: I just want to say one more time thank you again Mr. Wilson for the work that you and Administration did obtaining the grant, not just the work for planning, but it does take work to do these grants, and not all communities do it. I do want you to know that we do see you doing that work, and we appreciate it. It does help our budget significantly and helps the Community a lot more than even we probably realize just having the facilities available and funded like this. So, thank you.

Resolution No. R03-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Executive Session – Pending Litigation

Ms. McFarland: I make a motion to move to Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) to conference with Council related to pending or imminent litigation.

President Anderson: Is there a second?

Mr. Gleaves: Motion to adopt.

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Motion to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) to conference with Council related to pending or imminent litigation passes with seven affirmative votes.

Council departed chambers at 7:57 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 8:14 p.m.

Old Business - None

New Business

President Anderson: I do have one item that I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of. I did receive a letter from Planning Commission that Mr. Jacobs had referenced in his Committee report related to the rezoning of the 11550 Century Boulevard. That does need to come to Council, so, the proposal was that will be at our February 4th meeting for the first reading of that Zoning Request change and then February 18th our second meeting we'll have a second reading and advertise a Public Hearing for that so if Administration will take care of that unless there's any concerns about the timing. So, we'll plan on doing that for those meetings. Any other New Business? (None)

Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Uhl: Just one quick announcement. I would like to publicly recognize Officer Jim Grindle for your many years of service here to the City of Springdale. Here shortly he will be leaving us and enjoying retirement, but Officer Grindle has combined over I believe 41 years, 45 wow, between here and the City of North College Hill. Anywhere else? Those two. Thank you very much for your service. We've enjoyed having you as a member of our Police Department in the City of Springdale. You're always welcome to come back to our Council meetings and just sit in the audience and participate. Thank you very much. (applause)

President Anderson: Thank you for calling that out. I appreciate it.

Mr. Gleaves: The Zoning Code Revision Committee is scheduled to meet the 26th at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, and the next day the BZA is scheduled to meet at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers. That's all I have.

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Webster: My name is Doyle Webster. I live at 12142 Peak Drive. Just have a couple of questions. Can we get a clarification on the Sunny Shores Pantries, where they're going to be located and how many jobs they're going to create? And the same with the next ordinance.

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President Anderson: When you say, "next ordinance" are you referring to Ordinance No. 07-2026 and Ordinance No. 08-2026 – the job retention agreements?

Mr. Webster: Yes.

President Anderson: So, I know in the appendix numbers there's information. That's probably something, it's probably best that we can have Administration follow back up with you on those numbers. I just don't have them in front of me right now.

Mr. Webster: So, at what point? Is that going to be publicly announced? How many jobs are going to be created and where they'll be located?

Mr. Uhl: I don't know that we'd call out specifically all the number of jobs in these incentive agreements, and I think they have some basic projections on what the earnings will be for their establishment, but I will try and find out specifically. I know Mr. Kuchta has some more details from putting these together and I'll get that other information that I can that is public.

Mr. Webster: Do you have any idea where they will be located?

Mr. Uhl: Yes. They're looking at Century Boulevard. One of the empty offices on Century Boulevard.

Mr. Webster: And it's tied to the rezoning?

Mr. Uhl: Correct. It's tied to that and there's about a \$3 million dollar improvement to the actual structure as well that they need to do to accommodate their space. But, yes, I can get you some of that information.

Mr. Webster: Okay. Thank you.

President Anderson: Just want to be careful. The reason we don't want to give numbers "off the hip", "shooting from the hip" is because some of it is proprietary and privileged information. We can share what we can outside of the meeting.

Mr. Webster: I understand.

Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Legislative Summary, Item I; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into a Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement Between the City of Springdale and West Chester Township was addressed by Ordinance No. 05-2026, receiving a first reading. Item II; An Ordinance Accepting a Proposal Under the Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with GameTime in the Amount of \$349,607.09 for the Purchase and

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): Installation of Certain Improvements at the Springdale Community Center was addressed by Ordinance No. 06-2026, receiving a first reading. Item III; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Sandy Shores Partners, Inc. (DBA Closets by Design) Related to a Job Creation and Retention Program Agreement was addressed by Ordinance No. 07-2026, receiving a first reading. Item IV; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Radiant Development Group, LLC (DBA Shine of Cincinnati) Related to a Job Creation and Retention Program Agreement was addressed by Ordinance No. 08-2026, receiving a first reading. Item V; A Resolution Supporting the City of Springdale's Participation in the 2026 National Fitness Campaign was addressed by Resolution No. R03-2026, receiving seven affirmative votes.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: In development for our next meeting, we have Item VI; An Ordinance Accepting Public Road Improvements on Glensprings Drive. That's coming before Council on February 4th, as well as a new item added tonight; a rezoning request for property at Century Boulevard will be in front of Council at our February 4th meeting as well. That's all I have unless there's anything else from Administration.

President Anderson: No, but I did want to add the question that came up a minute ago related to the two job retention agreements. It occurred to me that some of the numbers you might be looking for are actually listed in the Administrator's Report, so if you go into the website, or get that, some numbers are shared inside of there in terms of the payroll amount that would be coming to it, so if you want to get an idea of the scale of the jobs, I don't believe it includes the numbers, but I do know that it includes the payroll amounts that we use to base those agreements on. So, if you don't want to wait for Administration, that is available publicly as soon as those are posted and that's listed under those same items that Mr. Jacobs just referenced. Some of that is public already.

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Adjournment

President Anderson: All we have left before us is Item 16.

Ms. McFarland: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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