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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on March 18, 2026.

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

Mrs. Webster provided the Invocation.

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

The minutes of the March 4, 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. Civil Service Commission did meet on March 5th in the Springdale Municipal Building. Those in attendance included myself, Mr. James Dunigan, Mrs. Kathy McNear. Also present was City Administrator Brian Uhl, Assistant City Administrator Stephanie Morgan, and Human Resources Administrator Renetta Edwards. Following a review of the minutes, Mr. Dunigan made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5th meeting and that motion was seconded and subsequently approved 3-0 to pass the minutes from the February 5th meeting. I'll skip right to the New Business that took place on that particular meeting and the first item is a job description for the Account Clerk I, and this was a new job description that was presented for this position in the Finance and Tax Department based on the need to have some flexibility in allowing people to be cross trained. This new job description allows for that. Ms. McNear made a motion to approve this new job description in the Finance Department. Mr. Dunigan seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. The next item was a new hiring timeline that was presented for the Account Clerk I position. After reviewing that timeline, Mrs. McNear made a motion to approve the timeline and that was seconded by Mr. Dunigan, and that motion passed 3-0 as well. Following some preliminary discussions, a Patrol Officer hiring timeline was presented for the position of Patrol Officer in the Police Department. Mr. Dunigan made a motion to approve this timeline. That was seconded by Mrs. McNear, and that motion passed 3-0 also. There was one piece of correspondence that I think is significant to mention and that is the permanent appointment of Mr. Jason Waxman to the position of Facilities and Grounds Superintendent in the Parks and Recreation Department which became effective February 10th. I say that this was significant because if you spent any time at the Rec Center, you all encountered Mr. Waxman who does a variety of different things. So, again, happy to hear that his appointment was permanent. That concludes my report. Unless there's anything else.

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Finance Committee

Mrs. Webster: This is the General Fund Activity through February 28th. General Fund beginning balance, February 1, 2026, is \$2,227,400. Revenues for February are \$1,488,988. Expenditures for February are \$192,995. General Fund Balance ending February 28th is \$3,523,393. Thank you.

Planning Commission

Ms. McFarland - No report

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Hall: The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was scheduled for February 24th at 7:00 p.m. It is the Board's understanding that the Building Department with the Applicant has come into full compliance and at that time the Building Department asked that the meeting not go forward and be cancelled. That was completed. If there's any questions or comments, I'll be glad to answer them.

Board of Health

Ms. McFarland: We did not have a meeting in January, so we went over that information at our February meeting. The Commissioner's Report included some information updates on our interns. Several of them are graduating and moving on to real jobs in the marketplace, so we are in the process of replacing and hiring some of those that are leaving. They did have two starting in March, and I believe that was actually last week, and then there are two more that will be starting in April. The QT opened on March 12th. Smoothie King and Firehouse Subs are also both open and they are all licensed and operating after their 30-day inspection. We had the Nurse's Report which included no Narcan use for both January and February. We had one COVID case, and two pertussis cases through those two months, and then with our vaccine clinics between the two months, we had six additional days where they saw 30 patients and were able to give 90 additional vaccines. The Blood Pressure Clinics were held twice at the Rec Center with 60 screenings completed. That's all, unless there's any questions.

O-K-I

Mr. Anderson: The OKI Executive Committee did meet on March 12th. There are three items to share. The first one is received an update on the Federal Transportation Bill. This is the five-year bill that ends up funding a lot of the programs that we end up benefitting from. So, we got an update on that. It is still expected to be voted on by the House by the summer before the Midterms, and we would like that to happen. So, if you have any say in Washington, we would like that bill to pass. That includes a lot of funds that help local communities like ours. The next thing we talked about was the Southwest Ohio Regional Water Study gave a presentation. That's going on between the Ohio EPA and ODNR. The last time this was done was 1990 I think, or somewhere around that time, so it was the mid-90's it happened. Development already started and they will be publishing a publicly-accessible dashboard, a regional water plan, and alternative score cards. This is really interesting data for people that do regional planning especially. Water is one of those resources that's

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Mr. Anderson (continued): becoming more visible in the news, especially with talk of data centers and large industry, especially in rural and outlying communities near us. So that is on the way, and we should have some data for us at the end of the year. And then the last thing was an update on Section 5310 Programs. This is a transportation program that gives grants for seniors and disabled residents to support their transportation needs. There was an awards cycle that went through. There was about \$2.1 million dollars that was awarded. There were 12 applications that requested funds and all 12 of these were funded which is great news for our Community. It included things like accessible vans, modified mini-vans, software, third-party transportation contracts, security cameras, maintenance and some travel training. These are all really good things to help our Community members be active in our Community. We see those buses come through. They make stops for some of our residents at our Community Center, things like that. So, it's used by our local Community. So, I was glad to see that that program continues. That's it for OKI unless there's any questions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: Dave and Busters had a refresh/relaunch on March 6th. There was a huge crowd waiting to get in to get some free game play. The outside and inside have been repainted. They have new games. The menu has been extended substantially and encourage everybody to get out there and check it out. One interesting fact is it is the third largest Dave and Busters in the country, so we have that here in Springdale. SwimSafe will be doing a hiring event/job fair on March 31st from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Rec Center. So those interested in working at the pool this summer can come down there and get information. The Golden Easter Egg Hunt will start at the Rec Center April 1st and will run through April 30th. This is where staff will hide an egg somewhere on the outside of the grounds. If you find the egg, you bring it to the front desk, you will receive a prize. So, this is another reason to get out and walk and exercise and check things out. And, along those lines, perfect segway for walking the National Walk Day is April 8th, and it will be celebrated at the Rec Center. Usually, we have students come down from Springdale Elementary School and everybody that comes down they'll log it, and anyone is welcome to come in, walk and log their miles. The goal this year is 800 miles. So, come out and help with that. The actual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Rec Center over by Field #4 this year, and that will be instead of at Ross Park. That date will be posted. And, the City of Springdale has received, again, as we always have, we've been deemed a Tree City USA and received a growth award. That said, if you have been to the Municipal Building, you've seen there are several trees that have been cut down. Despite that, those trees will be replaced. I'm going to let Mr. Uhl address that further from there. We didn't just wait until we got the award and then cut down trees. Those trees will be coming back. And, lastly, our State of the City address will be on March 25th at the Rec Center in the Old Gym at 7:00 p.m. Opportunity for folks to come out, hear from our wonderful Directors, and Staff and have the opportunity to speak with them afterwards as well. That concludes my report, unless there's any questions.

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Administrator's Report

Mr. Uhl: Just one follow-up item from our last meeting. We had a question from the audience about the Rumpke Recycling and we advised on March 1st people were eligible to get the toters and there was going to be some correspondence coming out to all the residents that would be mailed to them. That letter has not made it out of Rumpke yet, so it is still in draft form, but it is coming. But, if anyone would like a toter in advance of that letter coming out, all you would need to do is reach out to Rumpke or feel free to call our Public Works Department as well. We can assist with getting you the toter. I'm also happy to report that last Friday, Friday the 13th our Police Department successfully, with the assistance of Cincinnati's Fugitive Apprehension Team arrested our bank robber who had robbed our Key Bank and our Kemba earlier this year. So, we're happy to see that he was placed in custody and he had a couple of other robberies that he had committed in the area as well. As the Mayor alluded to, you have seen quite a drastic change out front with the trees that have come down out front. Unfortunately, we have 31 Ash trees on this campus. All of those trees that were removed out front were all Ash trees. All of them were infected. All of them had been treated. The treatments weren't effective. Anyway, they were continuing to decay, so before, we started noticing some bigger limbs came down last fall and using one of our grants we were able to take down those trees, but they will be replaced. Unfortunately, they just won't be as large. There will be a variation of species as well planted throughout this campus. Look for those to come forward, but last fall we were in the Heritage Hill and Terrace areas taking down a lot of Ash trees as well so that work will continue so you may see a couple more out on the front lawn disappear over the weekend with our crews. And, lastly, I'm happy to report that our chipper service will start running next week, March 23rd-March 27th. This year we're going to try something a little bit different and see how it works. We're going to send two chipping crews out to see how that works to see if we can't expedite that process with debris removal. So, given the timeliness of the big wind that we had over the last weekend, I'm hoping we can get everyone notified. There should be a blast going out on Facebook and Instagram that will be reminding everyone of the dates that will be running for next week and we'll get that stuff collected. So, with that, I believe Ms. Morgan has a couple of items.

Ms. Morgan: Friendly reminder that tax day is approaching. Wednesday, April 15th is the due date for municipal taxes of our concern here. Just a reminder our department does remain open; regular hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for assistance with filing and making payments if needed in person. We will look to have extended hours as we approach that filing deadline as we've done in previous years. The Saturday prior will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Monday and Tuesday prior will be open until 6:00 p.m. Tax office will close at 5:00 p.m. on April 15th. With our partnership with the Regional Income Tax Agency, taxpayers are also able to file and pay online if they should desire to do so. So, options for filing. Thank you.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun

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No report

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Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: The work on Northland Boulevard has resumed. They are still working on the landscaping in the median. Right now, the project is still looking to be completed in August. The Northland Boulevard/Kemper Road Intersection and Shared Use Path Project or Northland Phase II; we submitted our Stage I plans, which is about a 60% level plan set and preliminary right-of-way plans to ODOT on Friday last week. So, we're hoping to get a quick turnaround on that. That's usually generally 45-60 days before we get comments back from ODOT on that. So, we're moving forward there. The East Kemper Road Improvement Phase I Project. We had a bid opening on March 5th and we had five bids that were submitted and the low bid being just slightly over \$1.9 million dollars which was under the Engineer's estimate. But that's going to be for a first reading tonight. Then, we also had the Springdale Industrial Park Project. We had the concrete and repairs and catch basin replacement project that's wrapping up now. It should be very close to being completed by the end of the month. We're going to move right into the resurfacing project. So, we were authorized to begin design on the resurfacing project just last week or the week before. I don't recall exactly. But we're looking to go to bid on that project in May so that work can start this summer. We're projecting around August and be completed in November. So, we're trying to get everything wrapped up before the end of the year, and that's all I have.

Zoning Code Revision Committee

Mr. Gleaves: The Zoning Code Revision Committee met at 2:30 p.m. March 16th 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 the updated land use table, along with in-depth discussions about revising the City of Springdale Zoning Map. That's all I have unless there's any questions.

America 250 Special Committee

Mrs. Webster: The Committee met on March 4th to continue discussions on potential ways to celebrate this milestone within Springdale. Flags and banners are being purchased for display at Municipal facilities. Designs are being finalized for a mural to be located on the grounds of the Community Center. The Garden Club plans to make bows for the neighborhood signs. Conversation has started with school representatives for a possible event in early May. And now, I'm going to turn it over to Mr. Jacobs. He has a slide show for us, I understand.

Mr. Jacobs: As part of the Committee, it's all about celebrating Ohio and if we can find local tie-ins to the City or the area, and in looking up some of the information about the theme of entertainment and music in the area, I discovered something I thought was really interesting. One of the first twin drive-ins in the nation was right here in this area and it's a drive-in that's back-to-back, and so two screens and there were spaces for over 2,000 cars at the original Twin Drive-In. I admit that that is a jazzed-up photo of it from an old newspaper ad, but the fact that over 2,000 cars could watch films and that operated from 1947 to 1978, which I was just fascinated by. I had never heard of such a thing. If we go more local and think about theaters here in the City, and there's

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): been more than one of course, but the original Showcase opened in the early 1970's. It started with four screens, then five, then nine. I found that image online. That is at the premiere of a movie called, "The Big Blue Bus" in 1978. I thought those pictures were fascinating and people who have lived in the City would know that by 1998 that theater was demolished and then made way for our new Springdale Cinema Deluxe that now still serves the City with over 18 screens. In doing some of the research, I found that it was one of the first theaters in Ohio that had Dolby sound and 70mm presentations. I remember coming from Hamilton to go to that theater and it was always an experience. It's still a great local business. I still go there, and I hope people still do. It continues to draw folks with the IMAX features that they have. The last thing I wanted to mention, and I don't want to go too much into this, but there are some famous...Oh, I found that picture online when the Blues Brothers premiered, the vehicle was in front of our theater for some period of time. I couldn't get any other information about who those folks are, but it's just fun to go back in time and see some of those things and then thinking forward how that theater is still serving us and then looking backwards one last time, I had a list of some famous Ohio celebrities that were born in Ohio. I found Clark Gable born in Ohio, Bob Hope, Dean Martin, Doris Day, Roy Rogers, George Clooney, among many, many others. And, in the world of music, Joe Walsh and Tracy Chapman also were born in Ohio and the last one I was going to mention was Ryan Seacrest to bring it up a little bit more to some modern celebrities. And so, I just wanted to share some of that to celebrate that we're still moving forward. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Webster: I would like to continue on the Committee. I'm probably one of the only people in this building that has been to the Twin Drive-In, and I want to tell you also that when the Showcase opened, we had Joan Crawford there, and that was quite an event for all of us that were there. Thank you very much. The Committee will meet April 1st at 6:30 p.m.

President Anderson: Thank you for that lovely presentation. That was really interesting. Thank you for the research and the presentation.

Mayor Hawkins: The only other thing I wanted Council to be able to see is the Committee had gone through looking at a couple of different mural options. This is what's going to be on the mural down at the Rec Center at the old racquetball wall that's out there. You'll see it wrap around the side with the soldiers there. So, that's what folks can be looking forward to coming this summer.

Public Relations Committee

Ms. Thompson: On February 18th the Public Relations Committee met and it was myself, Mr. Gleaves, Mayor Hawkins, Mr. Uhl, Ms. Morgan, and Ms. Browder were in attendance. One of the big things that we were successful in doing was the Boards and Commissions application process which is now live on the website so that we can have people from the Community that are interested in learning more about different boards and commissions that they can be a part of they can read more

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Ms. Thompson (continued): about it on the website what those commissions and boards offer and services they would need to be able to help provide. There's a link to a fillable form available as well as they'll be able to have those forms filter through Ms. Browder, Clerk of Council. And then, she will maintain the spreadsheet of interested parties, and they will be reviewed twice a year or as openings occur. This advertisement is going to be in the upcoming issue of City newsletter scheduled for late March or April. The launch date was today. Discussion to promote on social media as well. Vacancies are going to be promoted in an alert box on the home page of the website. Right now, there's no next meeting scheduled, but we will let you know when there is one.

President Anderson: And to be clear, with publishing this application this does not change our process for doing nominations. That would require rules changes, and we'd have to do things. This is simply a way for the public to get information and then also get information to all of us, so that's available to us before we would bring people forward. So, there's no change to our process. This is just additional data and a way for the Community to get involved. Great.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Mrs. Tudor: Good evening. Julie Tudor. I'm here representing SOS to give a reminder that our scholarship applications are due on March 31st. Again, we are rewarding two scholarships to two Springdale seniors. One for \$2,000 and one for \$4,000. So, if you know any Springdale seniors, please have them click on the link on the City website, or they can reach out to me. My number is (513) 505-5707. To date, we have one person, so \$6,000 out there. Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 11-2026 (Second 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 DESIGN2WELLNESS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Mr. Gleaves made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2026; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Ordinance No. 11-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 12-2026 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF OHIO DBA RUSH TRUCK CENTER, CINCINNATI FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F-550 TRUCK CAB AND CHASSIS

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Mr. Gleaves made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2026; Mr. Hall seconded.

Ordinance No. 12-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 13-2026 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH W.A. JONES TRUCK EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCK UPGRADE EQUIPMENT

Mr. Hall made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2026; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 13-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 14-2026 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND KNOWN AS THE "EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM FUND"

Mrs. Webster made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-2026; Ms. McFarland seconded.

Ordinance No. 14-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 15-2026 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STRAWSER CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL STREET PROGRAM – CRACK SEAL AND CAPE SEAL PROJECT

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading for Ordinance No. 15-2026. Any questions or discussion this evening? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 16-2026 (First Reading with Emergency)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ADLETA, INC. FOR THE E. KEMPER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND SHARED USE PATH, PHASE 1 PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. McFarland made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-2026; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

President Anderson: Just as a reminder and for Council and anyone listening that might not be as aware, this was a project that the City had received a sort of transit grant that somewhere in the order of \$2.2 million dollars. There are certain

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President Anderson (continued): things that that can't cover. The fact that the bids came in lower, our ratio still stays the same, but just know that the majority of this is coming out of one of those grants that we talked about several times in here, so this is really a great opportunity from my perspective for us to do something great for the Community and getting some of those funds from the tax increase that happened for the County related to the bussing back locally, so I think it's wonderful. Any other questions or discussion about it? Well then, I'll stop. I just like bike paths, so I get excited.

Ordinance No. 16-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business	-	None
New Business	-	None

Meetings and Announcements

Ms. Thompson: On March 10, 2026 I had the honor of being asked by our State Representative Karen Brownlee to attend the Governor DeWine State of the State Address, and it was an honor to be able to represent the City of Springdale in that capacity and go and see what the Administration has been able to accomplish over his eight years in term. Seven technically. And he talked a lot about what all the State is doing as far as business improvement and education and it was just really neat to meet a lot of the Representatives that we have at the State level, and it was an honor to be able to do that for our City.

President Anderson: Thank you. It was a wonderful opportunity. It's those connections to the State, the City, and our local Reps makes a big difference when we have things that go past our boundaries, so it's nice anytime we can build those relationships. So, thank you for attending.

Mr. Gleaves: The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for March 24th is cancelled. The Zoning Code Revision Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 2:30 in the Conference Room. That's all I have. Thank you.

Ms. Morgan: The next Civil Service Commission meeting will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

Communications from the Audience	-	None
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Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Legislative Summary, Item I; An Ordinance Establishing a Special Revenue Fund Known as the Equitable Sharing Program Fund was addressed by Ordinance No. 14-2026 receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item II; An Ordinance Accepting a Proposal Under the Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchase Program and Authorizing the Mayor and the City Administrator

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Mr. Jacobs (continued): to Enter Into an Agreement with Design2Wellness for the Purchase and Installation of Certain Fitness Equipment was addressed by Ordinance No. 11-2026 receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item III; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Rush Truck Centers of Ohio DBA Rush Truck Center, Cincinnati for the Purchase of a 2026 Ford F-550 Truck Cab and Chassis was addressed by Ordinance No. 12-2026 receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item IV; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with W.A. Jones Truck Equipment for the Purchase of Dump Truck Upgrade Equipment was addressed by Ordinance No. 13-2026 receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item V; An Ordinance Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Adleta, Inc. for the East Kemper Road Improvements and Shared Use Path, Phase 1 Project and Declaring an Emergency was addressed by Ordinance No. 16-2026 receiving seven affirmative votes.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Item VI; An Ordinance Accepting a Proposal Under the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Strawser Construction, Inc. for the 2026 Annual Street Program – Crack Seal and Cape Seal Project receiving a first reading and that will return at our next meeting on April 1st.

Adjournment

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

Ms. McFarland: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:

Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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