

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on April 15, 2026.

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

Mrs. Webster provided the Invocation.

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

The minutes of the April 1, 2026, meeting were considered. Mr. Gleaves made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Jacobs seconded. The minutes were approved with four affirmative votes and three abstentions (Ms. McFarland, Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Webster).

Proclamation – Arbor Day – Public Works

Mayor Hawkins: As a Tree City it's always an important celebration for us when it comes to Arbor Day.

Mayor Hawkins then read the Proclamation and presented it to Public Works Director Kevin McKinney. (Applause)

Mr. McKinney: I just want to say, "thank you" for the continued support from Council, from Administration and from the Community. The urban forest here in Springdale is very vibrant and this is our 34th year receiving "Tree City USA" honors and it's our ninth Growth Award which pretty much states that we go above and beyond the normal, so, again, I appreciate everyone up here and everybody in the Community for the support they give us. Thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Ms. Morgan: The Civil Service Commission met on April 2nd. All members of the Commission were present. It was a fairly light agenda. We had updates to several hiring processes to include Patrol Officer, Public Works Maintenance Worker, Firefighter/Paramedic, we have a Patrol Sergeant promotional process, and also an Account Clerk position. So, we had updates to those. Other than that, we had one piece of correspondence, but pretty light agenda overall. Next meeting will be on May 7th at 2:00 p.m. Thank you.

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Finance Committee

Mrs. Webster: General Fund Activity through March 31, 2026. General Fund beginning balance March 1, 2026, \$3,523,393.00. Revenues for March \$1,645,792.00. Expenditures for March \$914,277.00 General Fund Ending Balance March 31, 2026, \$3,254,908.00. Thank you.

Planning Commission

Ms. McFarland: The Planning Commission met last night, April 14th. We had one item on our agenda. The Application Number 2026005; Princeton Hill Development Plan Review. This included the parcels at One Sheakley Way, 100 Merchant Street, and 30 Merchant Street. The applicant was requesting modifications to existing parking lot for those parcel numbers. We had Todd Yoby here on behalf of the property owner. There were some concerns voices from Staff about some of the questions that they have remaining about the plans, but overall, they are simply removing portions of the existing parking and replacing them with green space. So, they are going to work with Staff further. Parking analysis is to be completed, and we did approve that 5-0 to go forward with a plan in the next 30 days.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Hall: The Board of Zoning Appeals was scheduled for March 24th. The Board was notified by the Building Department that there would not be any cases to be heard at that time. So, therefore, the meeting for the 24th was cancelled and moved forward to the next meeting.

Board of Health

Ms. McFarland: The Board of Health met on April 9th. The Commissioner's Report started with a presentation from the Department regarding some of the interns' work that are leaving as they are graduating from college. We have had three new interns begin in the Department. The Part-time nurse has retired, and they did celebrate Debi's 11-year anniversary. The Health Department updates for 2026; they are working on a dashboard for food inspections and follow-up inspections, and they are working on their national reaccreditation. It is not due until late 2027, but it is a very involved process, so they are starting work on that now. Food Program included QT and Firehouse Subs, are both operating. The Burger district has been approved, but is not operating yet, and Family Diaz Butcher, the construction is still in process. We did have some closings. The Boulevard on Northland Boulevard, Sky Zone and the Wendy's on Northland Boulevard are all closed. The Community Healthcare Improvement Committee is continuing their work, including a grant that was received from the American Department of Pediatrics for 90 bike helmets. Those will be passed out at the Law Enforcement Expo the 16th. So, if you know of anybody that needs a bike helmet, feel free to stop in and pick one up. Nurse's Report was luckily very short and sweet. No Narcan usage by the Fire Department. Six cases of COVID; one case of RSV, and one case of Hep B, and then their vaccine clinics, they did have two additional days with 18 patients and 44 vaccines given. They did receive two new referrals from the Fire Department, and their Blood Pressure Screenings screened 53 residents. The

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Ms. McFarland (continued): nurse did actually ask, they are taking referrals for health interventions, hoarding cases. Anything in the Community that the Department or the Nurse can help out with, they are open to referrals. Just give them a call and they can look into those cases for you. That's it.

O-K-I

Mr. Anderson: The OKI Board did meet on April 9, 2026. They did share the results of the 2025 audit, and it was, "unmodified, clean; no issues", which is exactly what you want to see in an audit, especially for a large NPO like that it's very impressive and worth noting. The other thing I want to share is there is an opportunity for feedback for anyone in the Community that wants to share related to the water quality plan amendments. It's been more than a decade, maybe two since the water quality plan has been updated. It's a regional plan and it's used for sewer planning across multiple counties. So, I'm sure this is a hot topic for a lot of people, or not, but if you'd like to share feedback, it is available online and you can give feedback with public comments through April 30th. The website address is <https://oki.org/regional-planning/water-quality>. If that URL is too long you can just go to the OKI website and just go to the top menu where there is an opportunity to find regional planning or water quality. It's a short survey, but what's interesting about it is they've changed the format of it to make it more useful for planners to use. It's more of a story format so people who are lay and not used to those technical documents, now you can actually just go in and it kind of gives a narrative about what the sewer plants are and how it works between the different areas of the region. So, it's interesting to look at, but public comment is still available through the end of the month. The other thing I wanted to share was that the TIF was updated to include seven highway projects for funding and 13 transit projects. It included, locally to us, Forest Park detail design was added for the park EV and Forest Park EV chargers and also for the wind road multi-use path that I talked about last month. Those are all in process, but we did have to make updates to accommodate that, so, unless there's any questions.

Mayor Hawkins: The survey in terms of sewer water quality; is it also dealing with capacity or only just water quality?

President Anderson: That is a good question. It is a hot topic. It is not about capacity so much. It does talk about long-term plans for how water will be moved around, but it is not an opportunity that I'm aware of where you could say, "You're choking development by not having improvements here." I think that's well known, but, no, I don't think that's the part they're looking for.

Mayor Hawkins: Thank you.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: First off, we had the State of the City address on March 25th. A recording of that event is on ICRC if anybody wants to be able to see updates and previews and overviews from our Department Heads with regard to things that are

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): going on in the City, and the variety of Departments for 2026. We also have the Golden Egg Hunts still going on at the Rec Center all through April. This is a circumstance where a golden egg is hidden on the grounds of the Rec Center. If you are so fortunate to find it, bring it to the front desk and you will receive a prize. Springdale Elementary School will be having an Arbor Day Celebration on April 24th at 1:00 p.m. Lastly, but probably most importantly as it is Tax Day, our new Finance Director/Tax Commissioner, Kelly Flanigan started and is up and running. We are thrilled to have her here. She is absolutely wonderful and they've been doing a great job in our Tax Department with our residents getting taxes filed. That concludes my report unless there are any questions.

President Anderson: No, but I will say, I'm not sure whose plan it was or idea to give out ring pops for the line yesterday, but I know several people commented that they thought that was delightful, so thank you for that extra sweetness during a tough time.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Uhl: Just wanted to let Council know that the Springdale Elementary Student Council has invited all of us to attend their Community Recognition Day and that is scheduled for May 13th during their lunchtimes and that's roughly around 11:00 until about 12:55. So, if you are able to make it, if you would just let me know and I will be happy to RSVP on your behalf. But if you could let me know before the end of the day on Monday, May 4th so I can let Officer Reardon know so they can get their counts available. That's the end of my report. Ms. Morgan does not have anything tonight.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun

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No report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: Just a few things. The East Kemper Improvements Phase I Project; we have a pre-construction meeting on Monday, next week so that project will be kicking off really soon. I'll know more probably by the next time we meet as far as the actual construction schedule. But we're looking to probably begin that work sometime in May and try to get it completed before August of next year. The other project I have an update on is the Springdale Industrial Park Concrete Repairs and Catch Basin Reconstruction Project. All that work is substantially complete so we're in the process of closing out that contract which is just in time because we also are working on the resurfacing plans. We submitted 80% plans to Public Works on April 8th. We're working out the minor details with that and hope to finalize that here by the end of this month and it will be advertised for construction bidding next month in May. And that's all I have.

Mr. Hall: I'd like to comment on the Northland and Tri-County Park area that's almost completed. I know that was a big development. There was a lot of development going into it. I've travelled that street many, many years and it's always had an issue with drainage, and now thanks to the development of the engineering

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Mr. Hall (continued): department and to the City and securing the grants to be able to do that, it's beautiful when you drive down there. What an asset this is going to be to the City and to the residents who live down there and thank you so much for all your effort that you put into that. I know it took a lot of time.

Mr. Riggs: Thank you.

President Anderson: I'm hoping that one we might actually have a ribbon-cutting for when that's complete with the bioswale that got installed and all of that. I think it would be nice to celebrate that one a little bit more than just a road opening. It is a big change; a big transformation.

Zoning Code Revision Committee

Mr. Gleaves: The Zoning Code Revision Committee convened on April 7th in the conference room with participation from City staff, representatives from McBride Dale Clarion, and members of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. The Committee finalized land use table updates, including evaluating and updating conditional uses, and uses permitted with standards. That's all I have unless there's any questions.

America 250 Special Committee

Mrs. Webster: The Committee has not met since our last report. Flags and banners are now on display. Celebration events scheduled at the elementary school with the City providing popsicles. On May 4th we'll be at Springdale School, on May 5th, Heritage Hill. Ohio's theme for April is, "Ohio Moves Transportation". That's all I have. Do you have anything, Mr. Jacobs?

Mr. Jacobs: No, thank you.

Mrs. Webster: Okay. That concludes the report.

Communications	-	None
Communications from the Audience	-	None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 17-2026 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (PRELIMINARY) PARTICIPATION IN A PROJECT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE KEMPER ROAD AND NORTHLAND BOULEVARD REALIGNMENT AND SHARED USE PATH PROJECT

Mr. Gleaves made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-2026; Mr. Hall seconded.

Ordinance No. 17-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 18-2026 (First Reading with Emergency)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. McFarland made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2026; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

President Anderson: I do have one question for Administration if I could. In Section 1.3 it talks about the limit that's approved. I assume that's for the gray market. It is permitted to have a green alternative that could be higher. Would that be permitted the way this is written?

Mr. Uhl: Yes.

President Anderson: Yes. Okay. Good. I just didn't want to have that not be an option if it was over the ten. Electricity rates are off the hook. Other questions or discussion? (None) One other comment I will make for anyone out there in Springdale that may not be aware, there is an opportunity if people do not want to be included in community aggregations. You do have the option, as an individual to go to the PUCO site online and there's a Community Aggregation Opt-Out Form that's available both online and by phone if this isn't something you want to be included in, that's an option where you won't have to "re-decline" each time when they send the letters out in order to join when they give you the "opt out" opportunity. You are able to "opt out" one time and be done. That is available now. That wasn't available in previous years, so just know that that's an option, although I found in the past that the rates that we get end up being very competitive when you start looking at all the riders that end up getting taken off because it's a third-party supplier. A lot of people struggle with understanding how their Duke bills are worked out. So, I think in the past when we've done this if any resident has questions about their bill or the aggregation, they've always been able to call Administration or contact Energy Alliance and the feedback I've always gotten from people who have done that, especially when they talk to our consultants that explain their bills has always been very positive, so I'm assuming that's still available for any resident. So, when this goes out, just know that if you have questions about it, both City Administration and our consultants are available. There's a lot of bad information out there about aggregation. There's a lot of bad actors out there with aggregation. The benefit of using the City plan is you avoid a lot of those "gotcha" traps. The City helps in managing that for you so it's not like those "door-to-door" people that might slam your account, so just know that this is different.

Ordinance No. 18-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Executive Session – Purchase of Property

Ms. McFarland: I make a motion to move to Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) to consider the purchase of property.

Mr. Gleaves: Second.

Motion to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) to consider the purchase of property passes with seven affirmative votes.

Council departed chambers at 7:31 p.m. Council returned to chambers at 8:07 p.m.

Old Business	-	None
New Business	-	None

Meetings and Announcements

Mayor Hawkins: Council, I just wanted to make sure you guys were aware the Hamilton County Municipal League is going to do a meeting and tour breakfast this Saturday. I know some people get those emails. Wanted to make sure that if you did not that that's going to take place this Saturday. If you have an interest, reach out to Mr. Vonderhaar and RSVP, but just wanted to make sure everyone was aware.

Mr. Gleaves: The Zoning Code Revision Committee Meeting is scheduled to meet April 28th in the Conference Room at 2:30 p.m. And, also, the Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to meet the 28th, actually, I'm sorry, that has been cancelled due to no applications. Thank you.

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 Authorizing (Preliminary) Participation in a Project with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for the Kemper Road and Northland Boulevard Realignment and Shared Use Path Project was addressed by Ordinance No. 17-2026, receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item II; An Ordinance Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement for the Purchase of Electricity for the City's Electric Aggregation Program and Declaring an Emergency was addressed by Ordinance No. 18-2026 with an emergency clause also receiving seven affirmative votes.

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Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Items in Development include Item III; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 112 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Regulating Door-to-Door Canvassing. That will be before Council at our next meeting on May 6th. Item IV; A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File an Application with the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) for Metro Transit Infrastructure Funds Related to the Bus Shelter Replacement Project, and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute All Contracts and Other Documents Related to the Project will also be before Council at our next meeting. And, finally, Item V; A Resolution Authorizing the City of Springdale's Participation in the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers 2027 Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program will come before Council, again, at our next meeting. That's all I have unless there's anything else from Council or Administration.

Adjournment

President Anderson: All that's left before us is Item 18.

Ms. McFarland: Move to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:

Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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