

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Anderson called Council to order on May 20, 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 May 6, 2026, meeting were considered. Mr. Gleaves made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Jacobs seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Proclamation – Public Works Week

Mayor Hawkins: We have a proclamation honoring National Public Works Week.

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

Mr. McKinney: Thank you and I'll be brief. Not like the first time, I should say. Again, thank you to the Mayor, City Administration, Council. Without your support, we couldn't do what we do and provide the services we provide. And we get a lot of support in the Community, and we have a very dedicated team of professionals in the Public Works Department that really do value providing excellence in service, so, again, on behalf of them, I'm very honored to be here tonight to have received this proclamation and thank you.

President Anderson: Thank you. (Applause)

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Thank you very much. Good evening members of Council. Springdale Civil Service Commission met on May 7th. The meeting was called to order by myself, Mr. Robert Coleman, and the members of the Commission in attendance were Mr. James Dunigan, Mrs. Kathy McNear. Also present was Assistant City Administrator Stephanie Morgan along with Fire Chief Anthony Stanley, and Human Resources Administrator, Renetta Edwards. For my updates this evening, I would like to report that the top three candidates were certified for the Patrol Sergeant promotional hiring position. And one candidate was selected for that promotion. That candidate was Mr. Jeremy Beckwith who was selected and started effective May 3rd. Next on the update was one candidate for the Patrol Officer hiring position and that individual is in the background process and we still have one position remaining open. Next update was that Mr. Simeon Flood started May 17th as our Firefighter II/Paramedic individual within the Fire Department. There was a new timeline presented to the Commission to

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Mr. Coleman (continued): establish an ongoing list for the Patrol Officer position. Mrs. McNear made the motion to approve the timeline, and that was seconded by Mr. Dunigan and the motion passed 3-0. Also, under New Business, the Fire Department submitted a letter requesting that the probationary period for several staff members be extended for one year to allow more time for training and evaluation. Mrs. McNear made a motion to approve the requested extension period of the one-year probationary period so that additional year for the designated staff members allowing them more time to fully evaluate suitability for a permanent position. This was presented as a motion that Mrs. McNear made and was seconded by Mr. Dunigan. That motion passed 3-0. The existing language within the Civil Service Commission rules and regulations regarding the probationary period for persons appointed to the position of Firefighter who are not yet certified as a Paramedic that is now under review by Administration with a recommendation for amendment forthcoming to the Commission's consideration. And, finally, a new timeline as I indicated was presented to establish an ongoing list for Patrol Officer hiring. That position has become so competitive within the City that we thought it best to have an ongoing list that could be referred to for the Patrol Officer position, and with that motion made by Mrs. McNear, seconded by Mr. Dunigan, and it passed 3-0 as well. That concludes my report. Any questions?

President Anderson: Sounds like a productive meeting. Thank you Mr. Coleman.

Mr. Coleman: Absolutely.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Webster: General Fund Activity ending April 30, 2026; General Fund beginning balance April 1, 2026, \$3,254,908. Revenues \$2,131,493. Expenditures \$1,493,481. General Funding ending balance April 30, 2026, \$3,892,920. This is from the Finance Department. This is new. It's been a while since we've had something from the Finance Department. Thank you.

Planning Commission

Ms. McFarland: Planning Commission met on Monday, May 12th. We did have Mayor Hawkins present to present a Proclamation for Anne McBride. She is our City Planner. She began working with the City back in 1999. Her firm is the one that does the City planning. She is taking a step back to allow another one of her associates to be the primary for Springdale, but she was at the meeting with us to accept that. She's done amazing working and everybody had amazing things to say about her. So, she'll still be around, just not quite as often. We did have a Concept Plan from Sam's Club. The applicant's engineer presented an expansion to the back of the store for their pick up and delivery for customers. We had a few discussion points about the plan, but there were no major concerns, so we do expect them to possibly return with a modification plan. The next thing on the agenda was Dutch Brothers. That was a Major Modification Final Development Plan. I believe we'll hear about that later this evening. We did vote to approve that 5-1. That's going to be on the corner of Tri-

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Ms. McFarland (continued): County, across the street from Chick-fil-A; Kemper and Tri-County Parkway. There were a few concerns noted about the stacked parking, but other than that it did go and get approved 5-1. Our last piece of business was Highlift Off-Road which is on 257 Northland Boulevard. They had some adjustments to their conditional use. So, that was approved 6-0. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 9th, unless Mr. Jacobs has anything else.

Mr. Jacobs: No, but thank you.

President Anderson: No, but I will add I did receive a letter from the Building Department related to the change that we talked about for Dutch Brothers so Council should expect to see a first reading of that requested change for a PUD at our June 3rd meeting, with a second reading and a public hearing for June 17th. So, we'll get that advertised but just plan for that in your datebooks.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Hall: The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was scheduled for April 28th. The Board was notified by the Building Department that within the time restraints that there wasn't any applications received, so at that point the meeting was cancelled.

Board of Health

Ms. McFarland: The Board of Health last met on May 14th. We did start with the Commissioner's Report. Mr. Matt Clayton wanted to recognize Holly Emerson, who is a Board Member. She is a registered nurse and received the Director's Award from Tri-Health, which is a very prestigious award from the organization. She's previously served as a Councilmember and now is one of the regular Board of Health members. The next piece of business was the announcement from Commissioner Clayton that he has resigned his position. He is going to Middletown as the Health Commissioner and Charles Noble has been named the Interim Health Commissioner while the search for his replacement goes on. We did have some updates from the Food Program. Burger District, which is on Northland Boulevard, began operating May 4th. LaQuinta is in the process of remodeling their breakfast and dining area. Jai India, their plans were approved but we don't have any date of operating pending yet. The Boulevard has been reopened under a new owner, and their license transfer is pending. And, Kreative Kids had a license transfer in May. Mr. Clayton did have several personnel updates, some transitions for the interns. We do have three new summer health interns and then two returning interns from last year, so there are lots of projects going on with them. The Nurse's Report included the Narcan use from the Fire Department in April was one. We did not have any COVID, RSV, or Hep B cases. They did have their vaccine clinic. One additional day was scheduled for the month where they served nine patients with 50 vaccines. They also have a resident that they give a B12 shot to. Then, finally they had their Blood Pressure Clinic in April. They had one for the month and they completed 30 blood pressure screenings. We are now on summer break, so we will resume in September.

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O-K-I

Mr. Anderson: The OKI Executive Board did meet on May 14th. A couple of items that might be of interest. There was a stern reminder to all jurisdictions that there is a strict deadline of 4:00 p.m. on June 5th for any projects for the next round of STBG (Ohio Surface Transportation Block Grant), SNK (Kentucky Surface Transportation Block Grant for Northern Kentucky), CMAQ (Ohio Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) and TA (Transportation Alternatives) Projects. Council may notice that we have one of those that was added to our agenda tonight. That's Resolution No. 06-2026. It's those types of things. But there is a strict deadline so it's good that we're acting on that tonight. There's also an information notice that there's an AI in government forum that's available for agency staff and I'm sure if Council was interested in it, they could be able to attend as well. These are regular forums where they give presentations about the impact of AI in government work. The next meeting for that forum is May 28th at 2:00 p.m. at OKI. It will include two presentations. The first one is building an AI roadmap and a presentation from the County Clerk of Courts; AI for historical documents. If that's of interest, it's probably not too late to still get registered. We also received an update on bicycle and pedestrian safety. The reason that's worth mentioning tonight is OKI is now working on a comprehensive GIS pedestrian network for the region and will be contacting different areas over the coming months. The initial focus will be on schools and paths to the schools so we can gather what the paths and the formats look like for pedestrians. First mapping it out and then we can start getting some better data related to safety to identify intersections just like we do with roads that might need attention from local jurisdictions for updates, for signaling, or changes to the roadways as a whole. So, that was interesting to get that started and I thought it was really proactive of OKI to continue the focus there. The last thing I wanted to share was an update on [Rideshare.oki.org](https://rideshare.oki.org). There's information there about the vanpool program. I've talked about the vanpool in the past. It's still something that I think is underutilized for what it is. OKI does offer an \$800 a month stipend towards van rentals for community members. This isn't for agencies. This is a group of people that want to get together to develop a van pool for work or whatever it is. You can get \$800 towards that monthly rental with the pool itself making up the rest of the rental and that covers the equipment for the rental. It's a very generous program to encourage rideshare and if you're interested, I'd encourage people to go look at that. Information is at [Rideshare.oki.org](https://rideshare.oki.org). That's all I have from OKI this month.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawkins: A number of things. I'll try to go through quickly, but some things that have been interesting. So, first off, April 24th we had an Arbor Day celebration at Springdale Elementary School, and the kids came out and sang and did a wonderful job. The music didn't back them up, so they had to sing acapella, and they were still like songbirds. The pool opening day is May 23rd, and the Rec will be closed Memorial Day, but the pool will be open from noon until 8:00 p.m. Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony will be this Friday, May 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial. There is a video on our website as well as on our Facebook page that highlights our spring and summer activities that will be going on in the City, so you can go check that out to

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): see what's going to be happening in Springdale. A big thank you to Springdale Elementary School Student Council, the teachers, and Mrs. Tenbarge for the community luncheon they gave on May 13th where they hosted employees, elected officials, our first responders. They always do an amazing job. They have signs and banners inside and outside. They have placemats that are personalized, decorative rocks, and even goodie bags you can take, and the food was outstanding as well. May 14th, the next day I had the opportunity to go to Heritage Hill, read to the kindergarteners. This has become a little tradition. They were fantastic. We had an impromptu town hall meeting after I finished reading, they had some questions about how many people lived here, how many houses there were and then we digressed into just cars like corvettes and Lamborghinis, but they were wonderful to go through and hang out with. We had ribbon cutting at Mitchell's Salon on Monday, which I have to publicly apologize to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Gleaves. I told everybody 1:00 and I was wrong; it was 1:30, so they were there early. We also had a ribbon cutting today at Jollof Grill & Market. Outstanding food if you haven't been there. I was amazed with what they have to offer. Both of these businesses have been in Springdale; Mitchell's for over 20 years, and Jollof for over a year, but we're happy that they're both here and so they've done some rebranding. Jollof's used to be over off of Northland and Mitchell's obviously has gone through a whole remodeling, and so it's absolutely amazing, but we're happy that they're here and that they're staying here. An example of two folks that are reinvesting in the City and staying right here with us. May 7th I was invited and spoke at Greater Cincinnati Foundation's Regional Housing and Economic Development meeting or symposium. This was a group of 60-80 people. It involved individuals from all different aspects of public and private and we had folks from Cincinnati. They actually took off early because I think they had a Council meeting to go to. The Assistant County Administrator was there. You had folks from HUD, you had folks from the Port Authority and so the discussions were basically on what could we do with regard to housing, making affordable housing, what are some of the very specific issues that folks have. They wanted folks to come in with some things in mind. Again, 60-80 individuals that really make some significant decisions. I personally was highlighting for a City like us, sometimes there are entities that we can't control that actually limit us, like MSD. That was raised. Had some conversation, again, the Port Authority really appreciated the idea that there are houses that get bought up by entities that then just rent them that we'd like to have them as individual home occupier owners. So, they personally have gone through in the area by Walnut Hills High School and Xavier and bought up a number of properties to revitalize that area and make sure that individuals are going to live in those homes. It was interesting they had the money to do it. They probably lost \$5,000,000 dollars in the process, but in that revitalization the first house they probably lost \$300,000 on, but by the time they got to the last house, they were able to break even. So, it shows what kind of impact you can have. And, finally, just following up and touching on Ms. McFarland's report, obviously, everyone knows by now Matt Clayton is leaving to go to Middletown. I just wanted to say he's been innovative in his thinking. He's been impactful with not just the Health Department, but other departments with regard to how he's made everyone look at and look for grants. It's really been inspiring. He's helped us through a pandemic and when that was going on, he was actually on vacation, and he was working while he was

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Mayor Hawkins (continued): on vacation and so he's really put in a lot to help the City. An amazing program with regard to internships and giving young people that are just coming out of school an opportunity to get some real-life experience. So, we wish him well, and we appreciate all that he's done. That concludes my report unless there are any questions.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Uhl: The month of May has been a busy month by way of bid openings. We had our industrial park resurfacing bid opening earlier, I think it was on the 14th. So, there will be some legislation coming forward next month for Council to review that. Tomorrow, we have the EV charging station bid opening and then on the 27th we'll have our fuel bid opening. I'm not real excited to see where that lands, but we're looking at some other alternatives as well in the event that those come in higher than what we anticipate. Then lastly, I know some of you have already received some text messages from different people, but Mayor announced that the pool is opening this weekend and, as a part of that, we needed to refresh this wall and repaint it anyway, and we decided to do something fun, so we opted to do an interactive mural so that the Sailfish could have a home and a great spot for pictures and that was spawned by Councilmember McFarland's ideas on what that could look like and how that could evolve and then we looked at a bunch of different murals across the country to see what would be fun and interactive where people could stand next to, or in-between the two kissing fish and get a picture or stick their head in the shark's mouth and what not, but anyway we're hoping everyone really enjoys this and Dave Rickerd is doing a fantastic job here. He's also doing our America 250 mural and that should be wrapped up here in the next week or two, but he's been braving the rain and getting things done and everything has been fantastic and we're really excited that we have a local guy to help us out and help showcase the City of Springdale.

President Anderson: I assume no goldfish were harmed in the making of the mural.

Mr. Uhl: Correct. None of the fish were harmed. Correct. So, we're hoping the Community enjoys this and hopefully we can continue this throughout the Community and really expand on Community placemaking. That's the end of my report.

Ms. McFarland: The Board and the coaches were able to see it last week and, some of the kids were there and they're all very excited. They are thrilled. They love it, and I actually got to meet the artist yesterday and he's a great guy. But everybody at the pool is really excited. Thank you again for supporting.

Mr. Uhl: Absolutely. I mean this was a great combination of somebody participating and coming to our State of the City and then sharing his ideas and if there was an opportunity and then Councilwoman McFarland saying, "Hey it would be great hosting the Regionals next year if we can do something more back there." That wall was already slated to get some work done to it, so it was a great

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Mr. Uhl (continued): combination of Community input and Council input to kind of make this thing all come together for the Community, so I appreciate all your ideas and work on that. Thank you very much.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun

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No report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: So, we'll start off with the East Kemper Project. We had our pre-construction meeting with Adleta on April 20th. They're looking to start construction in late August, beginning of September. They'll be starting work on the south side of East Kemper with the sidewalk installation and work will continue on the south side pretty much through the end of the year, then they'll switch over to construct the north side of Kemper on the shared-use path side. That will last through the spring, then basically, after that they'll repave the road. And then all the work is going to be completed or expected to be completed in spring of next year. So, about a full year from today. The Northland/Kemper Boulevard Shared-Use Path Project; I didn't have an update, but I do now. We have received Stage I ODOT Plan Review comments just this morning, so we're going through those. Our Stage II Plan Submittal looks to be late July/early August, somewhere around there. We haven't firmed up the date yet. We're still combing through all the comments. The Springdale Industrial Park Resurfacing Project that Brian mentioned, we did receive four bids. The contract was advertised on April 29th, and we had a bid opening on the 14th. We got favorable pricing, so that will be before you guys next meeting. That's all I had.

Zoning Code Revision Committee

Mr. Gleaves: The Zoning Code Revision Committee met on April 28th. We had participation from City staff, representatives from McBride Dale Clarion, members of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission. At that meeting, we discussed lighting codes and landscape. One thing that was interesting was the different lights that are coming out now are not the same lights that are being replaced. Lights are brighter now, so you will see different hues of light because the old lights are obsolete. With that being said, we had some in-depth conversation about that, and we also met yesterday, May 19th and we reviewed and recommended modifications to sign sections to the Code. So, that's all I have for now if there's any questions.

President Anderson: I just have one. Is there a timeline, even if you don't have it today, in the upcoming when we should start expecting to see some legislation to do the updates. Is the Committee expecting to do just one big blast, or are we expecting to see some smaller changes in the near term?

Mr. Gleaves: Well, right now we're near the end. We've asked for an extension, and I think, Mr. Uhl, you might want to expound on that, if you don't mind.

Mr. Uhl: I think we were granted an extension just to kind of finish this project up. Obviously, there was a big overhaul to our entire Zoning Code. As far as the layout, we'll have to see how everything shakes out. How many changes are in the new code, but I

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Mr. Uhl (continued): think it would make sense to start chunking these out instead of one massive overhaul. But we'll work together, and Mr. Gleaves can report back next month on what we think the tentative schedule will look like.

President Anderson: Just so we can get an idea for legislation.

Mr. Gleaves: We're moving along at a really good pace. We're having more meetings per month now than we did before, so we made some adjustments.

President Anderson: That's fine.

America 250 Special Committee

Mrs. Webster: We haven't had a meeting, but I have a couple of points of information. The Garden Club is having a terrible time trying to find red, white and blue ribbons. I can't imagine why, but they promised me they'll be out there by the Fourth of July. So, that's what I've got. Also, there was kind of a report on social media last week that the Mayor was going to giving out t-shirts. When is Junior Olympics?

Mayor Hawkins: I think it's set in June, but we'll be giving out t-shirts on July 4th.

Mrs. Webster: Fourth of July? So that report on social media was wrong. That's all I have. Thank you.

Mr. Jacobs: Just a quick update. As part of the Committee's work, we did find out that our old St. Mary's Cemetery is not on a State register as final resting places for veterans. It took quite a while to hear back. It is a separate organization from the 250 organization. There is an application process, and I've now received all those requirements. It involves an app, photographing the various gravesites. So, I'm hoping to get that done by the end of the month, at least to submit it, and then our local cemetery would be part of the State database. Again, it's not directly connected to 250, but I think it's relevant and it had come up as part of our work on the Committee. So, that's moving along and hopefully I'll have more in about a month.

Mayor Hawkins: The Committee also had worked to incorporate the elementary schools with regard to an event. So, on May 4th at Springdale Elementary School and Heritage Hill Elementary School on May 5th they were giving out red, white, and blue popsicles and red, white, and blue beaded necklaces. We had Officer Reardon and a couple of our other first responders come out and help our City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator were getting their hands frozen handing out popsicles, but the kids absolutely loved it. A couple were saying this was the best day ever, so they had a good time with that also as a result of some of the planning from the Committee, so thank you.

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Public Relations Special Committee

Ms. Thompson: The Public Relations Committee met on May 12th and we discussed a few things. One of the discussions was about some things going on with the Health

Department in regards to mental health, but Mr. Gleaves is going to give more information about that in the "Meetings and Announcements". We also have been looking at more ways to keep engagement going and participation balanced with Heritage Hill Elementary. I talked about some things going on with the ICRC that I went to the meeting in March, and we're finding ways to really promote ICRC in the Community and all the resources that they offer as a part of our Community. We talked about there's been a lot questions about how to get rid of tires in this Community so that's actually going to be added to the Rumpke flyers that are going to be coming out soon to let residents know how to get rid of tires in the neighborhood. And then we're looking to update a way to report issues we see around the neighborhood so people can report them online on the website. If there is nothing else, that will be all.

President Anderson: I will say on the ICRC I was surprised when I went on tour there recently that they actually have a podcasting studio that's available for members of the public to use. It's professional equipment. They'll help you set it up, you can record your podcast at a regular interval, at a nice table in a nice environment with all the mics and equipment. That's just a resource that's available. So, there's things like that that are in the Community that it's nice to get the word out that that's available. So, thank you.

Communications

Ms. Browder: Yes, we do have one communication. It is a notice to the legislative authority for a liquor permit for the Azteca Market LLC. It's located at 11711 Princeton Pike, Suite 421. That's a new permit for a C2 class permit. That gives you carry out only for sales of wine, prepackaged and low-proof mixed beverages until 1:00 a.m. Since this is new, there's no additional information to give you, so we can get that filed for you.

President Anderson: We don't have any concerns from Administration on that? (None) Council, this isn't something we vote on, but if you have a concern about the liquor permit as we've done in the past, this would be an opportunity to raise a concern, otherwise we'll continue the filing.

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Tudor: Good evening, I'm Julie Tudor. I'm here tonight on behalf of Springdale Offering Support. Last week we awarded two of our scholarships to the Springdale seniors. One for \$4,000 and one for \$2,000. And I'm here tonight to ask if it's possible for us to be put on the agenda so we can publicly acknowledge those students at the June 3rd meeting.

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President Anderson: Unless there's objection from anyone on Council. June 3rd would be fine.

Ms. Tudor: Okay. Thank you very much.

President Anderson: And we would extend that same offer to the PTA. There's a scholarship that the Springdale PTA does if they wanted to come in at the same time. And that's true if there's any other community-based scholarships beyond the PTA and SOS that are specific to Springdale to reach out to Administration or myself and we can make sure that those are all recognized.

Mr. Spradlin: Hello, my name is Cole Spradlin, and I live at 870 Yorkhaven Road. First, I just want to say, "Thank you" to all who are involved in the helping to revitalize the pool. Last year, starting off with filling in some of the holes and repainting that helped us a lot in terms of water loss. By the end of summer 2024, we were losing a lot of water every day. Our pool was constantly cold with us having to refill it and then add in more chemicals. Secondly, the mural looks beautiful. We had staff orientation on May 9th, and all the staff that was present loved the mural. I also just want to point out that the Rec Center and Administration did repaint the locker rooms at the Rec Center as well. Those look amazing. It's real amazing to see how much just a fresh coat of paint on a lot of the surfaces makes it look brand new. So, I just want to say thank you all for helping to revitalize the pool. I'm hopeful that with us hosting Champs this year and us having hundreds of people each day, both days, and just more and more people coming in with how much we've revitalized more people will be convinced to buy memberships. Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 19-2026 (Second Reading with Emergency)

AN ORDINANCE 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 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Webster made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2026; Ms. McFarland seconded.

Mr. Gleaves: Maybe Mr. Uhl can answer this question. I got a couple of calls from some residents who are concerned with how dimly lit these areas were or are. And the concern with these new shelters, will there be lights inside or would there be additional light around them?

Mr. Uhl: Yes. With these new shelters they will be very similar to what SORTA is putting around the entire region and they are projected to have some lighting in there

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Mr. Uhl (continued): and also have charging stations as well. I don't know if that's all going to be solar, or if there will be an actual electric feed, but we'll find out as that progresses.

Mr. Gleaves: Thank you so much.

Ordinance No. 19-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 20-2026 (Second Reading with Emergency)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 112 OF THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASSING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-2026; Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Braun: I just wanted to point out for Council that you will see in the version before you the changes that you asked to appear in this version this evening. We made the changes to the appeal procedure that specifically indicates that those appeals will be heard by the Mayor or his or her designee. Additionally, you will see some changes to the penalty section that address that after a first offense those penalties rise so that the magistrate hearing the case has some discretion to determine those penalties at a broader level if the first offense doesn't teach them that they need to follow our procedures. If there's any other questions, we're happy to answer those.

Mr. Uhl: Just one more thing I'll add. We made reference to a permit, a badge that the solicitor would have to wear as well. This is what it would look like, and this has to be displayed at all times if passed. This will be worn. It is required to be worn. They are instructed that this must be worn at all times to give visual indicator to the residents that they're knocking on the door that they have registered with the City as a permitted solicitor.

President Anderson: And that's worn by each individual and will have their picture on it.

Mr. Uhl: Correct.

President Anderson: It's not something that they can pass around. It should match the person that's wearing it.

Mr. Uhl: Correct. It will have their picture, their name, the company they're representing, and yes individualized.

President Anderson: Can we pass that down in case anyone wants to look at it? Thank you.

Ordinance No. 20-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Ordinance No. 22-2026 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO TO ADMINISTER A 2026 SMALL EVENT GRANT

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2026; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 22-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 23-2026 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPROXIMATELY 0.118 ACRES OF PROPERTY AS PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ALONG A PORTION OF GLENSPRINGS DRIVE AS DEDICATED IN THE CCA GLENSPRINGS SUBDIVISION

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-2026; Mr. Gleaves seconded.

Ordinance No. 23-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 24-2026 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FC CINCINNATI FOUNDATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF AN ARTIFICIAL TURF MINIATURE SOCCER FIELD FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-2026. Any questions or discussion? (None) Seeing none, we will see this again at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 25-2026 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE, DISPOSAL, OR TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

President Anderson: Council, this was the first reading of Ordinance No. 25-2026. Any questions or discussion? (None) Seeing none, but I will say there is quite a bit of Parks and Rec equipment related to fitness equipment. That's only noteworthy because I want to take the opportunity to say how beautiful the new equipment looks like. So, this is definitely surplus based on the updates that we've done to our Rec Center which look amazing. Just so we know why that's there. Although I have a lot of memories of the preacher curl bench. I might need to put a bid on that. I might need to follow up on that one. We will see that again at our next meeting.

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Resolution No. R05-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE FREE ACCESSIBLE OUTDOOR FITNESS AREA AND PICKLEBALL COURTS PROJECT

Mr. Gleaves made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R05-2026; Ms. Thompson seconded.

Resolution No. R05-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. R06-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDING THROUGH OKI FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT UPGRADES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Mr. Hall made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R06-2026; Mr. Jacobs seconded.

Resolution No. R06-2026 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business	-	None
New Business	-	None

Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Uhl: As the Mayor indicated, in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, all City offices will be closed. The Community Center will also be closed; however, the pool will be open normal hours from noon until 8:00 p.m. Also, along that line, Rumpke trash collection will maintain its normal schedule and pick up times, so there's no disruption there.

President Anderson: You mentioned Rumpke which reminded me, were they ever going to send out a letter related to the recycling bins because I've been passing it along, and every time people hear about it, I'm saying they're a lot better than the red bins if you have space for it. Did that go away?

Mr. Uhl: No, that's still in production. So, ironically, when we had our Public Relations Committee meeting, Public Works just got the draft of their intended flyer that morning. So, after we had the Public Relations Committee, we were able to go back to Rumpke and ask them to add on the disposal for tires and what not, so that should be, hopefully, I know we were anticipating that in March, but my anticipation is hopefully by the end of June residents will see that. But they don't need to wait for the flyer, they can reach out directly to Rumpke, or feel free to call Administration or Public Works and we'll help arrange that for you.

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President Anderson: Thank you. I know I called shortly after and they had the new tote out to me, I think two days later, and it's lovely. So, thank you for that.

Ms. Morgan: The next Civil Service Commission meeting will be on June 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Gleaves: The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for May 26th has been cancelled. The Zoning Code Revision Committee will be meeting May 26th at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. And, as Ms. Thompson alluded to earlier, I want to say something about a focus group. This month, May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We had a mental health focus group. We met May 6th at the Community Center. It was put together by Rosalyn (Rosie) Davis, who is the Mental Health Improvement Coordinator for the City of Springdale Health Department. She did a fantastic job putting this together. Some of the participants were Kaniya Murray from True Colors; Tangible Change Behavioral Health Services, Kim Kraft, she is a Board of Health member, Jennifer Small who is a Princeton City Schools Talbert House Therapist Service Coordinator, Lisa Tenbarger who is the Principal of Springdale Elementary, Dina Early from the Healing Center, Laura Perez from Maple Knoll, Ashley Gray from the company [In5.org](#), and our own Matthew Clayton who he is not on anymore, he will be missed. He was there. And, we also had Marley Broenner who is with the City of Springdale Health Department as an intern. I have to say that this was a very impactful, very powerful focus group. And to the Community and to everybody up here, there's no one who is not dealing with mental health. From these different lenses of people, we're able to coordinate and understand the power of all these people and all the entities the Springdale Health Department has to help individuals with mental health. It's important that our Community understands to call if you have issues with yourself, family members, or even neighbors. Our Health Department has the means and the ways to help you. So, it's very important and I want to let everybody know that this is a very important issue. A lot of the problems that we have can be taken care of if we take care of each other. So, I just wanted to say that, and I want to thank Rosie for putting it together and it was a very, very, very good thing. Thank you.

President Anderson: Before we leave Meetings and Announcements, I wanted to make Council aware that looking ahead and in discussions with Administration, there is a possibility that we might need to put the July 1st meeting back on our calendar. I'm not asking for that tonight, I'm just letting you know in advance that it's possible that we might need that date for a couple of items. We'll know for sure by our next meeting but just wanted to make you aware that there are discussions that might require that just based off of the calendar and timeline, there might be some business that we'll need to take care of. So, just put that into your planning.

Communications from the Audience

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None

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Recap of Legislative Items

Mr. Jacobs: Council, as you review your Legislative Summary, Item I; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 112 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Regulating Door-To-Door Canvassing was addressed by Ordinance No. 20-2026, receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item II; An Ordinance 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 was addressed by Ordinance No. 19-2026 also receiving seven affirmative votes. Item III; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter Into a Funding Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio to Administer a 2026 Small Event Grant was addressed by Ordinance No. 22-2026 receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Item IV; An Ordinance Accepting Approximately 0.118 Acres of Property as Public right of Way Along a Portion of Glensprings Drive as Dedicated in the CCA Glensprings Subdivision was addressed by Ordinance No. 23-2026, receiving a second reading and seven affirmative votes. Council also addressed two resolutions. Item VII; A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Apply for Financial Assistance through the Natureworks Grant Program Administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Free Accessible Outdoor Fitness Area and Pickleball Courts Project. That was addressed by Resolution No. R05-2026, receiving seven affirmative votes. Item VIII; A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File a Funding Application for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds Through OKI for Traffic Light Upgrades Throughout the City was addressed by Resolution No. R06-2026, also receiving seven affirmative votes.

Legislation in Development

Mr. Jacobs: Includes Item V; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with the FC Cincinnati Foundation Associated with the Installation of an Artificial Turf Miniature Soccer Field for the City of Springdale. That was addressed by Ordinance No. 24-2026, receiving a first reading. And, finally, Item VI; An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale, Disposal, or Transfer of Surplus Property was addressed by Ordinance No. 25-2026, receiving a first reading. That's all I have.

President Anderson: Anything else from Administration or Council?

Mr. Uhl: Just to anticipate a couple of those bid announcements and those contract awards for next month.

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Adjournment

President Anderson: Then all that's left before us is Item 17.

Ms. McFarland: Move to adjourn

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

Council adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:

Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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