

CITY OF SPRINGBORO
320 W. CENTRAL AVENUE, SPRINGBORO, OH

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL

John Agenbroad, Mayor
Stephen Harding, Deputy Mayor/At Large
Becky Iverson, At Large
Janie Ridd, Ward 1
Dale Brunner, Ward 2
Jack Hanson, Ward 3
Jim Chmiel, Ward 4

CITY STAFF

Chris Pozzuto, City Manager
Greg Shackelford, Assistant City Manager
Gerald McDonald, Law Director
Lori Martin, Clerk of Council

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Work Session to order on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio.

ITEM 2. ATTENDANCE. Council: All present. Staff: Mr. Pozzuto, Mr. Shackelford, Mr. McDonald and Ms. Martin were present.

ITEM 3. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. – Review legislative items slated for February 16.

- 1) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SYNERGY BUILDING SYSTEMS FOR THE WRIGHT STATION CENTRAL PARK ENHANCEMENTS.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that based on the discussion as the last Work Session, Finance Director Jonathan Hudson was able to find additional monies in the amount of approx. \$80,000 to cover the cost of the pergola and certain landscape elements; therefore, the contractual amount will cover the full project.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER. – Issues/Reports.

Mr. Pozzuto reported on the following items:

Heatherwoode Golf Course Bridge Project: The deck has been installed on the new bridge between holes #10 and #11. The company that set the bridge did not send the clasps needed to attach the deck to the crane; however, local company High Concrete helped by providing the clasps. Mr. Pozzuto sent a written thank you to High Concrete for their assistance.

North Park Upgrades Project: (Drawings attached.) The drawings show the proposed complete master plan for North Park. Staff is focusing on three areas, one is the playground,

which is the central part of the project that they would like to complete this year using the remaining \$1.9 million in ARPA funds. The playground will be located on the upper soccer/football fields currently at North Park. Staff would also like to do the site work for the pickleball courts, create permanent space for beer tents, and install a walkway to the concession area to improve safety if funds are available. The plaza area has also been redesigned, which includes a simple water feature and a possible redesign of the concession stand. Typically, there needs to be a portable restroom on site for events; however, the plan includes increasing the size of the concession stand to add more restrooms. The plans for the plaza area will require the parking lot to be ADA compliant and will be part of a two or three year phased plan.

Again, the first phase of the plan is the playground, which will use a majority of the ARPA funds. In comparison, the three safety areas and the playground component at Kacie Jane Park is 10,000s.f.; whereas, this new playground area at North Park will be 30,000s.f., triple the size of Kacie Jane Park. The new playground at North Park will include a tower feature near the middle, as a focal point, and zip lines that are ADA accessible. The majority of the play equipment is all accessible.

This entire plan, if the parking area is included, amounts to approx. \$4.5 million in park improvements. Staff is still debating whether to pave the grass parking area. That parking lot is only used six times per year and would cost \$500,000 to pave. However, if the new playground improvements at the park create a lot more traffic and these parking spaces are filled on a regular basis, then the parking lot paving project can be revisited. To reiterate, the entire North Park master plan amounts to approximately \$4.5 million, which is why it is recommended that the improvements be spread over two or three years.

Ms. Ridd asked if the grass parking area is paved, could it accommodate more cars.

Mr. Pozzuto replied no, it would be paved to create a nicer parking area. The City paid to have those parking spaces striped on the grass and it is almost the exact same layout as shown on the plan drawing.

Mr. Hanson commented that people will park there regardless of whether or not it is paved.

Ms. Ridd commented that she would prefer not to have that much pavement if the parking area is not going to be used.

Mr. Chmiel asked if the plan includes upgrades to the amphitheater as far as sound and some other improvements discussed previously.

Mr. Pozzuto explained that this plan only provides for concrete space for food trucks and some other site work around the amphitheater.

Mr. Chmiel commented that he thought there were going to be some sound upgrades.

Mr. Pozzuto explained that the basement will be cleaned out to allow for the bands to change, etc. Mr. Pozzuto further explained that the City pays a sound engineer for the concerts; thus, there is no need to make upgrades to the sound system.

Mr. Brunner questioned that if the police department recommended having an exit off that parking lot, then would that be a reason to pave the lot.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that staff has discussed possibly allowing for a temporary access out this year without paving it to see how it works. Mr. Pozzuto explained that the problem with that scenario is that it forces everyone to go south and people might not like that.

Mr. Brunner commented that the police department did a nice job of directing traffic to go one way during the busier concerts. Mr. Brunner suggested possibly encouraging people to walk

from the Tamarack area to the park for the concerts or maybe upgrades could be made in that area to encourage people to walk. Mr. Brunner further commented that he sometimes parks in the Tamarack area and walks up to the park.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that some people might walk; he is not sure how we could encourage people to do that, but we could try. Mr. Pozzuto agreed that there is an entranceway to the south where people could walk to enter the park.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that exiting the parking area was so much better last year than it has been in past years. Mayor Agenbroad further commented that 6,500 people attended the Journey concert, and the parking area was cleared in a short period of time.

Mr. Pozzuto reiterated that the first phase of the project will include the installation of the playground and prepping the surrounding area for the pickleball courts as well as finishing certain improvements to the concert area. The first phase should be completed this year. Once the City receives the final estimates, staff will present legislation to Council for approval.

Mr. Brunner asked if anyone uses those upper fields at the park.

Mr. Pozzuto replied no. Mr. Pozzuto explained that when the City developed Hazelwoods Park and upgraded Clearcreek Park, it provided new fields for youth sports such as the peewee practice field. The upper fields at North Park were only ever used as overflow and are only occasionally used; however, the lower fields are still available for use.

Ms. Ridd asked what building is shown on the drawing just south of the tennis courts.

Mr. Pozzuto explained that the building shown next to the tennis and pickleball courts is a proposed shelter.

Mayor Agenbroad inquired regarding previous discussions concerning the need for a lift station to install additional restrooms at the concession stand.

Mr. Pozzuto explained that they are reviewing the engineering of that portion of the plan, but they do not think they will need a lift station, as it will not overload our system.

Mr. Harding asked if the first phase of the plan would be finished before the first concert.

Mr. Pozzuto replied that the upgrades to the concert area will be finished; however, the equipment for the playground area is on a 12-week lead time, but the intention is to install the playground as quickly as possible.

There was no further discussion regarding these items.

At this time, Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion under ORC121.22(G) to enter Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property and to consider the promotion of a public employee; whereby, no votes will be taken.

Mr. Harding motioned. Ms. Iverson seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes; Iverson, Yes. [7-0]

As a reminder to the public, no votes are taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Shackelford reported on the following items:

Springboro Chamber Monthly Breakfast: Mr. Shackelford reminded Council that the Springboro Chamber networking breakfast on March 2 will be held at Hidden Valley Orchards, while renovations are being finished at the Heatherwoode Clubhouse.

Home Improvement Grant Program: The recent City newsletter featured an article regarding the City's Home Improvement Grant Program and staff has received at least a dozen calls already inquiring about the program.

ITEM 5. CLERK OF COUNCIL. – Issues/Reports.

Calendar Updates: The next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, March 2 at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

ITEM 6. CITY COUNCIL. – Issues/Reports.

Mr. Hanson – No reports.

Mr. Chmiel – No reports.

Mr. Brunner – No reports.

Ms. Ridd – No reports.

Ms. Iverson – No reports.

Deputy Mayor Harding – No reports.

Mayor Agenbroad – No reports.

Executive Session: City Council entered Executive Session at approximately 6:15 PM to discuss the purchase of property and to consider the promotion of a public employee.

With no objections, City Council exited Executive Session at approximately 6:35 PM; whereby, no votes were taken.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT. With no further discussion in Work Session, Mayor Agenbroad adjourned the Thursday, February 16, 2023 City Council Work Session immediately thereafter.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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- ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Thursday, February 16, 2023 to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio.
- ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Mayor Agenbroad led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Invocation by Council Member Becky Iverson.
- ITEM 3. ROLL CALL.** Agenbroad, Present; Brunner, Present; Chmiel, Present; Hanson, Present; Harding, Present; Iverson, Present; Ridd, Present. Staff: Mr. Pozzuto, Mr. Shackelford, Mr. McDonald and Ms. Martin were present.
- ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2023.
- Mayor Agenbroad presented the minutes for additions/corrections. No additions/corrections.
- Mr. Harding motioned. Ms. Ridd seconded the motion.**
- No discussion.
- VOTE: Iverson, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes. [7-0]**
- ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS:** STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS – MAYOR JOHN AGENBROAD.
- Mayor Agenbroad commented that City Council and Staff are very proud of all of the things we do in Springboro to make it a very special place to live, work and raise a family. Mayor Agenbroad presented the 2023 State of the City Address in video format during the meeting. Text is as follows:

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
MAYOR JOHN AGENBROAD
FEBRUARY 16, 2023

AS MAYOR OF SPRINGBORO, I am immensely proud of the progress we have made together over the past year and look forward to continuing to provide quality service and leadership to the Springboro community. Thanks to our highly experienced and dedicated management team, staff members and volunteers, Springboro continues to be a leader in projects and programs that keep us one of the top rated cities in Ohio to live, work, play, learn and grow.

LIFE IN SPRINGBORO Springboro's consistently high ratings are driven by economic stability, great neighborhoods, excellent schools, safety and services. Springboro offers everything from outdoor concerts to a network of trails to hike and bike and public programming that includes holiday parades, festivals and fireworks. In addition, our Performing Arts Center is a great new community resource featuring live theater, art exhibits, speaker series and special events. Springboro's beautifully preserved historic downtown is known for fun shopping and dining experiences and reflects our town's rich history. Springboro's 500 acres of recreational space includes a collection of nine beautiful parks, where residents can relax, play and enjoy the outdoors, and an outstanding 18-hole championship golf course.

Our excellent community ratings also makes Springboro a prime destination for business and job growth. Employers have the advantage of attracting a quality workforce with Springboro's family-friendly lifestyle, affordable cost of living and many great amenities that now include citywide fiber optics. Springboro continues to experience both small and large business growth and works with regional and local partners like the Warren County Chamber Alliance, the Small Business Development Center, and the Springboro Chamber of Commerce to make sure this healthy growth continues. There are currently 545 businesses contributing to our local economy and generating the revenue needed to support our many valuable services and amenities. Springboro would not be the great city it is without community partners like Clearcreek Township, Springboro Schools, Springboro Public Library, Historic Springboro, Warren County and many other local organizations.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK We are pleased to report that Springboro's financial outlook remains healthy and stable in 2023. Our management staff works closely with our finance department each year to prepare a balanced budget proposal based on conservative revenue and expenditure projections and sufficient reserve levels. Our annual budget continues to support the necessary infrastructure and services that provide safe and reliable public utilities and streets, and parks and community development that further enhance our quality of life.

Budgeted expenditures for 2023 total \$62.5 million for capital and operations with actual expenditures down approximately 2-3% and a stable year-end projection in the total estimated fund balance. Since 2019, total expenditures have significantly decreased largely due to efforts to eliminate our golf, water and sewer debt and reduce interest payments by more than \$500K. We appreciate the efforts of our finance staff to pursue these cost savings and their smart management of our investments and debt.

Our General Fund, which funds the City's administrative functions, police and parks, represents approximately \$14.8 million of this year's budget with total budgeted revenues projected to be \$21.4 million. As part of the General Fund operations, approximately \$3.3 million will be spent on police and safety services and \$1.4 million on parks and community programming. In our public utility funds, \$11.4 million is allocated for water, sewer and trash services, which are provided to more than 8,000 residences. Our revenue stream from these utilities continues to be stable and rates remain at the same levels since 2019 in spite of inflationary costs. Efforts to streamline operating costs while providing the same and expanded services remains our focus as we analyze the budget each year.

Income tax is the City's largest single source of revenue and funds almost 80% of our general operating costs. We anticipate receiving about \$15.6 million in total income tax revenue this year with approximately two-thirds assigned to our general fund and the remainder to our income tax capital improvement fund. Income tax receipts have increased by approximately 7% over 2021 matching the pace of the current economy. Notably, Springboro's income tax rate has not increased since 1988; however, our tax base has grown nearly 38%. This growth has helped us maintain and improve levels of service maximizing local tax dollars for our residents. Springboro also has the lowest property tax rate in Southwest Ohio at 1.1 mills compared to many cities over 10 mills and is a contributing factor to Springboro's affordability.

Springboro continues to receive clean fiscal audits and the highest rating in open and transparent government under the State Auditor's Sunshine Law Rating System. Springboro's financial profile carries the second highest investment grade of "Aa1" assigned by Moody's Investors Service. This rating keeps us in the top 5% of all Ohio communities demonstrating the City's exceptional financial position. Moody's

also reported that Springboro's fiber project received their highest Environmental, Social, and Governance or ESG score. Once again, thank you to our staff for their commitment to Springboro's continued financial success.

CAPITAL PLANNING is an investment in Springboro's future as a sustainable and vibrant community. Our capital plan has been essential to our community's development ensuring that we continue to provide safe roads, safe water and safe parks and make new investments in anticipation of our community's future needs.

In November, City Council approved \$35.5 million in capital projects over the next five years with investments covering our entire infrastructure improvement program. Key investment areas include public safety, community grants, recreation upgrades, and public utility improvements.

The total 2023 capital budget is \$13,752,000, which includes \$3.5M in street paving and park upgrades, and a \$1.3 million investment in our water system. Over the past seven years, our street paving budget has more than doubled ensuring the maintenance of a quality roadway system. On average, the City has increased miles paved from 1.9 to 3.8 miles per year with 23 streets resurfaced in 2022, the largest program yet.

Other capital investments include the I-75 Interchange Aesthetics Project, which includes landscape elements to the cloverleaf and areas surrounding the interchange. This project coincides with \$2.4 million in state funded safety upgrades to State Route 73 under I-75 scheduled to begin later this year. Interior park upgrades are planned for Wright Station to create new public gathering space for events and entertainment at this central location and major improvements at North Park will include the construction of a new state of the art ADA compliant playground accessible and enjoyable for all children. We are also working on a water softening design plan as we continue to explore the potential benefit of a city water softening facility. Our capital program is reviewed on an annual basis and serves as an important tool to help us apply financial resources long-term.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT We strive to reinvest in our neighborhoods, support economic development and provide general community assistance. Over the past 10 years, the City has invested nearly \$1.1 million in support of community-wide events, the work of local charitable organizations, business retention, and neighborhood improvements through grants and sponsorships. These efforts include our home improvement and historic preservation grant programs, which have generated hundreds of thousands of dollars of public/private investment in our community's residential and historic neighborhoods.

Springboro's investment in a community broadband fiber network is paying off by bringing competition to the internet service market. In addition to providing new options for residential customers and potential business users, the network will generate enough revenue to be sustainable and has already exceeded the initial investment in infrastructure. Springboro was among seven cities that participated in the initial GATEWay Public Fiber Network project, one of the country's first multi-jurisdictional networks, and we have attracted statewide attention for completing our 17-mile fiber optic loop prompting the fiber to home project.

Amenities such as new high-speed internet services, free public WI-FI now offered in our historic downtown area, and a DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) stimulate our local economy by drawing people to Springboro for dining, shopping and entertainment and helping our residents and businesses stay connected to what is important to them. The City received approval last October to expand the DORA at Wright Station to include S. Main Street in the Historic District. These designated outdoor refreshment areas are the latest economic development tool being used by communities and there are over 100 DORAs currently operating in Ohio.

Progress continues at Wright Station with the construction of a 6,000 sq. ft. office and retail building located between the Performing Arts Center and Cassano's. Wright Station and other developing commercial areas throughout the City promise to further expand our tax base and help secure our economy moving forward.

PARKS AND RECREATION Springboro is a community of summertime fun thanks to our many great parks and community events. Springboro ranks one of the highest in the region in recreational park space per capita at 20 acres of parks per 1,000 people. Currently, Springboro has nine parks covering 400 acres, which are highly utilized by the community.

We welcomed thousands of guests to our summer concerts and many other events at North Park this past year. Our concerts were live streamed, and social media buzzed with compliments about our 2022 season. We are committed to making outdoor places for residents to gather for special events, sports and many other healthy outdoor activities. Among the many park amenities our residents enjoy include a splash pad, amphitheater, walking trails and athletic fields, shelters, play areas and dog park.

This year we look forward to the construction of an 810-ft. pump track at Community Park creating a new, dynamic biking experience. A second ADA accessible tot track will also be constructed at the park making this pump track the second one in the entire country that is ADA accessible.

Voted one of Dayton's Best Public Golf Courses, Heatherwoode Golf Course is known for exceptional course conditions, customer service and golf amenities. The facility hosts collegiate golf, corporate outings, and recreational golf and event services. In fact, last year the golf course was selected to host the OHSSA Southwest District Boys and Girls Golf Tournaments showcasing the best junior golfers from the Dayton and Cincinnati region. The City and Miami Valley Golf collaborated with the Miami Valley Communications Council to provide live coverage of the entire event creating a unique and exciting experience for these young players. In addition to booking over 34,000 rounds last year, Heatherwoode was recognized for the second time by the Southern Ohio PGA for excellence in merchandising in the promotion of golf. Many thanks to our golf course staff for the pride of having one of the best public golf courses in the region.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE Springboro's boards and commissions represent over 40 citizen volunteers who participate in our community's leadership. Each year our volunteers contribute hundreds of hours of service in areas such as community planning and development, historic preservation and parks and recreation. Three of our board members retired from service in 2022. Park Board Member James Crabtree served 16 years, Architectural Review Board Member Gale Graham served 8 years and Board of Zoning Appeals Member Sondra Marzluff served 18 years. We deeply appreciate the time and valuable contributions made by these dedicated community leaders and thank all of volunteers for the outstanding work you do on behalf of the City.

Leadership achievements over the past year include the completion of Springboro's newest Master Plan through the work of a nine-member steering committee. The plan recommendations were based in part on more than 1,000 comments provided by Springboro residents and will guide the long-range development of our community. Our Planning Commission reviewed plans for approximately 75,000 sq. ft. of development projects, including the expansion of the Springboro Public Library, and plans for new commercial and office uses in the areas of Advanced Drive and South Tech.

Springboro received the Tree City USA award for the 26th consecutive year in 2022. Through the efforts of our Tree Authority, Springboro continues to be recognized for its urban forestry program, which supports the reforestation and maintenance of trees in our city and promotes the planting of trees through programs such as the celebration of National Arbor Day.

The Architectural Review Board, which is tasked with protecting our historic buildings and supporting historic preservation efforts in our community, approved seventeen restoration projects in our Historic District last year. The board also presented three awards in conjunction with the board's Historic Preservation Awards Program, which has honored efforts to preserve Springboro's history since 2000.

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee continues to support our community's bike/pedestrian program, and the committee's work has led to the development of more than 12 miles of designated bike lanes and trails. A new 2,500-ft. multiuse trail connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Clearcreek Park was completed in 2022. In addition, \$400,000 in grant funding has been awarded through the state capital budget and Ohio Department of Natural Resources to complete a 4,100-ft. trail upgrade/reroute in Clearcreek Park, connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Hazel Woods Park. These new trails are a continuation of our bike and pedestrian plan's Central Greenway, a trail that will ultimately connect six Springboro parks to neighborhoods and business districts and the regional trail network.

Springboro's Park Board helps to direct the development of our community's park system ensuring our recreational space continues to grow in ways that enhance our residents' experience. The City has added as many as four new parks over the past decade including Kacie Jane Park and Hazelwoods Park. Our Park Board sponsored 11 free concerts at North Park last summer, which were attended by over 20,000 people. Thank you to the board members and staff for another record-breaking year for our summer concert series!

PUBLIC SAFETY means keeping our neighborhoods, schools and businesses safe and secure. Our Police Department relies on the strength and experience of 30 police officers who protect our community through patrol, investigative, and command services and have a demonstrated commitment to the safety and welfare of our citizens. In addition to police personnel, the department staffs a communications center seven days a week, which received an estimated 20,000 calls for service last year. In addition, the department participates in regional law enforcement agencies such as the Miami Valley Tactical Crime Suppression Unit to help aid in policing and share costs for specialized equipment and training.

Our police officers also serve in the areas of school safety and community outreach by providing two full-time School Resource Officers jointly funded by Springboro Schools and the D.A.R.E. program, which has taught thousands of students to live safe, healthy and successful lives for the past 30 years. Each

year, the police department sponsors Operation Santa, which has been making a difference in the lives of many families and children within our very own community since 1998. We would like to express our gratitude to everyone in the community supporting this program.

Finally, Blue, a specially trained police dog whose primary duty is to comfort people experiencing a crisis or in distress, has been a calm and reassuring presence in our community since his arrival in 2019. Blue visits nursing homes, greets school students and is the star at many community events. We pledge to continue providing programs that support the wellbeing of our community and to provide the highest quality safety services for our citizens each and every day.

Before I close, I would like to thank my wife Patti of 47 years, who has been a source of unwavering support during my many years of service as a community leader. Despite facing some serious health challenges this past year, she continues to support my efforts to serve this great community and I thank her with all my heart.

IN CLOSING, as community leaders, we are motivated by our citizens' unique pride and community spirit and believe in working together to make Springboro the very best place to call home. Special thanks is owed to my council colleagues, Dale, Jim, Jack, Stephen, Becky and Janie, for another great year of teamwork, as we look forward to serving together in 2023. I am deeply honored to serve as your Mayor, and wish all of you health, happiness, and endless blessings in the year ahead!

– Mayor John Agenbroad
#stayconnectedspringboro

Mayor Agenbroad concluded by commenting that he hoped everyone enjoyed the year in review, as we have many people to thank in the community for making this a great city. Mayor Agenbroad thanked IT Director Matt Lang for presenting the video and especially thanked the Miami Valley Communications Council, Community Relations Director Maureen Russell-Hodgson and Clerk of Council Lori Martin for the production and content of the State of the City Address.

ITEM 6. LEGISLATION: City Council held a Work Session at 6:00 PM tonight for approximately 15 minutes to discuss the following legislative items as well as other City business. During the Work Session, City Council entered Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss the purchase of property and to consider the promotion of a public employee; whereby, no votes were taken.

1) RESOLUTION R-23-4: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SYNERGY BUILDING SYSTEMS FOR THE WRIGHT STATION CENTRAL PARK ENHANCEMENTS, was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

This resolution authorizes a professional services agreement with Synergy Building Systems for the Wright Station central park enhancements. This agreement provides for upgrades to the central area of Wright Station with field turf, paver areas, a pergola, a performance stage and various other lighting and electrical enhancements in order to continue to promote the area as a gathering place for food and entertainment. The project is scheduled to begin in March and should be complete by May or June.

Mayor Agenbroad presented the item for questions/comments of Council. No questions/comments.

Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-23-4.

Ms. Iverson motioned. Mr. Harding seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes; Iverson, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes. [7-0]

ITEM 7. REPORTS: Mayor's Report – The next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023 beginning at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

City Manager's Report – No reports.

Committee Reports –

Mr. Hanson – No reports.

Mr. Chmiel – No reports.

Mr. Brunner – No reports.

Ms. Ridd – No reports.

Ms. Iverson – Planning Commission – The Planning Commission met on February 8 to review the following items: Final Approval, Preliminary Subdivision Review – Wade-Wray property, Wadestone subdivision, 2515 West Factory Rd., residential subdivision. Final Approval, Revision to Approved General Plan – Swope-Hills property, Wadestone subdivision, 465 West Factory Rd., residential subdivision. Preliminary Review, Rezoning – R-2 (Low-Density Residential District) to CBD (Central Business District), M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing District) to CBD, R-2 District to M-2 District, and CBD to M-2 District in the vicinity of the east termini of East Market Street and East State Street. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Deputy Mayor Harding – No reports.

ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS. No Other Business.

ITEM 9. FINAL COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMENTS. No Final Council or Manager Comments.

ITEM 10. GUEST COMMENTS. Mayor Agenbroad invited any guests that wished to be heard to approach the podium, state their name and address for the record, and make their comments accordingly.

1) Craig Salmon-Gilmore, 8066 Country Brook Court, Clearcreek Township – Mr. Salmon-Gilmore generally commented as follows:

Mr. Salmon-Gilmore commented that he wanted to share some information regarding Black History Month happening here in Springboro, as we continue to lead Warren County. Right now, there is a cohort taking place at Jubilee Church on State Route 741; that cohort is living undivided and it is about racial reconciliation. There was a cohort formed in 2021 held at Southwest Church and Pastor Roger Hendricks really helped to facilitate that. Mr. Salmon-Gilmore continued by commenting that when we look at where we are as a city, we are very progressive in our community relations and what we are doing in our city. Others outside the city may not see it, but he wants to state on the record that we are moving forward in that diversity, equity and inclusion space. We are the only city in Warren County doing these cohorts, which are sponsored through the Warren County Foundation by donors to enable us to have these diversity, equity and inclusion conversations. Other cities like Mason and Lebanon are coming on board, but we are taking the lead in making a difference. One of the things that is helping us make a difference is our Juneteenth Jubilee event. There are other

cities including Dayton, Columbus and Springfield that look at us and ask how we have these events. The reason we have these events is because we have hearts that are changing and we have minds moving behind us in support of diversity, equity and inclusion. Mr. Salmon-Gilmore explained that what he means by that is, when people think of Springboro, they do not think of folks that look like him, they think of folks that look more like our Council. We are helping to change that to say that our city is diverse, our city is open, and our city is welcoming, as we continue to have these events, such as the cohort at Jubilee Church. There are 66 people volunteering to be in these cohorts. These are uncomfortable conversations that these folks are having about race. They are committed to that cohort for six weeks and then they voluntarily meet afterwards to continue those conversations and the close relationships that they have established. Mr. Salmon-Gilmore finally commented that he again wants to commend what our city is doing and express kudos to City Council, our City Manager and our Assistant City Manager, who really help facilitate all of what is happening today. He added that, from a Black History Month perspective, we are doing the work. Mr. Salmon-Gilmore concluded by thanking Council for the opportunity to speak tonight and continuing to help the community to do the work.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Mr. Salmon-Gilmore for his comments.

Mayor Agenbroad invited any other guests that wished to be heard to approach the podium, state their name and address for the record, and make their comments accordingly.

No other guests came forward.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION. No Executive Session.


ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT. With no further business, Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adjourn the Thursday, February 16, 2023 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting at approximately 7:30 PM.

Mr. Harding motioned. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Ridd, Yes; Iverson, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes. [7-0]

—MEETING ADJOURNED—



John H. Agenbroad, Mayor

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Presiding Officer



Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council