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

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL
John Agenbroad, Mayor
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Dale Brunner, Ward 2
Jack Hanson, Ward 3
Jim Chmiel, Ward 4
Stephen Harding, At Large
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Gerald McDonald, Law Director
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- **ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Work Session to order on Thursday, April 15, 2021 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. Finance Director Jonathan Hudson was also present.
- ITEM 3. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. Review legislative items slated for March 18.
 - 1) EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: FIRST READING. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING BONDS ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

No discussion.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER.

- Issues/Reports.

Mr. Pozzuto provided updates on the following projects:

Hazel Woods Park Improvements (Paving Project): The Hazel Woods Park drive and walking paths are being paved and the work should be finished by tomorrow or early next week. This paving project completes the west end of the park including the remainder of the walking path, parking areas and the drive around the park.

Citywide Wellness Program: The City is always promoting its parks and walking and biking facilities throughout the community, and staff is proposing a city wellness program. The program would begin in May and run through August/September to encourage City residents to get outside and walk and bike in the community using facilities such as the 1.2-mile walking

trail currently being paved at Hazel Woods Park. There will be a form on the City's website to participate in the program. If participants walk at least 10 miles per month or bike 30 miles per month, they would fill out the form and upload a screenshot of the mileage they have completed that month using a GPS tracker app on their phone, a Fitbit or other mileage tracker. The program also encourages submitting selfies in the various parks in front of park signs, etc. One out of every 20 people who complete the required mileage are eligible for a prize. Again, the City is trying to encourage community members to use Springboro's nine wonderful parks and various bike/ped facilities. The City would work with local businesses to obtain gift cards as prizes. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) will be reviewing the program at their April 26 meeting. If there are no objections from BPAC or Council, staff will launch the program in May.

Ms. Ridd asked if there was any way to include the new fitness court at North Park in the program.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that it would be difficult to track the use of the fitness court.

Mr. Harding asked if the City could create its own app that has all of the park locations, etc. and tracking.

Mr. Pozzuto replied that an app might be expensive, which is why staff is suggesting using the free apps that people have access to on their phones.

Ms. Ridd also suggested that people participating in the program could submit videos of themselves using the fitness court.

Ms. Iverson commented that she thought it would be a great idea to have a "Boro" gift card, not attached to this program specifically, but that would be applicable to any business in Springboro.

Mayor Agenbroad suggested having a grand prize at the end of the program that included a gift certificate for the Heatherwoode Pro Shop and a round of golf.

Mr. Pozzuto suggested that the grand prize could be awarded to a participant who did not win a prize in the first rounds.

Mr. Pozzuto stated that these were all good suggestions to consider, and he reiterated that they plan to publicize the program to begin in May and will monitor participation.

Home Improvement Grant Program: Two years ago, the City sponsored the Home Improvement Grant Program in the Royal Oaks area. The City received close to 100 letters of interest in the program. At that time, the City was able to fund approximately 18 projects. The City suspended the program in 2020 due to the unknowns associated with COVID-19. Staff is proposing to resume the program this year and wants to make sure the timing of the program coincides with the construction season.

Mr. Shackelford commented that the City has monies budgeted this year for the grant program and staff has doubled the budget used to kick off the program in 2019. Mr. Shackelford further commented that because of the high level of interest, there were approximately 75-80 residents who could not be served by the program. Staff would like to offer the program to homeowners in the Royal Oaks Subdivision one more year. Mr. Shackelford added that the plan is to administer the program through the City and the City's CIC (Community Investment Corporation) and to not use CountyCorp this year. CountyCorp's administrative fee was much more that the City wanted to pay for their services. Mr. Shackelford further added that the monies that were budgeted for the program in 2020 were reallocated to sponsor the business

gift certificate stimulus program to support local businesses during COVID; however, this year the money is available to resume the Home Improvement Grant Program.

Mr. Pozzuto added that the program will branch out to other neighborhoods in the future, but they wanted to target Royal Oaks again due to the high response. The City wants to invest as much as possible to help residents invest in those neighborhoods. Eventually, the program will expand to other areas of the City because it has been so well received. Mr. Pozzuto further added that Mr. Shackelford will be heading up that program for the City.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that the City has received many accolades for being so proactive with the local business community during this pandemic.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that Springboro was one of the first communities in the area to provide any kind of direct assistance to local businesses.

There were no objections of Council to resuming the City's Home Improvement Grant Program.

There was no further discussion Under Item 4.

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

Calendar Events: The next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Council and Committee meeting schedules and changes/cancellations are being posted. Details regarding meetings held via video conference will continue to be posted on the City's website under Springboro News.

ITEM 6. CITY COUNCIL. – Issues/Reports.

Mr. Harding - Mr. Harding noted that he would be absent from the May 6 Council Meeting.

<u>Mr. Hanson</u> – Mr. Hanson will present the annual Arbor Day Proclamation at tonight's Regular Meeting under Presentations.

Mr. Chmiel - No reports.

<u>Ms. Iverson</u> – Ms. Iverson will present a Planning Commission report at tonight's Regular Meeting under Reports.

Mr. Brunner - No reports.

<u>Deputy Mayor Ridd</u> – Ms. Ridd will present an Architectural Review Board report at tonight's Regular Meeting under Reports.

<u>Mayor Agenbroad</u> – Mayor Agenbroad noted that there would be a presentation at tonight's Regular Meeting to recognize two Springboro Community Assistance Center volunteers.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT. With no further discussion, Mayor Agenbroad adjourned the Thursday, April 15, 2021 City Council Work Session at approximately 6:10 PM.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

7:00 PM

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- **ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Thursday, April 15, 2021 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.

As a reminder to the public, Mayor Agenbroad stated that City Council is following the recommended social distancing guidelines and is requiring masks during meetings in an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy and help curb the spread of COVID-19.

- ROLL CALL. Agenbroad, <u>Present;</u> Brunner, <u>Present;</u> Chmiel, <u>Present;</u> Hanson, <u>Present;</u> Harding, <u>Present;</u> Iverson, <u>Present;</u> Ridd, <u>Present.</u> 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 APRIL 1, 2021.

Mayor Agenbroad presented the minutes for additions/corrections. No additions/corrections.

Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to approve the Minutes.

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

No discussion.

VOTE: Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes; Iverson, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes. [Approved]

ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS: - SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SPRINGBORO COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS SHELLEY HOY AND HEATHER GOSSELIN

Wendy Ford, Executive Director of the Springboro Community Assistance Center (SCAC), commented that Shelley Hoy and Heather Gosselin are two amazing volunteers at the SCAC. Ms. Ford further commented that these two volunteers spend countless hours serving the community, and the SCAC felt it was very important to recognize them for all of the work they do for our community.

At this time, Mayor Agenbroad presented a proclamation in recognition and honor of SCAC Volunteers Shelley Hoy and Heather Gosselin.

Mayor and Council thanked Wendy Ford, Shelley Hoy and Heather Gosselin for all of the work they do on behalf of the SCAC.

- ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION (The Arbor Day Proclamation was presented at tonight's meeting under Item 8, Other Business.)

- **ITEM 6. LEGISLATION:** City Council held a Work Session at 6:00 PM tonight for approximately 10 minutes to discuss the following legislative items as well as other City business.
 - 1) ORDINANCE O-21-4: FIRST READING. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING BONDS ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the first reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 of bonds by the City for the purpose of refunding bonds issued for the purpose of construction road improvements at the Austin Interchange. These bonds will be sold directly to the City Treasury Fund and held by the City. This ordinance provides for the refunding of the City's bonds for the Austin Road Interchange debt via Manuscript Debt. Typically, when a bond is issued, a bondholder, such as the Bank of New York, would buy the bonds in order to be paid back the interest that the City would pay on those bonds. However, with Manuscript Debt, the City will be the bondholder. When the City receives TIF revenue from the development at the Austin Interchange, the bond fund will actually be paying the City back. Currently, the City's investments are making about 0.15%; whereas, with the Manuscript Debt, the City can actually charge itself 3% interest on the bonds. Therefore, by paying itself back, the City can actually make 2.85% more in interest than it would by issuing bonds on the open market. Mr. Pozzuto commended the City's Finance Director Jonathan Hudson for proposing this option to refund the bonds. With such low interest rates on investments, the City is going to take advantage of this opportunity to use Manuscript Debt. The City paying itself back makes a lot of financial sense.

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

As discussed at the Work Session, Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of Legislative Items 1, an Emergency Ordinance.

Ms. Ridd 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]

Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adopt Ordinance O-21-4.

Mr. Harding motioned. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion.

No discussion.

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

REPORTS: Mayor's Report – Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 30 at 9:00 AM at Five Points Elementary. Mayor Agenbroad encouraged the public to continue to look for updates regarding meetings and events on the City's website, social media and newsletters. In addition, the next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Mayor Agenbroad also commented that the Springboro Touchdown Club is sponsoring the Springboro Football mulch sale. The club is selling mulch as a fundraiser. More information can be found at www.springboropanthersfootball.com or by contacting Valerie Bodine at 937-673-3968.

City Manager's Report – Mr. Pozzuto reported on the following projects:

Hazel Woods Park Improvements (Paving Project): The City is paving the remainder of the drive at Hazel Woods Park all the way around the west side of the park and the walking trail as well. The project should be finished by early next week and will be a nice addition for everyone driving and parking at the park. The paved walking trail is a 1.2-mile loop.

Citywide Wellness Program: Springboro has great parks and bike facilities and the City wants to encourage everyone to use them. The City plans to start a program to encourage people to walk at least 10 miles or bike 30 miles in one month. People participating in the program can use a GPS tracking app, Fitbit, etc. and take a screenshot of the progress they have made over the month and upload it to a form on the City's website. If a person has completed more than 10 miles walking or 30 miles biking, they can register for prizes. Again, the City is trying to encourage people to get outside, get healthy and use the many parks and bike/ped paths in Springboro. Community Relations Director Maureen Russell-Hodgson will be publicizing the program once the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee reviews the program at the end of April. The City hopes to begin the program in May.

Committee Reports -

Mr. Harding - No reports.

Mr. Hanson - No reports.

Mr. Chmiel – No reports.

Ms. Iverson – Planning Commission – The Planning Commission met on Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 PM via video conference to review the following items: Preliminary Review – Site Plan Review, 285 South Pioneer Boulevard, The Tooling Zone, building addition. In addition, the Planning Commission continued Preliminary Review of the Rezoning and General Plan application submitted for the Easton Farm at 605 North Main Street from R-1, Estate Type Residential District to PUD-MU, Planned Unit Development-Mixed Use, retail and residential development. Ms. Iverson commented that there were no votes taken on the Easton Farm

proposal, but there was a lot of great discussion among staff and Planning Commission Members as well as the developer and the guest comments that were submitted. Ms. Iverson further commented that this item is still under review and is proposed to be a PUD. The Planning Commission is waiting for the developer to come back with additional changes to the original plan that was submitted. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 PM via video conference. Information to attend the meeting or submit comments can be found on the City's website in advance of the meeting. Ms. Iverson added that this is a great opportunity to weigh in on a really important development in our community.

Mr. Brunner – No reports.

<u>Deputy Mayor Ridd</u> – <u>Architectural Review Board</u> – The Architectural Review Board has approved the following improvements to historic properties in the downtown area over the last two months: 115 S. Main Street - multiple improvements including a new deck and a new black and white color scheme; 200 S. Main Street (Smitten Home) - a new color scheme that will differentiate the lower retail space from the upper space with an architectural element in between; 515 S. Main Street (Eve's Ink) - new siding and color scheme; the corner of Market and Main Street (Suburban Hippie) - a "Make Art-Take Art" box has been added at the corner of the building and artists may put their artworks in the box and others may take art from the box; 155 W. Central Ave. (Aaron Wright House) - the new owners are making a lot of changes to the property including repairing and expanding the front and rear decks to allow for handicap accessible ramps in the future, a new exterior color scheme and updates to all of the landscaping. Ms. Ridd thanked the property owners and tenants who are making these improvements in the Historic District and making it an even better place.

- **ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS.** Mr. Hanson read the annual Arbor Day Proclamation, which will be presented at the City's upcoming Arbor Day Ceremony on Friday, April 30 at 9:00 AM at Five Points Elementary School (650 East Lytle Five Points Road). Four new trees will be planted on the school grounds in celebration of National Arbor Day.
- **ITEM 9. FINAL COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMENTS.** Ms. Iverson wished Assistant City Manager Greg Shackelford a Happy Birthday!

Mr. Hanson commented that there is a school levy on the May 4 Special Election ballot and he would encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote on the levy on May 4.

- **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) Marquita Turner, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Miami Valley Hospital South Ms. Turner introduced herself and stated that she is serving as the new COO at Miami Valley Hospital South. Ms. Turner commented that she spent the last 15 years at Atrium Medical Center serving in the capacity of Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer. She made the transfer within Premier Health to Miami Valley South on January 4, 2021. Ms. Turner also commented that Joann Ringer built Miami Valley South from the free standing emergency department into the campus it is today, and Ms. Ringer has transitioned into a systems role at Premier Health.

Ms. Turner further commented that if she could sum up in one word what the south campus is really doing and that is, it is growing. This year they will be opening a 10-bed dedicated ICU, which will allow them to capitalize on their Level III Trauma Program to help keep patients within the community that they wish to be cared for instead of transferring them to either the Miami Valley Main Campus or another facility. This ICU will also allow them to elevate their cardiac program and that means becoming a Level II Cath Lab. If a

person happens to have heart issues or a heart attack and come to their emergency department, they can actually keep them there and do the intervention in the Cath Lab decreasing treatment time for heart/vessel related issues. In addition, the Miami Valley South campus offers many other services from dialysis to the expansion of imaging resources and the oncology program.

Ms. Turner concluded by commenting that she wanted to share with the community what Miami Valley South has to offer and is looking forward to serving the community in the future.

Ms. Iverson asked Ms. Turner to share the location of Miami Valley South Hospital.

Ms. Turner answered that Miami Valley South is located on the corner of Clyo Road and Wilmington Pike just off I-675, with easy access.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Ms. Turner for attending tonight's meeting and sharing her comments.

No other guests came forward.

- ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION. No Executive Session.
- **ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Agenbroad thanked the MVCC for tonight's telecast and scheduled rebroadcasts of this Springboro City Council Meeting.

Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adjourn the Thursday, April 15, 2021 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting at approximately 7:25 PM.

Mr. Harding motioned. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion.

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

-MEETING ADJOURNED-

John H. Agenbroad

Presiding Officer

Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council

John H. Agenbroad, Mayor