

CITY OF SPRINGBORO
425 S. PIONEER BOULEVARD, SPRINGBORO, OH

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008

6:00 PM

COUNCIL

John Agenbroad, Mayor

Marie Belpulsi, Deputy Mayor
Scott Anderson
Sheila Lairson

Jim Chmiel
Tom LaDu
John D. Parise

CITY STAFF

Chris Thompson, City Manager

Chris Pozzuto, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Kruihoff, Police Chief

Alan Schaeffer, 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, December 4, 2008 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the City's temporary facility in the Dalco Building, 425 S. Pioneer Boulevard, Springboro, Ohio.

ITEM 2. ATTENDANCE. No absences.

ITEM 3. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. **–Two legislative agenda items are slated for the December 4, 2008 City Council Regular Meeting.**

- 1) **ORDINANCE: THIRD READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING OR REPAIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APRONS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, COUNTY OF WARREN, OHIO AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. R-08-6.

No discussion.

- 2) **ORDINANCE: THIRD READING.** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 660.18, OUTDOOR PARKING AND STORAGE ON PREMISES ZONED AND USED FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE.

Ms. Thompson commented that the problem this ordinance is trying to address is concentrated in one neighborhood, and at this point she would recommend taking it off the agenda.

Mr. Parise commented that there is no enforcement now with respect to the parking regulations for recreational vehicles.

Ms. Thompson commented that staff could try to come back to Council with a better solution. Ms. Thompson further commented that this ordinance addresses some issues, but does not address others, and could be postponed until spring.

Ms. Belpulsi commented that she has a problem passing legislation for isolated incidents.

Ms. Lairson asked if there are problems in one neighborhood or if the complaints are isolated? Ms. Thompson does not know if RV parking is a problem in other areas because she only receives complaints from one neighborhood. Ms. Thompson commented that she would like to put these regulations in the General Offenses Code, where violations would be handled as misdemeanors.

Mr. Parise confirmed that current law states that if the owner moves the vehicle every 72 hours they can keep it parked in the street. Ms. Thompson replied yes. Mr. Parise stated that he would at least like to see the permitted time limit to park vehicles, as proposed in the amended ordinance, reduced to Monday through Friday.

Based on the discussion, Council agreed to consider a motion to postpone this ordinance indefinitely until further review and consideration. A motion will be made at tonight's City Council Regular Meeting to postpone indefinitely Legislative Item 2, an Ordinance, Second Reading.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER.

-Issues/Reports.

Austin Interchange Project: Ms. Thompson reported that Council would be asked to take the first step in the financing package for the Austin Interchange next week. She explained that pool financing is being explored, and the first pool would be in 2009, but the City has to have their portion of the project funds to ODOT by the end of the month. Also, they do not understand the pool well enough, and it requires a lot of research. If the pool is to be any advantage to the City, they need time to look at it. Regardless, ODOT cannot bid the project in February unless they receive the partners' share of the funding by the end of January. The Bond Anticipation Notes for the Interchange Project will be presented to Council for consideration on December 18, unless something else occurs and the pool is acceptable. The bond anticipation notes amount to the City's share of the project at approximately \$5M.

Ms. Belpulsi asked if ODOT was still on target to bid the project on February 4? Ms. Thompson replied yes. Ms. Belpulsi also asked if Ms. Thompson thought this project would truly come to fruition? Ms. Thompson commented that according to ODOT Central Office, if the partners provide their share of the funding the project will go forward.

Snow Removal Program: Mr. Pozzuto provided a cost analysis of a potential snow removal program in the City as follows: \$20-30 per driveway apron at approximately 100 driveways amounts to \$2,000-3,000 per snow event. The cost estimate for the program is based on quotes from several local businesses that provide snow removal service. The average number of driveways is based on the numbers provided by other cities providing this service to residents in need.

Leaf Collection Program: Mr. Pozzuto sent out a statewide survey regarding leaf collection programs. Mr. Pozzuto provided a cost analysis of a potential leaf collection program in the City as follows: \$25,000 per sweep at 4 times per year amounts to a total cost of approximately \$100,000 per year. This cost does not include labor and equipment, which is estimated at \$66,000 per year for labor and \$70,000-\$100,000 for equipment, which would include a leaf vac at approximately \$25,000 and a leaf box at approximately \$10,000. The cost estimate is based on the minimum cost to collect leaves using a private contractor. The frequency of citywide leaf collection of 4 times per year is based on a survey of other cities that perform leaf collection programs. The program would operate for approximately 12 weeks from October to December. Each truck would require a 3-person crew (driver, equipment operator, and raker). A sweep would require a total of 6 employees in two crews, 2 leaf vacs, and 2 leaf boxes. Labor costs are estimated to be \$33,000 per crew totaling \$66,000 per year in labor. The \$33,000 estimate per crew is based on a 42-day period through leaf season.

Mr. Parise asked if residents would be charged for the leaf collection service or would the City provide the service and absorb the cost? Ms. Thompson explained that the labor costs are estimated at \$66,000 per year, and the City would most likely temporarily reassign six employees to the program; however, it would ultimately be Council's decision whether to charge a fee for the program.

Volunteer Appreciation Event/Holiday Open House will be held on Friday, December 12 at Heatherwoode from 6:00-10:00 PM.

ITEM 6. CITY COUNCIL. –Issues/Reports.

Mr. LaDu – No issues/reports.

Mr. Parise – Mr. Parise asked if the error in the water billing system had been corrected? Mr. Parise further commented that he was not aware there was an error in the system until he received a credit on his bill. Ms. Thompson commented that a glitch occurred during the new software conversion causing the error. The software company corrected the glitch by auditing 7,000 utility accounts and was able to catch all of the errors. Mr. Parise asked if Ms. Thompson was confident that the error has been corrected? Ms. Thompson replied yes.

Mr. Chmiel – No issues/reports.

Ms. Lairson – No issues/reports.

Mr. Anderson – No issues/reports.

Ms. Belpulsi – No issues/reports.

Mayor Agenbroad – Mayor Agenbroad commented on several issues as follows: Mayor Agenbroad commented that La Pinata Restaurant located in the Drug Mart Shopping Center has closed, and he asked if there is anything new with regard to the Encore Restaurant Building at Settlers Walk? Ms. Thompson replied no. Mayor Agenbroad confirmed that Council would approve committee appointments at the first meeting in January. There were no objections to approving committee appointments on January 8. Mayor Agenbroad also commented that he was approached by Community National Bank to ask if the City would be interested in purchasing the property across from the Chamber of Commerce on S. Main Street to develop a parking lot.

Executive Session – At this time, Mayor Agenbroad asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee.

At approximately 6:45 PM, Ms. Belpulsi motioned to enter Executive Session, under R.C.121.22(G), to consider the compensation of a public employee. Mr. LaDu seconded the motion.

VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Parise, Yes; LaDu, Yes.

With no objections, City Council exited Executive Session at approximately 6:56 PM; whereby, no votes were taken.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT. With no further discussion, Mayor Agenbroad adjourned the December 4, 2008 City Council Work Session at approximately 6:56 PM.

CITY OF SPRINGBORO
425 S. PIONEER BOULEVARD, SPRINGBORO, OH

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008

7:00 PM

COUNCIL
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- ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting to order on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the City's temporary facility in the Dalco Building located at 425 S. Pioneer Boulevard, Springboro, Ohio.
- ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Mayor Agenbroad led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ITEM 3. ROLL CALL.** Agenbroad, Present; Anderson, Present; Belpulsi, Present; Chmiel, Present; LaDu, Present; Lairson, Present; Parise, Present.
- ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No Minutes were submitted for approval. (THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008 AND THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008 WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL ON DECEMBER 18, 2008.)
- ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS:** No Presentations.
- ITEM 6. LEGISLATION:** City Council held a Work Session at 6:00 PM tonight for 43 minutes to discuss the following legislation as well as other City matters. During the Work Session discussion, Council entered Executive Session for approximately 11 minutes to discuss the compensation of a public employee; whereby, no votes were taken during Executive Session.
- 1) **ORDINANCE O-08-36: THIRD READING.** "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING OR REPAIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APRONS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, COUNTY OF WARREN, OHIO AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. R-08-6," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the third reading of an ordinance levying special assessments for the "2008 Sidewalk and Driveway Apron Program." This legislation will levy final assessments for the "2008 Sidewalk Program." The cost of these assessments is not-to-exceed \$15,606.00. Property owners have 30 days after the first publication of the ordinance to pay their assessment before it is certified to the Warren County Auditor. The assessments will then be collected by the auditor in five annual installments with 5% interest. The assessment revenues

are included in the 2009 Budget as part of the City's Street Capital Improvement Fund Revenues. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

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

Mr. Parise motioned to adopt Ordinance O-08-36. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Anderson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Parise, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Lairson, Yes.

2) ORDINANCE: SECOND READING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 660.18, OUTDOOR PARKING AND STORAGE ON PREMISES ZONED AND USED FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE.

As discussed at the Work Session, Council was not comfortable moving forward with this ordinance without further consideration; therefore, Mayor Agenbroad asked for a motion to postpone indefinitely.

Mr. Parise motioned to postpone indefinitely Legislative Item 2, an Ordinance, Second Reading. Ms. Belpulsi seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Parise, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Lairson, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes. [APPROVED 7-0]

Legislative Item 2, an Ordinance, Second Reading was postponed indefinitely.

ITEM 7. REPORTS:

Mayor's Report – There were no calendar updates due to the holiday season. The next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 6:00 PM, as scheduled. The next City Council Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled. The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, December 18 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers. All meetings will be held at the City's temporary facility in the Dalco Building located at 425 S. Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, unless otherwise posted.

City Manager's Report – No Report.

Committee Reports – No Committee 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. 1) Jill Milky, Springboro – Ms. Milky presented the team members of The Power Warriors First Lego League. The team presented an environmental project on drought solutions. Each of the six students presented a poster and explained their method of supplying water during a drought through various processes and mechanisms. Ideas included collecting seawater or rainwater and desalinating or purifying the water for distribution. The group thanked City Council for allowing them to present their ideas, and thanked Water Plant Manager Terry Morris for giving them a tour of the City's water plant; they enjoyed the tour and learned a lot. The group offered to answer any questions about their presentation.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked the team for their presentation. Council greeted each member of the team with a handshake.

Mayor Agenbroad asked if there were any other guests that wished to be heard, to please come to the podium and state their name for the record and make their comments accordingly. 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.

Mr. Chmiel motioned to adjourn the meeting; whereby, the Thursday, December 4, 2008 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:12 PM. Ms. Belpulsi seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Parise, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Lairson, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes. [APPROVED 7-0]

John H. Agenbroad, Mayor

Presiding Officer

Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council

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