

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

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010**

**5:00 PM**

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**COUNCIL**

**John Agenbroad, Mayor**

**Jim Chmiel, Deputy Mayor      Marie Belpulsi**  
**Tom LaDu                              Sheila Lairson**  
**Bruce Moore                         David Vomacka**

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**CITY STAFF**

**Chris Thompson, City Manager**  
**Chris Pozzuto, Assistant City Manager**  
**Alan Schaeffer, Law Director**  
**Lori Martin, Clerk of Council**

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**Please note that the Work Session began at 5:00 PM to accommodate a discussion concerning City water and sewer rates.**

**ITEM 1.      CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Work Session to order on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 5:00 PM in the Community Room at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio.

**ITEM 2.      ATTENDANCE. Council:** All present. **Staff:** Ms. Thompson, Mr. Pozzuto, Finance Director Robyn Brown, Police Chief Jeff Kruthoff, Mr. Schaeffer, and Ms. Martin were present.

**ITEM 3.      DISCUSSION.                      –Water & Sewer Rates.**

Mayor Agenbroad opened the discussion by stating that the meeting was scheduled to begin at 5:00 PM tonight for the purpose of discussing City water and sewer rates. Mayor Agenbroad also stated that Council has had time to review the projections/analyses provided by Finance Director Robyn Brown.

Mr. LaDu commented that, as Chair of the Finance Committee, the committee's recommendation remains the same, which is percentage increases over the three year period i.e. 30%, 30%, 30% rate increase for water and 15%, 15%, 15% rate increase for sewer. The committee recommends that Council direct staff to prepare legislation and begin the readings.

Ms. Thompson commented that staff did prepare all of the spreadsheets as requested by Council at the last meeting, which were the annual cost of living only, the three-year rate increase, the five-year rate increase, a one-year rate increase, and reissued the Finance Committee recommendation. Ms. Thompson further commented that there were some questions from a Council Member concerning the possibility of off-setting the water and sewer rate increases by decreasing capital expenditures and personnel costs to reduce the effect of the income tax capital subsidizing those costs. A capital sheet was included in the information provided to Council. Ms. Thompson explained however that those are not decisions staff would make, as the Council approves the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the Budget and it would be a comprehensive conversation regarding policies, etc. The City pays 73 full-time wages at a cost of \$4M.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that the Finance Committee has been struggling with the water and sewer rate issue for quite some time and now the decision is in Council's hands. Mayor Agenbroad further commented that did not like the initial recommendation of an increase over three years because of the bad economy. Mayor Agenbroad explained that he wanted to increase rates over a ten-year period at 10% per year doubling the rate at the end of 10 years. The problem with that scenario was the Water and Sewer Funds would go down to zero and funds would have to be transferred to support those funds. The choice was to amortize over a shorter period of time and receive more revenue up front to make sure the funds did not go into the red. The committee also considered subsidizing the funds, but decided that was not the best option either. Mayor Agenbroad stated that, although he struggled with the three-year option, he wanted to explain how the committee reached the three-year recommendation and how the committee struggled with its decision.

Mr. LaDu pointed out that the Water and Sewer Funds are enterprise funds and should be self supporting because the revenue is specific to the fund unlike other funds, which receive revenue from multiple sources. The long term hope on these two funds is to make them self sustaining by the revenue.

Mayor Agenbroad pointed out that the City is no longer receiving \$250-\$300,000 per year in building fees.

Mr. LaDu stated that it is time to do what the City has to do regarding the water and sewer rates.

Ms. Lairson commented that the Finance Committee also looked at the impact on the resident as far as what their water fees would end up being. When they looked at the five-year and ten-year projections and the compound percentage the rates at the end of those two time periods were actually higher than at the end of the three-year term.

Mr. Chmiel commented that, that is what he liked about the one-year option; all of the interest is applied in one year even though it is a bigger pill to swallow. Mr. Chmiel commented that he also looked at a 100% in sewer rates the first year and water rates on a 30%, 15%, 10% over three years, but it only changed the rates by about \$5.00. Mr. Chmiel commented that he did not see a lot of difference between the five-year and the three-year scenarios in terms of the final product; it was maybe \$5.00 more expensive for the five-year versus the three-year option. Mr. Chmiel's personal feeling is that if the rate increase is not applied over one year making it more affordable overall, then adding the extra two years would make it more manageable for everyone and it would be pretty much at the same point as the three-year rate adjustment and soften it a little bit more than what is projected or recommended.

Mr. LaDu commented that the numbers he put together using the Finance Committee recommendation based on the 5,000 gallon average started with combined water and sewer bill of \$53.00 and ended up after the three years being approximately \$86.00, which is a 62% increase.

Ms. Belpulsi asked what the overall increase would be at the end of five years.

Mr. Chmiel answered that it would be \$90.72 at the end of five years. Mr. Chmiel commented that the other thing he found interesting about the three-year rate increase was the amount the fund balances increased. He was not quite sure whether the City would need those fund balances to be as high as they would become during that three-year period.

Ms. Thompson commented that the fund balances were discussed by the Finance Committee as far as trying to make sure that they were reasonable.

Mr. Chmiel commented that the ending balances for the three-year rate increase seem fairly healthy compared to the other two scenarios, the three-year and five-year, which were pretty lean.

Ms. Brown explained that the three-year rate increase is more in line with the Finance Committee's recommendation, as they did look at where balances should be because there is not a lot of capital for water and sewer and ten to fifteen years down the road how much capital will the City need again

for the water and sewer system. In the one-year and five-year rate increase, Ms. Brown explained that she only applied percentages that would keep the fund balances from going negative.

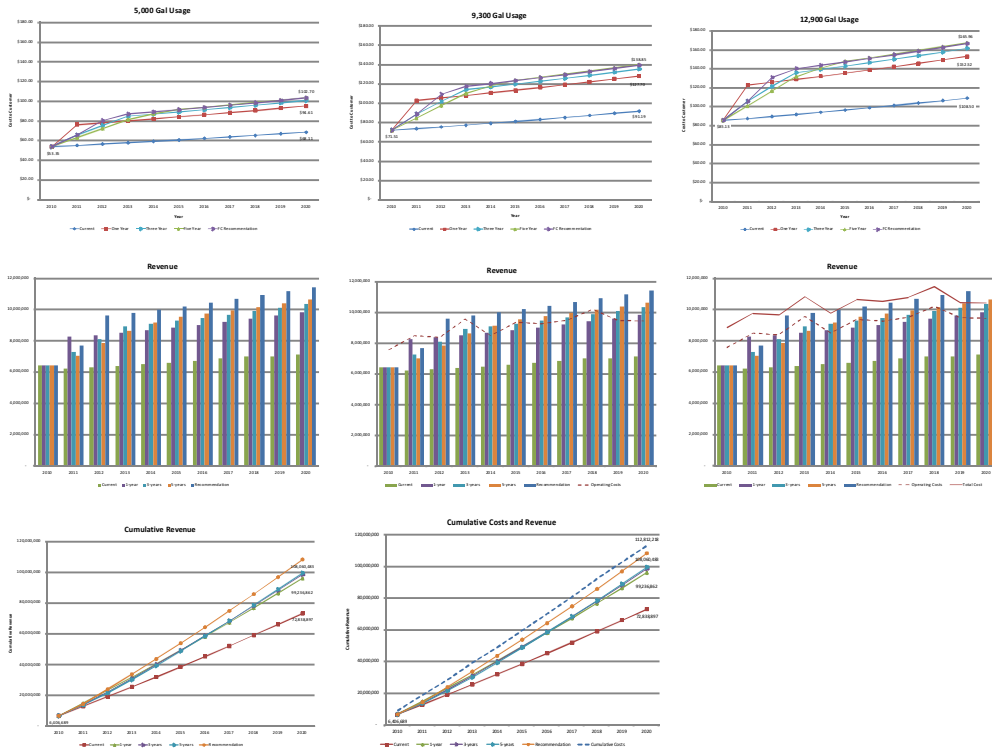
Ms. Thompson confirmed that Ms. Brown adjusted the percentages so that the funds would not go into the red. If you look at the ending balances; there are some years where the ending balances would be significantly impacted by a capital expenditure such as the water pan that the City is replacing now at the water plant at a cost of \$220,000. Ms. Thompson commented that they did not factor in capital of any significance because right now the water and sewer plants are new. The only place in town that needs water main replacement is the older sections of Tamarack, but the unknowns are what will happen to the system in the new sections of town such as Settlers Walk in ten to fifteen years. Ms. Thompson reiterated that Ms. Brown backed these percentages into the balance in order to stay out of the red.

(Mr. Vomacka made his comments with a slide presentation, which is included below and attached for the record.) Mr. Vomacka referred to the first slide commenting that it is a 5,000 gallon example and the exact same curves show up in the 9,000 and 12,000 gallon usage graphs. Referring to the 12,900 gallon usage graph, Mr. Vomacka explained that he took all of the scenarios out to 10 years by adding the 2.5% inflation rate that Ms. Brown used on each of the income numbers. Mr. Vomacka's first concern is that the billing rates end up being very different at the end of 10 years. With the one-year increase for 12,000 gallons, it is \$152.00 as opposed to \$165.00, which is the difference between a 41% increase and a 56 or 57% increase in the tenth year. For the rate payer, the cheapest amount that they would be paying is the one-year rate increase as opposed to taking small increases over several years, which ends up ultimately costing the rate payers more on a per monthly or annual basis.

Mr. Chmiel commented that the one-year compared to the three-year on the 5,000 gallon usage example is \$120.00 or \$130.00 per year less expensive and at the high end of the scale almost \$300.00 per year at the end of the years.

Mr. Vomacka further commented that he did not know what his preference was, but the one-year rate increase makes a lot of sense based on the projected increases. Mr. Vomacka stated that looked at the numbers a little more and asked how the same amount of money is being raised because the costs are the same under all the scenarios, but appear to be raising different amounts of money. He put the five plans into a bar chart and looked at the revenue using Ms. Brown's numbers and asked how much is the City generating in revenue each year with each of these five schemes. The green bar represents the current rate or nothing but the inflation rate being added to the rates. The others bars are all the impacts of the rate schemes that are being looked at using the numbers on the charts. According to the Revenue bar graph, in 2011, the one-year rate increase jumps rather dramatically and quickly and then levels off while the others have to catch up to it. By the time the projections get out into the latter years the difference in the amount of revenue generated each year pretty much stays constant. Put the costs onto that, which is the dotted line shown on the next slide and represents the operating costs, not the debt payment costs, and is part of what Ms. Brown also provided, and then you put the debt payments costs on top of it as shown in the next slide you can see how consistently the City's costs are considerably in excess of the revenues that appear to be generated. His question becomes, are these increases, being considered, sufficient. Mr. Vomacka commented that he does not want to raise these rates now and he qualified his statement by commenting that he does not think that anyone wants to raise the rates now, but even more than that he does not want to raise them again in two or three years. Mr. Vomacka further stated that it concerns him that there is that large a gap between the revenues and costs on every one of the schemes. In the last two years, costs drop substantially because in the last two years one of the two bond issues have been paid off so that drop would continue into future years. Referring to the Cumulative Revenue slide, Mr. Vomacka stated that he looked cumulatively at how much each of these revenue schemes would generate for the City, not just in year one, but adding year one, two, three, four, five and up. The recommended amount generates the highest amount by far; the other three scenarios are pretty tightly clustered. Again, the difference between those scenarios is not of significance, but the difference between the one-year scheme, shown by the green line, and the recommended plan is about \$9M, which is a lot of money and about 10% of the revenue that is being requested. If the City needs \$9M less, Mr. Vomacka would like to go in that direction. If the City's needs the \$9M more, then that is what is needed, but when he looked back at the cost and revenue

figures he is not sure if the City has enough revenue, which is a substantial concern to him. Mr. Vomacka referred to the last chart, which shows Cumulative Costs and Revenue over the same period of time. Again, it shows a \$4M higher cost than the revenues that are being generated. Mr. Vomacka stated that he is concerned about the whole package of this issue. Finally, Mr. Vomacka stated that the City needs to do what it needs to do, but needs to do it once and that is his main concern.



Ms. Thompson commented that she appreciated Mr. Vomacka's presentation, but emphasized that Council establishes the policy as to how much is enough in the fund balances. Ms. Thompson stated that it is a guessing game as to how much capital will be needed in the future, but looking at the past 10 years the average expenditure is not easy to determine because the City maintained a certain plateau almost of removing one of the debt payments, finishing the sewer plant, etc. Ms. Thompson further commented that the crystal ball ends up being what is the comfort level for everyone to have a balance and what is that balance.

Mr. Vomacka commented that the Members of the Finance Committee have been through this in a whole lot more detail than he has, but he would like to know if there are sufficient revenues with any of these options to cover the City's costs.

Mr. LaDu commented that based on the projections that the committee worked with, which were not the ones that were put together for the one-year, five-year, and ten-year, the intent was and what they ended up with was a substantial balance using the three-year rate increase projections and after 2020 and 2022 they would have a balance in both funds that was sufficient.

Ms. Brown pointed out that two costs drop off in 2018, one in water and one in sewer, which is included in the chart.

Ms. Lairson asked Mr. Vomacka if he is concerned that what is being recommended is not enough of an increase or that too much money will be generated that the City does not need.

Mr. Vomacka answered no, he does not think the recommended increase is generating too much money, but he is concerned that they are not looking at enough as much as he hates to come to that conclusion.

*Ms. Brown reiterated that the Finance Committee discussed balances in forming the recommendation, but when she prepared the other rate analyses she just kept the funds from going negative and was not trying to maintain a certain balance in those rate adjustments.*

*Ms. Thompson commented that the projections that consciously reflect fund balances are the Finance Committee recommendation.*

*Mr. Chmiel asked if the projections were changed, is it recommended that they be adjusted a little higher whether it is the five-year or the one-year option to get a little more balance in those years than what it shows.*

*Ms. Brown answered that it would depend on what Council would be comfortable with. The fund would have a balance in order to handle any capital needs down the road or emergency items like the distribution box for the water plant that was \$200,000.*

*Ms. Thompson commented that she thinks the Finance Committee was comfortable with the balances and Ms. Brown only backed in the numbers in the prepared scenarios to stay out of the red; therefore, it is a different picture.*

*Mr. Chmiel commented that if Council decided tonight to do the five-year rate adjustment, it would need a little more than what the five-year scenario currently shows.*

*Ms. Thompson stated that the five-year rate adjustment will be a higher percentage in the end.*

*Mr. LaDu pointed out that it is 10 years past due and the rate should have been adjusted a long time ago and the committee tried to weigh all of the different factors involved and the three-year adjustment was the best option. The one-year adjustment was too much of an increase all at once and the five-year adjustment made the end too much. Therefore, they settled on the three-year rate adjustment and made the fund balances sufficient to handle some emergencies, but if the City ever had to build a new water plant the City would have to take out another bond.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that the City would never have to build a new water plant.*

*Ms. Thompson commented that the plant has a 7MGD (million gallons per day) capacity and the City uses 2.5MGD.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that he thinks that this recommendation is entirely reasonable given the history and best professional judgment. Mr. Vomacka further commented that he does not have any concern with that side of what is happening, but when you bring the revenue and cost together it does not seem to line up enough. Mr. Vomacka commented that he is really now favoring the one-year rate adjustment; whereas, a week ago he was all in favor of 10 years or more, but when he saw the implications it really did not make sense.*

*Ms. Thompson commented that the five-year rate adjustment could be tweaked so that the fund balances would be the primary motivator within Ms. Brown's spreadsheet and the percentages would be adjusted to the desired balances if they are not sufficient now. Ms. Thompson pointed out that the one scenario, which shows sufficient fund balances, is the Finance Committee's recommendation of a three-year adjustment, which recommends percentages and balances. Ms. Thompson reiterated that they could tweak the five-year rate adjustment if that is the one Council is considering and tweak the one-year too although the one-year rate adjustment is real tough to take.*

*Mayor Agenbroad commented that understands what Mr. Vomacka is saying, but he would not under any circumstances support a one-year rate adjustment especially in this economy. The City did not send a letter out like he and some other Council Members wanted to do, and like the City did when the income tax credit reduction was recommended, to get residents acclimated to what is going on, and he would not want to hit them with a one-year rate adjustment.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that Dayton Daily News reporter Larry Budd covered the rate increase in the newspaper today.*

*Mayor Agenbroad commented that with the income tax credit reduction we had probably 80 people in the entire City that had any adverse things to say about it because we made the case. We had a task force and when through a long process of indoctrinating people as to why the City had to do what it had to do and, although they did not like it, they accepted it and understood it.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that in his previous tenure on Council that was the first vote he had to cast; the vote on the income tax credit reduction. Two weeks later he was at a neighborhood gathering and everyone in his neighborhood was livid about it.*

*Mayor Agenbroad commented that he would hate to think where this City would be right now if the income tax credit reduction was not passed.*

*Mr. Vomacka stated that he is not arguing the decision, but the point he was trying to make was they may not have commented to the City, but they were unhappy.*

*Mayor Agenbroad commented that no one wants to pay more, but at least make the case to the people. Although the majority may not like it, they will understand it.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that he is not saying that he is not willing to vote on the right one of these scenarios, but he is just trying to determine what he thinks is the right one and he is still hung up on the one-year rate adjustment. Mr. Vomacka commented that he had a water bill in August of 33,000 gallons and started doing the math anticipating what his water bill was going to be, but last month his bill was 3,000 gallons. Therefore, if he would have gotten this increase last month, he would have never known it happened.*

*Mayor Agenbroad commented that he is sensitive to the economy; he is sensitive to the school levy and sensitive to the reason why people are voting against the school levy because they do not think there is enough transparency or whatever. Mayor Agenbroad commented that that is a community issue that the School Board Members have to deal with it, but we as the leaders of the City have to deal with it, in conjunction with staff, and he thinks that the one-year rate adjustment would be too difficult to do.*

*Mr. Vomacka asked, is it not the City's responsibility to hold down the fees that people have to pay as much as we reasonably can and the one-year rate adjustment, although is a hard kick initially, is best in the long term, substantially better.*

*Mayor Agenbroad commented that he would have to concur with that, but the problem is, there are people right now trying to think of what they are going to do next week and Council has to be sensitive to that.*

*Mr. Vomacka concurred, but stated that most of those people are not going to get that large of an increase even if it is a one-year rate adjustment.*

*Ms. Lairson commented that looking at Mr. Vomacka's bar charts, the one-year rate adjustment in the end is not enough in the fund balance.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that the five-year did not produce enough revenue either. Actually, none of them did.*

*Mr. Chmiel commented that Ms. Thompson just explained that the rate adjustment scenarios provided do not result in sufficient fund balances; they just keep the funds balanced and out of the red.*

*Mr. LaDu suggested preparing a two-year rate adjustment, but as far as his feelings are concerned the Finance Committee's recommendation is a three-year rate adjustment and they think that is the best of a bad situation.*

*Mr. Chmiel commented that if you start adjusting the percentages to adjust the balances the five-year rate adjustment is not right either, but the three-year rate adjustment as recommended will work.*

*Mr. LaDu added that the three-year rate adjustment will not hit everyone as hard as the one-year rate adjustment.*

*Mr. Moore commented that he agrees with Mayor Agenbroad regarding the one-year rate adjustment. Mr. Moore further commented that you need to show the people that you are somewhat sensitive to what they are going through to get through this financial crunch rather than hit them hard. Mr. Moore further commented that he talks to people, not just those that attend Council meetings, but those in the neighborhood and the scoop he is picking up from people is that it would be just totally insensitive to hit them hard when some of them have lost their jobs or their jobs are being threatened or know they are going to be cut.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that, that is a fair and reasonable argument. Mr. Vomacka also commented that the one thing he forgot to point out is that by year two, the one-year rate adjustment is costing people less than any of the other alternatives.*

*Mayor Agenbroad stated that is likes the one-year rate adjustment if it were not for the current economy.*

*Mr. Moore asked how you would explain the one-year rate adjustment to your constituents.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that the one-year rate adjustment would save the residents money because it would cost more using the other plans.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that in reality, it would not work.*

*Mr. Moore commented that to people it is just more money coming out of their pockets.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that all of these figures are very overwhelming to her and everyone has done a really good job and she appreciates staff and Mr. Vomacka's presentation and all the Finance Committee has done in dealing with this. Ms. Belpulsi looks at this from a more emotional point of view. Ms. Belpulsi explained that she has seen it happen with the income tax credit reduction. Only a few people called regarding that because nobody read the information and it did not affect them until they realized what happened.*

*Mr. LaDu added that they did not realize it until they did their taxes.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that she understands the appeal of the one-year, get it over with scenario, but from an emotional point of view, looking at the resident to put all of this on their backs especially for a lot of residents who cannot afford it and who are having struggles right now. She would really like to see the five-year rate adjustment or some way to work those numbers because looking at it from her perspective it would be the least amount of increase.*

*Mr. Vomacka responded that it is more of an increase.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that when you look at it on a monthly basis and when she is out talking to Thelma and has to tell her how much her water bill is going to be she wants to not say it is going to be \$25.00 more; she wants to be able to say it will be \$9.00.*

*Ms. Thompson clarified that it would be \$9.00 more for five years.*

*Mr. Chmiel stated that it would be less than \$1 per month difference between the three-year and five-year rate adjustment.*

*Mayor Agenbroad commented that he reluctantly agreed to the Finance Committee's recommendation of three years because his preference was ten years. Mayor Agenbroad explained that he wanted to do 10% over 10 years which is a 100% increase, but the problem was the fund*

balance went down and did not generate the money needed to pay the debt load even though in 2018 two of the bonds are paid off. The funds would have to be subsidized from the General Fund or elsewhere.

Mr. Vomacka commented that if the rate adjustment was spread out over 10 years the total increase at the end would probably have to be something like 200%, rather than 100%, to catch up.

Mr. Vomacka commented that the more payments you make the more you end up paying.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that, that is why people buy 30-year mortgages.

Mr. Schaeffer explained that the way people truly think about it is, what is it going to cost me monthly. Mr. Schaeffer further commented that he is not arguing against Mr. Vomacka's position at all because everything he has said makes perfect logical sense. But that is why they have 15 year mortgages and 20, 25, and 30 year mortgages because people want to know what their monthly payment is and then they can tell you if they can afford it. Mr. Schaeffer added that if someone can afford a 30-year mortgage they do not care if it costs them one-third more in interest than a 15-year mortgage; they can afford a 30-year mortgage.

Mr. Moore commented that he is trying to think it through as what is the least painful to the constituents now with the economy the way it is. Even if they end up paying a little by stretching it out five years if it is least painful to them and if the economy improves in a year or two years it will not hurt them too bad, but right now what is the most sympathetic thing that we can do and understand what they are going through. Not for everyone, but for some a little bit is going to hurt them.

Ms. Lairson commented that there are also people like her that have two water bills to pay.

Ms. Thompson explained that she is in a condo situation where their water bill is combined so she can be very conservative with her use and her neighbor could be using a lot and she has no control, they pay the higher rate by raising the fee every month.

Ms. Belpulsi asked when Veolia's contract expires. Ms. Thompson answered that Veolia's contract is not up for 15 more years.

Ms. Belpulsi also thanked Ms. Thompson for the information regarding capital trade-offs to make up the difference in the water and sewer funds, but there is no way that would be enough to cover the difference. Ms. Belpulsi asked if we have looked at any other way to reduce costs. Generally speaking, governments are always looking at needing more money, but we also have to look at how we can reduce our costs so that we do not need that much more money.

Ms. Thompson commented that we do that every day; we are always looking for bargains, as we joined the Hamilton County Cooperative Purchasing, etc. Ms. Thompson explained that producing raw water into usable water is a pretty exact science; there is not a whole lot we can do. Taking raw sewage, cleaning it and putting it back into the streams and meeting EPA regulations are pretty straight processes. There are not that many companies that we could use. We have looked at power and try to keep increasing our benefit by using the Duke Program that we signed up for to reduce our costs Citywide by 20%. Public Works Director Barry Conway and Water and Sewer Plant Manager Terry Morris met with Ken Muth to look at the possibility of a solar field to provide power for our water and sewer plants. However, we are not big enough yet to utilize his service because we have to have a certain demand for their financing people to put the solar field in and pay for it. We might be able to combine with Franklin in a year or two. Our biggest potential source of savings is in power. Our capital right now is great with the two new plants and infrastructure is in good shape. Ms. Thompson pointed out that in Miamisburg's publication their fact sheet states that the rate increase is for future infrastructure improvements. The City is not asking people to pay for something down the road that will help the system we are asking them to pay for what we have already provided to make sure they are taken care of. The water is clean and the sewer works. Other than power, Ms. Thompson stated that she does not know of other reductions. She added that only a three-man crew runs the water and sewer plant.

*Ms. Belpulsi asked about the City selling water.*

*Ms. Thompson commented that the City's sells water to Warren County and to the City of Franklin and has sold a lot of water in the last couple of years to Sycamore Creek Country Club. The City sold one million gallons to Sycamore Creek the last two summers because their irrigation is through their pond system and there is not enough water. The City could sell to Yankee Golf Course as they are close enough and their ponds kind of dry up too. We sell to who we can. We sold water sold water to a subdivision on SR741 just beyond the high school among others and put a surcharge on any water sold outside the City. Ms. Thompson added that we have to get permission from the County to sell water to owners not in our jurisdiction.*

*Ms. Belpulsi asked what about sewer? Ms. Belpulsi commented that the City at one point was going to run sewer down SR48 to serve a commercial development.*

*Ms. Thompson responded by commenting that the Township does not want sewer because then they would have density, which is contrary to their plan.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that the development might not be there now, but something will develop there.*

*Ms. Thompson explained that it was a mile of sewer that had to be put in along SR73, but there were difficulties because the roadway undulates.*

*Ms. Thompson commented that the City would sell water to whoever needs it and still sells to Franklin using the pipe that goes both ways if one City gets into trouble. Ms. Thompson further commented that we have limited abilities to sell water, but we do it every chance we get. Ms. Thompson also commented that, as far as the water and sewer operations, if we can get the utilities down by maybe creating that new source of power that would help to reduce costs.*

*Mr. Moore stated that, that is a message we could somehow generate through all of this. Mr. Moore further stated that the other thing that all of Council probably hears from constituents all the time is that there has got to be a way the City can cut costs, there has got to be a way the City can save money. He hears that all of the time, but we have look at it all and frankly all of the departments are doing an incredible job at least that is what he keeps hearing. Mr. Moore commented that somehow we need to get the message out as to what we are doing so they know we are doing everything we can and constantly looking for ways to save.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that the reason people are giving us that message, because he hears the same comments, is that they have not gotten raises for two, three, or four years in a row and they are having to cut costs where they just knew it was impossible to cut costs and why is not everyone else doing it such as the electric company, the gas company and the City.*

*Ms. Thompson commented that she realized what they were saying and is not disputing that what they are saying is true, but Ms. Belpulsi's point about people not reading is important also. Ms. Thompson further commented that the City has reduced staff. She explained that every time a full-time person has left during the last three years the City has not filled that position. If the position was filled, it was filled with a part-time person that would not cost the City benefits such as health insurance and PERS. Ms. Thompson also commented that she reduced City Engineer Raj Sharma's hours enough to get him off full-time status because quite frankly he does not need to be here full-time anymore because Elmer Dudas became City Engineer on December 1 officially and Raj is a part-time employee not receiving benefits. She added that Mr. Sharma's benefit package in total pays the salary of a service department worker. Ms. Thompson commented that she and Mr. Pozzuto are constantly looking at cutting costs in personnel. In addition, Ms. Thompson commented that she has absolutely no problem if Council directs her to make reductions, but Council has to reasonably understand that your constituents will receive less service. The public does not want the City to reduce service, but wants the City to cut costs. Ms. Thompson commented that she thought the City got a great deal on leaf collection. The City is paying \$14,000 to staff that program in the fall to pick up leaves and pays no benefits because we contract the service. She agrees that people will grab that low hanging fruit every chance they get i.e. why is the City not reducing costs, but for a*

public entity to reduce costs in operations, it has to reduce service levels. For example, if we lay off a police officer or a service department employee. Ms. Thompson explained that our service department employees were out at 4:00 AM this morning and had two trucks break down. If we lay off three guys, there are three less employees to plow snow and when it is your street that is plowed last, that service level will not be acceptable. Ms. Thompson explained that she is just using those as examples and everyone knows there is a trade off.

Mr. LaDu commented that, as opposed to Street Capital, with water and sewer we cannot push off things too long. We can hold off repaving, etc.; whereas, we cannot hold off water main breaks or if we need something substantial like the new water pan for the water plant; we are going to have to spend the money.

Ms. Thompson commented that if the City were in a condition where we had to reduce parks staff for example and mow grass less and "Jimmy" cannot play ball as frequently because the grass is too long then that is what we would have to do, but water and sewer are essential and basic life services; people need to flush the toilet and have clean drinking water; it is a hard one to deny.

Ms. Thomson further commented that in response to Ms. Belpulsi's initial question about cost savings, water and sewer utilities are expensive, but we will continue to explore power alternatives and utilizing the Duke Program to cut energy costs. The Duke program is a three-year program and the City is in year two. If they do not continue to offer it, the City can shop other sources. For example, there are other services that are starting to pop up through MVCC where utilities are being reduced for public service facilities.

Ms. Belpulsi asked how much the Duke program saved the City. Ms. Thompson answered that the estimated savings was over \$300,000 Citywide per year.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that he does not think Council is in favor of cutting services in any way, shape or form. Mayor Agenbroad further commented that he knows from being around so long how much the City has cut. We are three times the size with fewer employees than we had before he was on Council, and the City saves millions of dollars because of our bond rating, which ultimately saves our tax payer dollars. We are looking at ways to take care of a bad economy and take care of our infrastructure through the water and sewer rates. It comes down to the plan that makes the most sense economically, but timing wise it probably does not make the most sense; therefore, we are either going to agree with the Finance Committee recommendation of a three-year rate adjustment or look at the five-year rate adjustment. Mayor Agenbroad commented that he is just looking for some kind of consensus from Council regarding what they want to do.

Mr. Vomacka commented that we are certainly not the only government body that is facing this problem right now. He explained that Hamilton County more than doubled their rates in the last several years and they are going up another 8% next year.

Ms. Thompson commented that the Lebanon rates were raised by 8%.

Mr. Vomacka commented that, based on that, what we are looking at is not unreasonable to anybody except our constituents.

Mr. Moore commented that if the economy gets better then the increase will not have as much of an impact, but you are rolling the dice.

Ms. Thompson stated that staff needs direction regarding the rate adjustment.

Mr. LaDu commented that he appreciates all of the debate, but the Finance Committee recommendation still stands and that is what they would recommend that staff prepare legislation for Council to consider.

Mr. Chmiel commented that Ms. Belpulsi has asked if they could see a five-year rate adjustment with what Council would want in correct balances to compare to the three-year rate adjustment.

*Mayor Agenbroad commented that during the process he is still in favor of sending something out to our residents like they talked about to let them know what the City is dealing with in regard to water and sewer.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that if we send something to residents he feels it should be something inexpensive, a black and white letter, no brochure, no photos, etc. just something that indicates that we are trying not to spend a whole lot of money in dealing with this.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that it should inform residents of what we are doing. She would be in favor of a letter saying that this has been a very tough decision and we have looked at all of our options and this is what is going to happen.*

*Mr. LaDu suggested a press release and a link on our website for details.*

*Mr. Vomacka would like to just present the facts, nothing self-serving.*

*Mr. Moore commented that he would like to see the five-year rate adjustment analysis with fund balances, as well. Mr. Moore further commented that he understands what the Finance Committee is saying about the three-year rate adjustment and he appreciates all of the studies, but he would like to see the five-year plan. Mr. Moore stated that his church has already given out \$5,000 in benevolence for utilities in Springboro for residents. He is Chairman of the Springboro Community Assistance Center and he stated that you would be shocked at the needs that come through there and how many people in Springboro we have to assist with things like diapers, food, and money. If you came out there and watched people come and go, you would be surprised who some of them are; it is incredible. He would rather it be less of an increase right now even though in one sense it might be more on the other side of the financial downturn so that these people would not feel like we are thumbing our nose at them standing in line and some of them in very nice homes asking for food, milk and formula and diapers for their babies. Their church sponsored \$5,000 that they have paid out by writing checks directly to the utility companies, and they are not a well-to-do church; they are under a crunch too. Mr. Moore added that you would be shocked at the people who are embarrassed to ask for anything and explained that he is taking a check for \$500 tonight to a person's home because they do not want people to know that they have a need and it is for a utility bill. Although you might think the economy is getting better, you tell that to the person that lost their job just recently and find out how sympathetic that they think you are.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that what Mr. Moore is saying is true and he will not disagree with his point.*

*Mr. Moore commented that his job is a little different than other people's jobs and gives him a different perspective.*

*Ms. Thompson confirmed that staff will prepare a five-year rate adjustment analysis that will basically back in the balances that are comparable to the three-year rate adjustment balances. Council confirmed that this is the additional information they would like to review.*

*Ms. Belpulsi asked if the ½% income tax goes right to water and sewer. Ms. Thompson replied yes, but clarified that it is not the whole ½%.*

*Ms. Belpulsi asked where the rest of the ½% goes. Ms. Brown replied that it goes to Street Capital, General Capital, Park Capital, Golf Capital, etc.*

*Ms. Thompson commented that the bulk of it is being used for Street Capital because we are running over \$1M per year in street resurfacing projects because we have no revenue source to maintain our streets.*

*Ms. Belpulsi asked if you project out to when some of those jobs are finished could it then be rerouted into the water and sewer funds to keep the rates down. Ms. Thompson commented that the street resurfacing projects will never be finished and as the streets age they need to be resurfaced. Ms. Thompson also commented that if you remember from the Capital Improvement Program discussion this year that next year the City is going to get hit hard on Issue II projects, which are so hard to turn*

down because the state pays such a huge portion of the project, but we will not be applying for Issue II Projects in the near future unless we feel there is something that is needed; we are pretty much caught up now. Ms. Thompson reiterated that Street Capital is the biggest drain. She added that former managers were borrowing money and taking out bonds to pay for street capital about 10 years ago and she stopped that because if we cannot afford to take care of our streets there is something wrong and that is when they started making transfers to cover the street resurfacing program. Ms. Thompson further added that last year the street resurfacing program was cut from the budget, but all that does is prolong the inevitable and Council would hear from everyone regarding the condition of the streets, potholes, etc.

Finally, Ms. Thompson again confirmed that Council would like the five-year rate adjustment analysis with the comparable balances from the three-year recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that Council would now proceed to the next Work Session item.

**ITEM 4. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. –Nine legislative agenda items were reviewed for the December 16 Regular Meeting.**

- 1) **ORDINANCE: THIRD READING.** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE UNDER SECTION 5709.40(B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, EXEMPTING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, DECLARING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE PARCELS, AND ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND.

No discussion.

- 2) **ORDINANCE: THIRD READING.** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 474.06(a), RIDING BICYCLES UPON SIDEWALKS, CHAPTER 474, BICYCLES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES AND SNOWMOBILES, TITLE TEN- BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES AND SNOWMOBILES, PART FOUR – TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO.

No discussion.

- 3) **ORDINANCE: SECOND READING.** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 826 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGNS IN THE COMMERCIAL SIGN DISTRICT.

Mr. Vomacka commented that he continues to have a concern regarding the electronic sign ordinance. His big concern with the signs is the eight second transition time. The Heatherwoode Golf Course sign often does not change for a very long time and the sign in front of the High School changes every minute with the time. Mr. Vomacka commented that there is an electronic sign just south of Dryden Road driving north on I-75 into Dayton that changes every eight seconds. Driving just that short stretch of I-75 at interstate speeds, he can see the sign change six or eight times and that is a distraction. Mr. Vomacka made a model on his computer to look at signs that changed every eight seconds and if you try to read just a few lines of text on the sign you can get wrapped into watching it very carefully. Mr. Vomacka suggested a longer period of time such as a minute would be better than every eight seconds.

Ms. Belpulsi commented that the eight second rule is a recommendation of ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation).

Mr. Vomacka stated that he did not care if the recommendation was from ODOT.

Ms. Belpulsi emphasized that eight seconds is the minimum transition time.

*Mayor Agenbroad commented that he did not have a problem with the eight second recommendation.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that ODOT adopted what the industry indicated and did not do anything independently with respect to the eight second recommendation.*

*Ms. Belpulsi again commented that eight seconds is the minimum and the transition time can be longer.*

*Mr. Vomacka stressed that his concern is with the minimum.*

*Mr. Moore commented that if he were to use an electronic sign in front of the church property with 1,000 people driving by at a speed limit of 50MPH and a 50 ft. setback for the driver to be able read the sign he would not be changing the sign every eight seconds, but it might be different with a 25, 35, or 45 MPH speed limit closer to the road; the owners might choose a different transition time.*

*Mr. Vomacka asked, what is the objection to a longer time interval.*

*Mr. Moore commented that it would be up to the business person beyond the eight second limit.*

*Mr. Vomacka replied that if it is up to the business person why not make the minimum two seconds.*

*Mr. Moore answered because ODOT recommends the eight second limit.*

*Mr. Vomacka stated that the eight second transition is only a recommendation and the City can determine the minimum transition time.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that she did not attend the last Council Meeting, but met with City Planner Dan Boron to review his presentation regarding Electronic Signs and her fear was that SR741 and SR73 would look like the Vegas strip, but she was very impressed with the thought process that went into the regulations such as the permitted materials, colors, etc. Ms. Belpulsi further commented that the eight second rule could be negotiated, but that is what ODOT recommended as a minimum and it could always be changed.*

*Ms. Thompson emphasized that eight seconds is the minimum. Ms. Thompson commented that she appreciated Ms. Belpulsi's comments after reviewing the Electronic Sign proposal and she added that there is no more message size than what is permitted now and the signs cannot be installed on a pole in the ground. Ms. Thompson further commented that the regulations could always be altered if that is what is decided. Ms. Thompson also commented that she, City Planner Dan Boron and Zoning Code Officer Dan Fitzpatrick did a lot of research regarding these signs. Ms. Thompson mentioned that Centerville's transition time is so quick, maybe six seconds, and she can understand why you would not want the message to change too quickly making it difficult to read.*

*Mayor Agenbroad asked if Mr. Schaeffer had any comments regarding this issue.*

*Mr. Schaeffer commented that this whole issue is beginning to grow and it is happening fast. The sign people are still learning the process and the regulators are actually doing a pretty good job of getting involved very early. His guess is that before this is all said and done this legislation, regardless of whether it passes, will change some more simply because we do not all know and as soon as you adopt regulations the sign people will come up with something else. The regulations will have to work through a process, but being at this point and getting something on the books is good. Mr. Schaeffer further commented that he thinks Mr. Boron has done an excellent job of researching the issue and dealing with that which has shown up as being problematic and how do you deal with it. Mr. Schaeffer added that he thinks Mr. Boron has done a really excellent job and frankly Springboro will probably be the new model in this area because*

*no one else has anything as comprehensive based on his experience in a couple of different jurisdictions.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that we have to stay ahead of the curve regarding electronic signs and she thinks what Mr. Boron and the rest of staff have proposed is very good.*

*Mr. Moore pointed out that not everyone will choose to convert to a digital sign.*

*Ms. Belpulsi commented that we have to be sensitive to the businesses also, which is very important. Ms. Belpulsi stated that she thinks the proposed regulations will enhance the look of the sign and even the look of the business.*

*Mr. Pozzuto commented that signage and digital signs are the number one request made by businesses to our Business Retention Specialist Nick Motto.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that he is not objecting to the digital signs, but he is objecting to the interval. Mr. Vomacka agrees that the industry will change over time, but in his mind it will be easier in the future to shorten the allowable time rather than to lengthen the allowable time. The sign industry is making all kind of claims that they have no data to back up and what little research has been done says that eight seconds is a dangerous amount of time for traffic because it is too fast.*

*Ms. Thompson suggested that Council change the minimum transition time if desired.*

*Ms. Vomacka stated that all he is suggesting is to change the minimum transition time to something more reasonable.*

*Ms. Belpulsi suggested that Mr. Boron could do a little more research regarding the transition time.*

*Mr. Moore commented that the only problem that some business owners will have is trying to get a certain message across depending on the speed limit and how far the sign has to be set back. They want their sign to be read and they only have a certain amount of time and their message cannot be read and they will want either more or less time.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that they are not allowed to have message that goes over two panels; it must all show up in one time period.*

*Mr. Moore commented that he understood that point, but suggested that Mr. Vomacka consider the different speed limits and setbacks and imagine if he could read the sign. The time transition may interfere with the business's ability to show those panels and get their message across.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that if you have a shopping center with six businesses, not all six businesses will be advertised while one car drives by.*

*Mr. Moore commented that the business he is most interested in shopping at is the sign he will be looking at to get the message.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that what Mr. Moore is suggesting is almost a flashing sign.*

*Mr. Moore commented that it would not be like Las Vegas.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that each business owner will want that type of sign.*

*Mr. Moore suggested that Mr. Vomacka talk to people that own businesses that need signs and see what they say.*

Mr. Vomacka commented that if there are a lot of businesses in one center with an electronic sign, they are not all going to be visible to each car passing buy. Mr. Vomacka pointed out that even at eight seconds it cannot happen.

Mr. Moore commented that he would certainly not make that decision until we talk to the business people.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that it is the second reading of this ordinance and suggested that if Mr. Vomacka feels that strongly about the transition time at the third reading, he could vote no.

Mr. LaDu reiterated that the transition time can be changed in the future. Mr. LaDu commented that just because Council approves the regulations with an eight second transition time does not mean that upon personal observance within our City we found out that it is offensive, distracting, and dangerous.

Ms. Belpulsi commented that we have to have a starting point and eight seconds is a good starting point.

Mr. Vomacka commented that he just thinks we are setting the threshold way too low.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that he appreciated Mr. Vomacka sharing his opinion regarding this legislation.

- 4) **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECORD PLAN FOR THE ARTER SUBDIVISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Martin commented that the Engineering Department has requested that Council waive the second and third readings of this ordinance in order to expedite the record plan for the property owner.

- 5) **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF MONIES; THEREBY AMENDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 0-10-1 OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 17, 2009 FOR THE YEAR 2010; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (YEAR END)

Ms. Martin commented that the Finance Department has requested that Council waive the second and third readings of Legislative Items 5 and 6 in order for funds to be properly appropriated for expenditure.

- 6) **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Please refer to comments under Legislative Item 5.

- 7) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COATE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE "SOUTH MAIN STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II" PROJECT.

No discussion.

- 8) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT SPECIAL SOLICITATION RFP, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PURCHASE A MARKED POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE SPRINGBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Belpulsi commented that we budgeted for three police cars in 2011 and asked if the purchase of this vehicle would be one of them. Ms. Thompson replied yes, if we get the grant it will reduce our expenditure for those three cars by one.

Ms. Thompson commented that the grant is for \$30,000, but we will also have to have money to purchase accessories for the vehicle. Ms. Thompson replies yes, the funds for accessories will come from the money already budgeted for the vehicles. Ms. Thompson added that Police Office Manager Jennifer Embleton discovered this grant very recently and did a nice job finding this grant opportunity.

- 9) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS INC. FOR THE "EAST CENTRAL AVENUE, SR 73, ROADWAY WIDENING" PROJECT.

No discussion.

**ITEM 5. CITY MANAGER.**

**-Issues/Reports.**

**Executive Session:** Ms. Thompson requested an Executive Session to discuss pending and imminent litigation following the Work Session discussion.

**At this time, Mayor Agenbroad asked for a motion, under R.C.121.22(G), to enter Executive Session, whereby no votes will be taken and the City Law Director will be present, to discuss pending and imminent litigation.**

**Ms. Lairson motioned to enter Executive Session under RC121.22(G) to discuss pending litigation and imminent litigation following the Work Session discussion. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [7-0]**

Referring to recent newspaper articles written in the Dayton Daily News regarding new businesses coming to Springboro, Ms. Thompson just wanted to make sure that everyone on Council understands that we do absolutely work with the jurisdiction in which that business is held and if in fact they are able to work out something with the current jurisdiction they are in then that is something that we very much respect, and we lose businesses also; it is the same for them as it is for us. In the case of the Tooling Zone, Mr. Pozzuto contacted the Economic Development Director in the City of Kettering. The owner of the Tooling Zone is buying the building they are going to be in for the same amount of money they were renting and it has double the space so that they are able to expand, which they could not do at the other site. The owner of the business is also a Springboro resident so he had many motivations and reasons to come to Springboro, but primarily he found a space which is a much better deal for them. As far as the ballet, Chantrell's building seems to fit them very well. The facility has large rooms. Ms. Thompson explained that when a company comes to Springboro, unless they ask us for an abatement or some other help rarely do we even know they are coming because that is their business. There are frequently times when a company decides to move and neither the jurisdiction they are leaving nor the jurisdiction they are moving to have any knowledge because that is their private concern. Ms. Thompson wanted to reiterate with Council just in case anyone was not aware that we absolutely follow BusinessFirst! rules and protocols and we frequently do things beyond what we really have to do just because we know all of these people and we work with them every day.

Mr. Pozzuto wanted to make it clear that we do not seek these businesses out because jurisdictions get accused of that all the time i.e. trying to pilfer businesses from Kettering and Miamisburg. If the business contacts us, we go through the proper protocols and alert that jurisdiction to let them know they are coming and wait to see if they can help them. If they cannot

help them, then we try to keep them in the region. Mr. Pozzuto reiterated that we absolutely do not seek them out.

Ms. Thompson commented that there are regional considerations and quite frankly it is upsetting to her when there is any accusation at all even as limited or intimated in any way that we do not follow the proper protocols and notify the jurisdiction because we go over the top to do that and have always gone over the top to do that. Ms. Thompson added that the Tooling Zone is in the process of moving in and they are coming from Kettering and again had every reason to move as they need more space and employees. The company is going to be expanding and we are excited about that. Ms. Thompson also mentioned that we have a number of companies in the City that are going to start expanding probably in 2011 and we are pretty happy about that, as well. Again, Ms. Thompson wanted to make sure that everyone understands that there are frequently times when we do not know if a business is coming or leaving. Ms. Thompson added that they knew nothing about the grant that Klostermann Bakery received from the State of Ohio, but we were thrilled; it sounds like they are putting in another production line. Ms. Thompson further commented that they were very encouraged right now about some of the things that are going on in the business community and very encouraged about Mills Morgan and Synergy Austin LLC starting their construction in the Spring. Ms. Thompson added that they did speak to the Superintendent of Schools concerning the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) for the Synergy Austin property at South Tech and they sent a text summary and analysis to him that Mr. Pozzuto prepared very nicely so that he could share that with the Board this week because there were conflicts with the Board's schedule in being able to meet. They are going to attend the January 11 School Board meeting to answer any questions they might have. Again, the Superintendent is well aware and they did attempt to meet with the School Board in December.

**Annual Goals Meeting for 2011:** Ms. Thompson requested that Council discuss a possible date at the next Council Meeting to hold a goal setting session or to review last year's goals and work on what we want to do in 2011. Ms. Thompson commented that it is always helpful to staff to have that exchange and direction from Council every year.

**Citizens Academy:** The second Citizens Academy class will be held on Saturday, January 29. Ms. Thompson commented that staff enjoyed presenting the academy and they got a lot of good feedback from the people that participated. Ms. Thompson mentioned that the next academy class involves tours of the water and sewer plants, the city building, golf maintenance, and Heatherwoode clubhouse. The participants can also make appointments to participate in a drive-along with the police department and service department snow removal. All participants have signed a waiver. Ms. Thompson also mentioned that they had a real mixture of people attend the class including a young couple in the military, who have not lived here very long and others like Jim Crabtree, who has been in the community for many years. A Park Board member and a School Board member also participated. They are looking forward to the next session.

Mayor Agenbrood commented that Council should bring their calendars to the next meeting to determine a date for the annual goals meeting.

Mr. Pozzuto reported that, last week, the State of Ohio notified the City that we received our solar grant in the amount of \$77,000. We hope to begin the project in the spring and have the system up and running by summer.

**ITEM 6. CLERK OF COUNCIL.**

**-Issues/Reports.**

**Committee Appointments 2011:** Ms. Martin confirmed that Council received their committee appointments packet for 2011. All incumbent committee members' responses to reappointment have been included in the packet as well as the new applicants. Typically, Council takes some time during the first Work Session of the year to discuss appointments and takes action at the Regular Meeting. Ms. Martin also mentioned that we have received a resignation from Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee member Jason Lewis. Ms. Martin explained that after talking with the committee's staff liaison Dan Boron it would be best to advertise the open seat; it is a specialized committee and we have basically exhausted all of the applicants for that committee.

*Ms. Martin will advertise the committee opening and forward information regarding all interested applicants in the next month or so.*

*Mr. LaDu asked if Council would accept Mr. Lewis' resignation tonight. Ms. Martin answered that we could accept the resignation at tonight's Regular Meeting or wait until we appoint the new member, but it would probably be more appropriate to accept Mr. Lewis' resignation tonight.*

**Calendar Update:** *The first Council Meeting of 2011 will be held on Thursday, January 6 beginning with the Work Session at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM.*

*Chief Kruihoff mentioned that a new Police Officer would be sworn in at tonight's Regular Meeting. The officer's grandfather will accompany him at the podium to pin on his badge.*

**ITEM 7. CITY COUNCIL. –Issues/Reports.**

**Mr. Moore** – *No issues/reports.*

**Mr. LaDu** – *No issues/reports.*

**Mr. Vomacka** – *Mr. Vomacka will present an Architectural Review Board report at tonight's Regular Meeting.*

**Ms. Belpulsi** – *Ms. Belpulsi will present a Planning Commission report at tonight's Regular Meeting.*

**Ms. Lairson** – *Ms. Lairson commented that she recently spoke with Park Board Member Suzanne Geisler, who made a wonderful suggestion that she have an opportunity to do a presentation at a Council meeting on recycling i.e. what can be recycled and the proper procedures. Ms. Lairson thought it was great idea.*

*Mr. Pozzuto commented that he has been e-mailing Ms. Geisler regarding this opportunity and she would like to expand to presentation to include source water and Earth Day information. Ms. Geisler would like to make the presentation on April 16 and it will be advertised in the next City newsletter.*

**Mr. Chmiel** – *No issues/reports.*

**Mayor Agenbroad** – *Mayor Agenbroad noted that Ms. Belpulsi should abstain from the motion on the minutes of the December 2 Council meetings due to her absence.*

***At approximately 6:36 PM, City Council entered Executive Session to discuss pending and imminent litigation with the City Law Director in attendance.***

***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 16, 2010 City Council Work Session at approximately 6:56 PM.*

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

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010

7:00 PM

COUNCIL

John Agenbroad, Mayor

Jim Chmiel, Deputy Mayor      Marie Belpulsi  
Tom LaDu                              Sheila Lairson  
Bruce Moore                          David Vomacka

CITY STAFF

Chris Thompson, City Manager  
Chris Pozzuto, Assistant City Manager  
Alan Schaeffer, Law Director  
Lori Martin, Clerk of Council

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting to order on Thursday, December 16, 2010 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.

**ITEM 3. ROLL CALL.** Agenbroad, Present; Belpulsi, Present; Chmiel, Present; LaDu, Present; Lairson, Present; Moore, Present; Vomacka, Present. Staff: Ms. Thompson, Mr. Pozzuto, Police Chief Jeff Kruihoff, Mr. Schaeffer, and Ms. Martin were present.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2010.

**Mr. LaDu motioned to approve the Minutes of the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting of December 2, 2010, as submitted. Mr. Chmiel seconded the motion.**

No corrections.

**VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Abstain; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [6-0-1]**

**ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS:** NEWLY APPOINTED POLICE OFFICER DEREK ABNER TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE AND WAS SWORN IN TO SERVE THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Kruihoff briefly introduced newly appointed Police Officer Derek Abner and commented on his background and experience and the selection process for this appointment. Chief Kruihoff then asked Officer Abner to come forward to take the Oath of Office and be sworn in as a Police Officer under the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code to serve the City of Springboro Police Department. Mayor Agenbroad administered the Oath of Office and Derek Abner was sworn in as a City of Springboro Police Officer. Mayor Agenbroad congratulated and welcomed Officer Abner to the City's Police Department. Officer Abner's grandfather, Donald, pinned his badge to

his uniform. City Council congratulated Officer Abner with a handshake. (A copy of Officer Derek Abner's Oath of Office will be filed with the minutes for the record.)

**ITEM 6. LEGISLATION:** City Council held a Work Session at 5:00 PM tonight for approximately one hour and 36 minutes to discuss the following legislation as well as other City business including water and sewer rates. During the Work Session, City Council entered Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss pending litigation; whereby, the City Law Director was present and no votes were taken.

- 1) **ORDINANCE O-10-40: THIRD READING.** "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE UNDER SECTION 5709.40(B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, EXEMPTING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, DECLARING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE PARCELS, AND ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND," was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the third reading of an ordinance declaring improvements, exempting improvements from property taxation, and establishing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District within the Springboro School District in Warren County in South Tech Business Park. Essentially, this TIF will help the City to extend W. Tech Boulevard approximately 1,100 linear feet to access 31 acres of land for development to further extend the development of South Tech Business Park. The City has entered into an agreement with a developer, Synergy Austin Place, who has already purchased 3.83 acres of land and will purchase all of the 31 acres at the end of West Tech Boulevard over an eight to ten year period and will build ten to twelve, two to three story buildings with an approximate value of \$39M. This is a big development project for the City and will go a long way to help expand the City's business base. When the TIF is in place, the City hopes to begin construction on the W. Tech Road extension in March.

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

**Mr. Moore motioned to adopt Ordinance O-10-40. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [7-0]**

- 2) **ORDINANCE O-10-41: THIRD READING.** "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 474.06(a), RIDING BICYCLES UPON SIDEWALKS, CHAPTER 474, BICYCLES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES AND SNOWMOBILES, TITLE TEN- BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES AND SNOWMOBILES, PART FOUR – TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the third reading of an ordinance to amend Section 474.06(a), Riding Bicycles Upon Sidewalks, Chapter 474, Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles and Snowmobiles, of the Codified Ordinances of the City. This ordinance eliminates a conflict between the City's current ordinance, which prohibits bicycles from streets, and state law, which allows bicycles on streets. The City is trying to encourage bike paths, trails, and bike lanes in the community. Again, this ordinance eliminates the conflict and brings the City's ordinance in line with the Ohio Revised Code and state law.

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

**Ms. Belpulsi motioned to adopt Ordinance O-10-41. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes Lairson, Yes. [7-0]**

- 3) **ORDINANCE: SECOND READING.** "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 826 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGNS IN THE COMMERCIAL SIGN DISTRICT," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 826 of the Codified Ordinances of the City to allow Electronic Message Signs in the Commercial Sign District. This ordinance was the topic of a presentation made by City Planner Dan Boron at Council's last meeting on December 2. Mr. Boron will attend the third reading of this ordinance on January 6 to present the information again to the public prior to the motion to adopt the ordinance. This ordinance amends Chapter 826, the City of Springboro sign code, to allow the limited use of electronic signs. The ordinance would allow the City to control electronic signs by dictating the message area, the time transition between messages, the landscape and framing of the signs, which are all of the requirements commonly found in the City's sign code.

**No action required at this time.**

- 4) **ORDINANCE O-10-42: FIRST READING.** "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECORD PLAN FOR THE ARTER SUBDIVISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the first reading of ordinance approving the record plan for the Arter Subdivision. This plan represents the area at Lookout and W. Mill Streets where work was done several years ago. The City is trying to clean up that intersection by allowing certain property owners to have the land left over from that project. This ordinance would combine two parcels of right-of-way recently vacated by the City, which would become part of the existing Arter property.

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

**Mr. LaDu motioned to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance O-10-42. Mr. Chmiel seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [7-0]**

**Mr. LaDu motioned to adopt Ordinance O-10-42. Mr. Chmiel seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [7-0]**

- 5) **ORDINANCE O-10-43: FIRST READING.** "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF MONIES; THEREBY AMENDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. O-10-1 OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 17, 2009 FOR THE YEAR 2010; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (YEAR END)," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

**Before legislative comments, Mayor Agenbroad stated that he would ask for one motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Legislative Items 5 and 6 (Ordinances O-10-43 and O-11-1).**

This is the first reading of an ordinance authorizing supplemental appropriations for year-end 2010; whereby, the annual appropriations would be reduced by \$129,601.82. In such a challenging year, this decrease in the 2010 appropriations should be an indication to the public that the City does strive to save money and does not spend it frivolously. Finance Director Robyn was able to determine that the City could decrease the appropriations in 2010 by the stated amount, which is a testament to Council and Council's direction to staff, and to staff, who work hard to do the right thing without being frivolous. Thanks to Council, Staff, and to Finance Director Robyn Brown for her work in preparing this ordinance.

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

- 6) **ORDINANCE O-11-1: FIRST READING.** "AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the first reading of an ordinance making appropriations for expenses of the City for the calendar year ending December 31, 2011. This ordinance allows the City to spend the money that Council has approved in the Budget for 2011. This ordinance allows the City to approve expenditures, but not to exceed the amounts appropriated. The appropriations are prepared based on the 2011 Budget Presentation and the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program and amendments were made as indicated by Council during the meetings concerning these budgets. This legislation represents the 2011 appropriations in all funds in the amount of \$42,658,980.

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

**Ms. Belpulsi motioned to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinances O-10-43 and O-11-1. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [7-0]**

**Mr. LaDu motioned to adopt Ordinance O-10-43. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [7-0]**

**Mr. Chmiel motioned to adopt Ordinance O-11-1. Mr. LaDu seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; [7-0]**

- 7) **RESOLUTION R-10-37:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COATE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE "SOUTH MAIN STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II" PROJECT," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with Coate Construction for the South Main Street Sidewalk Improvements, Phase II" Project. This project furthers the City's goal to have walkable pathways from the downtown area to the schools along S. Main Street. Initially, ODOT required the City to widen the bridge on SR741 in order to accommodate the sidewalks. This legislation will allow the City to perform a portion of the sidewalk project by extending the sidewalk from Heather Glen Court up to Heatherwoode Boulevard and complete

the sidewalk from Edinburgh Drive to Springboro High School traffic signal with a gap in between. The City is installing this sidewalk in parts due to some of the financial constraints and some of the ODOT issues concerning the widening of the bridge. This legislation will complete Phase II of the project; Phase III of the project will finish the gaps, which will be the construction of the sidewalks from the bridge area at SR741 along Clearcreek completing the sidewalk from Heather Glen Court to Heatherwoode Boulevard and from Heatherwoode Boulevard to Edinburgh Drive. A map is attached to the legislation. This portion of the project will be paid from the Street Capital Improvement Fund. The bids for this project were open Tuesday, November 23. The lowest bid was \$44,736 and the engineer's estimate was \$62,500. Staff recommends contracting with the lowest bidder, which is Coate Construction.

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

**Ms. Belpulsi motioned to adopt Resolution R-10-37. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [7-0]**

- 8) **RESOLUTION R-10-38:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT SPECIAL SOLICITATION RFP, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PURCHASE A MARKED POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE SPRINGBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to file a Justice Assistance Grant Special Solicitation RFP and to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Public Safety to purchase a marked police vehicle. Thanks to Jennifer Embleton, Office Manager for the Police Department, who discovered this grant is available and filed the application on the City's behalf. Once this legislation is approved, the grant application will be sent to the Governor's Office to request approval. This grant could potentially allow the City to purchase a marked police vehicle saving the City money on vehicles previously approved in the Capital Improvement Program next year. The Police Chief tries to rotate the fleet on a maintenance schedule and this grant would allow the City to save the expenditure of purchasing one of those vehicles. Thanks to Ms. Embleton's efforts hopefully the City will be able to secure this vehicle.

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

**Ms. Belpulsi motioned to adopt Resolution R-10-38. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [7-0]**

- 9) **RESOLUTION R-10-39:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS INC. FOR THE "EAST CENTRAL AVENUE, SR 73, ROADWAY WIDENING" PROJECT," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to contract with Barrett Paving Materials for the "East Central Avenue, State Route 73, Roadway Widening" Project." This is an Issue II funded project; Issue II funds will pay for 49% of the total cost of the project. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$650,475 and the City's share will not exceed \$331,750. This project will allow for a third lane to be added to East Central Avenue (SR73) near Hillspring Healthcare Center from east of South Richards Run to 550 feet east of Farmridge Road. The project will incorporate a turn lane for Hillspring and the Fieldstone Subdivision. The funds for the project will come from Street Capital and were budgeted in 2010. The three lowest bids were received from Barrett Paving

Materials, John R. Jurgensen Co., and RB Jergens Contractors. The lowest bidder was Barrett Paving Materials at \$421,853.09. The engineer's estimate for the City's portion of this project was \$455,000.

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

**Mr. Vomacka motioned to adopt Resolution R-10-39. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes. [7-0]**

**ITEM 7. REPORTS: Mayor's Report** – The Christmas Holiday will be observed December 23 and 24; whereby, the City Offices will be closed. New Year's Day will be observed on December 31; whereby, the City Offices will be closed. The next City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2011 beginning with the Work Session at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

**City Manager's Report** – Ms. Thompson wished everyone a Happy Holiday. She further commented that she wished to thank Council and Staff for another pretty good year in the City of Springboro.

**Committee Reports** –

**Mr. Vomacka – Architectural Review Board** – The Architectural Review Board met Monday, December 13 to conduct the following business: An application for a sign at 85 W. Central Avenue; the application was incomplete and the applicant did not attend the meeting. The applicant has been asked to provide the required information for the Board to consider at the next meeting. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior painting at 153 S. Main Street, which was approved enthusiastically. The owners have made a lot of improvements to the building, and the Board appreciates it. The Board also considered a request at 140 S. Main Street for a temporary sign on a building. The applicant is changing the business inside the building and the sign does not meet the general guidelines for the district. The applicant would like to work with the other tenants in the building to come up with a standard pattern of signage for that building. The applicant asked for a temporary sign for three months, but the Board granted four months to allow time for the weather to break. Also, the Board received news that the State Historical Society performed a quadrennial review, and again Springboro has been approved as a certified City. The next Architectural Review Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 10 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled.

**Ms. Lairson – Community Service Board** – The Community Service Board met on Monday, December 13 and the Board has decided to create a more thorough procedure manual to handle requests for assistance to make it more consistent for the Board Members, who are assigned on a rotational basis to follow up on requests. The Board will begin a draft and have a more official way to handle requests. Ms. Lairson also stated that she would like the community to know that the Board has received some requests for assistance, but does not have enough volunteers to cover them. If anyone in the community would like to help a neighbor with snow removal, please contact the Community Service Board.

**Ms. Belpulsi – Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission met in both Work Session and Formal Meeting yesterday, December 15 to review and consider the following items: Revision to Approved Final Development Plan, 477-483 North Main Street PUD-B, Planned Unit Development-Business, addition to building/site, which is the addition of a loading dock for the granite business located on North Main Street in the former L&L Plumbing Building; Revision to Approved General Plan, The Springs PUD, Planned Unit Development, which involved a lengthy discussion with the Fisher Development team, who wants to develop the remaining Coffman Property known as The Springs, a housing development. A number of residents attended the meeting and it is always helpful to hear from them. The Work Session was followed by the

Formal Meeting at which time the Planning Commission did approve the Revision to the Approved Final Development Plan for 477-483 North Main Street PUD-B, which is the addition of a loading dock for the granite business. Also, the Planning Commission was asked to formally recommend an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for 2011 and the Commission recommends reappointing Barbara Gibson as the Commission's representative to that Board. The next Planning Commission Work Session will be held on January 12 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled.

**Mr. Moore** – No reports.

**Mr. LaDu** – No reports.

**Mr. Chmiel** – No reports.

**ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS.** Mayor Agenbroad asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Jason Lewis from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, with a vote of thanks.

Mr. LaDu motioned to accept the resignation of Jason Lewis from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, with a vote of thanks. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.

**VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [7-0]**

**ITEM 9. FINAL COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMENTS.** Mr. Chmiel commented that it has been his honor to serve as Deputy Mayor for the Mayor and Council over the last two years.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Mr. Chmiel for his service as Deputy Mayor.

**ITEM 10. GUEST COMMENTS.** No Guest Comments.

**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. In addition, Mayor Agenbroad wished everyone a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

**Ms. Belpulsi motioned to adjourn the meeting; whereby, the Thursday, December 16, 2010 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [7-0]**

—MEETING ADJOURNED—

John H. Agenbroad

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**John H. Agenbroad, Mayor**

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**Presiding Officer**

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**Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council**