

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

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

**CITY STAFF**

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

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Work Session to order on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio.

**ITEM 2. ATTENDANCE. Council:** Ms. Iverson was absent. **Staff:** Mr. Pozzuto, Mr. Shackelford and Ms. Martin were present. Police Chief Jeff Kruthoff was also present. Law Director Jerry McDonald was absent. Attorney Mike Sandner served as Acting Law Director in Mr. McDonald's absence.

Mayor Agenbroad noted that a motion would be in order at tonight's Regular Meeting to excuse Ms. Iverson.

**ITEM 3. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. – Review legislative items slated for February 2.**

**1) EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECORD PLAN FOR THE ASCENT, SECTION THREE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Staff recommended waiving the second and third readings of Legislative Item 1, as all of the requirements have been met for this record plan.

There were no objections from Council to consider a motion at tonight's Regular Meeting to waive the third reading of Legislative Item 1.

**2) RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DRYDEN BUILDERS, INC. FOR THE CLEARCREEK PARK STORAGE BUILDING PROJECT.

No discussion.

- 3) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS INC. FOR THE “2023 STREET RESURFACING & CONCRETE WORK” PROGRAM.

No discussion.

**ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER. – Issues/Reports.**

**Mr. Pozzuto reported on the following items:**

**Heatherwoode Golf Course Bridge Project:** The bridge project between holes #10 and #11 is on schedule. The bridge deck will be arriving around February 12. An on-site crane has been constructed to put the deck in place.

**New Bike Trail – Hazelwoods Park:** The site is in the process of being cleared for the new bike trail connection between Hazelwoods Park and the City of Franklin. ODOT recently approved the project for construction.

**North Park Upgrades:** A survey will be done at North Park to locate the new playground near the concession stand. The final concept plan for the new playground will be presented once the survey is complete. The new play area will be approximately 30,000sf.

**Wright Station Central Park Improvements: (Drawing attached.)** This project is included in the City’s Capital Improvement Program and monies have been budgeted for 2023. The area will be upgraded to make it more user friendly and to accommodate musical entertainment. The proposed upgrades include field turf, which will help with drainage and require no maintenance from the public works staff. There will be paved walkways delineating the stage area, a pergola and seating area and decorative paved areas in the corners of the space. Legislation will be presented at the next Council Meeting for a professional services agreement with Synergy to construct the project.

The project will be constructed in two phases because the estimated cost for the project came in a little over the budgeted amount of \$500,000. The \$500,000 will cover all of the upgrades with the exception of the pergola. The pergola will match the existing pergola on the northeast corner of the intersection of SR73/SR741 and will be constructed in 2024 along with certain landscape elements. All of the other upgrades will be constructed this year. Again, the pergola and landscaping pushed the cost over the estimate; therefore, the project will be completed in two phases over a two-year period. The project will also include tea lighting, underground conduit and drainage for the field turf to be completed in the first phase. If the professional services agreement is approved by Council on February 16, construction will begin in March.

In addition, the northwest corner will be developed with a courtyard and archway structure including “Welcome to Wright Station” signage. This design element will make the area more pedestrian friendly and encourage people to cross from the Historic District to Wright Station. This project will be done in conjunction with the central park upgrades and is part of the original Wright Station. Approximately \$100,000 remain from the overall Wright Station monies.

Mr. Brunner asked what the total cost would be to construct the pergola and landscaping.

Mr. Pozzuto answered that the pergola and the landscaping would cost approximately \$150,000. The budget for the project was \$500,000.

Mr. Brunner recommended moving forward with those elements of the project this year rather than phasing the work.

*Mr. Hanson commented that the work would be even more expensive in 2024 with the cost of materials rising.*

*After briefly commented, Council reached a general consensus to move forward with the pergola and landscape elements of the project this year.*

*Mr. Pozzuto stated that he would discuss increasing the budget for the project to approximately \$650,000 in order to complete the entire project this year. If they can increase the monies budgeted for this project, then the legislation that will be presented at the next Council Meeting will reflect that increase.*

*Ms. Ridd referred to the signage that will be constructed on the empty (northwest) corner of Wright Station and asked if there would still be room for a building.*

*Mr. Pozzuto explained that the signage elements would only occupy a small portion of the corner, and Synergy would be leaving a building pad for another building. Mr. Pozzuto explained that the signage would be approximately 20'x30'. The idea of the corner element is to create a visual from the Historic District to the Performing Arts Center.*

*There was no further discussion regarding these items.*

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

**Calendar Updates:** *The next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.*

**ITEM 6. CITY COUNCIL. – Issues/Reports.**

**Mr. Brunner** – No reports.

**Ms. Ridd** – No reports.

**Mr. Hanson** – No reports.

**Mr. Chmiel** – No reports.

**Deputy Mayor Harding** – No reports.

**Mayor Agenbroad** – *Mayor Agenbroad will present the State of the City Address at tonight's Regular Meeting under Presentations. In addition, a motion will be in order under Other Business to accept the resignation of Jack Blosser from the Architectural Review Board.*

***At this time, Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion under ORC121.22(G) to enter Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property and to consider confidential marketing plans of an applicant for economic development assistance with a project that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to the project and Executive Session is necessary to discuss possible expenditure of public funds relating to the project; whereby, no votes will be taken.***

***Ms. Ridd motioned. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion.***

*No discussion.*

**VOTE: Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes. [6-0]**

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

**Executive Session:** *City Council entered Executive Session at approximately 6:10 PM to discuss the purchase of property and to consider confidential marketing plans of an applicant for economic development assistance with a project that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to the project and Executive Session is necessary to discuss possible expenditure of public funds relating to the project.*

*With no objections, City Council exited Executive Session at approximately 6:45 PM; whereby, no votes were taken.*

**ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT.** *With no further discussion in Work Session, Mayor Agenbroad adjourned the Thursday, February 2, 2023 City Council Work Session immediately thereafter.*

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

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

7:00 PM

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CITY COUNCIL

John Agenbroad, Mayor  
Stephen Harding, Deputy Mayor/At Large  
Becky Iverson, At Large  
Janie Ridd, Ward 1  
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**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Thursday, February 2, 2023 to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio.

**ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Mayor Agenbroad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Council Member Dale Brunner.

**ITEM 3. ROLL CALL.** Agenbroad, Present; Brunner, Present; Chmiel, Present; Hanson, Present; Harding, Present; Iverson, Absent; Ridd, Present. Staff: Mr. Pozzuto, Mr. Shackelford and Ms. Martin were present. Police Chief Jeff Kruihoff was also present. Law Director Jerry McDonald was absent. Attorney Mike Sandner served as Acting Law Director in Mr. McDonald's absence.

**Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to excuse Council Member Becky Iverson.**

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

No discussion.

**VOTE: Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes. [6-0]**

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF JANUARY 5 AND JANUARY 19, 2023.

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

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

No discussion.

**VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes. [6-0]**

**ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS: STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS – MAYOR JOHN AGENBROAD.**

*(Due to technical difficulties, the State of the City Address presentation was postponed to February 16.)*

**ITEM 6. LEGISLATION:** City Council held a Work Session at 6:00 PM tonight for approximately 10 minutes to discuss the following legislative items as well as other City business. During the Work Session, City Council entered Executive Session for approximately 35 minutes to discuss the purchase of property and to consider confidential marketing plans of an applicant for economic development assistance with a project that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to the project and Executive Session is necessary to discuss possible expenditure of public funds relating to the project; whereby, no votes were taken.

**1) ORDINANCE O-23-2: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECORD PLAN FOR THE ASCENT, SECTION THREE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the first reading of an ordinance approving the record plan for The Ascent, Section Three, located at the west end of Pinnacle Point Drive within The Ascent Business Park. The record plan is the site of the proposed Mayfield Brain & Spine medical building and contains three lots with a total of approx. 5.56 acres. The record plan was approved by the Planning Commission on January 18, 2023.

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

**As discussed at tonight's Work Session, Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Legislative Item 1, an Emergency Ordinance.**

**Ms. Ridd motioned. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes. [6-0]**

**Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adopt Ordinance O-23-2.**

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

No discussion.

**VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes. [6-0]**

**2) RESOLUTION R-23-2: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DRYDEN BUILDERS, INC. FOR**

THE CLEARCREEK PARK STORAGE BUILDING PROJECT, was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

This resolution authorizes a professional services agreement with Dryden Builders, Inc. for the Clearcreek Park Storage Building Project. An additional 9,000sf storage building will be constructed adjacent to the existing storage building at Clearcreek Park to store much of the City's water, sewer and park equipment not being utilized during the winter months. The City received one bid from Dryden Builders, who has worked on numerous jobs throughout the City, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$550,000. The original estimate for the project was \$600,000.

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

**Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-23-2.**

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

No discussion.

**VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes. [6-0]**

- 3) **RESOLUTION R-23-3:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS INC. FOR THE "2023 STREET RESURFACING & CONCRETE WORK" PROGRAM, was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

This resolution authorizes a contract with Barrett Paving Materials Inc. for the "2023 Street Resurfacing & Concrete Work" program. This project consists of planing and resurfacing asphalt streets, and removing and replacing curbs and gutters, sidewalks and driveway aprons. Two bids were received on January 24, 2023 from Barrett Paving Materials and John R. Jurgensen Company. Barrett Paving Materials submitted the lowest bid at \$1,666,553.24. The engineer's estimate was \$1.67M.

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

**Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-23-3.**

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

No discussion.

**VOTE: Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes. [6-0]**

- ITEM 7. REPORTS: Mayor's Report** – The next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 beginning at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

**City Manager's Report** – No reports.

**Committee Reports** –

**Mr. Brunner** – No reports.

**Ms. Ridd** – No reports.

**Mr. Chmiel** – No reports.

**Mr. Hanson** – No reports.

**Deputy Mayor Harding** – No reports.

**ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS. Mayor Agenbroad called for the following motions:**

**A motion to accept the resignation of Jack Blosser from the Architectural Review Board.**

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

No discussion.

**VOTE: Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes. [6-0]**

At this time, Chief Kruthoff approached the podium and made the following comments:

“Good evening Mayor and Members of the City Council. I appreciate the opportunity to make some comments during the formal portion of the agenda. I came to the City of Springboro as the Chief of Police 21 years ago. As the only remaining member of the Council from that time, the Mayor might remember the two items the City Administration requested of me during the selection process. The first was to make a longer commitment to the position than my two predecessors did, since they only stayed on the job for a little less than five years, which led to some instability in the leadership of the agency. The second request was to raise the profile of the agency reputation and provide for significant personal growth among the officers. As I stand here today, and only through the assistance of many, many people, I believe that the Police Division has made significant progress on these two goals. Obviously, since I am still standing here 21 years later, I do believe we have stability in the leadership of the department that will continue for a long time into the future. I also believe that to a person, any Springboro Police Officer can stand with his peers enjoying employment in an agency with a tremendous regional and statewide reputation and a personal resume that places them among the top of Ohio’s finest.

This past November I completed my 50th year working for a law enforcement agency. I have been very blessed many times during those years, but the past 21 years have been an absolute joy. The quality of this City in managing its tremendous growth starting 25 years ago to the ongoing maintenance of a quality of life second to none in the region, if not the state. The partnership between the Council and the City Manager’s Office and his staff stands out as an example to every city in Ohio.

Unfortunately, a time comes when it is appropriate to exit the stage, and that time has come for myself. Earlier this afternoon, I presented City Manager Pozzuto a letter outlining my request to begin the road to retirement on April 21, 2023, and this is a step I take with many emotions. My health and energy level says we could keep going for quite a while, but I sense a leadership group behind me that is standing ready to take the wheel. I would be remiss, if I did not take the opportunity to offer a full-throated endorsement of Lieutenant Dan Bentley as your next Chief of Police. He has worked diligently over the past years to complete the degrees and leadership training that will serve him well.

Since the City of Springboro will proudly be my family’s home for many years to come, I will always be available to be part of the solution and not part of the problem to issues facing you in the future.

We will have many opportunities prior to April 21 to have those conversations, comments, and farewell wishes, but let me conclude with this. My presence here today is only due to the



large number of people who have stood up to support me in the past 21 years. Nothing done in this City government is the result of an individual effort, and the Police Division is no different. I have merely been the drum major, as dedicated and hardworking officers performed exceptional duties under sometimes difficult circumstances. I thank them, I thank the City Manager, and I thank City Council for your support these last 21 years. I will always wish you Godspeed in your continual deliberations as the elected leaders of this community. Thank you very much.”

On behalf of Council, Mayor Agenbrood commented that he had the privilege of swearing in Chief Kruithoff, who took the Police Department to another level leading us into the 21st century. Chief Kruithoff not only put this department in the league that it is, he has been a friend, an ally and has really watched over this City, and we love him for that and we are glad he is not moving. Mayor Agenbrood further commented that we will miss Chief Kruithoff's leadership and miss seeing him at meetings, but we wish him nothing but good health and a great retirement.

Mr. Brunner thanked Chief Kruithoff for his leadership stating that he has been unbelievable in his performance, a true professional, and in inspiration to us all, and thanked Chief Kruithoff very much.

Mr. Chmiel commented that the work Chief Kruithoff has done all over the country from flying sick children and helping victims of natural disasters is an inspiration as well as the work he has done here in Springboro. Mr. Chmiel further commented that he respects all of the extra service that Chief Kruithoff has contributed on top of his duties as Chief of Police.

There was no further discussion under Other Business.

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

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

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

In reference to honoring Chief Kruithoff and his service as Springboro Police Chief, Mr. Salmon-Gilmore commented that Chief Kruithoff took time out of his schedule to meet with him and several other people in the minority community to help foster conversations around diversity and inclusion and to foster conversations about community policing in response to some of the issues that have happened and are continuing to happen around our nation. To have someone of Chief Kruithoff's experience be able to sit down and talk with you one-on-one and be able to talk in a group setting and share the emotions, and for Chief Kruithoff to hear what he has to say and what others that look like him have to say with compassion and empathy speaks volumes about his character, and he wanted to thank him for that publicly. Mr. Salmon-Gilmore thanked Mayor and City Council for bringing Chief Kruithoff on board and for the work that they are continuing to foster in our community. Mr. Salmon-Gilmore added that the efforts in Springboro are spreading to other parts of Warren County and he thanks the City very much for supporting that work.

**2) Betty Bray, 150 S. Main Street, Springboro – Ms. Bray generally commented as follows:**

Ms. Bray commented that she just wanted to say thank you to Chief Kruithoff for being her friend.

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

No other guests came forward.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked the guests for their comments, which are duly noted for the record.

**ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** No Executive Session.

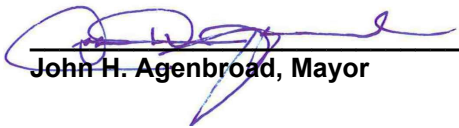
**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT.** With no further business, Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adjourn the Thursday, February 2, 2023 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting at approximately 7:20 PM.

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

No discussion.

**VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Harding, Yes; Brunner, Yes; Ridd, Yes. [6-0]**

—MEETING ADJOURNED—

  
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John H. Agenbroad, Mayor

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Presiding Officer

  
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Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council