

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

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 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, June 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio.

ITEM 2. ATTENDANCE. Council: Mr. Brunner, Mr. Hanson and Mr. Harding were absent. **Staff:** Mr. Pozzuto, Mr. Shackelford, Mr. McDonald and Ms. Martin were present. Finance Director Jonathan Hudson was also present.

Mayor Agenbroad noted that a motion would be in order at tonight's Regular Meeting to excuse Council Members Brunner, Hanson and Harding.

ITEM 3. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. – Review legislative items slated for June 15.

- 1) **ORDINANCE: SECOND READING.** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 42.08 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 7878 & 7914 SHARTS ROAD FROM FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP R1B PUD, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, TO CITY OF SPRINGBORO R-2, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

No discussion.

- 2) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 42.082 ACRES OF UNDEVELOPED LAND LOCATED IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY OHIO ADJACENT TO, AND SOUTH OF, THE INTERSECTION OF ADVANCE DR AND SHARTS RD.

No discussion.

- 3) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PETITION UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE 503.07 AND 503.14 TO ADJUST THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES AND BOUNDARY LINES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE TOWNSHIP AND CONFORM THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO AND CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP.

No discussion.

- 4) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 8.6 +/- ACRES OF LAND IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE ANNEXED 42.082 ACRE PROPERTY FORMALLY LOCATED IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY OHIO.

No discussion.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER. – Issues/Reports.

Mr. Pozzuto reported on the following items:

0.5% Income Tax Sunset: Mr. Pozzuto made the following presentation regarding the 0.5% income tax for capital improvements: (A copy of the presentation is attached.)

The 0.5% income tax has been reviewed by the Council Finance Committee, as we knew that the 0.5% was going to sunset. The tax was slated to sunset when the City's water and sewer capital bonds for the expansion of the water and sewer plants in 1988 were paid off, and the schedule to pay off those bonds was 2028-2029. However, with prudent spending and paying down all of the debt to save interest, the City has been able to pay off the sewer debt early and is preparing to pay off the water debt at the end of this year. The payment of the water debt will then trigger the sunsetting of the 0.5% income tax, which is the basis of the presentation tonight.

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0.5% Income Tax Sunset

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- In 1988 – the voters passed a ballot measure to raise the income tax 0.5% to 1.5% to pay for improvements to the Wastewater & Water Treatment Plants and other capital improvements throughout the City.
- 0.5% income tax is to sunset when all debt is extinguished.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant debt was extinguished early in 2022 (thus saving \$600,000 in interest payments). Again, this debt was scheduled to be extinguished in 2028.
- Water Treatment Plant debt will be extinguished at the end of 2023. Again, the payment of the water treatment plant debt will trigger the sunsetting of the 0.5% income tax.

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- *With the extinguishing of all debt, a decision will need to be made as to renewing, raising or letting the 0.5% income tax expire. Basically, City Council will need to decide whether to renew the 0.5% tax, raise the 0.5% tax or actually let it expire.*
- *To put the tax in perspective, the 0.5% income tax generates approximately \$5.6 million each year (or 33% of our annual tax income). This is a big number for the City. Again, the income tax budget is approximately \$15 million, and 33% would be a big hit to the budget if the 0.5% income tax were allowed to expire.*
- *The 0.5% income tax supports things such as police operations, vehicles & protective equipment, street resurfacing, snow plowing, park projects & maintenance, leaf collection – basically any operations or capital projects that require the purchase of large vehicles, equipment and various paving projects & other large scale projects necessary to maintain the City, i.e., any large infrastructure projects within the City.*

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DECISION TO BE MADE (between 4 choices):

Basically, City Council will have four choices concerning this income tax.

- **Let the 0.5% tax expire: (1st option)** – *This option would cause some problems for the City such as:*
 - *The City would need to reduce the annual budget by \$5.6 million in 2024. If this is the option City Council chooses, staff would execute that reduction in the budget, but more than likely the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) would have to be eliminated.*
 - *The City would need to significantly scale back or eliminate street resurfacing, planned park projects, police vehicle purchases, suspend leaf collection and scale back snow plowing (eventually as snow plows deteriorate). Basically, the City would have to scale back all of the capital projects that it does on an annual basis.*
- **Put renewal of the 0.5% income tax on the ballot in November: (2nd option):**
 - *This would NOT raise taxes.*
 - *It would maintain the status quo, which seems to be good based on the feedback from all of the City surveys. It seems like people are happy with what the City is doing with their tax dollars and how the City invests their tax dollars.*
 - *It would enable the City to maintain high quality services – while maintaining the same income tax rate from 1988 (35 years). Not many communities can say that they have maintained the same income tax rate for 35 years, but Springboro is certainly one of them.*

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DECISION TO BE MADE (between 4 choices):

City Council may decide that the City needs to generate more money and the matrix below shows what certain higher income tax rates would generate.

- **Put a higher income tax rate (new) on the ballot in November: (3rd option)**
 - 0.75% rate would generate an additional \$2.8 million
 - 1.0% rate would generate an additional \$5.6 million
 - 1.25% rate would generate an additional \$8.4 million

- **Let 0.5% income tax rate expire, but place property tax levy on the ballot: (4th option)**

If Council were to decide to let the 0.5% income tax expire by not putting the tax on the ballot, but still wanted to generate some revenue, the only other way to do it would be a property tax levy. To put it in perspective, if City Council lets the 0.5% income tax expire and places a property tax on the ballot, then:

- *1 mill of property tax rate would generate approximately \$900,000. If City Council would want to generate close to the exact amount of revenue that the 0.5% income tax currently generates that the City would be losing, we would have to put a 6.22 mills property tax levy on the ballot.*

- *The City would need at least 6.22 mills to generate the same income tax collections. The property tax levy could be for anything such as parks, police, a street levy or whatever Council decides. Also, the 6.22 mills is not necessarily a strict option either, City Council could decide that only \$4 million in revenue is needed and the property tax levy would only be 4 mills or \$5 million with 5 mills, etc., however City Council would want to structure that.*

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Based on internal discussions with staff and certainly talking over these options with Finance Director Jonathan Hudson, staff recommends the following:

- **Place RENEWAL of the 0.5% income tax on the ballot in November.**
 - *The \$5.6 million that is generated by this 0.5% income tax is CRITICAL to essential City operations. Not only is it critical to operations, but also to capital improvements. Again, if City Council decides to let this tax expire and unless the City generates some other income somehow, for the foreseeable future, the City would not be able to fund street paving, leaf collection, snowplowing with respect to having older or fewer trucks and routes possible getting smaller and taking longer, etc.*

 - *Our income tax collections have been increasing every year and we see that continuing even with a possible recession on the horizon. To put it in perspective, in the 2008 recession, the City's income tax collections were essentially flat during that recession; whereas, other communities experienced a decrease in income tax revenue. The diversity of the City's business base, which includes some retail,*

some manufacturing, some office, etc. and the City's credit obviously helps to keep income tax increasing and/or flat.

- *We will continue to conservatively budget, watch spending and manage our current budget, as always.*
- *As a key point, we do not need any additional money at this point in time and should allow the public to vote on continuing to keep the status quo. If the City needs additional revenue, the City will show the need and then ask the voters for it. If the City does not need it, we are not going to ask for it. For example, the freezing of the water and sewer rates that City Council approved in 2019, the City does not need that money; therefore, is not going to ask for it. Many communities hike income tax or water rates just because, e.g., inflation. We do not tend to do that here. If we need additional revenue, we will ask for it.*

Right now, in talking with staff and the Finance Director, we do not think we need any additional revenue, but do think a renewal of the 0.5% is the way to go, as it has a better chance of being approved. Again, the 0.5% income tax is critical to the City's operations; therefore, we want to make sure we put something on the ballot that has a good chance of passing.

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Whatever Council decides, the timeline is as follows:

TIMELINE FOR ANY BALLOT ISSUE (NEW, RENEWAL OR LEVY):

- *The filing deadline is August 9, 2023.*
- *City Council needs to pass a Resolution to place the issue on the ballot AND an Ordinance for the tax, i.e., Council needs to pass two pieces of legislation.*
- *If Council would like to submit the issue for the November ballot, there should be three readings – July 6, July 20 and August 3.*
- *The issue is filed with Warren & Montgomery County BOEs by August 9.*
- *The public votes on the issue on November 7, 2023.*

Following the presentation, Mr. Pozzuto concluded his comments by stating that he is seeking direction from Council concerning how to proceed with the 0.5% income tax sunset and offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Agenbrood commented that Springboro is a very special place to live and he thinks it is paramount to follow through as leaders. We have a 35-year track record of not asking for money we do not need and still doing so much as a City.

Ms. Ridd agreed that the City cannot justify new money and that is not an option. Ms. Ridd further commented that letting it expire is also not an option for exactly the reasons Mr. Pozzuto presented. Ms. Ridd also commented that her fear with the option to raise property tax is that it will be so hard to explain to people when people see millage that that is not new money.

Ms. Iverson agreed that the City cannot justify new money nor is it an option to let the tax expire.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that property tax would hurt seniors; whereas, the income tax would not affect retired seniors because they do not pay income tax.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that seniors need to know that they do not pay the income tax; therefore, this would not affect them.

Ms. Iverson commented that based on the facts that Mr. Pozzuto presented, a renewal makes the most sense to her.

Mr. Chmiel asked how long a renewal would be in effect.

Mr. Pozzuto answered that it would be up to Council to decide. The tax could sunset again or it could be made permanent. Mr. Pozzuto commented that most communities make income tax levies permanent. The reason the current 0.5% tax was subject to sunset is that it was tied specifically to the water and sewer treatment plants being built and/or enhanced. However, the renewal of this tax would not be tied to a specific project or improvement as it was before, but rather to general capital improvements. If Council elects to have it sunset in 20 years, 10 years, 8 years, etc., they have that flexibility.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that the existing tax is coming off a sunset of 35 years and it would be easier to sell if the renewal was subject to a sunset rather than being a permanent levy.

Ms. Ridd asked if we decided to renew the tax as permanent, would we still be able to call it a renewal since it would be a renewal of a sunset tax.

Mr. McDonald answered that he would double check, but he thinks it could be called a renewal because it is not a new tax.

Mr. Pozzuto clarified that it would not be a new, higher tax. Mr. Pozzuto commented that he would recommend making this as simple as possible.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that it is a political year and there will be more voters at the polls. Mayor Agenbroad further commented that the least political this issue is the better. A 35-year track record on a renewal where nobody has their taxes raised is easier to sell especially when it is going to expire after a specified period of time. Mayor Agenbroad commented that, in his opinion, people do not like permanent levies.

Ms. Iverson commented that, whether it is a political year or not, it is the right thing to do for our City.

Ms. Ridd commented that a sunset gives people down the road the option to make another decision if they wish.

Mr. Pozzuto also commented that with the recession, the state may in a few years set the rate for municipalities maybe at 1.75%, and the City would have to comply with the state's rate. In other words, whether or not the tax sunsets, the state may change the income tax rate for municipalities and we may go through all of this for nothing anyway. Mr. Pozzuto stated that if the sunset is how Council wants to proceed, then that is how it will be handled.

Ms. Ridd commented that she would prefer a sunset on the tax.

Mayor Agenbroad asked how the City plans to market the ballot issue.

Mr. Pozzuto explained that per election laws, the City can only educate the public regarding the ballot issue. The City would use the newsletter, e-newsletter, and social media to a point. The City is only able to provide the facts and state what the tax will do or not do. We cannot encourage people to vote "yes" or "no." If Council decides they want to encourage voters to support the tax, they would have to form a PAC (Political Action Committee), a levy committee similar to those formed to support school levies. The committee would have to raise money to pay for letters to community members, signage, etc. Mr. Pozzuto further explained that there are a couple of different levels to take it as far as getting the information to the public and options can certainly be discussed when the question is submitted to the ballot. Again, from the City's standpoint, we can only educate the public with the facts.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that voters need to hear what happens if it fails, which is huge. Mayor Agenbroad further commented that life in Springboro is great, but if we lose \$5M plus in revenue, it is going to affect residents. Mayor Agenbroad further commented that people come to Springboro to live because of what the community has to offer, and life in Springboro will not be what it was before.

Ms. Ridd pointed out that Springboro still has one of the lowest tax rates around.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that the City could raise the income tax rate and it would still be one of the lowest rates around. Mr. Pozzuto further commented that, as mentioned in past City newsletters, the City's property tax is the third lowest in the state, not just the area, but the state, and we will be sharing that information with the community as well.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that he thinks that point is huge. Mayor Agenbroad added that he owns buildings in Kettering and Centerville and the property tax that he pays in those two areas is twice what it is in Springboro.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that we would reeducate the community on those facts. Mr. Pozzuto further commented that, to Mayor Agenbroad's point of telling people what might happen if this does not pass, we would put those consequences out as facts, but we do not want to do it in a threatening manner like some jurisdictions do.

Ms. Ridd commented that she thinks our voters are educated enough to figure that out.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that we will educate the public by getting the facts and information out there and hope voters make the right choice.

Ms. Ridd acknowledged that the City can only put the facts out and cannot tell people how to vote, but she asked if it is the same for Council Members personally.

Mr. Pozzuto replied no, Council Members can talk with citizens concerning this issue and share their own personal opinion.

Mr. McDonald confirmed that Council Members can share their own personal opinions with the public, but cannot use City money, resources, tax dollars, etc., to promote voting either way. Again, if Council Members want to do it personally, that is fine.

Mr. Chmiel asked if the City is able to correct untruths that may be seen on social media.

Mr. Pozzuto replied absolutely, yes, and we fully anticipate having to do that as long as we only answer people with facts.

Mr. Pozzuto recapped the discussion by confirming that Council's direction is to move forward with the renewal of the 0.5% income tax with a sunset.

Mayor Agenbrood commented that he prefers 20 or 25 years at the most.

Ms. Ridd commented that she would agree with whatever is decided with respect to the sunset, but she does think a sunset would probably be easier and would also give people down the road a chance to change it if they wish.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that the existing income tax is sunseting and we are putting it back on the ballot, which shows we have a track record on that.

Mayor Agenbrood commented that he thinks it needs to be said that the tax is expiring because the City saved money for the taxpayers by paying off the debt. This tax could have continued two or three years more down the road had the City not paid off the debt to save money.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that we will be sharing that fact with the community.

Mayor Agenbrood asked Council if a 20-year sunset for the renewal of the income tax is agreeable.

There were no objections and with no further discussion, it was the direction of Council to move forward with the procedure to submit the renewal of the 0.5% income tax for a period of 20 years to the November 7, 2023 election ballot.

Mr. Pozzuto explained that Mr. McDonald would prepare the legislation, which will appear on the agenda of the July 6, 20 and August 3 Council Meetings, but will not be passed by emergency.

Mr. McDonald confirmed that the ordinance providing for the renewal of the tax would not be passed as an emergency, because it does not become effective until passed by the voters.

Mr. Pozzuto asked Mr. McDonald if the ordinance has to be effective before being submitted to the board of elections.

Mr. McDonald replied no, as it will not be in effect until approved by the voters.

There was no further discussion regarding this item.

Mr. Pozzuto had no further reports.

Mr. Shackelford reported on the following items:

Springboro Chamber Golf Outing: This annual golf outing was held on Friday, June 9. Mr. Shackelford commented that it was a very successful and enjoyable golf outing and always sells out.

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

Calendar Updates: Juneteenth Jubilee, Saturday, June 17 with Underground Railroad Tours, Festival at North Park and 3 on 3 Basketball at YMCA; see event times/details at springborojuneteenth.com. Concerts in the Park begin Friday, June 23 and continue every Tuesday at 7:00 PM and every Friday at 7:30 PM in July at North Park. A classical concert series is featured on Sundays in June at 7:00 PM at North Park. The entire concert lineup can be found on the City's website, newsletters and social media.

In addition, the next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, July 6 at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

ITEM 6. CITY COUNCIL. – Issues/Reports.

Ms. Ridd – Ms. Ridd will present an Architectural Review Board report at tonight's Regular Meeting under Reports.

Ms. Iverson – Ms. Iverson will present a Planning Commission report at tonight's Regular Meeting under Reports. In addition, Ms. Iverson commented that she did not attend the Heatherwoode Golf Course Party on the Deck on Wednesday evening, but she heard it from her deck and it was lovely and well attended.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that he has attended the first two parties and the food and entertainment was great.

Ms. Iverson also mentioned that there are a lot of outings booked at the golf course noting how far out they are booked.

Mr. Pozzuto commented that they have had to cut off bookings they were receiving so many.

Mr. Chmiel – No reports.

Mayor Agenbroad – Mayor Agenbroad commented that Council would not meet again prior to July 4; therefore, he will announce details regarding this year's fireworks display at tonight's Regular Meeting. (The City Offices will be closed to observe the Fourth of July holiday on Tuesday, July 4.)

At this time, Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion under ORC121.22(G) to enter Executive Session 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. Iverson motioned. Mr. Chmiel seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Ridd, Yes; Iverson, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [4-0]

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

Executive Session: City Council entered Executive Session at approximately 6:25 PM 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, June 15, 2023 City Council Work Session immediately thereafter.



0.5% Income Tax Sunset



- **In 1988 – the voters passed a ballot measure to raise the income tax 0.5% to 1.5% to pay for improvements to the Wastewater & Water Treatment Plants and other capital improvements.**
- **0.5% income tax is to sunset when all debt is extinguished.**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant debt was extinguished early in 2022 (thus saving \$600,000 in interest payments)**
- **Water Treatment Plant debt will be extinguished at the end of 2023.**



- With the extinguishing of all debt, a decision will need to be made as to renewing, raising or letting the 0.5% income tax expire.
- The 0.5% income tax generates approximately **\$5.6 million** each year (or **33% of our annual tax income**).
- The 0.5% income tax supports things such as police operations, vehicles & protective equipment, street resurfacing, snow plowing, park projects & maintenance, leaf collection – basically operations that require the purchase of large vehicles, equipment and various paving projects & other large scale projects necessary to maintain the City.



DECISION TO BE MADE (between 4 choices):

- **Let the 0.5% tax expire:**
 - The City would need to reduce annual budget by \$5.6 million in 2024.
 - Would need to significantly scale back or eliminate street resurfacing, planned park projects, police vehicle purchases, suspend leaf collection and scale back snow plowing (eventually as snow plows deteriorate).
- **Put renewal of the 0.5% income tax on the ballot in November:**
 - This would NOT raise taxes.
 - Maintain status quo
 - Enable us to maintain high quality services – while maintain the same income tax rate from 1988 (35 years)



DECISION TO BE MADE (between 4 choices):

- **Put a higher income tax rate (new) on the ballot in November:**
 - 0.75% rate would generate an additional \$2.8 million
 - 1.0% rate would generate an additional \$5.6 million
 - 1.25% rate would generate an additional \$8.4 million
- **Let 0.5% income tax rate expire, but place property tax levy on the ballot:**
 - 1 mil generates approximately \$900,000
 - Would need at least 6.22 mils to generate same income tax collections



STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- **Place RENEWAL of the 0.5% income tax on the ballot in November.**
 - **The \$5.6 million that is generated is CRITICAL to essential City operations.**
 - **Our income tax collections have been increasing every year and we see that continuing, even with possible recession on the horizon. (Income tax collections were essentially flat during last recession.)**
 - **We will continue to conservatively budget, watch spending and manage our current budget.**
 - **We don't need any additional money at this point in time and should allow the public to vote on continuing to keep the status quo.**



TIMELINE FOR ANY BALLOT ISSUE (NEW, RENEWAL OR LEVY):

- **Filing deadline is August 8.**
- **Need Resolution to place issue on the ballot AND Ordinance for the tax**
- **Should have 3 readings –**
 - **July 6, July 20, August 3**
- **Issue is filed with Warren & Montgomery County BOEs**
- **Public votes on November 9**

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ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 15, 2023 to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio.

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

Invocation by Council Member Becky Iverson.

ITEM 3. ROLL CALL. Agenbroad, Present; Brunner, Absent; Chmiel, Present; Hanson, Absent; Harding, Absent; Iverson, Present; Ridd, Present. Staff: Mr. Pozzuto, Mr. Shackelford, Mr. McDonald and Ms. Martin were present.

Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to excuse Council Members Dale Brunner, Jack Hanson and Stephen Harding.

Ms. Ridd motioned. Ms. Iverson seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Ridd, Yes; Iverson, Yes. [4-0]

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2023.

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

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

No discussion.

VOTE: Ridd, Yes; Iverson, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [4-0]

ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS: A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF LEMONADE DAY! - JULY 29, 2023.

Mayor Agenbroad presented a proclamation in support of Lemonade Day!, which will be observed on Saturday, July 29 to Eric Ebbert, Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing for River Valley Credit Union.

Mr. Ebbert generally commented as follows: He graduated from Springboro in 1990 and Springboro is a very important City for him personally to get on board with Lemonade Day. River Valley Credit Union has been part of the Springboro community for several decades now and they are proud to be right downtown and to stay downtown. This is the type of community that entrepreneurship is important in, and this is the type of program that will teach Springboro's youth how to be entrepreneurs and how to create a business plan. Thank you very much for proclaiming July 29 as Lemonade Day! Anybody from Springboro can visit www.rivervalleycu.org to participate; it is completely free. Mr. Ebbert concluded his comments by thanking the City and City Council for their support. He is looking forward to July 29 when they are going to have lemonade stands all over the Miami Valley and especially right here in Springboro.

ITEM 6. LEGISLATION: City Council held a Work Session at 6:00 PM tonight for approximately 25 minutes to discuss the following legislative items as well as other City business. During the Work Session, City Council entered Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to 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: SECOND READING. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 42.08 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 7878 & 7914 SHARTS ROAD FROM FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP R1B PUD, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, TO CITY OF SPRINGBORO R-2, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the second reading of an ordinance to amend the City's official zoning map to rezone approximately 42.08 acres located at 7878 & 7914 Sharts Road from Franklin Township R1B PUD, Single-Family Residential Planned Unit Development, to City of Springboro R-2, Low-Density Residential District. This property is subject to an annexation from Franklin Township to the City of Springboro. As part of the annexation process, the property will be rezoned to a City zoning district. The property owner has requested to rezone the property to the City of Springboro R-2, Low Density Residential District.

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

No action required at this time.

2) RESOLUTION R-23-15: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 42.082 ACRES OF UNDEVELOPED LAND LOCATED IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY OHIO ADJACENT TO, AND SOUTH OF, THE INTERSECTION OF ADVANCED DR AND SHARTS RD, was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

(Mr. Pozzuto commented on Legislative Items 2, 3 and 4, as they are all related.)

Legislative Item 2 is for the City to accept the annexation of 42+/- acres, which was the subject of the previous ordinance to rezone the property. Once Legislative Item 2 is adopted, it will be sent to the Warren County Auditor, the Warren County Recorder, Ohio Secretary of State and the Warren County Board of Elections.

Legislative Item 3 authorizes a 503 petition for the annexation. This petition is required by Section 503 of the Ohio Revised Code. The petition will be submitted to the Warren County Board of Commissioners to petition the county to adjust the boundary lines to detach the property from Franklin Township and incorporate it into the City and Clearcreek Township.

Legislative Item 4 approves the purchase of 8.6+/- acres of land in the southern half of the property to be annexed, which will be incorporated into Clearcreek Park to expand the park. As part of the annexation agreement with the property owner to annex the property from Franklin Township to the City, the property owner has agreed to sell approx. 8.6 acres of the land to be annexed to the City for \$66,000. This land purchase will allow the City to expand the boundaries of Clearcreek Park, which is currently approx. 140 acres, by extending the park an additional 8 acres. Again, Legislative Item 4 will authorize the City Manager to sign a contract to purchase approx. 8 acres of the property being annexed from Franklin Township.

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

Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-23-15.

Ms. Ridd motioned. Ms. Iverson seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Ridd, Yes; Iverson, Yes. [4-0]

- 3) **RESOLUTION R-23-16:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PETITION UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE 503.07 AND 503.14 TO ADJUST THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES AND BOUNDARY LINES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE TOWNSHIP AND CONFORM THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO AND CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP, was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

(Refer to comments under Legislative Item 2.)

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

Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-23-16.

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

No discussion.

VOTE: Ridd, Yes; Iverson, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [4-0]

- 4) **RESOLUTION R-23-17:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 8.6 +/- ACRES OF LAND IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE ANNEXED 42.082 ACRE PROPERTY FORMALLY LOCATED IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY OHIO, was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto's comments are summarized as follows:

(Refer to comments under Legislative Item 2.)

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

Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-23-17.

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

No discussion.

VOTE: Iverson, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Ridd, Yes. [4-0]

ITEM 7. REPORTS: Mayor's Report – Juneteenth Jubilee, Saturday, June 17 with Underground Railroad tours, festival at North Park and 3 on 3 basketball at the YMCA; see event details at springborojuneteenth.com.

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

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

Wright Station Upgrades: The work on the center park at Wright Station is moving along quickly and the contractor anticipates completing the project by the end of next week. Community Relations Director Maureen Russell-Hodgson, who is in the audience, will be programming the new central park area with concerts and various entertainment.

Mayor Agenbroad commented that City Council really appreciates all of the fantastic things Ms. Russell-Hodgson does in Springboro.

Committee Reports –

Ms. Ridd – Architectural Review Board – The ARB met on June 12 to review the following items: The board approved applications for a projecting sign at 205-209 South Main Street for a new hair salon where shop smitten was formerly located and roof replacement at 15 Keevers Point, the historic landmark structure that is located in Heatherwoode Farms, which is their clubhouse, pool house and a small smoke house.

Ms. Iverson commented that she did not realize that was part of the City's historic buildings.

Ms. Ridd replied yes, that structure is a landmark structure; therefore, all three of those buildings are included in the City's historic properties overseen by the board.

Ms. Iverson – Planning Commission – The Planning Commission met on June 14 to review the following items: **Final Approval** – Final Development Plan, 465 West Factory Road, Hills-Swope property of Wadestone subdivision, residential subdivision; **Final Approval** – Record Plan, Springboro Business Park, Section Five; **Final Approval** – Record Plan, South Tech Business Park, Section Twenty; **Preliminary Review** – Site Plan Review, 3233 South Tech Boulevard, proposed new Innomark building; **Preliminary Review** – Major Revision to Approved General Plan, Village Park PUD-MU, Planned Unit Development-Mixed Use, change in list of permitted uses for retail component, south of Springboro Wine and Spirits; **Preliminary Review** – Site Plan Review, West of Intersection of West Central Avenue (SR 73) and Tahlequah Trail, new Taco John's restaurant. Taco John's withdrew their application from the review process.

In addition, the next Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Mr. Chmiel – Concerts in the Park have begun with a classical concert series on Sundays in June at 7:00 PM at North Park. The popular concert series will begin Friday, June 23 and continue every Tuesday at 7:00 PM and every Friday at 7:30 PM in July at North Park. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own seating. Concessions and food trucks will be available and Friday concerts also include beer sales.

In addition, the Naked Karate Girls will perform on Friday, June 30 at 7:30 PM and the Journey tribute band, E5C4P3, will perform on Saturday, July 1 at 7:30 PM. The entire concert lineup can be found on the City's website, newsletters and social media.

At this time, Mayor Agenbroad announced that the City will sponsor a fireworks display at Springboro High School on Tuesday, July 4 at 10:00 PM. There will be food trucks at 6:00 PM and a band at 7:00 PM. The fireworks event is open to the public and free, with the exception of the food trucks.

ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS. No Other Business.

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

ITEM 10. GUEST COMMENTS. No Guest Comments.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION. No Executive Session.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked the MVCC for tonight's telecast and scheduled rebroadcasts of this Springboro City Council Meeting.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT. With no further business, Mayor Agenbroad called for a motion to adjourn the Thursday, June 15, 2023 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting at approximately 7:15 PM.

Ms. Iverson motioned. Ms. Ridd seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Iverson, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Ridd, Yes. [4-0]

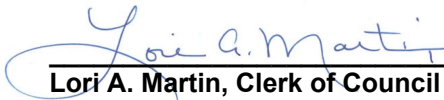
—MEETING ADJOURNED—



John H. Agenbroad, Mayor

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Presiding Officer



Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council