

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

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011

6:00 PM

COUNCIL

John Agenbroad, Mayor
Tom LaDu, Deputy Mayor Marie Belpulsi
Jim Chmiel 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 Work Session to order on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio.
- ITEM 2. ATTENDANCE. Council:** Ms. Belpulsi and Ms. Lairson were absent. **Staff:** Ms. Thompson, Mr. Pozzuto, Police Chief Kruithoff, Mr. Schaeffer, and Ms. Martin were present.
- ITEM 3. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. –Seventeen legislative agenda items were reviewed for July 21.**

CONSENT AGENDA

(All items under the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. Any City Council Member may, however, remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. Items removed for separate discussion and action will be considered under the Regular Agenda following the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.)

Mayor Agenbroad commented that a motion would be made to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings followed by a motion to adopt Legislative Items 1-12 as a Consent Agenda.

There was no further discussion concerning Legislative Items 1-12 (Annual Street Lighting Assessments).

- 1) ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND PROVIDING CERTAIN MAINTENANCE FOR LOTS 1-31 IN BECK RIDGE IN SECTION ONE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
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- 5) **ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND PROVIDING CERTAIN MAINTENANCE IN RICHARDS RUN SECTION ONE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
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- 8) **ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND PROVIDING CERTAIN MAINTENANCE IN RICHARDS RUN SECTION FOUR SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 9) **ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING IN LOTS 23-44 OF THE NORTH HILLS OF STONE RIDGE, SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 10) **ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING IN LOTS 73-75 OF THE NORTH HILLS OF STONE RIDGE, SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 11) **ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING IN LOTS 77-107 OF THE NORTH HILLS OF STONE RIDGE SECTION FOUR, SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 12) **ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING IN LOTS 108-123 OF THE NORTH HILLS OF STONE RIDGE SECTION FIVE, SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.

END CONSENT AGENDA

BEGIN REGULAR AGENDA

- 13) **ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECORD PLAN BEING A RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 741, SOUTH MAIN STREET.

No discussion.

- 14) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WG STANG, LLC TO COMPLETE THE GILPIN DRIVE – SOUTH STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

No discussion.

- 15) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRAD EVANS EXCAVATING TO COMPLETE THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS IN THE SETTLERS WALK SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Vomacka asked which sidewalks would be completed in Settlers Walk.

Ms. Thompson answered that almost all of the sidewalks in Settlers Walk will be completed. Ms. Thompson explained that the gaps would be filled in to complete the sidewalk sections that are not complete.

- 16) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DOUBLE JAY CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO COMPLETE THE NORTH MAIN STREET CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS.

Ms. Thompson commented that spot sidewalk and curb repairs will be made by the City rather than burdening the business community with the cost of the improvements. These improvements will be made in anticipation of the resurfacing of north State Route 741 by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) next year.

- 17) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MORTON SALT TO PURCHASE UP TO 2700 TONS OF ROCK SALT, MORE OR LESS, FOR THE WINTER STREET CLEARING OPERATIONS.

No discussion.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER. –Issues/Reports.

Executive Session: *Ms. Thompson requested an Executive Session, following the Work Session discussion, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.*

Citizen Survey: *Ms. Thompson commented that Dr. Mark Morris from Miami University will present the results of the Citizen Satisfaction Survey during tonight's Regular Meeting. Ms. Thompson further commented that most items appear to have held standard and some positive issues have been pointed out, which are contained in the report of the survey results and will be presented this evening.*

Inspection Services: *Ms. Thompson commented that discussions are ongoing with Carlisle City Manager Sherry Callahan to work toward an agreement to assist Carlisle with building inspections. Ms. Thompson commented that National Inspection Corporation (NIC) has changed personnel and the City is considering shifting Property Maintenance and Chief Building Official responsibilities to an inspector who was formally employed with NIC and is now working independently. There is a question as to whether NIC will remain viable in the coming years and the City's contract with them will expire in August. Ms. Thompson further commented that rather than wait to see what happens with respect to NIC's future, it may be best to enter into a contract with a different provider at this time. Ms. Thompson continued by commenting that the City currently conducts six Property Maintenance sweeps per year. The contracted company is then responsible for assisting the City with any mowing issues that arise as well as helping to testify in any court cases resulting from non-compliance. Ms. Thompson also commented that the frequency of property maintenance sweeps has not been discussed for a long time with respect to whether Council is satisfied with the six sweeps or if the number should be increased. Ms. Thomson suggested that now would be a good time to open this discussion due to the possibility*

of a new contract being put in place for inspection services. The change could be built into the new contract if necessary. Ms. Thompson added that the same process that residents use to report property maintenance issues will remain in place; only the phone number to call will change.

Business Retention: Ms. Thompson stated that she is very pleased with the reports she has received from the City's Business Retention Specialist Nick Motto in regard to how well businesses in the City seem to be doing. Ms. Thompson explained that some companies will be expanding in the next year and a contract and site plans for the 2.45 acres owned by the City at South Tech Business Park will be presented to the Planning Commission for review in the near future.

At this time, Mayor Agenbroad requested an Executive Session, under R.C.121.22(G), following the Work Session discussion to discuss pending litigation.

Mr. Vomacka motioned to enter Executive Session under R.C.121.22(G), following the Work Session discussion, to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Moore seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Vomacka, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes. [5-0]

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

Calendar Update: Marty Heide, Warren County Outreach Coordinator for the 3rd U.S. District, will be in the Community Room on Friday, July 22, 2011 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM conducting office hours on behalf of Congressman Turner. The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 27 has been canceled. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled. The final concert of the "Concerts in the Park" series for 2011 will take place on Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 PM at North Park.

Ward Boundaries: Ms. Martin informed Council that based on revisions that were made to the City's Charter in 2008, Council will need to revisit the Ward Boundaries with respect to the 2010 census population. The Charter Review Commission felt this was an important issue during the last Charter review. The Charter now requires that Council re-divide the wards within one year following the receipt of the census information. Ms. Martin plans to review the boundaries once she obtains the information needed from the Census Bureau and will present a ward re-division proposal for Council's consideration at some point in the future.

Ms. Thompson asked what the change to the population was based on the 2010 Census.

Ms. Martin answered that the City's population increased by approximately 5,000 people.

ITEM 6. CITY COUNCIL. –Issues/Reports.

Mr. Moore – Mr. Moore will present a Tree Authority report at tonight's Regular Meeting under Committee Reports.

Mr. Chmiel – Mr. Chmiel will announce the final concert in the "Concerts in the Park" series at tonight's Regular Meeting under Committee Reports.

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

Mr. LaDu – Mr. LaDu will present a Finance Committee report at tonight's Regular Meeting under Committee Reports.

Mayor Agenbroad – No issues/reports.

National Night Out: At this time, Chief Kruithoff commented that Officer Lisa Walsh, who handles the Crime Prevention Program for the Police Department, has identified a couple of neighborhoods that would like to have some type of block party to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2. Chief Kruithoff stated that he would provide a list of the participating neighborhoods to Council.

9/11 Memorial: Also, Chief Kruithoff informed Council that an artifact (an I-beam) from the World Trade Center and some other materials will be on display at the City Building the first week of August. Warren County will hold a ground breaking ceremony for the 9/11 Memorial in which the artifact will be placed on September 11, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the Warren County Administration Building. Warren County will provide notice regarding the details of the ceremony.

Executive Session: At approximately 6:14 PM, City Council entered Executive Session to discuss pending litigation; whereby, the City Law Director was present.

With no objections, City Council exited Executive Session at approximately 6:38 PM; whereby, no votes were taken.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT. With no further discussion, Mayor Agenbroad adjourned the July 21, 2011 City Council Work Session at approximately 6:38 PM.

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ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting to order on Thursday, July 21, 2011 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, Absent; Chmiel, Present; LaDu, Present; Lairson, Absent; Moore, Present; Vomacka, Present. Staff: Ms. Thompson, Mr. Pozzuto, Police Chief Kruthoff, Mr. Schaeffer, and Ms. Martin were present.

Mr. Vomacka motioned to excuse Ms. Belpulsi and Ms. Lairson from the meeting. Mr. Chmiel seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [5-0]

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 7, 2011.

Mr. Moore motioned to approve the Minutes of the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting of July 7, 2011. Mr. LaDu seconded the motion.

No corrections.

VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; LaDu, Yes. [5-0]

ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS: CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS PRESENTED BY DR. MARK MORRIS, MIAMI UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS. Mayor Agenbroad introduced Dr. Mark Morris from the Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs. Mayor Agenbroad stated that Dr. Morris is here to

convey the Citizen Satisfaction Survey results and he appreciates Dr. Morris attending the meeting this evening.

Dr. Morris made the following comments regarding the Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results: (A copy of the Citizen Attitudes and Public Opinion Survey Results – Spring 2011 will be filed with the minutes for the record.) Dr. Morris began his comments by stating that this is the second time that the Center has presented the results of the survey. Dr. Morris explained that he works for the Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs, which is a grant funded research center that has been in business since the mid 1980s. One of the benefits of the Center is young, intelligent students that they can leverage, which allows them to do projects like this at a much lower cost. In terms of production, there are only three full-time staff members at the Center and they could never take on a project the size of this one without the help of the students and he wants to give them credit; they had a great team this time with 13 students. As a reminder, the Center conducted a similar survey in 2008 to set the baseline for the City. Dr. Morris explained that they recommend a second survey a minimum of three, four or five years later to take a second look and continue that cycle to ultimately see a change in time. Surveys are ephemeral, they are a point in time, snapshots; they are not motion pictures. The 2008 survey might be interesting, but is really of no value to the City today. It is important for the City and the citizens to understand the survey process. Springboro is a very large community for the Center to work with; they tend to work with smaller communities. In Springboro's case, there are about 6,000 residential households. For a community of this size, they use a sample and sampling can be a controversial method. Dr. Morris confirmed that some Council Members received the survey. Dr. Morris continued by explaining that they did use sampling, which means not everyone received a survey. They use a software package that randomly selects the recipients. The City's newsletter mailing list, no names simply addresses, was loaded into a computer program and they told the program how many addresses they wanted to pull out. In this case, they pulled out 1,250 addresses and that became the survey mailing list. For those who did not receive the survey, there are copies of it to review. The random sampling technique allows them to take the results and generalize the views of the whole community. General goals are stated on the front of the survey such as it is a mail survey, survey results will reflect general attitudes and opinions toward City government, services, etc., and it gives residents an opportunity to provide feedback by including space for written comments, which generates some interesting feedback as to what people think and do not think. Most of the questions are forced choice questions meaning people have to choose an answer, which allows them to compile an aggregate answer for the questions. This report is similar to the last report in 2008 in terms of look and feel; the difference is the report now compares 2008 to 2011 and that is where the City will get the value from the survey. They started with 1,250 households and ended up with 1,197 households, as the final number surveyed. If it is a vacant household, it is excluded from the count. When the survey was conducted, they were a little worried about vacancies in the current environment with foreclosures and all of the other ongoing economic issues and thought they might see an uptick in terms of the number of vacant households, but they really did not see that in Springboro. They got a large number of good households they could use and a great response rate of over 500 responses of the 1,250 that were sent out, which is a tremendous complement to the community. The survey response rate was 43% compared to the 44.5% response to the last survey. The last time they surveyed they took a bigger sample; they actually surveyed 2,000 households. They really did not need to do that many; it was really more to push information out, but this time they cut it back and fell within almost the same margin of error with a much smaller sample. From a process and production perspective, it was much more cost effective to use a smaller sample. The response rate for confidence intervals was 43.3%. Every survey has a plus or minus; this survey had a plus or minus 4.1%. This means that you take the number you see, which is 40% and the range is between 36% and 44%. In other words, if they were to perform this survey 100 times, they predict that 95 times it would fall within that 8 point range and that is sampling or that is what the sampling allows them to do. If you see a 40% number, it is not necessarily a hard and fast guaranteed number, there is a range because they are not sampling every household and getting every single respondent, but plus or minus the 4% range is very, very good particularly when you are looking for opinions or trends. Dr. Morris asked the question, if you want to know ultimately what voters think what do you do and how is it ultimately decided –

the answer is through an election. Elections count everyone; everyone counts in an election. This survey is not an election and does not count everyone. The survey report is laid out beginning with key findings and goes through the process. Dr. Morris explained that they used a modified-Dillman approach, which involves four contacts with the resident. They sent the survey packet and 7 to 10 days later they sent a reminder card and 7-10 days later they sent another packet and 7 to 10 days later they sent another reminder card. This approach is how they got the 43% response rate; they continually contacted the residents by sending a second and third and in this case a fourth reminder to participate. Their average response rate is 49% typically; this method allows them to get the high response rates. Dr. Morris referred to the demographics detailed on page 27 of the survey report. Dr. Morris explained that because they are sampling, they send out the survey and they do not know who is going to respond. In community surveys, married people, homeowners, and females tend to respond at a slightly higher rate; therefore, they over sample those groups a little bit. They assume married homeowners tend to respond higher than others because they feel they have a more vested interest in and a connection to the community. They tend to under report or under sample singles. In this case, they were a little low on households with minor children. Families were not as represented as they would have liked although the number is within about 10%. Home ownership is about 10% over. Dr. Morris commented that these numbers are very consistent and very typical of all of the community surveys he has conducted over the last 10 years. Dr. Morris further commented that the survey asks that the household use the "next birthday" protocol. Dr. Morris explained the use of the "next birthday" protocol as follows: The first person to the mailbox often fills out the survey. Dr. Morris explained that in his house the first person to the mailbox is always his wife; he never checks the mail. Thus, they try to encourage a methodology that would allow them to hopefully get a more balanced approach. For example, if the wife of the household is always the person getting the mail, and again they see that women tend to over sample in these surveys, the "next birthday" protocol would encourage another person in the household to complete the survey. Compared to the City's census data, which resulted in 51% female respondents, this survey sample resulted in 56% female respondents. Dr. Morris commented that the percentage of women who completed the survey is not so skewed that they cannot use the results as valid and useful measures. To highlight the results, Dr. Morris explained that they bucket people by time periods or how long they have lived in Springboro. The largest single category was six to ten years, which is a fairly long-term resident. Over one-third of the people who responded were in that category and 46% of the people who responded have lived in Springboro ten years or more based on the next two categories. Therefore, long-term residents were the primary respondents and were people who were familiar with Springboro. In this kind of approach, residents of six to ten years have certainly seen the changes in the community over time. In essence, the survey had long invested community members responding to it. Dr. Morris continued his comments by stating that 90% of the residents surveyed are satisfied or very satisfied living in Springboro. In 2008, it was 89%; therefore, it is basically flat to 2008 with 89% versus 90%. Again, 89% is a pretty positive number from the City's standpoint. Residents appreciate what the City does and how the City does it and want to make Springboro their home. Dr. Morris stated that 55% of the respondents felt that Springboro has stayed the same over the last three years, which is a little down from the last survey three years ago because the first time a survey is sent to people they get excited and fill it in, but this time the survey is not as new to them. Dr. Morris commented that he would not necessarily worry that more people are not satisfied or think it is getting better. If Springboro is like the City he lives in it certainly has had some challenges the last few years in terms of economics, etc. Dr. Morris stated that, in this environment, he thinks to have people say they are satisfied or the numbers to say that the City is getting better is a very positive indicator on the City's part. Also, two-thirds of the respondents are happy and intend to stay here, which again is a very positive response looking forward. Dr. Morris continued to interpret the results as Springboro having a stable community, people like what the City is doing and they like the services provided here. In terms of comments, the respondents like the location; it is an excellent location to get to and from places such as recreation, work, and school. The survey also asked residents to write three things they like about living in Springboro and three things they dislike about living in Springboro. That question received some interesting comments, which are all over the map. Dr. Morris explained that they run content analysis on the comments, a method explained in the report, and try to aggregate the answers into categories that make sense. The

most frequently cited reasons for liking to live in Springboro are quality of life and proximity. People generally like the feel of the community and the people here. They saw comments like, "I like my neighbors" or "It is a nice place to walk" or "It is convenient to school, it is convenient to work," which are the very positive comments. On the dislikes side, there are always a few people who comment on the quality of public services. When you ask people to find something wrong, they are going to find something. There were actually fewer dislikes than likes. If you total the numbers, there were about 2,000 likes and 1,500 dislikes. People seemed to run out of energy when it came to actually identifying the dislikes. Lastly, in terms of communication, there were a couple of questions about how people get their information from the City and the answer was mainly newsletters. Dr. Morris stated that he found it interesting that the newspaper percentage has fallen precipitously. The survey went from almost one-half in 2008 to about one-third in 2011 of people who indicated that they rely on newspapers for information about City events, information, news, etc. For the City, the challenge is that if newspapers are becoming less important, how and where does the City convey information. It is an important issue that the City will have to continue to deal with and ask the question how does the City get its message out and how does the City communicate with people. The website percentage went up a little, but not dramatically. The City newsletter is very popular, but is also very expensive to print and mail. The City might want to consider or at least keep an eye on how to make sure people know what is going on in the City as you move forward. Dr. Morris referred to the chart on page 18, which is a multi-colored bar chart. Dr. Morris explained that what you would want to see are large red bars and small green bars. Large red bars mean services have gotten better, small green bars mean services have gotten worse. The two areas where they saw the most as far as large red bars are street and road conditions; 26% of the respondents thought they have gotten better, but it also shows that 17% thought they have gotten worse making the City a little bit ahead of the game in this area. Dr. Morris also pointed out that 34% of the respondents thought snow and ice removal has gotten better and he tips his hat to the City because they surveyed after the winter season making this result a positive. Yellow bars mean there is really no change; a lot of yellow bars appear on the chart. Dr. Morris explained that the only two changes to the survey instrument from the last time were the questions concerning wayfaring signs and the income tax program. This time the survey asked about the leaf collection and recycling programs. The recycling program is overwhelmingly popular; people are very happy with the program. In fact, 87% are satisfied with that particular program. The number of satisfied respondents concerning the leaf collection program is fairly low at 35%. Dr. Morris explained that a lot of people responded that they just did not need it or did not use it for reasons such as they mulch at home or they live in an apartment, etc. It was not so much that they did not like the program as much as they simply did not need it. There were also some awareness issues concerning the program; they did not know the City had a leaf collection program or the City was offering it. Again, this response goes hand-in-hand with the communication piece in regard to how the City can make people more aware of what is going on. Dr. Morris reiterated that the respondents were not negative about the leaf collection program; they simply did not use it. Overall, the recycling was very positive. If there was any complaint about recycling, it was the frequency and the container size. Some people wanted bigger containers and some people wanted smaller containers.

Ms. Thompson commented that residents have four different sizes of recycle containers to choose from.

Dr. Morris asked if the frequency had switched from every week to every other week.

Mr. Pozzuto replied yes, the City did change the frequency of pick up to every other week.

Dr. Morris commented that there are some of those types of comments concerning the recycling program, but 87% were satisfied with the program. Dr. Morris stated that he tried to highlight the items the City might want to look at. Dr. Morris further stated that he was very impressed; the survey response rate was great. Overall, there were no significant shifts from 2008 and considering everything that has happened and considering what is going on in federal, state, and local governments right now he expected a lot more hostility in the survey feedback. Dr. Morris commented that people seem to be fed up with government and they think government is too big

and governments are dealing with all of the economic and financial issues. Dr. Morris again stated that he thought he would see more negativity and it just was not there. Dr. Morris suggested that maybe Springboro is still ahead of the curve right now and maybe if the City has to make some tough decisions going forward the consequences have not really taken effect yet. Dr. Morris continued by commenting that to survey in this environment and get these kinds of positive responses indicating that people are generally satisfied with what the City is doing he thinks is a real tribute to what the City has done and the City should take some real comfort in that, but it does not mean the City should stop doing what it does. Dr. Morris addressed the moderate growth question, which indicated that people want moderate growth in Springboro. Dr. Morris explained that if there were any complaints it was traffic, the City is growing too fast or there is not enough of this or that. Dr. Morris commented that if the City ever figures out what moderate growth is and can manage and control it, the City could run the whole state, if not the whole country. The moderate growth response again is surprising and indicates that the Springboro community is looking forward and people are not stuck. Dr. Morris explained that he has conducted some surveys where people do not want change; they want everything to stay the same and they tell people the only thing that will stay the same is, if they do not change it, it will change around them. Dr. Morris stated that he thinks Springboro has done a good job of dealing with growth. Dr. Morris offered to answer any questions or address any comments of Council. There were no questions or comments.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Dr. Morris for his work on this survey and for sharing the survey information with Council this evening.

Dr. Morris thanked Mayor Agenbroad and City Council and stated that Council may contact him or Ms. Thompson with any questions or comments regarding the 2011 survey results.

ITEM 6. LEGISLATION: City Council held a Work Session at 6:00 PM tonight for approximately 14 minutes to discuss the following legislation as well as other City business. During the Work Session, City Council entered Executive Session for approximately 24 minutes to discuss pending litigation; whereby, the City's Law Director was present and no votes were taken.

Mayor Agenbroad presented a motion to temporarily suspend the Rules of Council to amend the Order of Business to include a Consent Agenda consisting of Legislative Items 1 through 12 to be considered in aggregate, without discussion or amendment. Mayor Agenbroad commented that Ms. Martin will read Legislative Items 1 through 12 of the Consent Agenda and Ms. Thompson will comment following the reading of those items. Action will be taken following the reading and comments.

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Ms. Martin read Legislative Items 1 through 12 as follows:

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- 4) **ORDINANCE O-11-17: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING IN THE VILLAGES OF CREEKSIDE, SECTION SIX, SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 5) **ORDINANCE O-11-18: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND PROVIDING CERTAIN MAINTENANCE IN RICHARDS RUN SECTION ONE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 6) **ORDINANCE O-11-19: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND PROVIDING CERTAIN MAINTENANCE IN RICHARDS RUN SECTION TWO SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 7) **ORDINANCE O-11-20: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND PROVIDING CERTAIN MAINTENANCE IN RICHARDS RUN SECTION THREE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 8) **ORDINANCE O-11-21: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND PROVIDING CERTAIN MAINTENANCE IN RICHARDS RUN SECTION FOUR SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 9) **ORDINANCE O-11-22: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING IN LOTS 23-44 OF THE NORTH HILLS OF STONE RIDGE, SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 10) **ORDINANCE O-11-23: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING IN LOTS 73-75 OF THE NORTH HILLS OF STONE RIDGE, SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 11) **ORDINANCE O-11-24: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING IN LOTS 77-107 OF THE NORTH HILLS OF STONE RIDGE SECTION FOUR, SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.
- 12) **ORDINANCE O-11-25: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING IN LOTS 108-123 OF THE NORTH HILLS OF STONE RIDGE SECTION FIVE, SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY.

Ms. Thompson commented on Legislative Items 1 through 12 as follows:

Legislative Items 1 through 12 of the Consent Agenda are ordinances levying special assessments for the operation and maintenance of street lighting in certain subdivisions in the City. This legislation allows for the final assessments for the operation and maintenance of street lights in the subdivision sections listed by Ms. Martin to be submitted to Warren County to be placed on the 2011 tax bills. The total amount of the assessments for 2011 is \$21,381.38. The

assessments will be certified to the County Auditor to be placed on the tax duplicate and collected in one installment from the property owners. The deadline to file the assessments with the Warren County Auditor's Office is September 12, 2011.

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

Mr. Vomacka motioned to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinances O-11-14 through O-11-25. Mr. Moore seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Vomacka, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes. [5-0]

Mayor Agenbroad asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; thereby, adopting Legislative Items 1 through 12, Ordinances O-11-14 through O-11-25, in aggregate without discussion or amendment.

Mr. Chmiel motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; thereby, adopting Legislative Items 1 through 12, Ordinances O-11-14 through O-11-25. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.

VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [5-0]

END CONSENT AGENDA

BEGIN REGULAR AGENDA

- 13) ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECORD PLAN BEING A RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 741, SOUTH MAIN STREET," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the first reading of an ordinance approving the record plan being a right-of-way dedication of a portion of State Route 741, South Main Street, located south of Edinburgh Drive and containing 0.556 acres. This ordinance approves the record plan for the right-of-way for the completed sidewalk improvements along S. Main Street to allow the "walk safe to school program." Land was acquired as part of those improvements and the record plan will dedicate the land acquired as right-of-way. The record plan for the right-of-way dedication was prepared by McDougall Marsh Land Surveyors and was approved by the Planning Commission on June 29, 2011.

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

No action required at this time.

- 14) RESOLUTION R-11-26:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WG STANG, LLC TO COMPLETE THE GILPIN DRIVE – SOUTH STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT 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 WG Stang to complete the Gilpin Drive – South Street Roadway Improvement Project. This project allows for the installation of curb and gutter on South Street and the east side of Gilpin Drive. Sidewalk will be installed on the south side of South Street and storm sewers will be installed to control drainage in that area. The pavement and base will be completely removed and replaced. The City

received five bids for this project. The lowest bid was received from WG Stang, LLC at \$258,215; the high bid was \$309,910. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$310,000. Mayor Agenbroad presented the item for questions/comments of Council. No questions/comments.

Mr. Vomacka motioned to adopt Resolution R-11-26. Mr. Chmiel seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [5-0]

- 15) **RESOLUTION R-11-27:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRAD EVANS EXCAVATING TO COMPLETE THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS IN THE SETTLERS WALK SUBDIVISION," 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 Brad Evans Excavating to complete the installation of sidewalks in the Settlers Walk Subdivision. During staff discussion, it was determined that there are unimproved lots in the Settlers Walk Subdivision that completely disrupt pedestrian and bicycle pathways from one area to another within the subdivision and to State Route 741 and major corridors. The City has pulled some existing performance bonds for Settlers Walk to complete this project. The project will complete sidewalks on unimproved lots in every area in Settlers Walk except The Cove and Stonebridge, which are not being completed at this time due to the very large number of lots that are still available and sidewalk improvements are normally the responsibility of the homebuilder. At this time, the City is going to use the money from the performance bonds to complete the sidewalk work in the sections of Settlers Walk other than The Cove and Stonebridge. The City received three bids for this project. The low bid was received from Brad Evans Excavating at \$43,260. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$60,000.

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

Mr. Vomacka motioned to adopt Resolution R-11-27. Mr. LaDu seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; LaDu, Yes. [5-0]

- 16) **RESOLUTION R-11-28:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DOUBLE JAY CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO COMPLETE THE NORTH MAIN STREET CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS," 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 Double Jay Construction to complete the North Main Street Concrete Improvements in anticipation of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) resurfacing project scheduled for 2012. During staff discussion, it was determined that the City would replace some of the damaged and deteriorating curb and sidewalk along N. Main Street rather than the business community absorbing those costs in the current economic environment. The City is able to make those improvements with the assistance of ODOT's resurfacing project. The project will be funded from the Street Capital Improvement Budget. The City received three bids for this project. The low bid was submitted by Double Jay Construction at \$64,956. #1 Construction, LLC and Rhule Excavating also submitted bids for the project. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$70,000. Actually, the City received eight total bids for this project; the three lowest bids are reflected in the Legislative Cover Memorandum.

Mayor Agenbroad presented the item for questions/comments of Council.

Mr. Vomacka asked for the limits of the project.

Ms. Thompson answered that the project extends from State Route 73 to the north corporation limit.

Mr. Vomacka motioned to adopt Resolution R-11-28. Mr. LaDu seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; LaDu, Yes. [5-0]

- 17) **RESOLUTION R-11-29:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MORTON SALT TO PURCHASE UP TO 2700 TONS OF ROCK SALT, MORE OR LESS, FOR THE WINTER STREET CLEARING OPERATIONS," 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 Morton Salt to purchase up to 2700 tons of rock salt for winter street clearing operations in order to prepare for winter weather conditions. The City was able to secure the price of \$66.80 per ton, which will be funded from the Street Fund. The City received three bids from the following companies: Morton Salt, North American Salt, and American Rock Salt Company. Morton Salt submitted the low bid at \$66.80 per ton. Last year, the City paid \$63.84 per ton.

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

Mr. LaDu motioned to adopt Resolution R-11-29. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [5-0]

- ITEM 7. REPORTS: Mayor's Report** – The 3rd U.S. District Office Hours will be held on Friday, July 22, 1:00-2:00 PM in the Community Room. The next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 6:00 PM followed by the City Council Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled. Mayor Agenbroad also commented that he has received some phone calls regarding the medians on State Route 73 and thanked City Manager Chris Thompson and Assistant City Manager Chris Pozzuto for taking care of that issue; the medians look a lot better.

City Manager's Report – Ms. Thompson announced that this year is Heatherwoode Golf Course's 20th Anniversary. On August 20th, Heatherwoode will be culminating the summer's activities surrounding the anniversary with a golf tournament, which begins at 1:30 PM. As part of the golf tournament, Billy Casper will be visiting Heatherwoode. Billy Casper is a very famous, well known golfer and has agreed to participate in the event, as the City uses Billy Casper Golf Management to operate the golf course. Mr. Casper will meet with golfers on the driving range and will then be on the golf course. City Council and various members of the community and certainly anyone who is interested are welcome to contact Heatherwoode Golf Course to sign up for the tournament. The cost is \$75 for a round of golf, dinner, and entertainment.

In addition, Mr. Pozzuto commented that the City would like to welcome a new business to Springboro. The business is Hardy Diagnostics. The company purchased the Dalco Building at 425 South Pioneer Boulevard. Mr. Pozzuto further commented that Hardy Diagnostics is a California company and it is nice to have some out-of-state investment in Springboro. Mr. Pozzuto explained that the company makes cultures for medical testing. A lot of the company's clients are research firms, universities, hospitals, doctors' offices, etc. Hardy Diagnostics is allowing Dalco and Caesar Creek Software to remain in the building as tenants; hence, the City

was able to retain two businesses and welcome a new business to Springboro. The company is starting with 10 employees and hopes to increase the number of employees by bringing people to Springboro from California over the next few years.

Committee Reports –

Mr. Moore – Tree Authority – The Tree Authority met on July 19 and discussed the following items: The Emerald Ash Borer continues to infest Ash Trees. The City is conducting assessments at the parks and Ash Trees are being marked for removal in August. The City has also completed the planting of 106 trees and removed 40 trees this year.

Mr. Chmiel – Mr. Chmiel announced that the final concert in the "Concerts in the Park" series will be held on Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 PM at North Park Amphitheater featuring "Phil Dirt and the Dozers." Mr. Chmiel invited everyone to attend and enjoy the last concert.

Mr. Vomacka – Architectural Review Board – The Architectural Review Board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 11 was canceled due to a lack of action items; however, the Board will meet on Monday August 8 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled. At the August 8 meeting, the Board expects to review the long-term plan for the maintenance of the Null Cabin. Mr. Vomacka commented that anyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Mr. LaDu – Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met earlier this evening at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers and reviewed the financials for May with staff. The Committee also adopted some recommended tuning to the City's investment policy and was informed that more than 20 residents have been approved for the Water and Sewer Assistance Program.

ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS. No Other Business.

ITEM 9. FINAL COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMENTS. Mayor Agenbroad thanked Ms. Thompson, Mr. Pozzuto, and staff for all the work they did at Heatherwoode clearing trees, etc. Mayor Agenbroad stated that he and Councilman Chmiel have been receiving tremendous compliments on how well it looks. Again, Mayor Agenbroad thanked staff for all of their hard work.

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.

Mr. Moore motioned to adjourn the meeting; whereby, the Thursday, July 21, 2011 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:34 PM. Mr. Chmiel seconded the motion.

VOTE: Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [5-0]

—MEETING ADJOURNED—

John H. Agenbroad

John H. Agenbroad, Mayor

Presiding Officer

Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council