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2016 Ward Meeting

What would make Springfield the “Model” city?

- Entertainment
- Cleanliness
- Curb appeal for the city itself
- Sense of community. People feel like they are connected to each other
- Easy to get around: public transportation, walkability, etc.
- Safety. Crime is down. Low crime and pedestrians feel free to walk everywhere.
- Good urban planning
- Affordability: range available for different incomes.
- Thriving job market
- Education
- Activities, events and attractions for all ages
- More small business. Entrepreneurial
- Green spaces

Issues

- Road issues. Need to annex south of Toronto Road. Who is responsible for what and what is the tax difference?
 - Ridgeview is an issue because it is not a hole in the donut but property is now going to be in the city. Taking care of the road up until the other property/townships begins.
- Eleventh Street Extension: when will it be done? Making plans available on the website about 11th Street
- Capital City Shopping Center: it has been empty. How do we build it back up so it doesn't go downhill? What is the plan?
- Priority of cutting grass. Schedule of cut and make it a schedule that makes sense and flows. Some areas get neglected and need help. Trees are down. For example Villa Grove, Hazel Dell
 - Mowing, quality timing, regular process – report that.
 - Informing the public about our processes. How do we do the mowing?
- Deer population is bad. Need to do something about it. Communicate about controlled hunt through IDNR.
- Speed limit signs needed – west of Lindsey bridge
- Reassess Zoning around Lake Springfield. Rather complicated but needs to be reassessed.
- City and School District 186 need to work together about a campaign about littering. Using volunteer and youth to do clean up but also an awareness campaign that littering is against the law and bad.
 - Young people don't understand any more.
 - Partnering with youth – like fire and police and retailers to stop the littering.
- Problem with weeds and grass on exit ramp off of 55
- Panhandling on the exits: Stevenson and S. 6th Street, LeJune Drive.
- High rate of accidents on Toronto Road and Cotton Hill and Toronto and 6th Street – who is responsible on that and needs to be addressed. More signage needed.
- Garbage haulers: can they do quadrants or divide areas in some way so they aren't driving the same streets all the time.

- Adding a lane to Williamsville, Chatham, Springfield exits because it causes a bottle neck at I55. Ends in 2 lanes vs. 3.
- Oldest and most mature trees are around the lake. Lake Springfield is epicenter. We are selective cutting with Ash Tree. Where are we going with that?
 - Since they want to take the Ash trees out. Is it responsible of the lease owner or the city?
 - City has allowed/permitted owners to do it selectively but city needs to look into it further and explain.
- Dredging issue with limited access to shallow waters.
- Phosphorus in the lake is an issue. Poor standards due to dredging and geese. Changing to sewers from septic would be a huge help.
- Franklin Park Association: safety of school children walking from Hazel Dell School. Public Works is applying for grant to install a sidewalk
 - Under the bridge they walk to Franklin Park from Wal-mart. West side of Franklin Park. People have almost been hit.
- Why are there so many outages during the day? Franklin Park is one of the neighborhoods hit hard and would like to know why? City needs to get back with them.
- Cutting a tree on a leased property – permit is needed to cut it down?
- City inspectors need to be more prompt regarding tree cutting needs with lake properties. Right now he is not.
- What is the maintenance process for electrical boxes? What do residents need to do? The question is the integrity of the box. If two gets replaced and not a third, what do residents do to make sure it is looked at?
- Can CWLP ever provide Cable and Internet? Where are we with Wi-Fi across the city?

In one word, describe Springfield today.

- Lincoln
- Affordable
- Deteriorating
- Mediocre
- Boring
- Political
- Past
- Entertainment
- Adequate
- Struggling
- Gossipy
- Educational
- Historic
- Lean
- Deteriorating
- Trying
- Small
- Capital
- Improving

- Small town
- Capital
- Scheels
- Home
- Open
- Tourism
- Growing
- Colleges
- Schooling
- Tourism
- Hungry
- Late
- Trails
- Retirement
- Accountability
- Growing
- Restaurants
- Friendly
- Hopeful
- Improving
- Steady
- Improving
- Retail
- Improving
- Future
- Theaters

In one word, how would you like to describe Springfield?

- Progressive
- Successful
- Exciting
- New
- Colorful
- Enjoyable
- Prosperous
- World-class
- Beautiful
- Family-oriented
- Futuristic
- Manufacturing
- Dynamic
- Innovation
- Larger
- Cleaner
- Equitable

- Peaceful
- Destination
- High Tech
- Safe
- Less political
- Equitable
- Thriving
- Vibrant
- Safe
- Successful
- Enjoyable
- Lake II
- Model City
- Parks
- Prosperous
- Gleaming
- Consolidation
- Improved
- Waffle
- New Stadium
- Cultural
- Sprawling
- Satisfied
- Infrastructure
- Entertaining
- Hill Top
- Efficient
- Sustainable