

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

December 29, 2023

To: Mr. Jeffrey Anderson
President
Springdale City Council

From: John J. Jones
City Administrator



Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I

An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Property Associated with the Northland Boulevard Reconstruction Project and Declaring an Emergency

Both permanent and temporary right-of-way easements are necessary to complete the Northland Boulevard Reconstruction project scheduled for 2024. Negotiations with affected property owners have been ongoing the last several months. At the December 20, 2023 Council meeting, agreements for nine of the twenty-four locations were approved. Negotiations with affected property owners have continued, and it is anticipated that additional agreements will be reached prior to the upcoming Council meeting.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the purchase of certain real property associated with the Northland Boulevard Reconstruction project will come before Council at the **01/03/2024** meeting.

Item II

A Resolution Declaring Intent to Appropriate for Public Use Property Required for the Construction of Road and Other Traffic Improvements on Northland Boulevard in the City of Springdale

As discussed previously, both temporary and permanent right-of-way acquisitions are needed as part of the Northland Boulevard Reconstruction project scheduled for 2024. Negotiations with affected property owners have been ongoing since fall 2023.

It is necessary to have access to a portion of properties within the construction limits in order to move forward with the project. This legislation declares the intent of the City to appropriate only the portions of the affected properties as needed for construction. Should agreements not be reached with the property owners prior to the January 17, 2024 Council meeting, additional legislation will appear on the agenda authorizing the appropriation of the unsettled properties.

It is important to note the reason for this legislation is not due to a lack of cooperation with the listed property owners. Rather, the timeline associated with project is the driving factor. The Ohio Department of Transportation has established a January 19, 2024 deadline for all right-of-way issues associated with the project to be resolved. Any agreements reached prior to the January 17, 2024 Council meeting will be removed from future appropriation legislation.

A resolution declaring intent to appropriate for public use property required for the construction of road and other traffic improvements on Northland Boulevard in the City of Springdale will come before Council at the **01/03/2024** meeting.

Item III

A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File a Funding Application for Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant Funding for Established Tree Programs through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

In 2023, the Public Works Department received grant funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for tree plantings in Springdale Industrial Park and along E. Crescentville Road between Tivoli Lane and Chesterdale Road. The department has identified an additional ODNR grant opportunity that would allow the City to receive up to \$500,000 for planning, tree health, preventative care, tree removals, and tree plantings with no required local funding match.

A requirement of this federal grant program is a focus on disadvantaged communities as defined by The Council on Environmental Quality's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST). Limits of the identified area within Springdale are Crescentville Road to the north, the border with Glendale to the south, Chesterdale Road to the east, and Springfield Pike/State Route 4 to the west.

A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to file a funding application for urban forestry inflation reduction act grant funding for established tree programs through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will come before Council at the **01/03/2024** meeting.

Item IV

A Resolution Requesting Advance Payment from the County Auditor

At its first meeting each year, Council adopts a resolution requesting the County Auditor "pay to the Finance Officer/Tax Commissioner of the City of Springdale all funds currently available for distribution to said City of Springdale." If we fail to adopt such a resolution, the County will hold our property tax settlements as long as they can in order to derive the interest from the investment of such funds. As a result of this resolution, the County must distribute our property tax settlements as soon as the money is collected and available. The resolution for 2024 will come before Council at the **01/03/2024** meeting.

Item V

A Resolution Authorizing the Investment of Municipal Funds

It has been Council's long-standing practice at the beginning of the year to adopt a blanket resolution authorizing the investment of funds determined not to be needed for more than 90 days. Such a resolution for the year 2024 will come before Council at the **01/03/2024** meeting.

Item VI

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 39 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency

In November 2021, the electorate of Springdale voted to approve an amendment to the City of Springdale Charter that would eliminate the elected position of Clerk of Council/Finance Director and all references to the position within the Charter. The changes took effect December 1, 2023, upon expiration of the term of office for the most recent Clerk of Council/Finance Director. A large number of references to the position are included throughout the Springdale Code of Ordinances. Council has approved legislation in recent months to address a number of those references.

This legislation will amend Chapter 39 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances relating to the deposit and investment procedures of the City. Responsibilities designated to the former elected position will now be the responsibility of the appointed Finance Officer/Tax Commissioner. Additionally, the investments section will be amended consistent with Ohio Revised Code Section 135.14.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, amending Chapter 39 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio will come before Council at the **01/17/2024** meeting.

Item VII

An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Appropriations/Estimated Receipts for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024

This ordinance authorizes the approval of appropriations for current expenses and other potential expenditures of the City of Springdale, Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. It also adopts the estimated receipts the City anticipates collecting in the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Generally, the appropriations and receipts will be consistent with the 2024 Budget document presented to Council at the **12/20/2023** meeting. The appropriations ordinance does not require an emergency clause and will go into effect immediately after adoption by Council and execution by the Mayor.

This item was originally anticipated at the **01/03/2024** meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances, an ordinance adopting the annual appropriations/estimated receipts for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 will now come before Council at the **01/17/2024** meeting.

Other Items of Interest

1. The Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024, in observance of the New Year's Holiday.
2. Introduction of New Employees in the Building Department – TBD
3. Introduction of New Employees in the Parks & Recreation Department – TBD

Mayor.
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