

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

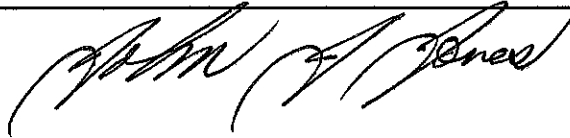
Office of the City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

March 29, 2024

To: Mr. Jeffrey Anderson
President
Springdale City Council

From: John J. Jones
City Administrator



Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I

Two Separate Ordinances Authorizing the Execution of Grant Agreements with the State of Ohio Department of Development for Participation in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act State Energy Efficiency Program for Ohio Communities

The Energy Efficiency Program for Ohio Communities provides a comprehensive initiative aimed at enhancing energy efficiency and sustainability within the facilities serving the residents of the City of Springdale. This program has earmarked a total of \$8 million to support energy efficiency projects statewide, aimed at assisting municipalities, businesses, nonprofits, and educational institutions.

Last summer, staff worked with Ameresco, Inc. to apply for the grant through the Ohio Department of Development. Following a rigorous selection process, the Community Center and Municipal Building projects were chosen to receive funding for a range of energy efficiency upgrades, including LED lighting installations, direct digital control systems, chiller replacement, and utility monitoring. While other City facilities were also considered, only these two buildings were selected as grant recipients for \$250,000 per building. The maximum grant amount for each eligible project was capped at \$250,000, with a limit of \$1 million per county. Projections estimate \$54,000 in annual combined utility savings from these upgrades.

Two separate ordinances authorizing the execution of grant agreements with the State of Ohio Department of Development for the Community Center and the Municipal Building came before Council for a first reading at the **03/20/2024** meeting. A second reading is scheduled for the **04/03/2024** meeting.

Item II

An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale, Disposal, or Transfer of Surplus Property

It an annual practice of the City for Council to pass legislation allowing the disposal of obsolete property the City has accumulated during the course of normal operations. Administration has again requested each department perform an inventory of such items no longer necessary for public use so these surplus items can be disposed of. As in prior years, the disposal method for the surplus items is intended to be through the use of an online public auction (GovDeals.com); donation to other governmental agencies or not-for-profit groups; or proper disposal through a waste collection program. Items having a market for their raw material will be salvaged as appropriate.

An ordinance authorizing the sale, disposal, or transfer of personal property from the City of Springdale came before Council for a first reading at the **03/20/2024** meeting. A second reading is scheduled for the **04/03/2024** meeting.

Item III

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 this year. Council has previously authorized agreements for twenty-one of the twenty-four locations. Negotiations continue for the remaining properties and are nearing completion. This legislation will reflect settlement of the remaining three agreements.

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 **04/03/2024** meeting.

Item IV

A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File an Application with the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) for Transit Infrastructure Funds Related to the East Kemper Road Improvement Phase I Project, and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute All Contracts and Other Documents Related to the Project

The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) receives revenue from sales tax in Hamilton County for infrastructure improvements and operating the Metro transportation system. The Transit Infrastructure Fund program was established to manage the funds dedicated to roadway infrastructure with the goal to assist localities within Hamilton County in improving their roads, bridges, and sidewalks as well as improve the overall mobility for residents by providing grant funds to improve roads within Metro's service area. To be considered for funding, a project must be within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a Metro fixed transit route (Interstates excluded).

The City is in the conceptual design phase for a multi-phase project to improve E. Kemper Road between Chesterdale Road and Northland Boulevard. Budgeted for 2026 construction, Phase I stretches from Chesterdale Road to Commons Drive/Century Boulevard. Planned improvements will include a multi-use bike path, sidewalks, curbs, and new bus shelters. The project meets the criteria to be eligible for funding through SORTA. Applications must include authorizing legislation and are due at the end of June with the award results expected in the fall.

A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to file an application with SORTA for Transit Infrastructure Funds related to the East Kemper Road Improvement Phase I Project and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to execute all contracts and other documents related to the project will come before Council at the **04/17/2024** meeting. The Public Works Department will be present at the meeting to provide an overview of the project.

Other Items of Interest

1. Public Hearings for Community Development Block Grant 2024-2026 Project Cycle – **04/03/2024** meeting and **04/17/2024** meeting.
2. Proclamation to National Public Health Week – **04/03/2024** meeting.
3. Presentation by Public Works Department for the East Kemper Road Improvement Project – **04/17/2024** meeting.
4. Proclamation for Retiring Director of Public Works Jeffrey Agricola – **04/17/2024** meeting.

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