January 10, 2014

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover
President
Springdale City Council

From: Derrick Parham
City Administrator

Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I
An Ordinance Authorizing the 2014 Fee Adjustment with CDS Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services

CDS has submitted a request to amend their fee schedule with the City for 2014. The last adjustment made to their fees was approved by Council at the February 6, 2013 meeting and went into effect February 1, 2013. The adjustment reflected an overall 2.5% average rate increase.

Where adjustments to the rates are being considered, the rate increase ranges from 1.45% to 2.70% and averages 2.0% overall. In no case do any of the categories increase by more than three (3) dollars. In an effort to keep the rates in whole numbers, the odd percentages were generated. A copy of the proposed rates and their associated percentages is attached to each hardcopy of this report for your review. If approved, the new rates would not go into effect until February 1, 2014.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing an adjustment to the CDS fee schedule will be presented for Council’s consideration on 01/15/2014.
Item II
An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map for the Property at 135 Northland Boulevard Changing the Zoning From Support Services (SS) to General Business (GB) Zoning

This ordinance would rezone the old Delhi Flower and Garden property located on Northland Boulevard from a Support Services (SS) district to a General Business (GB) district. The property is now owned by the Sweeney family. Their intentions are to locate another automobile dealership at the site. As was mentioned at the December 18 meeting of Council, the site was previously an automobile dealership. By a unanimous vote, the Springdale Planning Commission has recommended that Council approve the rezoning of the property.

At the January 8 Council meeting, it was pointed out that the Public Hearing for this rezoning was scheduled to occur at the 02/05/2014 meeting. Unfortunately, staff did not advertise the Public Hearing in the local newspaper in a timely fashion. By the City’s Code of Ordinances, a public hearing must be advertised thirty (30) days prior to the date of the actual hearing. As a result of this mishap, we will need to reschedule the Public Hearing (and second reading) for the 02/19/2014 meeting. The first reading of the ordinance can take place at the 02/05/2014 meeting. If Council concurs with this timeline, the Public Hearing can be officially rescheduled at the 01/15/2014 meeting. We have scheduled the announcement to be advertised on that same day.

An ordinance amending the Zoning Map for the property at 135 Northland Boulevard changing the zoning from SS to GB is scheduled for a first reading at Council’s 02/05/2014 meeting. A second reading of the ordinance along with a Public Hearing is scheduled before Council at the 02/19/2014 meeting.

Item III
Infectious Disease Program Update - Dr. Judith Feinberg

Dr. Judith Feinberg made a presentation to City Council at the 06/19/2013 meeting on the proposed Infectious Disease Program. Because the majority of the details surrounding the program had not yet been finalized, Dr. Feinberg was asked to return to a future City Council meeting and provide Council with an update. We have scheduled Dr. Feinberg for the 02/05/2014 meeting to present details of the program not known at the 06/19/2013 meeting.