INTERNAL MEMORANDUM
Office of the City Administrator
Springdale, Ohio

January 29, 2016

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover
   President
   Springdale City Council

From: Derrick Parham
   City Administrator

Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I
An Ordinance Adopting the New Zoning Regulations for the City of Springdale

At its regular meeting on December 8, 2015, the Springdale Planning Commission approved and recommended for Council’s consideration, a revised zoning code for the City of Springdale. In addition, at its January 12, 2016 meeting, the Planning Commission approved and recommended new revised Map Amendments for the new Zoning Code.

In preparation for a joint meeting held on Saturday, July 18, 2015, consisting of members of the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, City Council, and staff, a complete copy of the proposed new Zoning Code was distributed to all parties. Following the July 18 joint meeting, the consultant, McBride Dale Clarion, incorporated comments generated from that meeting into the final document which was presented to the Planning Commission on December 8. This is the same document being recommended by the Planning Commission to City Council.

Now that both the new Zoning Code and the new Map Amendments have each been approved and recommended to Council by the Planning Commission, the process is ready to continue forward. The new schedule to address the code would be as follows: At the 02/03/2016 Council meeting, the consultant would make a presentation to City Council on the changes made to the document since the July 18 meeting. An ordinance adopting the new Zoning Code and Map Amendments would be before Council at the 02/17/2016 meeting for a first reading. The second reading and public hearing would be before Council at the 03/02/2016 meeting.
Item II
An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of not to Exceed $3,000,000 Real Estate Acquisition Bond Anticipation Notes by the City of Springdale, Ohio in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, Providing for the Pledge of Revenues for the Payment of Such Notes, and Declaring an Emergency

At the January 6, 2016 City Council meeting, Council passed Ordinance No. 2-2016 which authorized the purchase of the property located at 11911 Sheraton Lane (the old Sheraton Hotel). This property has been a continuous eyesore and blight area in the community for at least the past eight years. Now that the City has purchased the property, the City intends to ultimately raze the vacant ten-story building to make room for a new and productive use. In order for the City to acquire this property and subsequently demolish the building, without placing the organization in a financial bind, the City will need to borrow the necessary funds to accomplish this task. The City anticipates borrowing up to $3,000,000 to complete these transactions.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, providing for the issuance of not to exceed $3,000,000 real estate acquisition bond anticipation notes by the City in anticipation of the issuance of bonds and providing for the pledge of revenues for the payment of such notes is scheduled to be before Council for consideration at the 02/03/2016 meeting.

Item III
An Ordinance Accepting a Proposal Under the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Fifty-one 800 MHz Radios and Declaring an Emergency

For well over thirty years, the City of Springdale has been fortunate to have a local City-band radio system. This radio system provides the City departments (Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Administration) the ability to communicate on a day-to-day basis when necessary. More importantly, this system has served as the primary local communication network for the City’s Police Department.

Due to the age of the system, it no longer works as effectively as it did in earlier years. The system often fails when officers are attempting to contact each other or reach headquarters. Most of the other departments have simply abandoned the use of the system due to it ineffectiveness. They have instead elected to use cellular phones, or the County radio system in the case of the Fire Department, to contact one another or other departments. Due to the need of having an effective communication device, especially during emergency situations, the time to upgrade the system has arrived.

Because the cost of the upgrade is expected to far exceed $50,000, a public bid process would be required. Fortunately for the City, the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program has received bids on these particular radios from two separate vendors (Motorola and Kenwood). The Administration will provide a recommendation as to which radios to purchase. It is believed the cost will be substantially less than the amount in the 2016 Budget. The 2016 Budget has $170,000 appropriated to upgrade the current radio system.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, accepting a proposal under the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to enter into a contract for the purchase and installation of fifty-one 800 MHz radios is scheduled for the 03/02/2016 meeting.
Item IV
Other Item of Interest

1. Presentation by Duke Energy Representatives – 02/03/2016.

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