

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

June 10, 2016

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover
President
Springdale City Council

From: Derrick Parham
City Administrator

Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I

A Resolution Adopting the 2017 Tax Budget of the City of Springdale for the Year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

The 2017 Tax Budget will be presented to City Council for consideration on **06/15/2016**. Based on State regulations, the deadline for Council to adopt and subsequently submit the tax budget generally occurs around the date of the second City Council meeting in the month of July. With the implementation of the City Council summer schedule, the only meeting in July is scheduled for **07/20/2016**. Holding the public hearing at the second meeting in June as opposed to the July meeting allows the City time to address any issues which may arise and still comply with the deadline for submitting the tax budget. A legal advertisement announcing the Public Hearing for the 2017 Tax Budget will be published in preparation for the **06/15/2016** meeting.

A resolution approving the 2017 Tax Budget in conjunction with the required Public Hearing is scheduled to be before City Council for consideration on **06/15/2016**.

Item II

An Ordinance Authorizing the City to Fund the Employees' Health Savings Accounts in 2016 and Declaring an Emergency

Since the City joined the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool (CLGBP) to provide medical insurance coverage for all full-time City employees, Springdale has funded a portion of the employees' Health Savings Accounts (HSA). During the first year of the program, the City funded the accounts at 100%. Since that initial period, the City has contributed 50% of the employees' deductible for medical coverage. The medical deductibles for Springdale employees are \$2,000 for single coverage and \$4,000 for family coverage. The City's 50% contribution made to the employee's account was \$1,000 for single coverage and \$2,000 for family coverage.

The City Administration is recommending Council continue to fund each employee's HSA account at the 50% rate for 2016, not to exceed \$1,000 for singles and \$2,000 for families. Contributions made to the accounts of new full-time employees will continue to be prorated consistent with the schedule used in previous years.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the funding of HSA accounts for all full-time City employees on the City's Health Insurance Plan will be before Council at the **07/20/2016** meeting.

Item III

An Ordinance Reducing Special Assessments Levied for the Purpose of Constructing Certain Improvements at Pictoria Island and Declaring an Emergency

Under the terms of the Tax Incentive Cooperative Agreement entered into between the City of Springdale, the Greater Cincinnati Port Authority, and MEPT (the original owner) in August 2006, a special assessment district was established to levy an assessment fee on the ten-story office building at the Pictoria Island development. Under the terms of the TIF agreement, the special assessment amount may be reduced or increased annually based on the amount of funds collected through TIF service payments in the previous year. The purpose is to set the special assessment payments at an amount that will meet the debt service payments in the upcoming year. The Pictoria building was purchased during the month of May from MEPT by Fairbridge Partners out of Skillman, New Jersey.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, to reduce the amount of the special assessment levied on the office building at Pictoria Island for the next twelve months is scheduled to be before Council on **08/17/2016**.

Item IV

An Ordinance Renewing an Agreement with NextStep Networking for Technical Support Services for the City's Local Area Network and Declaring an Emergency

The City's current one-year agreement with NextStep Networking is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2016. The two previous agreements with NextStep were each for a three-year period. Due to a number of changes in NextStep's organization, the City decided for the 2015 – 2016 contract year to only enter into a one-year agreement until such time as the City felt confident the company and its personnel issues had stabilized. This year, they have demonstrated their stability, and as a result, the Administration would be open to entertaining a new three-year agreement with NextStep Networking. At this time, the two parties have begun discussions regarding a new contract for the upcoming year(s).

NextStep has been the City's long-time service provider and has guided our organization through the development of the City's overall computer network and communication system. They have been effective in their service delivery and their familiarity with our system has been a real asset.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the renewal of the agreement with NextStep Networking for technical support for the City's Local Area Network is tentatively scheduled to be before Council at the **08/17/2016** meeting.

Item V

Other Items of Interest

1. Presentation by the American Heart Association to Recognize the Springdale Fire Department – **06/15/2016**;
2. Proclamation Declaring the Month of July as Parks and Recreation Month – **06/15/2016**;
3. Police Department Special Recognitions – **06/15/2015**;
4. Introduction/Swearing-in of New Employee:
Patrol Officer (Police Department) Kayla Justice – **07/20/2016**.

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