

# INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Administrator

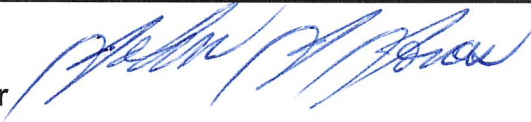
Springdale, Ohio

February 26, 2021

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover  
President  
Springdale City Council

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From: John J. Jones  
City Administrator



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Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

**Item I**

**A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Teachers and Staff at Springdale Elementary School for the Accomplishment of Being Selected as a National Elementary and Secondary Education Act School for 2020**

Springdale Elementary School was selected by the Ohio Department of Education to be named a National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Distinguished School for 2020. Springdale is only one of two schools in the State of Ohio and only one of fifty-seven in the United States to receive this honor in 2020.

A resolution recognizing and honoring the teachers and staff at Springdale Elementary School will be before Council at the **03/03/2021** meeting.

**Item II**

**An Ordinance Implementing Sections 3735.65 Through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, Establishing and Describing the Boundaries of the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in the City of Springdale, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency**

The City is preparing a petition to expand the existing Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in Springdale, created in 2018 for the Route 4 Corridor between I-275 to the north and Northland Boulevard to the south. The CRA permits property owners within the defined area to receive property tax abatements on new residential construction, new commercial construction, and significant remodeling of existing commercial properties. The expanded CRA area will generally include most commercial property in Springdale.

The Administration believes this CRA is a critical tool needed for development of vacant land within the city and renovation or redevelopment of properties that are in need of improvements. In the near future, it is anticipated a CRA tax abatement will be negotiated with the developer under contract to purchase the former Sheraton Hotel site from the City. The CRA will also likely be an important tool needed for redevelopment of the Tri-County Mall site.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the City to submit the CRA petition to the State of Ohio is scheduled before Council at the **03/17/2021** meeting.

### **Item III**

#### **An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Cooperative Agreement with Hamilton County for the East Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Repair and Declaring an Emergency**

The City of Springdale has determined that the CSX Bridge at East Kemper Road is in need of repair and has explored grant funding for this project. Municipal Road Funds (MRF) have previously been awarded in the amount of \$145,430. This amount was one third of the preliminary construction cost estimate. In November 2020, the condition of the bridge was determined to be significantly worse than the prior bridge inspection reports had indicated. As a result, the estimated cost for the project has now increased to \$902,341. While the bridge is located within Springdale, Hamilton County is the owner of the bridge. Accordingly, they have committed to provide \$150,000 toward the cost of the repair project. The City will need to enter into a cooperative agreement with Hamilton County to receive the funds. Currently, the agreement is under review by the County. In late January, the City was notified our application for State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) Funds in the amount of \$451,170 was successful. The remaining project costs of \$155,741 will be Springdale's responsibility. At this time, the project is scheduled for bid in late 2021 with a 2022 construction start.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to enter into a cooperative agreement with Hamilton County is anticipated to be before Council at the **03/17/2021** meeting.

### **Item IV**

#### **An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Said Surplus Property**

For the last several years, Council has passed an ordinance allowing the City Administrator to dispose of obsolete property the City has accumulated during the course of normal operations. The 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. 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, etc.); donation to other governmental agencies or not-for-profit groups; or if sale or donation is unsuccessful, proper disposal through a waste collection program. Additionally, items having a market for their raw material will be salvaged as appropriate.

An ordinance declaring certain City property as surplus and authorizing the City Administrator to dispose of said property will be before Council for a first reading at the **03/17/2021** meeting. A second reading is scheduled for the **04/07/2021** meeting.

**Item V**

**Other Item of Interest:**

1. Proclamation for Springdale Elementary School – **03/03/2021**.
2. Introduction of New Hires and Promotions – **TBD**.

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