

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the Assistant City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

September 16, 2022

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover
President
Springdale City Council

From: Brian C. Uhl
Assistant City Administrator



Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I

An Ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Springdale Commerce Park Planned Unit Development for the Property Located at 1145 Strategic Parkway

At their August 9, 2022 meeting, Planning Commission held a public hearing and moved to recommend the approval of a major modification to the Springdale Commerce Park Planned Unit Development for Building 3 at 1145 Strategic Parkway. Planning Commission has now referred this major modification to City Council for consideration.

The proposed modification in question relates to the requested increase in size of the overhead truck access door on the east side of the existing building 3 at Springdale Commerce Park. The new occupant of this building, Sugaright, manufactures liquid sugar. An increase to the size of the access door would allow refuse trucks to pull into the building to collect waste product. The recommendation to Council also includes several conditions outlined by the City Planner that are required to be met by the applicant. These include providing the frequency per week for truck access on the east elevation, the hours permitted for truck access, a requirement for the door to remain closed with the exception of when being used for waste collection, and a revision to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions for the PUD.

An ordinance approving a major modification to the Springdale Commerce Park Planned Unit Development for the property located at 1145 Strategic Parkway was before Council for a first reading at the **09/07/2022** meeting. A second reading and public hearing is scheduled for the **09/21/2022** meeting.

Item II

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 153 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio Relating to the Operation of Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Programs in the City of Springdale

Following months of discussion and research, Council's Rules & Laws Committee took action at their meeting on July 20, 2022 to present a zoning code text amendment to Planning Commission relating to the addition of regulations for peer-to-peer car sharing programs. The proposed text amendments were before Planning Commission at their August 9, 2022 meeting. Following a public hearing, Planning Commission voted to recommend to Council the approval of an ordinance adopting amendments to the City's zoning code relating to the regulation of peer-to-peer car sharing programs.

An ordinance amending Chapter 153 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio relating to the operation of Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Programs in the City of Springdale was before Council for a first reading at the **09/07/2022** meeting. A second reading and public hearing is scheduled for the **09/21/2022** meeting.

Item III

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to Provide Bridge Program Inspection Services for the City of Springdale

Each year, all bridges in the City of Springdale are required to be inspected. Overall, Springdale has a total of twelve bridges identified by the State of Ohio. Eight are the responsibility of the City of Springdale, one is the responsibility of Hamilton County, and the remaining three bridges are the responsibility of the State of Ohio. The eight bridges the City is responsible for inspecting are as follows: 1) on Glensprings Drive west of Route 4 near Las Islas Marias restaurant; 2) on Northland Boulevard near the City's Public Works entrance; 3) at the entrance of Chamberlain Park on Marwood Lane; 4) on Glensprings Drive east of State Route 4; 5) on Chesterdale Road over I-275; 6) on Neuss Avenue between Silverwood Circle and Ruskin Drive; 7) at the Ross Park entrance; and finally 8) on Kemper Road west of State Route 4. Each of the eight locations resides above a culvert at least ten feet in diameter, thereby qualifying them as a bridge. The one bridge Hamilton County is responsible for inspecting is located on E. Kemper Road between the former Sears location and Sam's Club. The three bridges the State of Ohio is responsible for inspecting all cross Interstate 275 and are located over Kenn Road, State Route 4, and State Route 747. The City has always met our responsibility of having the bridges inspected. Since 2014, ODOT has been able to secure grant funding from the federal government to perform bridge inspections for communities throughout Ohio. ODOT has again offered to cover the cost of having the City of Springdale bridges inspected for at least one more year. The City Administration recommends taking advantage of the State of Ohio's offer.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to enter into an agreement with ODOT to provide bridge program inspection services for the City of Springdale will be presented to Council for a first reading at the **09/21/2022** meeting. A second reading is scheduled for the **10/05/2022** meeting.

Item IV

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with the Best Contractor for the E. Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Rehabilitation Project and Declaring an Emergency

During inspections in 2017, the bridge on E. Kemper Road over the CSX Railroad, located just east of Tri-County Parkway was noted to have leaking roadway joints. This leaking has ultimately resulted in deterioration of the concrete bridge substructure. Inspections in 2020 revealed the deterioration was worse than previously reported which necessitated a weight reduction on a portion of the bridge. The E. Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Rehabilitation project will include repairs to the roadway joints, concrete box beams, and concrete substructure as well as an application of epoxy sealant to the entire structure. Construction is currently planned for 2023 at an estimated cost of \$902,341. The following grant funding has been awarded: Municipal Road Funds of \$145,430; Hamilton County commitment of \$150,000; and State Capital Improvement Program funds of \$451,171. A bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022. Following review by the City's engineer, a recommendation is expected at the **10/05/2022** Council meeting.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to enter into an agreement with the best contractor for the E. Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Rehabilitation project is expected before Council at the **10/05/2022** meeting.

Item V

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for 2023

Each year, the City of Springdale and other municipalities must submit a tax budget to the County Budget Commission in June of the year prior to the tax year in question. The tax budget estimates the revenues and expenditures for the City in the upcoming year. As part of its review, the Budget Commission examines the estimated income from property taxes to determine if it is reasonable. In Springdale's case, we only have the 3.08 mils (inside mils) that support the General Fund. If we had any voted property taxes, they would also be subject to review by the Commission.

After the City's tax budget is approved by the Budget Commission, the City must then adopt a resolution accepting the rates approved by the Commission and authorizing the levying of the property tax for the following year.

A resolution accepting the rates and authorizing the City's property tax levy for 2023 will be presented to City Council for consideration at the **10/05/2022** meeting.

Item VI

A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File a Funding Application for Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

In 2021, the Public Works Department identified a grant opportunity through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for the purchase and planting of trees along public rights-of-way or on other public lands. The grant funds are also able to be used for the maintenance and protection of the newly planted trees until they are established. The City filed an application in 2021 however was unsuccessful in the attempt. The opportunity is available again this year, and the Public Works Department would like to make application in the hopes of securing funding. This would be a 50/50 matching grant with funds provided on a reimbursement basis. Eligible award amounts range from \$2,500 to \$25,000.

A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to file a funding application for Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Funds through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will be before Council at the **10/05/2022** meeting.

Other Items of Interest

- **Connectivity Plan tentative dates:**
 - Planning Commission October 11, 2022
 - City Council October 19, 2022

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City Administrator
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