

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

March 27, 2015

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover
President
Springdale City Council

From: Derrick Parham
City Administrator

Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I

An Ordinance Amending Section 153.533 of the City's Zoning Code to Permit Temporary Special Event Banners

In 2009, in an effort to assist the business community during the tough economic times, the City relaxed its policy regarding the use of temporary banners for a period of one year. For the last five years upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council has extended the policy for an additional year. The most recent extension is due to expire on May 20, 2015. This year, the amendment was before the Planning Commission at its March 10 meeting, and once again, Planning Commission has recommended extending the policy for an additional year. Hopefully a permanent solution for Special Event Banners will be recommended by the Technical Review Committee during the Zoning Code Update process.

As you may recall, prior to the amendment, a business could have a temporary banner on display for no more than a two-week period four times a year. The amendment allows a business to display a temporary banner for a period of up to one month. At the end of the one month, a thirty-day extension can be granted if the banner is being well maintained and properly displayed. The business can continue this practice for the entire twelve-month period the law is in effect.

These temporary banners must be related to a special event associated with the business and may not be used to announce such things as "now hiring" or "space available." In addition, multi-tenant buildings such as a strip mall are not permitted to display more than two banners at any one time.

An ordinance amending Section 153.533 of the Springdale Zoning Code permitting temporary special event banners will be before Council for a first reading at the **04/01/2015** meeting. The ordinance will be before Council for a Public Hearing and second reading at the **04/15/2015** meeting.

Item II

Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council Representatives

The Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) monitors the compliance of companies receiving tax abatements under active “Enterprise Zone Agreements” and “Community Reinvestment Area Agreements.” Under these two programs, as long as the company is meeting or exceeding their previously agreed upon employment levels, the tax incentives will remain in effect. If the employment goals are not achieved, the incentive could be reduced or taken away. Each participating jurisdiction’s legislative body must formally designate two (2) representatives from the community to serve on the TIRC by no later than April 10, 2015. The County is requesting the names of the two individuals who will represent the City of Springdale.

Item III

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

Over the years, the City has accumulated property such as lawn equipment, vehicles, computer-related equipment, copiers, and many other items as a part of City functions and operations. At this time, many of these items are no longer necessary for public use and can be considered as surplus property. The Administration has requested each department perform an inventory of such items so that we may begin to dispose of these surplus items and in some instances, free up much needed storage space. It is our hope to have a final list of the accumulated items available and included as a part of the Pending Legislation report for the **04/15/2015** meeting. The disposal method for the majority of the surplus items is intended to be through the use of an online public auction (GovDeals.com, etc.). In some instances, we may have identified certain items which may be donated to other agencies or not-for-profit groups to benefit the less fortunate. Finally, if no remuneration can be achieved through the online process, those items would be disposed of through the Rumpke waste removal collection program (or garbage).

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, declaring certain City property as surplus and authorizing the City Administrator to dispose of said property is scheduled to be before Council at the **04/15/2015** meeting.

Item IV

An Ordinance Authorizing Participation with the City of Forest Park in a Competitive and Cooperative Bid Process for the Purchase of Rock Salt and Declaring an Emergency

Over the past two years (2013 and 2014), the Cities of Springdale and Forest Park partnered to advertise for bids to jointly purchase rock salt. This year, the two communities are once again partnering to receive proposals from the rock salt industry. Bids for the 2015/2016 winter season are expected to be advertised on April 3, 2015 with the bid opening scheduled for April 21, 2015. Once again, Forest Park has agreed to handle both the advertisement of the bids and the bid opening. Similar to the two previous years, the City of Springdale is committed to purchase 2,000 tons of salt for the 2015/2016 winter season.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing Springdale to participate with the City of Forest Park in a competitive and cooperative bid process for the purchase of rock salt will be before Council at the meeting of **5/20/2015**.

Item V

Other Items of Interest

1. Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as Building Safety Month – **05/06/2015**
2. Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 10 – May 16, 2015 as Police Week – **05/06/2015**
3. Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 17 – May 23, 2015 as National Public Works Week – **05/06/2015**
4. Council's Summer Schedule (July and August)?

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