

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the Assistant City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

April 11, 2014

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover
President
Springdale City Council

From: Jerry Thamann
Assistant 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 four 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, 2014. The amendment was before the Planning Commission at its March 11 meeting and is once again being recommended for an additional year.

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 Public Hearing and second reading at the **04/16/2014** meeting.

Item II

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into an Agreement with HealthSpan, Inc. Related to Job Retention and Creation Incentives and Declaring an Emergency

HealthSpan, Inc., a division of Catholic Health Partners, has been a long time corporate citizen (since at least 1998) in the City of Springdale. Located in the Pictoria Tower, their current Springdale business can best be described as the host of a major medical provider network. In fact, their organization has one of the largest provider networks in both the Greater Cincinnati and the Greater Dayton area.

HealthSpan has now made the decision to expand the types of services they deliver by entering into the health insurance business. They are creating a new health insurance company under the HealthSpan name. This expansion is a positive for the City of Springdale, because it means they will initially locate an additional thirty (30) new jobs into Springdale. Over the next three (3) years, the plan is to increase the total number of new jobs to 77 with a payroll exceeding \$5,000,000. Good corporate employers are always encouraged to remain in the community and to expand their operations. HealthSpan is clearly one such organization.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing an agreement with HealthSpan, Inc. related to job retention and creation incentives is scheduled before Council at the **04/16/2014** meeting.

Item III

A Resolution Commending the Princeton Vikings Girls Basketball Team for Winning the OHSAA Division 1 Girls Basketball State Championship

The Princeton High School Girls Basketball Team had much success this past season. The Lady Vikings team set many single season and team records on their way to winning the Greater Miami Conference Championship, and the State Sectional, District, and Regional Championships, before culminating the season with a Division 1 State Basketball Championship.

A resolution commending the Princeton High School coaches and players of the 2014 Division 1 Girls State Championship team will be before Council at the **4/16/2014** meeting.

Item IV

A Resolution Appointing a Member to the City of Springdale Board of Tax Review

The term of Roy Mitchell as a member of the Board of Tax Review expired January 31, 2014. This board position is a Council appointment. As directed, the Administration contacted Mr. Mitchell to determine if he would be willing to serve another term on the Board of Tax Review. Mr. Mitchell indicated he would be willing to again serve on the Board.

A resolution appointing a member of the City of Springdale Board of Tax Review will be before Council at the **4/16/2014** meeting.

Item V

As you may recall the Parks Department lost a dump truck over the winter due to a vehicle fire. This vehicle has to be replaced, and we are in the process of advertising to accept sealed bids for both a 19,500 GVW single axle truck cab and chassis, and a truck body/accessory package for the vehicle. These will be two (2) separate bids. This bid process is similar to what was recently completed in the Public Works Department for the purchase of the two (2) dump trucks and truck body/accessory packages. The majority of the purchase price for the new dump truck in the Parks Department will be covered by the insurance claim on the old vehicle.

The bid advertisement dates are April 13 and 20 for the cab and chassis, as well as the truck body/accessory package, with a bid opening date of April 25, 2014. If the bids are reviewed and they are determined to be acceptable, there is the potential to have an ordinance, with an emergency clause, accepting the best bids before Council at the **05/07/2014** meeting. If there are any delays in the process, the legislation will then be scheduled for the **05/21/2014** meeting.

Item VI

Other Upcoming Items of Interest

1. Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services Presentation

Formerly known as Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD), Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services have dropped “Mental Retardation” from their name. They continue to provide services and support for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. Apparently, the Developmental Disabilities tax levy is scheduled to appear on the May 6 Ballot. In preparation of the ballot issue, a representative of the Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services would like to address City Council at the **04/16/2014** meeting.

2. Proclamation for Building Safety Month

A Proclamation declaring the Month of May as Building Safety Month will be presented at the **4/16/2014** meeting.

3. Proclamation for National Public Works Week – 05/07/2014

4. Proclamation for Police Week – 05/07/2014

5. Swearing-in the New Police Lieutenants

After the February 2014 retirement of Police Lieutenant Lynn McKee, the Police Department’s supervisory staff is down three (3) lieutenants of the four (4) authorized positions. Recently, a promotional examination process (including an examination, an assessment center, and personal interviews) was held to fill two (2) of the three (3) vacant positions. The interview team has made a recommendation, and the appointments are expected in the very near future. Once the appointments are made, the successful candidates will be introduced to City Council and the general public. This was anticipated to take place at the 4/16/2014 meeting, however, has been delayed to allow for adjustments of various schedules in the department resulting from the promotions. The swearing-in of the new police lieutenants will be announced at a later date.

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