

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

May 15, 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 Authorizing an Amended Joint Self-Insurance Agreement with the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool (CLGBP) and Declaring an Emergency

The City of Springdale has participated in the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool (CLGBP), a self-funded health insurance pool, since August 2010. From time to time, the CLGBP Board has recommended amendments to the Joint Self-Insurance Agreement to better clarify language contained within the Agreement and/or improve the administration of the program.

At a recent CLGBP meeting, the Board adopted the recommendation of a CLGBP subcommittee to request the adoption of various amendments to the Joint Self-Insurance Agreement by the members' legislative bodies. Many of the amendments being considered are minor language changes such as references to dates or recognizing the name change of the overall program administrator. The most significant amendment to the Agreement is in the Article governing a member community's withdrawal from CLGBP. Currently, the Agreement contains language which defines a member's ability to withdraw from the program. The proposed amendment spells out the conditions in which CLGBP will cover claims for members withdrawing from the Pool.

To amend the Agreement, two-thirds (2/3) of the members' legislative bodies must adopt the proposed language. If adopted, the recommended changes will become effective August 1, 2015 as a part of the next CLGBP plan year.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing an amendment to the CLGBP Joint Self-Insurance Agreement will be before Council at the meeting of **05/20/2015**.

Item II

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 have once again partnered to receive proposals from the rock salt industry. Bids for the 2015/2016 winter season were advertised on April 3, 2015 with the bid opening on April 21, 2015. Once again, Forest Park 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. As with the previous rock salt purchasing contracts, there are minimum and maximum purchasing thresholds which insure the City complies with the contract. To be in compliance with the contract, the City may purchase 20% above or below our committed amount (2,000 tons), allowing the City to buy a minimum of 1,600 tons or a maximum of 2,400 tons of salt.

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 **05/20/2015**.

Item III

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with Advanced Data Processing, Inc. dba Intermedix, for Ambulance Billing and Related Professional Services and Declaring an Emergency

For over twenty years, in fact since 1993, Medicount Management, Inc. provided life support services billing for emergency runs made by City personnel. Due to a new ownership at Medicount as well as a reduction in the quality of service, the City entered into an agreement with Advanced Data Processing (Intermedix) in June 2011. At that time, the amount of revenue generated by the City's life support services had been declining drastically. In comparing the City's 2010 paramedic services revenue collection to the 2014 collections, there has been an increase of 42% in this revenue line item from \$356,253 to \$505,042.

The agreement with Intermedix authorized in 2011 appears to have expired during 2013, and since then, we have been operating under the terms of that agreement. Assistant City Administrator Jerry Thamann and Fire Chief Michael Hoffman have been working with representatives of Intermedix to draft a new agreement. According to Mr. Thamann, Intermedix is proposing very few adjustments to the existing agreement. It seems the primary change is to the fee schedule associated with the use of Intermedix's equipment that the department currently uses.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Intermedix for ambulance billing services will be before Council at the meeting of **06/03/2015**. Because the exhibit for this ordinance is approximately thirty pages in length, a copy of the exhibit is not anticipated to be included with the legislation. However, once the agreement is finalized and ready for Council's consideration, a copy will be available for review in the Clerk of Council/Finance Director's office.

Item IV

A Resolution Authorizing the City of Springdale Police Department to Participate in the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force

In recent years, heroin-related overdoses and deaths have continued to rise and present challenges for local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and the State of Ohio as well as Hamilton County and its member communities. The law enforcement community throughout Hamilton County has realized it will require a coordinated response to attack the local heroin overdose and death epidemic. As such, the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force has been formed. Through the Task Force, communities will have the ability to combine their resources and develop consistent investigative responses to heroin-involved incidents. The Task Force will be comprised of the Hamilton County Sheriff, Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney, and other local government agencies in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Springdale and other local agencies have been asked to commit to the program by executing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the structure, operations, and organization of the Task Force. Through this MOU, the City’s involvement is limited to law enforcement activities. A resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force is planned to be presented before Council at the **06/03/2015** meeting.

Item V

A Resolution Adopting the 2016 Tax Budget of the City of Springdale for the Year January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

The 2016 Tax Budget will be presented to City Council for consideration on **06/17/2015**. 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 **07/15/2015**. 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 2016 Tax Budget will be published prior to the **06/17/2015** meeting date.

A resolution approving the 2016 Tax Budget in conjunction with the required Public Hearing is scheduled to be before City Council for consideration on **06/17/2015**.

Item VI

Other Items of Interest

1. Introduction of New Employees:
 Custodian (Recreation Department) Paul A. Vosseberg – **05/20/2015**;
 Administrative Assistant (Health Department) Debra L. Boggs – **05/20/2015**;
 Building Official (Building Department) Gregg H. Taylor – **05/20/2015**.
2. Special recognition of Springdale resident: **Rylee Trainor – 05/20/2015**

Mayor	Clerk of Council / Finance Director
City Council	Assistant City Administrator
Law Director	City Engineer
Department Directors	Recording Secretary
Reading File	