

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

May 30, 2014

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

As in 2013, the Cities of Springdale and Forest Park advertised for bids to jointly purchase rock salt for the 2014/2015 winter season. The bids were advertised on April 23, 2014 and subsequently opened on May 9, 2014. The City of Forest Park served as the lead agency, handling both the advertisement of the bids as well as the bid opening. Similar to last year's process, the City of Springdale committed to purchasing 2,000 tons of salt for the 2014/2015 winter season. The contract permits the City to purchase 10% above or below our committed amount, allowing the City to buy a minimum of 1,800 tons or a maximum of 2,200 tons.

There were three (3) competitive bids received for the purchase of rock salt with Morton Salt appearing to have submitted the lowest and best bid at a rate of \$76.88/ton. The other two (2) bidders were Cargill Salt (\$83.12/ton) and North American Salt (\$88.97/ton). The harsh winter season has created an enormous demand for rock salt. As a result, the price has increased significantly. The City's current 2013/2014 rate for rock salt is \$55.38/ton. The new rate proposed by Morton Salt would represent an increase of \$21.50/ton (39%).

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing our participation 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 **06/04/2014**.

Item II

An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Through the City of Springdale Land Reutilization Program and Declaring an Emergency

At the November 6, 2013 meeting, City Council adopted legislation establishing a Land Reutilization Program (LRP) to acquire nonproductive land within the City. Nonproductive land is described as “delinquent land within the municipality which a tax foreclosure proceeding has been instituted and is pending.” The LRP is intended to help eliminate blight and to return the nonproductive land to a tax revenue generating status.

In April of this year, the Administration was notified by the Hamilton County Auditor’s Office that Parcel Number 599-0042-0060 located on Walnut Street (no street address assigned) met the criteria for being designated as nonproductive land. As a result, the City is able to acquire the property through the use of the LRP. If the property goes through two (2) Sheriff sales without being purchased, the City may buy the property for a nominal fee of \$33.75. The property is scheduled to be sold at the 2014 Forfeited Land Sale on Monday, June 9, 2014 at the County Administration Building.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the purchase of real property through the City’s Land Reutilization Program will be before Council at the **06/04/2014** meeting.

Item III

An Ordinance Confirming the Designation of Depositories for the City of Springdale and Declaring an Emergency

This ordinance authorizes which banks shall serve as public depositories for the City of Springdale. In 2011, Council adopted a similar ordinance authorizing a two-year agreement with an additional third option year. The City exercised its option for the third year.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, confirming the designation of which banks will serve as public depositories for the City will be before Council at the meeting of **06/18/2014**.

Item IV

A Resolution Adopting the Tax Budget of The City of Springdale for the Year January 1, 2015 Through December 31, 2015

The 2015 Tax Budget will be presented to City Council for consideration on **06/18/2014**. Based on State regulations, the Tax Budget must be adopted by City Council on or before **07/21/2014**. With the implementation of the City Council summer schedule, the only meeting in July is scheduled for **07/16/2014**. 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 adoption deadline. A legal advertisement announcing the Public Hearing for the 2015 Tax Budget has been published.

A resolution approving the 2015 Tax Budget in conjunction with the required Public Hearing is scheduled to be before City Council for consideration on **06/18/2014**.

Item V

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into an Agreement of Cooperation with Hamilton County, Ohio Pursuant to Provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended

This resolution renews the cooperation agreement between Hamilton County and the City of Springdale for participating in the Community Development Block Grant Program for the next three-year period (March 1, 2015 until February 28, 2017).

A resolution authorizing the City to renew the cooperation agreement between Hamilton County and the City of Springdale for participation in the Community Development Block Program will be before Council for consideration at the **06/18/2014** meeting.

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