

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

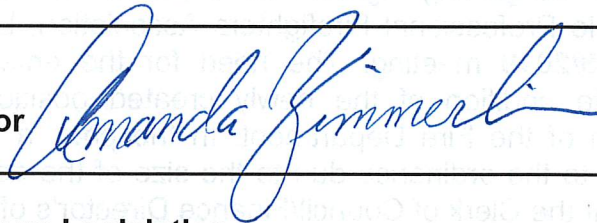
Office of the Assistant City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

September 13, 2019

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover
President
Springdale City Council

From: Amanda Zimmerlin
Assistant City Administrator



Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item 1

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with CT Consultants for the Design Engineering Services Necessary for the East Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Repairs Project and Declaring an Emergency

The City of Springdale has determined that the CSX Bridge at East Kemper Road is in need of repair and has explored grant funding for this project. At the **07/17/2019** meeting, City Council authorized an agreement between the City of Springdale and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners for the acceptance of Municipal Road Funds (MRF) for the funding of one third of the preliminary construction cost estimate, \$145,430. City Council has also authorized City Administration to apply for State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) funding. Due to an increase in the preliminary construction estimate, the City has applied for State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) funds for \$156,535. If the SCIP funding application is successful, the City's portion of the project cost is estimated to be \$156,535.

Design engineering services will be necessary for the project. CT Consultants has provided the City with a proposal for the design engineering on the project in the amount of \$45,850.00.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing an agreement with CT Consultants to provide engineering and design work for the East Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Repairs project will be before Council for consideration at the **09/18/2019** meeting. The need for the emergency clause is to execute the contract at the earliest possible date.

Item II

An Ordinance Adopting an Amendment to the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Springdale, Ohio and the Springdale Professional Firefighters Association, Local 427 and Declaring an Emergency

The City of Springdale is party to a collective bargaining agreement with the Springdale Professional Firefighters Association, Local 427. The current collective bargaining agreement is effective from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. The City and the Fire Union sought to amend the current agreement to include the position of Fire Lieutenant in the bargaining unit and discuss the terms and conditions of employment for the position. The two parties began meeting in early 2019 and engaged in the bargaining process. The Administration's team feels the final document will be ready for Council's consideration at the **09/18/2019** meeting.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, adopting an amendment to the current collective bargaining agreement between the City of Springdale, Ohio and the Springdale Professional Firefighters Association, Local 427, will be before Council at the **09/18/2019** meeting. The need for the emergency clause is to allow for the immediate addition of the newly created position and uninterrupted and efficient operation of the Fire Department. In the past, a copy of the contract has not been attached to the ordinance due to the size of the document. An original copy is always located at the Clerk of Council/Finance Director's office for public view. Upon request, a copy of the document can also be provided.

Item III

A Resolution Making an Appointment on Behalf of the City Council of Springdale, Ohio to the Board of Directors of the Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Sycamore Township, Symmes Township, Energy Special Improvement District, Inc.

At the **09/04/2019** City Council meeting, Council passed several pieces of legislation authorizing the City to participate in the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District (ESID). Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.04 provides that the City Council, as the legislative authority of the City, shall appoint one member to serve on the ESID Board and the Mayor shall appoint another.

A resolution making an appointment on behalf of the City Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio to the Board of Directors of the Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Sycamore Township, Symmes Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. will be before City Council at the **09/18/2019** meeting.

Item IV

An Ordinance Establishing a Capital Projects Fund Entitled the “Energy Special Improvement District Fund” and Declaring an Emergency

As stated above, City Council passed several pieces of legislation authorizing the City to participate in the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District (ESID) at the **09/04/2019** meeting. Participation in the ESID allows businesses in Springdale to participate in Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing to fund energy efficiency improvements. Special assessments would be levied to pay for the improvements to the companies. The assessments would either be collected by a third party (on behalf of the County) and be disbursed to the investor or the assessment would be collected by the County and transferred to the City for disbursement. In the latter case, the City will need to create a special revenue fund for these assessments.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, establishing a capital projects fund entitled the “Energy Special Improvement District Fund” will be presented for Council’s consideration at the **09/18/2019** meeting. The need for said emergency is to allow for the collection of the special assessments at the earliest possible date.

Item V

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for 2020

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 2020 will be presented to City Council for consideration at the **10/02/2019** meeting.

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