

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the Assistant City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

September 27, 2013

To: Mrs. Marjorie Harlow
President
Springdale City Council

From: Jerry Thamann
City Administrator

Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I

An Ordinance Accepting the Amendments to the Joint Self-Insurance Agreement with the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool and Declaring an Emergency

Since August of 2010 the City of Springdale has participated in the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool (CLGBP) through the Center for Local Government (CLG). CLGBP consists of a group of communities that have come together to self-fund and share their health insurance experience, costs, and savings. To become a participating member of CLGBP, a prospective community would need to adopt legislation authorizing their participation and execute the Joint Self-Insurance Agreement.

For the majority of the member communities, this is their first opportunity to be involved with a self-funded health insurance program, and it has been a learning experience for all involved. After four (4) years of experiencing the process, the CLGBP Board determined a number of amendments to the pool were necessary. It was felt those changes would need to be identified in the Joint Self-Insurance Agreement and adopted by the membership. As a result, amendments to the Joint Self-Insurance Agreement have been developed and are being recommended for approval by City Council.

Several of the most significant amendments to the agreement are: (1) removing the name of USI Midwest, the former broker for CLGBP; (2) authorizing CLGBP to take action without approval of the executive board of CLG; (3) clarifying how the monthly contributions are calculated; (4) including a 2% penalty for member communities paying their monthly contribution late; and (5) modifying the "Authorized Withdrawal from the Pool Period" from 90 days to 30 days.

In order for the amendments to become effective, two-thirds (2/3) of the members' legislative bodies must adopt them. The CLGBP executive board is asking member communities to approve the Agreement as soon as practical, but no later than the end of October.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, accepting the amendments to the Joint Self-Insurance Agreement with CLGBP is scheduled to be before Council at the **10/02/2013** meeting.

Item II

An Ordinance Accepting a Proposal from CDS Associates for Engineering Services Necessary for the Jake Sweeney Place Road Rehabilitation Project and Declaring an Emergency.

As previously discussed, it has been determined the roadway improvements to Jake Sweeney Place will include the complete removal and replacement of the entire length of the pavement. Also, a significant portion of the storm sewer system in the street is corrugated metal which has failed and is in need of replacement. The engineering estimate for the improvements to Jake Sweeney Place exceeds \$50,000 and legislative approval is necessary. A proposal has been received from CDS Associates for the engineering, the detailed plans and contract documents.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, accepting the proposal from CDS Associates and authorizing the Clerk of Council/Finance Director to pay CDS in accordance with the terms of the proposal will be before Council at the **10/02/2013** meeting.

Item III

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for 2014

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 2014 will be presented to City Council for consideration at the **10/02/2013** meeting.

Item IV

Each year the State of Ohio adopts a number of amendments or supplements to the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Up until 2009, the City of Springdale has enacted or adopted a number of those supplements. Some of them are required for us to enact, others are optional. Unfortunately, from 2009 until today we have not adopted any. We are asking that legislation be brought in to bring us up to date with the ORC. Once we have reviewed and discussed the pros and cons of the amendments and are ready for their approval we would request the adoption of the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 supplements.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause adopting the ORC amendments will be before Council at a future meeting.

Item V

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into an Agreement to Provide for Mutual Aid Police Protection and Declaring an Emergency

In January 2012, the City adopted legislation amending the Hamilton County Mutual Aid Agreement for Police Departments. The amendment to the agreement at that time primarily addressed the following items: 1) clarified that the “Employing Agency” is responsible for the actions of its officer (employee) and any costs associated with the officer’s actions when in another participating jurisdiction; 2) incorporated the previous separate “SWAT addendum document” as a part of the overall mutual aid agreement; and 3) clarified the definition of what constitutes a serious traffic violation.

At the time the new language was adopted, there were several insurance carriers and jurisdictions expressing concerns with some of the revised wording in the agreement. The jurisdictions agreed to sign-off on the 2012 version in order to have a more updated agreement available. As a result, the Hamilton County Police Chief’s Association worked on the agreement for 2013 to make sure it was fully updated and contained wording everyone could live with. Most of the new proposed language does not have a major impact on our operations. At this time, the document continues to be reviewed by all jurisdictions.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to enter into a revised agreement for mutual aid police protection is anticipated to be before Council this fall.

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