

# INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

## Office of the Assistant City Administrator

### Springdale, Ohio

October 11, 2012

To: Mrs. Marjorie Harlow  
President  
Springdale City Council

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From: Jerry Thamann  
Assistant City Administrator

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Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

#### **Item I**

#### **An Ordinance Amending the Springdale Zoning Code Map by Redefining the Route 4 Corridor District Boundaries and Overlaying the Corridor District Map onto the Zoning Code Map**

At its August 14, 2012 meeting, the Springdale Planning Commission voted to recommend an amendment to the Route 4 Corridor District Boundaries and to overlay its map onto the Zoning Map. At its September 11, 2012 meeting, the Springdale Planning Commission voted to recommend a zoning text amendment (Section 153.421 – District Boundaries) referencing the corridor district map as the Zoning Code Map (since it will be overlaid onto the Zoning Code Map.) When the original/current corridor study plan was adopted by the City, there were no clearly defined boundaries. The original Corridor Study illustrated a number of bubbles for each of the four subareas along the corridor and as a result properties off of the Route 4 corridor were included. It is felt that some of the properties off of the actual corridor perhaps should not have the same restrictions as properties on the corridor. In addition, the Route 4 Corridor District Map is a separate document from the Zoning Code Map.

This ordinance (Planning Commission's recommendation), if adopted, would reduce the size of the Route 4 Corridor District boundaries by eliminating a number of properties not located on SR4 as well as overlay the corridor district map onto the Zoning Code Map (thereby combining them into one.) One benefit of adopting this change is it would relieve those properties (currently included in the district) of the stringent corridor district standards as well as provide a clear indication of the district's boundaries. The new boundaries will be more aligned along property lines.

An ordinance to amend the Springdale Zoning Code Map by revising the Route 4 Corridor District Boundaries and overlaying the Corridor District Map onto the Zoning Code Map was before Council for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the **10/03/2012** meeting. A second reading and **Public Hearing** has been scheduled for the **10/17/2012** meeting.

**Item II****An Ordinance Authorizing the City to “Call” the Existing Bonds on the Springdale Community Center Debt and to Refinance the Balance of the Debt and Declaring an Emergency**

At the beginning of 2012, the City owed \$2,300,000 on the Bonds for the Community Center expansion project. We are scheduled to pay \$489,600 (\$400,000 in principal and \$89,600 in interest) to cover this year’s payment leaving a balance of \$1,900,000. The bonds are scheduled to be paid off on December 1, 2017. December 1, 2012 is the first opportunity the City has had to “Call” the Bonds. The City Administration has been exploring ways in which to address the remaining debt as well as saving dollars for the City. Several financial institutions have been contacted and submitted proposals for refinancing the remaining debt. US Bank has provided the most competitive proposal, submitting the lowest fixed rate at 1.21%. The principal amount and length of the debt service will not change. The final payment will be December 1, 2017. However, with the refinancing, the interest payments will be significantly reduced.

Under the current schedule the City would have paid a total of \$220,800 in interest through the last payment in December of 2017. Under the refinancing proposal from US Bank the City will be paying \$68,849 in interest through December of 2017. The City will have an interest payment of \$2,299 that will be paid to US Bank to cover the time from closing on the new debt to the call date of the old debt. The closing on the new Bonds is scheduled for October 25, 2012. The City must also pay our bond counsel, Peck Shaffer and Williams, a fee of \$10,000 for their legal representation and preparation of the Bond documents, and a Bond Account set-up fee to US Bank in the amount of \$1,900. The net savings to the City by refinancing the Community Center debt is \$140,051 over the life of the Bonds.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the City to “Call” the existing Bonds on the Community Center Debt and to refinance the remaining debt will be before Council for your consideration at the **10/17/2012** meeting.

**Item III****An Ordinance Authorizing the City to Purchase a F350 Ford Classic Ambulance under the State of Ohio’s Cooperative Purchasing Program and Declaring an Emergency.**

As part of the 2012 five-year budget process, Council approved legislation permitting us to purchase a new 2012 F350 Ford Classic ambulance to replace a 1997 Ford Braun. The new ambulance was financed over a three-year period with the first payment due this October. The budget also indicated we would be purchasing a second ambulance in 2013. Earlier this year, the Fire Chief informed the Administration of new mandated requirements for models purchased after 2012. These requirements include, but not limited to additional flashers and reflectors, etc. If we were to wait until next year to purchase the same ambulance as we did in 2012 only in a 2013 model, there will be \$8,000 to \$12,000 in additional costs. We do not believe these new requirements, or lack thereof, will put our employees or the public in harm’s way. In an effort to save ourselves the extra expense, we can place the order this year and schedule delivery for late summer of 2013. We paid \$134,787 for the 2012 model. The quote for the 2013 model is \$139,645. Both of these are on the state bid cooperative purchasing list. The new 2013 model will replace a 2006 ambulance experiencing severe engine problems.

An ordinance, with an emergency clause, authorizing the City to purchase a 2013 F350 Ford Classic ambulance under the State of Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Program will be before Council for your consideration at the **10/17/2012** meeting.

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