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SUBJECT: Report to Council, April 11, 2016

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER

ACTION ITEM #1 – ODOT D06 Regional Pedestrian Signals, PID 101844

Consent Legislation: In 2015, our office began working with the Ohio Department of Transportation and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission on a Systematic Safety Pilot Project. This project is aimed at implementing low cost measures that included high visibility crosswalk striping, and rectangular rapid flash beacons, to improve the safety of pedestrian crossings. In working with their offices, were able to secure a grant in the amount of \$67,000 for the installation of rectangular rapid flash beacons at the following locations at no cost to the City of Gahanna:

1. Mill Street at Town Street
2. Cherry Bottom Road at Coldwell Drive
3. Clotts Road, 175' north of Haversham Drive
4. Riva Ridge Boulevard at Gahanna East Middle School

We are respectfully requesting legislation authorizing the City of Gahanna to enter into agreement with ODOT to take advantage of the program and the pedestrian safety upgrades. Because the State requires an extremely quick turnaround once they start the process, they have requested that this legislation be passed as an emergency (RCA and legislation attached.)

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

ACTION ITEM #1 – Permission to Bid Road Salt: The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) invites local governments and political subdivisions to partner with them for the cooperative purchase of road salt each winter season. As members of the State Cooperative Purchasing Program, the City of Gahanna is eligible to participate in this program.

We are respectfully requesting legislation authorizing the City of Gahanna to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) 2016-2017 season road salt cooperative bid program for their Summer (418-17) and/or Winter (018-17) contracts for road salt. Because the State requires an extremely quick turnaround once they start the process in late April/early May, we are asking that this legislation be passed as emergency. (RCA and last year's ordinance attached.)

ACTION ITEM #2 – South Side of 2nd Floor City Hall Modification – Waiver of Formal Bid Process: As you are all aware, the Building and Zoning divisions have shifted into the Department of Public Service and Engineering and relocated to the 1st floor of City Hall. Now that their move is complete, the south side of City Hall's 2nd floor needs modified to allow safe and affective interaction with visitors.

The major changes will include:

- **Construction of two administrative workstations** – These workstations will position the existing employees in locations that allow them to easily see, greet and assist visitors. This piece of the remodel is the most urgent.
- **Construction of a conference room** – In order to accommodate the relocation of Building and Zoning to the 1st floor, the engineering conference room was turned into work areas for the Chief Building Official and the Building Inspector. It is our desire to replace that conference room on the 2nd floor.
- **Carpet replacement throughout the south side of the 2nd floor**

We created an RFP for the work and received the following pricing:

Item Description	Arccon	Mid-Ohio Construction	Buckeye Restoration
Demo and Construction	\$ 40,791.80	\$ 35,150.00	\$ 42,907.51
Carpet	\$ 23,615.38	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 19,239.16
Networking	\$ 960.00	\$ 2,948.00	\$ 1,948.38
Fire Protection	\$ 3,241.76	\$ 9,236.00	\$ 8,165.00
TOTAL:	\$ 68,608.94	\$ 70,334.00	\$ 72,260.05

It is worth noting that the fact that our prices are very tight tell us that the details of the project were understandable; therefore, our prices are probably very accurate. Additionally, the two companies submitting the lowest prices have completed City Hall remodel projects for us in the past and performed excellent work with minimal change orders. It would be our intent to hire Arccon who submitted the lowest proposal. (Please note that we contacted Arccon to discuss the Networking and Fire Protection items and verified that they have included the necessary work in their proposal even though the price they've given for these

items are significantly lower than the other vendors.) Sufficient funding is available and no supplemental appropriation would be needed.

We are respectfully requesting a waiver of the formal bid requirement for this project in order to perform the modifications as quickly as possible from a security standpoint so that existing staff can be positioned to be able to see visitors when they enter the area. (As a reminder, when the Building and Zoning staff vacated the area, it eliminated the ability for existing employees to have line of sight to the entry doors.) (RCA attached)

UPDATE

Hamilton Rd Central: The second planned project roadway closure of Hamilton Road was completed on 4/4/16. The original duration of the planned closure was expected to be 21 days, however, we were able to re-open the roadway in 7 days, 14 days than originally planned. The shortened duration of the closure greatly helped to reduce the construction impact on the community.

Over the next couple of weeks, the contractor will continue to complete miscellaneous items related to the culverts, begin storm sewer construction in the northern portion of the project, and begin excavation for the new roadway.

Asphalt plans have begun to reopen, so pavement repairs will continue throughout the construction zone to maintain an adequate pavement condition throughout construction.

Private Utility Companies are nearing the completion of the relocation of their facilities.

Motorists should continue to expect delays throughout the construction zone, and are encouraged to consider other routes if they wish to avoid a possible delay in their travels.