Office of the City Manager

City Manager Report to City Council for the Meeting of Monday, September 15, 2014

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LEGISLATION

1) Ordinance No. 27-2014 – Appropriation – Central Districts Sanitary Sewer Study

In order to comply with the Findings and Orders issued by the Ohio EPA, the City has included in its Capital Improvement Plan the study of the sanitary sewers in the central part of Worthington. Staff briefed the City Council on this study on July 14, 2014 and the City Council authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals to select a consultant to perform the study. This Ordinance appropriates the funds for the study.

Staff is recommending DLZ, Inc. to perform the work. Attached is a memorandum from the Director of Service & Engineering that provides additional information.

Staff recommends amending the Ordinance to include DLZ, Inc. as the firm to complete the work and the amount of $165,000, which includes a ten percent contingency.

Recommendation: **Approval of Ordinance as Amended**

2) Ordinance No. 28-2014 – Supplemental Appropriation

The Ordinance provides additional appropriations related to water main repair costs and system capacity charges.

Under the City's contract with the City of Columbus for water services, the City of Worthington is responsible for a portion of the cost of water main repairs as determined by a formula. The formula involves the total miles of pipe in Worthington compared to the total miles of pipe in the entire Columbus system and the number of water line breaks in Worthington compared to breaks across the Columbus system. The City of Worthington has recently received a bill for the 2013 repairs. This expense is paid out of the City's Water Fund. However, there is not enough money in the Water Fund to pay this bill, so this Ordinance appropriates funds in the General Fund to transfer to the Water

Fund. It also creates an appropriation within the Water Fund to allow the bill to be paid from the transferred funds.

The Ordinance also appropriates funds in the Accrued Acreage Fund to pay the system capacity fees to the City of Columbus. The fees owed to the City of Columbus are related to new connections to the sewer system. The amount owed this year is due primarily to the new apartments under construction by Crawford Hoying. The City of Worthington has already collected the fees for this charge from the builder; however this appropriation is needed to pass along those fees to the City of Columbus.

Additional information is included in the attached memorandum from the Director of Service & Engineering

Recommendation: **Approval of Ordinance as Presented**

NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED

3) Resolution No. 40-2014 – Income Tax Review Board Appointment

This Resolution appoints Scott Heitkamp and Robert Oakley (alternate) to the Worthington Income Tax Board of Appeals.

Recommendation: **Approval of Resolution as Presented**

4) Ordinance No. 29-2014 - Accepting the Amounts and Rates and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies

This Ordinance accepts the tax rates and amounts as determined by the Franklin County Budget Commission. These rates and amounts are based on the tax budget that was submitted in July. The property tax rate remains unchanged for 2015. This is an annual action by the City as required by State law. Attached is a memorandum from the Finance Director that provides additional information. Staff is requesting this Ordinance be approved by emergency to meet the required timelines under State law.

Recommendation: **Approval of Ordinance by Emergency**

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