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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **City Commission to Hear Proposals on Jobs, Demolitions, CRAs**

SPRINGFIELD, OH (April 22, 2019) — Springfield City Commission will hear proposals for job growth, demolition, and Community Reinvestment Areas (CRAs) at its regular meeting Tuesday night, April 23.

City Commission will hear a proposal to facilitate job growth at Code Blue, which is expanding its offices and adding more than 160 full-time jobs. The measure would approve an employment incentive agreement with the water mitigation firm.

“Code Blue has been a large part of our downtown revitalization, operating inside a historic building on our core block,” said City Manager Bryan Heck. “This is a big win for our community.”

Commissioners will also hear a proposal to approve a contract with Tony Smith Wrecking for demolition of condemned structures. Clearing the abandoned houses helps in the rejuvenation of our neighborhoods, said Heck.

The Commission is also expected to vote on a measure to rescind old CRAs to make way for an expanded community reinvestment area for the city. CRAs are areas of land in which a property owner can receive tax incentives for investing in real property improvements. Springfield’s CRA provides for temporary tax abatement of increased real property taxes on significant residential remodeling or new residential construction within the area. CRAs are used to incentivize revitalization of the existing housing stock and the construction of new housing within existing neighborhoods.

City Commission will meet in the City Hall Forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday.