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Interoffice Memo – City Manager's Office

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Department Directors
SUBJECT: Agenda Items for the May 10th Council Meeting
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This memo offers a brief description of the topics included on the May 10th Council agenda.

9.a.1. Motion setting 7PM, Thursday, July 12, 2012 as public hearing for consideration of the 2013 Tax Budget

As is customary this time of year, this motion sets the public hearing date for the 2013 Tax Budget for July 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM. It is necessary to hold a public hearing and, thereafter, present Council with a resolution for the Budget's acceptance, as has been the practice in the past. A copy of the Tax Budget will be available for review by the public, and Council's copy will be delivered in early July.

Please direct any questions regarding this motion or the tax budget process to the Treasurer.

9.a.2. Ordinance No. 2012-26 - Authorizing the City Manager to grant exceptions to existing limitations on conversions of vacation and compensatory time

The recommendation has been made by the Administration, given current economic times, to consider the possibility of granting exceptions to the City's existing limitations upon the payout of an employee's accrued vacation and/or compensatory time. This recommendation was first made (and approved by Council) in 2009, and would not only assist an employee in a time of need (for instance, should a spouse be laid off or for HSA funding), but it also could benefit the City as such a disbursement could minimize future expense to the City of such payouts. The ordinance, if approved by Council, would allow the City Manager to continue to apply guidelines upon which individual requests could be submitted, and would also take into consideration the need to amend the collective bargaining unit contracts in place. Evaluation of each request would be made on its own merit, considering the overall benefit to the City as well as to the employee. The recommendation would be to provide this authority through the 2012 pay year.

Please direct questions regarding this ordinance to the City Manager or Treasurer.

9.a.3. Ordinance No. 2012-27 – Authorizing the creation of a new capital project construction fund #444 (Carver Road Rehabilitation Project)

The Public Works Director, working with the City's engineering firm, CDS associates, continues to work on this major project, which is expected to begin in Spring 2013. Carver Road requires significant "full-depth" renovation, and this project also includes new storm drainage components as well as sidewalks. The City has been awarded a 10-year no interest loan to assist with financing this work. It is, therefore, necessary for City Council to authorize the creation of the project fund within the City's accounting structure.

The Treasurer has assigned Construction Fund #444 to this project and seeks authorization to establish necessary revenue and expenditure components of this fund so that financial transactions associated with the project can be properly tracked, in accordance with good accounting practice.

Please direct questions regarding this ordinance to the Treasurer, or to the Public Works Director.