

CITY OF BLUE ASH

Interoffice Memo – City Manager's Office

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Department Directors
SUBJECT: Agenda Items for the May 10th Council Meeting
DATE: May 8, 2018
COPIES: Department Directors, Press, Clerk of Council, Solicitor

This memo offers a brief description of the topics included on the May 10th Council agenda.

8.a.1. Ordinance No. 2018-4 amending and enacting certain sections of Part 3 Traffic Code, Part 5 General Offenses Code, and repealing Sections 521.07 and 545.13 of Part 5 General Offenses; and declaring an emergency

Ordinance No. 2018-4 incorporates the State law changes required for the Traffic Code (Part 3), for the General Offenses Code (Part 5), and repealing Sections 521.07 and 545.13 as part of the annual Code of Ordinances update. These changes mirror revisions made at the State level, bringing the City of Blue Ash into compliance with the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code. The current changes have been reviewed by Dinsmore & Shohl as well as by the Police Administration.

Please direct questions regarding this ordinance to the Police Chief and Fire Chief.

8.a.2. Resolution No 2018-26 amending the 2018 Position Classification Plan

This resolution amends the 2018 Position Classification Plan by authorizing an Engineering Technician position as well as the related job description and pay range. Currently serving in the Engineer classification, Zak Bradley, has accepted another employment opportunity with a private firm. Allowing for both the Engineer and the Engineering Technician positions in the pay plan will provide the Public Works Department more flexibility in hiring his replacement.

Please direct questions related to this resolution to the Public Works Director.

8.b.1. Resolution No. 2018-21 Intent to appropriate interests in land from the Randolph Company AND 8.b.2. Ordinance No. 2018-5 initiating proceedings to appropriate property for a planned traffic improvement project

As Council was previously made aware, this is the property acquisition process for a 25 foot section of the Randolph property located at 4200 Malsbary Road. This property acquisition will allow us to construct the Malsbary extension to the roadway network within the Al Neyer 98 Acre development for the purpose of improving traffic flow and connectivity.

Please direct any questions regarding this Ordinance to the Public Works Director.

8.b.3. Resolution No. 2018-22 Intent to appropriate interests in land from Wittrock Properties, LLC AND 8.b.4. Ordinance No. 2018-6 initiating proceedings to appropriate property for a planned traffic improvement project

As Council was previously made aware, this is the property acquisition process for a 25 foot section of the Wittrock property located at 4201 Malsbary Road. This property acquisition will allow us to construct the Malsbary extension to the roadway network within the Al Neyer 98 Acre development for the purpose of improving traffic flow and connectivity.

Please direct any questions regarding this Ordinance to the Public Works Director.

8.b.5. Resolution No. 2018-23 awarding bid for Blue Ash Historic Hunt House Roof Replacement Project

Bids for the Blue Ash Historic Hunt House Roof Replacement Project were advertised in the April 18, 2018 *Northeast Suburban Life-Press*. One bid was received and publicly opened and read aloud on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. Administration is recommending Council authorize an award to AEQ, LLC d/b/a Ace Exteriors for unit prices as shown on the bid summary. Staff recommends the award include the base bid and Alternate 1.

Roof and gutter replacements will be done on the Blue Ash Historic Hunt House due to the expiration and degradation of the existing roof and gutters useful life. The project is expected to be completed no later than June 28, 2018.

Please direct any questions regarding this resolution to the Public Works Director.

8.c.1. Motion approving the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law affirming the Blue Ash Board of Zoning Appeals' February 12, 2018, decision and denying Appellants' appeal for an electronic message board at 10816 Millington Court

An appeal hearing was held during the April 12th Council Meeting. Mike and Tobi Iacono filed an appeal seeking Council approval to affirm the variance granting the larger sign face but to reverse BZA's decision and allow the electronic message board too. The BZA granted a variance allowing the Iaconos to enlarge their existing ground sign – which already exceeded the size and dimension limitations imposed by the Blue Ash Code of Ordinances, however, the larger sign could not include an electronic message face. Council voted 5-2 affirming the Board of Zoning Appeals decision of February 12, 2018, and denied the Appellants' Appeal.

Please direct any questions regarding this motion to the City Solicitor.

8.c.2 Motion setting a Public Hearing for 7:05PM, Thursday, May 24, 2018, to consider a Final Development Plan approval at 4455 Carver Woods Drive for the Hamilton County Coroner Crime Lab, in the Summit Park Zoning District

The proposed plan is for a new 85,826 square foot, 3-story office building for the Hamilton County Crime Lab within the Neighborhoods at Summit Park subdivision. The site is part of the former location of the Sycamore Senior Center and includes the undeveloped 9.4 acres. The Concept Development Plan for this site was reviewed by Planning Commission in October 2017 and approved by City Council Resolution 2017-61 on October 12, 2017.

Planning Commission considered the current request at its regular meeting on May 3, 2018 and recommended approval with conditions.

Please direct any questions regarding this motion to the Community Development Director.

8.c.2. Resolution No. 2018-24 authorizing an economic development agreement with Kaleidoscope Innovation

Kaleidoscope Innovation is a product design firm, currently based in Cincinnati. The company plans to relocate its headquarters to 4362 Creek Road, leasing 28,000 sq. ft. Kaleidoscope will create 56 jobs by December 2021, with a \$4.5 million annual payroll, resulting in \$55,000 of new annual earnings tax for the City of Blue Ash. Council has offered the company a \$55,000 forgivable loan.

Please direct any questions regarding this resolution to the Economic Development Director.

8.c.3. Resolution No. 2018-25 authorizing an economic development agreement with Stack Construction Technologies

Stack Construction is a software firm creating estimating and bidding for the construction industry. The company, currently based in Mason, plans to relocate its headquarters to 4600 McAuley Place, leasing 12,000 sq. ft. Stack will create 90 jobs by December 2021, with a \$6.8 million annual payroll, resulting in \$85,000 in new annual earnings tax for the City of Blue Ash. Council has offered the company an \$85,000 forgivable loan.

Please direct any questions regarding this resolution to the Economic Development Director.