

BLUE ASH CITY COUNCIL

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, was held on December 13, 2018. Mayor Thomas C. Adamec called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM.

2. OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Adamec led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Marc Sirkin, Councilwoman Linda Bauer, Councilman Joe Leet, Councilman Pramod Jhaveri, Councilman Jeff Capell, Councilman Lee Czerwonka, and Mayor Tom Adamec

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager David Waltz, Solicitor Bryan Pacheco, Clerk of Council Jamie Eifert, Assistant City Manager Kelly Harrington, Treasurer Sherry Poppe, Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Funk, Public Works Director Gordon Perry, Fire Chief Chris Theders, Police Chief Scott Noel, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Brian Kruse, and interested citizens

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Vice Mayor Sirkin seconded to accept the agenda. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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2. OPENING CEREMONIES
3. ROLL CALL – Clerk of Council Jamie K. Eifert
4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Regular Meeting of November 8, 2018
 - b. Budget Study Session of November 26, 2018
6. COMMUNICATIONS
 - a. Communications to Council – Clerk of Council Jamie K. Eifert
 - b. Reports From Outside Agencies
 - c. Mayor's Report – November 2018
 - d. Financial Report – Motion to accept the report for November 2018
7. HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Finance & Administration Committee, Lee Czerwonka, Chairperson
 1. Ordinance No. 2018-12, modifying Council ward boundaries
 2. Resolution No. 2018-57, 2018 budget amendments
 3. Resolution No. 2018-58, adopting 2019 budget
 4. Resolution No. 2018-59, authorizing 2019 pay plan
 5. Resolution No. 2018-60, authorizing a contract with Cincinnati Bell
 6. Resolution No. 2018-61, amending professional legal service fees
 - b. Parks & Recreation Committee, Linda Bauer, Chairperson
 1. Resolution No. 2018-62 awarding bid for Blue Ash Recreation Center Partial Roof Replacement Project
 - c. Planning & Zoning Committee, Marc Sirkin, Chairperson
 1. Motion setting a Public Hearing for 7:05 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2019, to consider a final development plan for a new hotel and site development for a residence Inn in the Summit Park Subdivision
 2. Motion setting a Public Hearing for 7:10 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2019 to consider a Conditional Use Permit for an outdoor dining area at 9290 Kenwood Road in the Downtown Zoning District
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- d. *Public Works Committee, Joe Leet, Chairperson*
 - 1. Resolution No. 2018-65, *authorizing professional engineering service fees*
- e. *Public Safety Committee, Pramod Jhaveri, Chairperson*
 - 1. Resolution No. 2018-66, *electing members to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependent Fund Board*
 - 2. Resolution No. 2018-67, *authorizing purchase and disposal of a fire engine*

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. *Economic Development Assistance – to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or with respect to negotiations with other political subdivisions regarding requests for economic development assistance.*

11. ADJOURNMENT

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Councilman Jhaveri seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2018. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Sirkin moved, Councilman Capell seconded to approve the minutes of the budget study session of November 26, 2018. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications to Council

The Clerk informed that the City received two requests for new liquor permits – Blazin Wings, Inc. dba Buffalo Wild Wings and Noah Beverages, LLC, an event center. The police department has reviewed and raised no objections. No concerns were reported by Council.

b. Reports From Outside Agencies

There were no representatives from outside agencies present at the meeting.

c. Mayor's Report – November 2018

TOTAL RECEIPTS:..... \$12,101.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

To Blue Ash	
Fines/costs/Expungements/forfeitures/NSF check charges, vendor permits)	\$8,300.00
To the State of OH:	\$2,941.50
Victims of Crime	\$711.00
General Rev Fund	now included in 2a below
Sealings	\$0.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund 2a (Includes STG and bond surcharge)	\$1,955.00
Drug Law Enforcement Fund 2b	\$255.50
Justice Program Service Fund	
Seat Belts	\$20.00
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Trtm't Fund	\$109.50
Refund of Appealed Fines and Costs	\$0.00
Refund of overpaid fines	\$0.00
Bond Money applied	\$0.00
Bond Money returned	\$0.00
Restitution payment	\$750.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$12,101.00
BALANCE IN BONDS: 11/30/2018	\$0.00
Mayor's Court traffic citations issued	82
Mayor's Court Building charges issued	0
Mayor's Court criminal citations issued	8
Total Mayor's Court cases	90
Blue Ash rev. from Mayor's Ct. Cases:.....	\$8,300.00

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d. Financial Report – November 2018

Councilman Czerwonka moved Councilman Jhaveri seconded to accept the Financial Report for November 2018 as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

CITY OF BLUE ASH FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT- MONTH ENDING November 30, 2018

MONTH TO DATE	2017	2018
START OF MONTH FUND BALANCE:	\$53,430,813.51	\$48,303,132.79
Revenues:		
Earnings Tax Collections:	\$2,216,882.92	\$2,304,828.24
Debt Financing (long term)	-	-
Debt Financing (short term)	-	-
Other Revenue Received:	673,647.32	1,305,192.74
= Total Monthly Receipts	\$2,890,530.24	\$3,610,020.98
Expenditures:		
Long term Debt Payments	2,376,298.75	2,367,242.50
Short term Debt Payments	-	-
Other Expenditures:	\$4,980,950.05	\$3,647,144.09
= Total Monthly Expenditures:	\$(7,357,248.80)	\$(6,014,386.59)
END OF MONTH FUND BALANCE:	\$48,964,094.95	\$45,898,767.18

YEAR TO DATE	2017	2018
START OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:	58,212,800.00	49,409,485.46
Revenues:		
Earnings Tax Collections:	\$33,006,732.65	\$32,573,786.99
Debt Financing (long term)	-	-
Debt Financing (short term)	-	-
Other Revenue Received:	\$14,642,706.84	\$17,437,361.92
= Total YTD Receipts	\$47,649,439.49	\$50,011,148.91
Expenditures:		
Long term Debt Payments	\$7,634,870.46	\$7,576,207.96
Short term Debt Payments	63,939.74	63,939.74
Other Expenditures:	\$49,199,334.34	\$45,881,719.49
= Total YTD Expenditures:	\$(56,898,144.54)	\$(53,521,867.19)
YEAR TO DATE FUND BALANCE:	\$48,964,094.95	\$45,898,767.18

100% of the fund balance was invested as of 11/30/18 Interest paid to date on matured investments: \$513,163.15 Receipt and expenditure figures do not include interfund transfers or advances. All debt includes principal and interest.

BLUE ASH INCOME TAX DIV. INCOME TAX RECEIPT SUMMARY - MONTH ENDING November, 2018

MONTH TO DATE STATUS:	2017	2018
Business Net Profit	\$90,239.66	\$57,258.67
Resident Net Profit	38,299.34	21,516.72
Non-Resident Net Profit	14,363.24	5,400.53
Subcontractor Net Profit	2,655.75	8,840.60
Net Profit Total	\$145,557.99	\$93,016.52
Withholding	\$2,026,400.88	\$2,166,362.67
Subcontractor Withholding	44,924.05	45,449.05
Withholding Total	\$2,071,324.93	\$2,211,811.72
Monthly Collection Totals	\$2,216,882.92	\$2,304,828.24
		3.97%

YEAR TO DATE STATUS:	2017	2018
Business Net Profit	\$4,729,937.39	\$5,011,581.84
Resident Net Profit	1,288,444.22	1,203,833.56
Non-Resident Net Profit	433,163.20	340,883.70
Subcontractor Net Profit	171,890.06	177,636.63
Net Profit Total	\$6,623,434.87	\$6,733,935.73
Withholding	\$25,828,525.47	\$25,306,236.46
Subcontractor Withholding	554,772.31	533,614.80
Withholding Total	26,383,297.78	25,839,851.26
YTD Collection Totals	33,006,732.65	32,573,786.99
		-1.31%
YTD Refund Totals	\$1,855,974.78	\$1,832,905.54

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7. HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Mike Duncan, 11191 Jardin Place, suggested that a sunrise picture from the top of the tower be taken during each season. He suggested they be included in the calendar.

Steph Stoller, 5779 Bomark Court, noted that the Board of Directors for the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony is in need of a Blue Ash representative. She is hoping that a council member might be interested and, if not, perhaps a neighbor. Mayor Adamec offered to forward any contacts of interest.

Peter Nord, 10527 Kenridge Drive, commented that he previously presented Council with photos of the sunset at Summit Park during the solstices and equinox. He offered to donate one to the City. He added that it takes time to capture the best photo as there are obstructions, clouds, weather, etc. He also noted that there are many resolutions on tonight's agenda. He suggested they be wrapped into one or a few in order to save time.

Jesse Maxwell, 11086 Labelle Avenue, provided Council with a Letter to the Editor from the NE Suburban Life, November 28th edition thanking Council for meeting with Hazelwood residents regarding the Oak Park project and continuing community dialogue and collaboration.

Michael Washington, 11043 Wood Avenue, thanked Council for their engagement with Hazelwood residents before voting on the Oak Park project. He expressed gratitude to Council for taking the time to participate in a collaborative process. He hopes that this collaboration will result in the transformation of the "drop-in center" into a Cultural Retreat Center. This facility would not duplicate current city services. It would host cultural festivities, family and class reunions, birthday parties, dances, car shows, etc... He wants the building to be worthy of the dollars spent to maintain it as a premier location celebrating culture.

Hearings from Citizens was declared closed at 7:15 PM.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prior to the Council meeting, Council members received the following report describing agenda items:

This memo offers a brief description of the topics included on the December 13th Council agenda.

8.a.1. Ordinance No. 2018-12 modifying Council ward boundaries

Ordinance No. 2018-12 modifies the boundaries of Blue Ash wards to more evenly distribute Blue Ash's population among the five wards. Option A, Phase 1 (from the December 5th memo) is included as the Ordinance attachment. It impacts 4 wards in the first part of a two-step process with the second step to be completed once the residential components of the Neighborhoods at Summit Park are complete. At the request of the Board of Elections, a slight adjustment, which has no impact on residents, was made – the ward boundaries continue to rely on Reed Hartman and not Watson Way as the latter is not yet recognized by the census. Original options A, B, and C are included for reference. Should City Council choose to move forward at this time, the revised wards would be in place for the next municipal election – November 2019.

Please direct questions regarding this ordinance to the City Manager.

8.a.2. Resolution No. 2018-57 – 2018 budget amendments

Resolution No. 2018-57 provides for the following 2018 budget modifications:

Budget Amendments that will Increase or (Decrease) Budget

- *The City contracts with National Inspection Corporation for plan review and zoning official services. Permit activity in 2018 has exceeded the City's original budget amounts. To finish out the year, this budget amendment increases both revenue collections and the related expense to NIC for contracted services by \$65,000.*

Budget Amendments Made by Transfer of Appropriations (Within Budget)

- *An additional \$5,000 in Community and Economic Development salaries is needed resulting from an unexpected retirement earlier this year not included in the 2018 budget.*
- *Two departments require additional budget to cover utility costs through the end of the year. Parks Department requires an extra \$11,000 which is funded by a transfer from their operating supplies account and Cooper Creek's utility account is increased by \$10,000 by way of budget transfer from the Golf Course utility account.*

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- *The 2018 original budget included capital funding of \$40,000 for an auxiliary HVAC blower to insure continuous heating and cooling needs during Cooper Creek events. Current cost estimates associated with this purchase are higher than initially obtained in late 2017. Additional funding is provided by transferring \$3,000 from Cooper Creek's operating supplies account to the capital equipment account.*

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

8.a.3. Resolution No. 2018-58 – adopting 2019 budget

A presentation of the 2019 Budget was made to Council at the Budget Study Session held on November 26, 2018. The City Manager detailed the framework of the budget, provided a graphical overview which illustrated the City's anticipated operating results, and offered some guidance regarding current and future trends.

Resolution No. 2018-58 formally adopts the City's 2019 Budget as presented to Council on November 26th and includes the same revenue and expenditure budget contained in the budget document provided at that meeting. Please refer to that document for more detailed budget information however here are a few key highlights:

- *General Fund balance is estimated at \$37,236,488 at the end of the current fiscal year. Starting with that estimated fund balance and assuming collection of all budgeted revenues and expensing of all budgeted expenditures, General Fund balance is expected to decrease by approximately \$2M by the end of the 2019 fiscal year.*
- *Projected 2018 gross income tax collections total \$35,700,000 representing a -1% decrease from 2017 actual collections. Taking the loss of P&G into account, the 2019 estimates for withholding and net profit collections are reduced by almost 6% to \$33,600,000.*
- *The 2019 budget for all City funds, include \$52,151,501.15 in revenues and \$54,250,497.87 in expenditures (both net of transfers and advances).*

In the past, a preliminary budget was approved in December with a final in January. However, no significant changes are expected between December and January therefore this budget will serve as the City's final 2019 budget. Of course, modifications to the City's budget are inevitable throughout the year and said budget amendments will be presented to Council via resolutions.

Administration will provide information to Council after the first of the year that will include actual income tax collections and final end of year fund balances.

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

8.a.4. Resolution No. 2018-59 – adopting 2019 pay plan

Resolution No. 2018-59 authorizes the 2019 Position Classification Plan and the 2019 Annual Pay Plan as provided for in Resolution 2017-63 - Administrative Rules and Regulations related to pay classifications and pay schedules of non-bargaining personnel. The 2019 Position Classification Plan and the 2019 Pay Plan were recently approved by the Civil Service Commission.

The following is a summary of the adjustments:

- *1.25% cost of living increase for all non-bargaining full-time and permanent part-time employees effective with the 2019 pay plan year beginning on December 15, 2018.*
- *Required changes were made to part-time permanent and seasonal starting pay ranges to reflect the State minimum wage of \$8.55.*
- *Deletions of some classifications that are obsolete.*
- *Changes to the Community and Public Relations Coordinator including a title change (Communications Coordinator) and adjustment to the pay range, based on salary comparisons.*
- *Changes to the Fire Captain position including changes to FLSA status, number of positions and salary. These changes support possible changes to the current operating structure in the Fire Department. There will be no change to full time position count as a result of these changes.*
- *General maintenance and clean-up including corrections of duplications and overall renumbering for simplification.*

Please direct questions related to this resolution to the Treasurer/Administrative Services Director or City Manager.

8.a.5. Resolution No. 2018-60 – authorizing a contract with Cincinnati Bell

Administration sought competitive quotes for citywide phone, network connections, and internet services. Based upon pricing and the City's positive experience with Cincinnati Bell, its current provider, Administration recommends continuing with Cincinnati Bell. It is anticipated that the City will see a cost reduction of approximately \$2,000 per month due to the competitive pricing and, removal of certain service lines no longer needed, and previously installed infrastructure.

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract with Cincinnati Bell for citywide phone, network connections, and internet services not to exceed \$65,000 annually.

Please direct questions regarding this Resolution to the Treasurer/Administrative Services Director.

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8.a.6. Resolution No. 2018-61 – amending professional legal service fees

The Solicitor has requested legislation to authorize a change in the hourly legal fee schedule beginning in 2019. Resolution No. 2018-61 seeks authorization to increase the hourly rates by \$10 effective January 1 – resulting in the following hourly rates: \$250 per hour for attorney services, and \$190 per hour for paralegal services. Legal fees have not been increased since January 2016.

Please direct questions regarding this resolution to the Solicitor.

8.b.1. Resolution No. 2018-62 – awarding bid for Blue Ash Recreation Center Partial Roof Replacement Project

Bids for the Blue Ash Recreation Center Partial Roof Replacement Project were advertised in the November 14, 2018 Northeast Suburban Life-Press. Four bids were received and publicly opened and read aloud on Wednesday, November 28, 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 bid package A & B.

This project is to address leaks associated with the original roof – not the roof installed during the 2009 renovation project.

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

8.c.1. Motion setting a Public Hearing for 7:05 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2019, to consider a final development plan for a new hotel and site development for a Residence Inn in the Summit Park Subdivision

Summit View Development is proposing to build a 4-story, 126-unit Residence Inn on the east side of Summit Place in the Neighborhoods at Summit Park development. The proposed hotel is on the same site as was proposed in the preliminary development plans for the overall project. The approximately 115,000 square foot building would extend from the Park's edge to the roundabout and includes an area that is set aside for future development of a 5,000 square foot restaurant.

Planning Commission considered the proposed plan at its December 6, 2018 meeting and recommended approval to City Council.

Please direct any questions to the Community Development Director.

8.c.2. Motion setting a Public Hearing for 7:10 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2019 to consider a Conditional Use Permit for an outdoor dining area at 9290 Kenwood Road in the Downtown Zoning District

The applicant is planning to redevelop this existing site into a restaurant with an outdoor eating area on the Kenwood Road side of the building. The plans include removing the two-story house from the building, constructing an addition in its place, and upgrading the entire structure to satisfy the architectural regulations. The proposed land use and site configuration are permitted in the Downtown zoning district, but the Zoning Code requires a Conditional Use Permit for an outdoor eating area more than 10-feet in width.

Planning Commission considered the proposed plans at its December 6, 2018 meeting and recommended approval to City Council.

Please direct any questions to the Community Development Director.

8.c.3. Motion setting a Public Hearing for 7:05 PM, Thursday, February 14, 2019, to consider a zoning text amendment to allow a drive-through for a restaurant use

Chick-fil-A proposed an amendment to the Zoning Code that would allow drive-through uses for restaurants. The proposal is not limited to a specific zoning district, but does include a list of additional criteria that would limit the number of properties and the attributes of a site that could satisfy the proposed regulations.

Planning Commission considered the proposed amendment at its November 1 and December 6 meetings and recommended denial to City Council. State Law requires a minimum 40-day waiting period after advertising a public hearing, resulting in a February hearing.

Please direct any questions to the Community Development Director.

8.c.4. Resolution No. 2018-63 – authorizing an economic development agreement with Truepoint Wealth Counsel

Truepoint Wealth Counsel is a wealth management and financial services advisory firm. The company, currently based in Blue Ash, plans to expand and relocate its headquarters to 9999 Carver Road. Truepoint will create an additional 37 jobs by 2025, increasing its annual payroll by \$8 million, resulting in \$100,000 in new annual earnings tax for the City of Blue Ash. This agreement will provide the company a \$100,000 forgivable loan.

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

8.c.5. Resolution No. 2018-64 – approving a final plat for Park Manor

This Phase 3 Plat allows Park Manor to subdivide part of the property into 10 single-family lots along the Cooper Lane side of the development. Planning Commission approved a minor amendment to the plan in October that replaced three 12-unit condominium buildings that would have been in the same area. About half of the homes will have driveway access to Cooper Lane; the others will have access from the internal Park Manor driveways. The proposed plat does not include any new public right-of-way. This will be the final phase of the Park Manor development. Final Plat approval does not require a public hearing.

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Planning Commission considered the proposed subdivision at its November 1 meeting and recommended approval to City Council.

Please direct any questions to the Community Development Director.

8.d.1. Resolution No. 2018-65 – authorizing professional engineering service fees

In late 2017, Council approved a five-year contract with the City's long-standing engineering firm, CT Consultants, for general engineering services. The contract requires annual review and approval of the fee schedule for each calendar year. The attached 2019 fee schedule for engineering services has been reviewed by the Administration, and approval has been recommended to City Council.

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

8.e.1. Resolution No. 2018-66 – electing members to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependent Fund Board

This resolution is presented each year to City Council for approving the continuation of a State-required Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board. The resolution selects the Councilperson designated as the chairperson of the Public Safety Committee and the City Manager to serve on this Board, as well as two other members nominated by the Fire Department. Resolution No. 2018-65 provides appointees to the Board for calendar year 2019. This fund, administered through the State of Ohio, provides the surviving spouse or dependents of a part-time/volunteer firefighter killed while discharging the duties of a firefighter, or who dies from exposure or injury received in the discharge of duty, monetary benefits to supplement the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). (Only full-time firefighters can belong to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension system.) Therefore, in order to comply with State regulations, approval of this resolution is recommended.

Please direct questions regarding this resolution to the Fire Chief.

8.e.2. Resolution No. 2018-67 – authorizing purchase and disposal of a fire engine

Resolution No. 2018-66 authorizes the purchase of a 2019 Freightliner Pumper from Finley Fire Equipment through the State's Cooperative Purchasing program via Contract # 800721 for an amount not to exceed \$300,000. That amount includes a trade-in value of \$10,000 for the Fire Department's 2002 fire engine that has been recently taken out of service due to extensive corrosion.

The Fire Department desires to purchase this equipment in January pending Council's approval of the 2019 Budget in which funding was included.

Please direct questions regarding this Resolution to the Fire Chief.

a. Finance & Administration Committee, Lee Czerwonka, Chairperson

Councilman Czerwonka asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2018-12 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WARDS FROM WHICH FIVE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SHALL BE ELECTED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Vice Mayor Sirkin seconded to suspend the rules of Council requiring a second reading.

The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Jhaveri, Sirkin, Czerwonka, Leet, Bauer, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Councilman Capell voted no. Six yeases, one no.

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Vice Mayor Sirkin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-12.

Mayor Adamec noted that administration thoroughly promoted the topic to the public through its channels and news outlets. He prefers Option A, Phase 1 (the amendment to Option A) as it keeps most of the wards intact.

Vice Mayor Sirkin added that this option is on point with the counts and boundaries. He likes the idea of phasing the adjustments over time as the population increases.

Councilman Czerwonka added that the timing on buildouts is addressed through this approach.

Councilman Capell agreed that the wards need to be rebalanced and it has been quite awhile since they were last adjusted. However, he feels Council should take more time with it. Redistricting options were first shared with Council in November and were based on 2021 population estimates. Relying on those figures, it would make more sense to rebalance for

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the 2021 election. He added that City Council began its transition to 4-year, staggered Council terms in 2017. If the changes are made in 2021, all Council seats will be 4 years at that time. If the adjustments are made for the 2019 election, individuals who voted for a 2-year Councilmember might be moved into a 4-year ward and would not have the opportunity to vote for their ward representative again until 2021.

Vice Mayor Sirkin clarified that Option A, Phase 1 is based on November 2019 numbers.

Mayor Adamec added that no matter when Council makes the change, some residents will be moved mid-Council term.

Vice Mayor Sirkin motioned, Councilwoman Bauer seconded to suspend rules of Council requiring a second reading for adoption of Ordinance 2018-12 with redistricting Option A, Phase 1 which balances the numbers for the 2019 election.

The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Czerwonka, Bauer, Leet, Jhaveri, Sirkin, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Councilman Capell voted no. Six yeses, one no. Motion passed.

Vice Mayor Sirkin motioned, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to adopt Ordinance 2018-12 with redistricting Option A, Phase 1.

There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Czerwonka, Bauer, Leet, Jhaveri, Sirkin, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Councilman Capell voted no. Six yeses, one no. Ordinance No. 2018-12 passed.

Councilman Czerwonka asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-57 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-57

PROVIDING BUDGET AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE
2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 2018-2

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Councilman Leet seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-57.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Bauer, Sirkin, Capell, Leet, Jhaveri, Czerwonka, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeses. Resolution No. 2018-57 passed.

Councilman Czerwonka asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-58 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-58

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BLUE
ASH, OHIO, FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Councilman Jhaveri seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-58.

Vice Mayor Sirkin stated no changes were made from the budget study session.

In response to Councilman Capell's question, Treasurer Sherry Poppe responded that the combined Cooper Creek Event Center and Golf Course subsidy is \$400,000 in 2018. Councilman Capell is hoping to see greens fees increased to reduce the subsidy. He explained that while the City is facing a revenue reduction and increasing costs, the greens fees should at least keep up with inflation. He noted that he will look into providing legislation at the next Council meeting on this topic.

City Manager David Waltz stated that the City did increase these rates for 2018 and could do so for 2019. There is time to address this concern, as it is not yet golf season. He cautioned that there is a fine line between increasing rates and losing customers. Councilman Capell responded that it's an ideal time to increase rates during this strong economy when people can afford it.

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There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Leet, Jhaveri, Bauer, Sirkin, Capell, Czerwonka, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2018-58 passed.

Councilman Czerwonka asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-59 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-59

AUTHORIZING THE 2019 POSITION CLASSIFICATION
PLAN AND THE 2019 PAY PLAN AS PROVIDED FOR IN
RESOLUTION 2017-63 - ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND
REGULATIONS

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Vice Mayor Sirkin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-59.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Sirkin, Leet, Czerwonka, Jhaveri, Bauer, Capell, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2018-59 passed.

Councilman Czerwonka asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-60 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-60

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A
MULTI-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
WITH CINCINNATI BELL FOR TELEPHONE AND DATA
SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Councilman Leet seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-60.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Jhaveri, Capell, Bauer, Sirkin, Leet, Czerwonka, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2018-60 passed.

Councilman Czerwonka asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-61 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-61

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AND
PROVIDING COMPENSATION THEREFOR

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Vice Mayor Sirkin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-61.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Czerwonka, Bauer, Sirkin, Leet, Jhaveri, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Councilman Capell voted no. Six yeases, one no. Resolution No. 2018-61 passed.

b. Parks & Recreation Committee, Linda E. Bauer, Chairperson

Councilman Bauer asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-62 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-62

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT FOR THE BLUE ASH RECREATION CENTER
PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Councilman Bauer moved, Councilman Leet seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-62.

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In response to Mayor Adamec's question, Public Works Director Gordon Perry replied that the old roof from before the renovation is being replaced with a flat, rubber membrane roof.

There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Bauer, Leet, Jhaveri, Capell, Czerwonka, Sirkin, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeses. Resolution No. 2018-62 passed.

c. Planning & Zoning Committee, Marc Sirkin, Chairperson

Vice Mayor Sirkin moved, Councilman Capell seconded to set a public hearing for 7:05 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2019, to consider a final development plan for a new hotel and site development for a Residence Inn in the Summit Park Subdivision. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Sirkin moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to set a public hearing for 7:10 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2019 to consider a Conditional Use Permit for an outdoor dining area at 9290 Kenwood Road in the Downtown Zoning District. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Sirkin moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to set a public hearing for 7:05 PM, Thursday, February 14, 2019, to consider a zoning text amendment to allow a drive-through for a restaurant use. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Sirkin asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-63 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-63

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH
TRUEPOINT WEALTH COUNSEL, LLC

Vice Mayor Sirkin moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-63.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Czerwonka, Capell, Sirkin, Bauer, Leet, Jhaveri, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeses. Resolution No. 2018-63 passed.

Vice Mayor Sirkin asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-64 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-64

APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR PHASE 3 OF THE PARK
MANOR SUBDIVISION CONTAINING 10 LOTS AND
TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 1.4798 ACRES (CURRENT
HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR'S PARCEL 612-0040-0751-
00)

Vice Mayor Sirkin moved, Councilman Jhaveri seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-64.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Jhaveri, Czerwonka, Leet, Bauer, Capell, Sirkin, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeses. Resolution No. 2018-64 passed.

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d. Public Works Committee, Joe Leet, Chairperson

Councilman Leet asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-65 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-65

AUTHORIZING GENERAL ENGINEERING, PLAN REVIEW,
ARCHITECTURAL AND RELATED SERVICE RATES FOR
2019 WITH CT CONSULTANTS

Councilman Leet moved, Councilman Jhaveri seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-65.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Sirkin, Capell, Leet, Bauer, Jhaveri, Czerwonka, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2018-65 passed.

e. Public Safety Committee, Pramod Jhaveri, Chairperson

Councilman Jhaveri asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-66 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-66

ELECTING PRAMOD JHAVERI AND DAVID M. WALTZ TO
THE VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS' DEPENDENTS FUND
BOARD AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE ELECTION OF CHRIS
THEDERS AND JUSTIN BURRESS TO THE VOLUNTEER
FIRE FIGHTERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD FOR THE
TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 1, 2020

Councilman Jhaveri moved, Vice Mayor Sirkin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-66.

In response to Mayor Adamec's question, City Manager David Waltz stated that this is a holdover from the former volunteer fire system which was pre-pension.

There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Capell, Jhaveri, Bauer, Sirkin, Leet, Czerwonka, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2018-66 passed.

Councilman Jhaveri asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2018-67 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-67

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW PIERCE
FREIGHTLINER FIRE ENGINE UTILIZING THE STATE OF
OHIO'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND THE
DISPOSAL OF A DECOMMISSIONED FIRE ENGINE

Councilman Jhaveri moved, Councilwoman Bauer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-67.

Chief Theders stated that this purchase is from state bid and that the decommissioned engine will be traded-in.

There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Capell, Jhaveri, Bauer, Sirkin, Leet, Czerwonka, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2018-67 passed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

City Manager David Waltz reflected on 2018:

- Won one of the largest economic development deals in the region with Ensemble Health Partners;
- Welcomed a new Fire Chief;
- Completed the Tower at Summit Park;
- Started the Neighborhoods at Summit Park development ;

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- Installed a roundabout on Malsbary with a second underway;
- Passed a healthy and strong budget and even built some reserves in 2018;
- Received transient occupancy tax funds for Cooper Creek Event Center;
- Transitioned to a new City Council.

As it was Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Funk's last Council meeting, Mr. Waltz commended Mr. Funk's service to the City. Mr. Funk was involved in two expansions of the Recreation Center. He constructed the Sports Center project on Grooms Road. He secured and refurbished the Hunt House. Mr. Funk oversaw the construction of the Cooper Creek Event Center and its transition into banquet operations. He managed many special events including Taste of Blue Ash, Summerbration, and Red, White, and Blue Ash. He acquired the airport land, designed, and built Summit Park. He tenanted the restaurants and performed many other activities atypical for cities.

Public Works Director Gordon Perry supplied Council with a traffic speed complaint process for review. If any complaints are received, they should be transferred to PD. He added that the Plainfield roundabout should be complete by the end of next week, assuming that weather cooperates.

Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Funk thanked Mr. Waltz for the accolades. When he began his employment with Blue Ash 26.5 years ago, he didn't expect to stay. But he found his home here and raised his family here. It has been a wonderful career under the leadership of two excellent City Managers who saw parks and recreation as vital part of City. He worked for many good City Councils and with phenomenal City staff who he offered should be the ones receiving the praise.

All members of City Council congratulated Mr. Funk on his retirement and remarkable service to the City. They also congratulated Chief Chris Theders on his promotion to Chief and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Capell stated that he will be working over the next month with Hazelwood on the Oak Park collaboration. He praised staff for the way it handled recent police personnel matters.

Solicitor Bryan Pacheco thanked Council for their trust in him as solicitor.

Mayor Adamec congratulated Council on a successful first year. He reminded citizens that when asking questions or presenting themselves to Council and Staff that they remain respectful in doing so. Mayor Adamec also noted the upcoming challenges next year with P&G leaving but also opportunities for development.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

After all items on the agenda were acted upon, Vice Mayor Sirkin moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to convene an Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to Economic Development Assistance - *to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or with respect to negotiations with other political subdivisions regarding requests for economic development assistance.*

The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Bauer, Leet, Jhaveri, Capell, Czerwonka, Sirkin, and Mayor Adamec voted yes. Seven yeses. Motion carried.

After matters pertaining to Economic Development Assistance were discussed, Councilman Leet moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to convene to the regular meeting. A voice vote was taken. All Council members voted yes. Motion carried.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

All items on the agenda having been acted upon, Vice Mayor Sirkin moved, Councilman Jhaveri seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken. All members voted yes. The Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:27 PM.

Thomas C. Adamec, Mayor

Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

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