

A meeting (work session format) of the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, was held on April 7, 2005. Mayor Rick Bryan called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Mayor Bryan led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Rick Bryan, Vice Mayor Robert Buckman, Councilman Lee Czerwonka, Councilman Henry Stacey, Councilwoman Stephanie Stoller, Councilman James Sumner, and Councilman Mark Weber

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Marvin Thompson, Clerk of Council Jamie Eifert, Deputy Clerk of Council Sue Bennett, Assistant City Manager David Waltz, Treasurer/Administrative Services Director James Pfeffer, Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Funk, Service Director Dennis Albrinck, and interested citizens

Mayor Bryan explained to the three citizens present that this night’s meeting is a work session format. It’s intent is to give Council chance to discuss a limited topic, and the Council is not looking for public input at this meeting.

**WORK SESSION – Topic: Multi-Year Capital Improvement Program discussion**

The following information was distributed to Council. The first seven items separated from the others are considered “necessities.”

<b>PROJECT OR CAPITAL ITEM</b>	<b>EST. COST</b>	<b>BUGETED 2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Annual Basic Capital/Equipment Replacements, Etc.	7,015,000	1,065,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Annual Paving City Streets	5,748,000	748,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Public Storm Water Issues	1,150,000	150,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Contingency	1,500,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Initial Hunt House Restoration	300,000	300,000					
Replace EMS/Squad Unit (Net of Trade)	145,000		145,000				
Replace 1982 Aerial Fire Truck-Net of Trade (80,000)	910,000			910,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,768,000</b>	<b>2,513,000</b>	<b>2,745,000</b>	<b>3,560,000</b>	<b>2,650,000</b>	<b>2,650,000</b>	<b>2,650,000</b>

	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>EST. COST</b>
1	Bikepath & Sidewalk System (Multi-year)	1,000,000
2	Blue Ash & Hunt Road/Storm Sewers	4,300,000
3	Coordinated Traffic Signals Downtown Corridor	125,000
4	Downtown Facelift-Streetscaping/Property Acquisition (Multi-year)	5,000,000
5	Economic Development Incentives (Major-K-Mart/Thriftway)	3,400,000
6	Glendale-Milford Plainfield Signal Upgrade (part of widening GM)	Included in # 9
7	Glendale-Milford Widening (Reed Hartman Highway to Plainfield)	3,500,000

8	Golf Clubhouse (Expanded Use/Meeting Rooms)	5,000,000
9	Golf Course Cart Path Replacement	600,000
10	Golf Course Irrigation System Replacement (Double Row)	750,000
11	Golf Maintenance Building/Facility Replacement	350,000
12	Grooms Road Widening	1,500,000
13	Hunt & Plainfield (RHH) Intersection	670,000
14	Hunt House Land & Park Improvements-Parking Lot,Shelters	300,000
15	HVAC Control System Replacement at Rec. Ctr.	80,000
16	Irrigate I-275/Reed Hartman Highway Landscaping	85,000
17	Landscape Median/Island RHH+Carver+Malsbary (Duke-Whiting)	200,000
18	M & S Center Roof System Replacement	130,000
19	Major Truck Replacement Service Department (Multi-year)	700,000
20	McKinley Road Widening/Improvement	1,100,000
21	Municipal & Safety Center HVAC System Update	300,000
22	Osborne Blvd-Landscape/Mound/Irrigation	300,000
23	Park & Grounds - 6171 Interstate Circle Renovation	50,000
24	Park & Ride at Ronald Reagan and Kenwood	200,000
25	Performing Arts Center	-
26	Purchase Currently Leased Impound Lot Property	720,000
27	Recreation Center Gym Floor-Replace Maple Floor	110,000
28	Recreation Center/Fitness Expansion	3,000,000
29	Retire Outstanding 1.5 Million Xomox Note	1,500,000
30	Roof Replacement-6131 Interstate/Service Facility/Paint Building	148,000
31	Service Facility/Salt Barn-Maintenance Storage Bins	50,000
32	Shelters at Sports Center	125,000
33	South Fire House Renovation (Sleeping Quarters) etc.	500,000
34	Sports Center Concessions Expansion	150,000
35	Sports Center Lighting Replacements	300,000
36	Sports Center Riverfront Seating/Grandstand	200,000
37	Statue at Veterans Memorial (11th)	150,000
38	Storm Water CIC Detention Basin Upgrade	300,000
39	Storm Water Concrete Channels in CIC (Repair)	1,000,000
40	Streetscaping Ronald Reagan at Kenwood (Phase II)	500,000
41	Subdivision Street Lights Replacement - City Responsibility	45,000
42	Technology-Upgrade CMI Software to Windows Based	85,000
43	Tennis Court Restroom Building Replacement	160,000
44	Tennis Courts/Rec Ctr Lights+Asphalt+Base	180,000
45	Towne Square (Veterans Memorial) Restroom Expansion	125,000
46	Towne Square Fountain Relocation	350,000
47	Turn Lane on Glendale-Milford at Watson Brothers	125,000
48	Video Cam Replacements in All Police Cruisers	100,000
49	Wading Pool Replacement w/Zero Depth Aquatics Area	900,000
50	West Wing (Police Dept) M&S Center Expansion & Renovation	600,000

City Manager Thompson commented that the most recent CIP was revised by Council in fall 2003. Mayor Bryan reviewed the process by which the above information was created by explaining that Mr. Thompson and his key staff listed the “must haves” first (the first seven). The 50 projects or capital items listed below are possible capital projects submitted by key staff (they are listed in alphabetical order ... not priority or any other ranking). Mayor Bryan suggested that items be briefly reviewed and designated with the following priority rankings:

- A = High Priority (Perform as Funding becomes Available)
- B = Desirable, but can Defer
- C = Low Priority
- D = Insufficient Information to Rank

Mayor Bryan asked Mr. Thompson to review each item, and asked fellow Council members to consider their thoughts as to how important each project is. Council will then be asked to send to Mayor Bryan (in the near future) their ranking opinions (the staff will forward to Council a worksheet to assist them in this effort). Mr. Thompson briefly reviewed each of the items listed and gave his opinion of the project’s priority or timing, including those items that are maintenance.

After review of the items and after some discussion, it was concluded that Sue and Jamie would work together to forward to Council the projects as well as some guidelines for their ranking. City Manager Thompson’s rankings will also be included in the “voting” process.

Mayor Bryan summarized the potential future topics for discussion for future work sessions, including the following:

- ?? Recreation fees
- ?? The intial phase of the Hunt House restoration/renovation
- ?? Recreation Center expansion
- ?? Golf Course clubhouse
- ?? Performing Arts Center

It was suggested that the next work session be scheduled for Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (not a regular meeting day). Regular Council meetings would remain on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> as they would normally fall. No Councilmember expressed a problem with meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Thompson cautioned Council that the discretionary projects (i.e., the latter 50) should be considered only if funding would allow. Just because they appear on “the list” does not mean that the City is in a financial position to do the project. Treasurer Jim Pfeffer and he will continue to monitor the revenues and expenditures closely.

***ADJOURNMENT***

All items on the agenda having been acted upon, Councilman Weber moved, Councilman Sumner seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken. All members voted yes. The Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:44 PM.

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Rick Bryan, Mayor

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Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

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Susan K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk of Council