

CITY OF BLUE ASH

Interoffice Memo – City Manager's Office

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Department Directors
SUBJECT: Agenda Items for the June 11th Council Meeting
DATE: June 9, 2015
COPIES: Department Directors, Press, Clerk of Council, Solicitor

This memo offers a brief description of the topics included on the June 11th Council agenda.

9.a.1. Resolution No. 2015-2 reappointing member to the Charter Revision Committee and appointing members to the Civil Service Commission and Board of Tax Review

Resolution No. 2015-2 reappoints Rich Cogen to the Charter Revision Committee and appoints Robert V. Miller to the Civil Service Commission, and Joey Edington to the Board of Tax Review. All positions expire July 1 due to the method of appointment outlined in the Charter. They have been contacted to confirm their interest in continuing to serve and appointment to serve.

Please direct questions regarding this resolution to the Mayor.

9.b.1. Resolution No. 2015-3 reappointing member to the Recreation Board

Resolution No. 2015-3 reappoints John Dillon to the Recreation Board. The position will expire on July 1st due to the method of appointment outlined in the Charter, and has been contacted to confirm his interest in continuing to serve.

Please direct questions regarding this resolution to the Mayor.

9.b.2 Ordinance No. 2015-40 awarding bid for Phase 2, 2-19 Building B Masonry at Summit Park

Bid package for Phase 2, BP2-19 Building B Masonry of the Summit Park project were advertised on May 12, 2015, in the Northeast Suburban Life. Bids were received and publicly read aloud on Friday, May 22, 2015. The City received 2 bids for 2-19 Building B Masonry. Administration recommends an award to Jess Hauer Masonry, Inc., for the base bid amount as shown on the attached bid summary.

This portion of the Phase 2 project consists of masonry for the construction of Building B at Summit Park. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to sheet metal flashing, perimeter bearing walls, stone veneer, cladding, copings, lintels, grout and interior CMU partitions including steel lintels as required. These improvements will be constructed for the Building B.

Please direct questions regarding this ordinance to the Public Works Director or Parks and Recreation Director.

9.b.3 Ordinance No. 2015-44 authorizing an Ohio EPA 319(h) Grant Award for Summit Park

In July 2014, Public Works submitted a grant application with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Program funding related to the Sycamore Creek Headwaters Stream Restoration Project. The Ohio EPA has authorized grant funding to the City of Blue Ash in the amount of \$258,000 to cover costs associated with restoring the natural stream to collect runoff and flow through a variety of green infrastructure and stormwater basins located at Summit Park. The project is expected to begin in 2016.

Ordinance No. 2015-44 authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio EPA awarding funds under the Nonpoint Source Implementation Program, Section 319(h).

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

9.c.1. Ordinance No. 2015-41 awarding bid for Blue Ash Streetscape, Phase 2

As part of the City's effort to maintain and improve the downtown streetscape in the City, bids for this project were advertised on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the **Northeast Suburban Life-Press**, and were publicly opened and read on June 2, 2015. Six bids were received and Administration is recommending Council authorize a bid award to the low bidder, Advanced Contractors & Estimators, Inc. for unit prices as shown on the bid summary.

Sidewalk replacement will take place along the **outer** loop of Kenwood Road, Cooper Road and Hunt Road. This work will consist of removing the existing pavers and replacing them with new concrete sidewalk, part of which will be decorative. In addition to the sidewalk work, the existing light and sign poles will be taken down and moved to the back of the sidewalk. New lights and light poles will be installed as part of a separate contract.

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

9.d.1. Resolution No. 2015-4 reappointing members to the Planning Commission and Board of Site Arrangement/Zoning Appeals

Resolution No. 2015-4 reappoints members to the Planning Commission and Board of Site Arrangement and Board of Zoning Appeals (John Moores and Mark C. Kirby, respectively). The positions expire on July 1st due to the method of appointment outlined in the Charter, and all have been contacted to confirm their interest in continuing to serve.

Please direct questions regarding this resolution to the Mayor.

9.d.2. Ordinance No. 2015-38 adopting the City of Blue Ash Comprehensive Land Use Plan (second reading)

After an extensive public process, the 2015 Comprehensive Land Use Plan was presented to Council at the May 28th meeting for a first reading via Ordinance 2015-38. Ordinance 2015-38 is being presented at the June 11th meeting for a second reading and adoption.

Please direct questions to Assistant City Manager or Community Development Director.

9.d.3. Resolution No. 2015-5 adopting the Land Use Implementation & Strategy Plan

In addition to the adoption of the 2015 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, staff recommends approval of the Land Use Implementation and Strategy Plan via Resolution. This document represents the action plan for the development-related goals and policies of the City and provides a transition between the City's Land Use Plan and its codified ordinances and other implementation tools. The Land Use Plan, codified ordinances, and implementation tools support this Land Use Implementation & Strategy Plan, but it is intended that this document be fluid and updated on an as-needed basis by the City. Development goals and policies change over time due to economic fluctuations, demographic shifts, available properties, and other similar factors. This Land Use Implementation & Strategy Plan will allow the City to react to those shifts on a more frequent and on-demand basis.

Please direct questions regarding this resolution to the Assistant City Manager.

9.d.4. Ordinance No. 2015-42 authorizing an economic development agreement with Kroger Co.

Now that Kroger has confirmed its intention to expand in multiple locations throughout the City, it is an appropriate time to formally approve via Ordinance the previously committed incentive offer of a \$700,000 forgivable loan. Kroger is investing \$46 million in the expansion project and creating 650 new jobs. Kroger will retain \$20.5 million in payroll (the jobs that were at risk for relocation) and create \$28.5 million in additional payroll.

Please direct questions regarding this ordinance to the Assistant City Manager.

9.d.5. Ordinance No. 2015-43 authorizing an economic development agreement with Milacron, LLC

Milacron has also confirmed its intentions to relocate its headquarters operations to Blue Ash. The City previously committed a \$75,000 forgivable loan in support of this project and staff request formal approval via Ordinance. The project will create 43 new jobs in the City with an estimated \$6 million in payroll, resulting in \$75,000 in annual City earning's tax.

Please direct questions regarding this ordinance to the Assistant City Manager.

9.d.6. Ordinance No. 2015-45 authorizing conveyance of slope easement to Creekside Pointe

In 1978, the City was granted an easement over Parcels 33 SL1 and 33 SL4 SL for work associated with the original Plainfield Road. The easement is no longer needed for municipal purposes and is hindering the construction of the new Creekside Pointe townhome development. Therefore, staff requests that City Council release the easement affecting the property.

Please direct questions regarding this ordinance to the Assistant City Manager.

9.d.6. Motion setting a hearing for July 9, 2015 to consider approval of a Preliminary Plan for a 3-lot subdivision at 10969 Allenhurst Boulevard

At its June 4, 2015 meeting, Planning Commission recommended approval of a Preliminary Plan for a 3-lot subdivision at 10969 Allenhurst Boulevard. The majority of the subdivision, including all of the six proposed home building sites, is in Sharonville. The three lots in Blue Ash would include a new public right-of-way and two small, unbuildable lots on either side of it.

Please direct questions to Community Development Director.

9.d.7. Motion setting a hearing for July 9, 2015, to consider approval for a Final Plat for Phase 1 of the Retreat at Summit Park subdivision

At its June 4, 2015 meeting, Planning Commission recommended approval of a Final Plat for Phase 1 of the Retreat at Summit Park subdivision, which includes 29 lots and several common areas. Great Traditions is currently beginning site work on the subdivision and plans to construct three model homes in this phase.

Please direct questions to Community Development Director.