

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, was held on July 13, 2006. Mayor Robert J. Buckman, Jr. called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Buckman asked a future Blue Ash Eagle Scout present at the meeting to lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager David Waltz, Deputy Solicitor Bryan Pacheco, Deputy Clerk of Council Sue Bennett, Treasurer/ Administrative Services Director James Pfeffer, Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Funk, Service Director Dennis Albrinck, member of the press, and interested citizens

PUBLIC HEARING – Consideration of the 2007 Tax Budget

The Clerk of Council was asked to read Resolution No. 2006-7 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-7

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 2007 TAX BUDGET

Treasurer Jim Pfeffer explained that this process is routine each year and is required by State law. The estimated beginning fund balance in 2007 is \$4.1 million. Revenue from earnings tax is estimated to increase by 2%, salaries/benefits are estimated to increase by 3%, and other expenses are estimated to remain constant.

There being no questions from Council or the public, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:04PM.

FORMAL SWEARING-IN OF DAVID M. WALTZ, CITY MANAGER

Mayor Buckman administered the Oath of Office to David M. Waltz, who was appointed City Manager effective July 1, 2006. Mr. Waltz asked his family members, including wife Susan, daughter Dusty, and son Allen, to join him up front with the Mayor.

Mayor Buckman appointed Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Funk and Service Director Denny Albrinck to read the legislation in its entirety in the rear of Council Chambers. Mr. Buckman explained to the audience that anyone interested in hearing the ordinances and resolutions read in their entirety is welcome to move to the rear of the Chambers. He also mentioned that written copies of the legislation on tonight's agenda may be found on the ledges near the City Administration's desks.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilman Stacey seconded to accept the agenda. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. OPENING CEREMONIES
3. ROLL CALL – Deputy Clerk of Council Susan K. Bennett
4. PUBLIC HEARING – 7:00PM – Consideration of the 2007 Tax Budget
5. FORMAL SWEARING-IN OF DAVID M. WALTZ, CITY MANAGER
6. APPOINTMENT OF PERSON(S) TO READ ORDINANCES IN FULL IN REAR OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Regular Meeting of June 8, 2006 and Special Meeting of June 28, 2006

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Communications to Council – Deputy Clerk of Council Susan K. Bennett
- b. Reports From Outside Agencies
- c. Mayor’s Report – May and June 2006 – Honorable Robert J. Buckman, Jr.
- d. Financial Report – Motion to accept the reports for May and June 2006

10. HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance & Administration Committee, Rick Bryan, Chairperson
 1. Resolution No. 2006-7, adopting the 2007 Tax Budget
 2. Resolution No. 2006-8, authorizing the Finance Officer to file the 2005 CAFR with Depositories
 3. Ordinance No. 2006-47, approving the framework for a contract with the City of Cincinnati related to the Blue Ash Airport
 4. Ordinance No. 2006-48, transferring funds
 5. Ordinance No. 2006-49, authorizing contract with Hamilton County for 2007 public health services
 6. Motion setting a Special Council meeting for 7:00PM, Thursday, August 17, 2006
 7. Motion authorizing the payment of expenses associated with the National League of Cities Conference in December 2006
- b. Parks & Recreation Committee, Lee Czerwonka, Chairperson
 1. Ordinance No. 2006-50, amending Ordinance No. 2006-43 regarding Sports Center lighting
- c. Public Works Committee, Henry S. Stacey, Chairperson
 1. Ordinance No. 2006-51, awarding bid for the traffic signals improvements at Plainfield Road/Georgetown and Plainfield/Ronald Reagan Highway
- d. Planning & Zoning Committee, James W. Sumner, Chairperson
 1. Motion to approve and accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding the appeal from Neyer Inc. heard at the May 11, 2006 Council meeting associated with a Board of Zoning Appeals decision regarding signs at 4755 Lake Forest Drive
 2. Motion setting a hearing for Thursday, August 10, 2006 for consideration of an appeal related to the Fire Code
- e. Public Safety Committee, Stephanie Stoller, Chairperson
 1. Resolution No. 2006-9, supporting the DARE program and authorizing the filing of a related grant request

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Stacey moved, Councilman Bryan seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2006 and the special meeting of June 28, 2006. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications to Council

There were no communications presented to Council.

Reports From Outside Agencies

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

Mayor's Reports – May and June 2006

ITEM	May 2006	June 2006
Receipts collected	\$21,375.00	\$19,029.00
Bonds & BMV fees carried over from previous months	0	\$300.00
Interest	\$8.28	\$10.79
Bonds collected	\$600.00	\$730.00
Vendor permit charge collected	--	\$45.00
Total Receipts	\$21,983.28	\$20,114.79
DISBURSEMENTS:		
To the COBA (fines/costs/interest/expungements/forfeitures/etc.)	\$15,725.28	\$11,927.79
To State of Ohio	\$5,808.00	\$7,402.00
Refund of overpaid fine	0	\$70.00
Bond money applied	\$120.00	\$195.00
Bond money returned	\$30.00	\$345.00
Refund to City for Permit Fee	--	\$45.00
Total Disbursements	\$21,683.28	\$19,984.79
Balance in bonds	\$300.00	\$130.00
Citations issued	266	198
Criminal citations issued	14	10
Total Mayor's Court cases	280	208
Revenue from Cases	\$15,725.28	\$11,927.79

Financial Reports – May and June 2006

Councilwoman Stoller moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to accept the Financial Reports for May and June 2006 as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

CITY OF BLUE ASH FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT - MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2006

MONTH TO DATE	2005	2006
START OF MONTH FUND BALANCE: 5-1-06	\$10,385,269.44	\$12,713,467.25
Revenues:		
Earnings Tax Collections:	\$1,930,859.82	\$1,545,164.11
Debt Financing (long term)	0	0
Debt Financing (short term)	0	0
Other Revenue Received:	<u>\$1,629,378.04</u>	<u>\$1,766,317.74</u>
= Total Monthly Receipts	3,560,237.86	3,311,481.85
Expenditures:		
Bond Retirement	0	0
Short term debt refinancing	0	0
Other Expenditures:	<u>2,079,161.09</u>	<u>2,595,716.25</u>
= Total Monthly Expenditures:	<u>-2,079,161.09</u>	<u>-2,595,716.25</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE: 5-31-06	11,866,346.21	13,429,232.85
YEAR TO DATE	2005	2006
START OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:	14,622,289.87	\$12,916,635.98
Revenues:		
Earnings Tax Collections:	10,150,546.95	9,844,809.90
Debt Financing (long term)	0	0
Debt Financing (short term)	0	0
Other Revenue Received:	<u>4,128,947.55</u>	<u>4,554,186.06</u>
= Total Monthly Receipts	14,279,494.50	14,398,995.96
Expenditures:		
Bond Retirement	0	0
Short term debt refinancing	5,100,000.00	0
Other Expenditures:	<u>11,935,438.16</u>	<u>13,886,399.09</u>
= Total YTD Expenditures:	<u>-17,035,438.16</u>	<u>-13,886,399.09</u>
YTD FUND BALANCE	11,866,346.21	13,429,232.85

100% of the fund balance was invested as of 5-31-06. Interest paid to date on matured investments: \$212,092.91. Receipt and expenditure figures do not include interfund transfers.

**BLUE ASH INCOME TAX DIVISION INCOME TAX RECEIPT SUMMARY
FOR MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2006**

MONTH-TO-DATE STATUS	2005	2006
Business Net Profit	432,693.05	75,704.90
Resident Net Profit	31,759.38	20,763.89
Non-Resident Net Profit	6,694.89	4,789.43
Subcontractor Net Profit	<u>210.80</u>	<u>973.00</u>
Net Profit Total	471,358.12	102,231.22
Withholding	1,431,580.96	1,410,372.95
Subcontractor Withholding	<u>27,920.74</u>	<u>32,559.94</u>
Withholding Total	<u>1,459,501.70</u>	<u>1,442,932.89</u>
Monthly Collection Totals	1,930,859.82	1,545,164.11
YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS	2005	2006
Business Net Profit	2,154,220.17	1,883,927.10
Resident Net Profit	417,031.63	433,738.78
Non-Resident Net Profit	131,446.09	124,073.05
Subcontractor Net Profit	<u>11,385.71</u>	<u>17,040.26</u>
Net Profit Total	2,714,083.60	2,458,779.19
Withholding	7,315,082.16	7,249,163.72
Subcontractor Withholding	<u>121,381.19</u>	<u>136,866.99</u>
Withholding Total	<u>7,436,463.35</u>	<u>7,386,030.71</u>
YTD Collection Totals	10,150,546.95	9,844,809.90
YTD Refund Totals	<u>374,135.89</u>	<u>400,381.73</u>

CITY OF BLUE ASH FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT - MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

MONTH TO DATE	2005	2006
START OF MONTH FUND BALANCE: 6-1-06	\$11,866,346.21	\$13,429,232.85
Revenues:		
Earnings Tax Collections:	\$1,330,564.50	1,662,944.42
Debt Financing (long term)	0	0
Debt Financing (short term)	0	0
Other Revenue Received:	<u>773,490.91</u>	<u>723,408.14</u>
= Total Monthly Receipts	2,104,055.41	2,386,352.56
Expenditures:		
Bond Retirement	0	0
Short term debt refinancing	0	0
Other Expenditures:	<u>2,260,190.45</u>	<u>2,918,715.50</u>
= Total Monthly Expenditures:	<u>-2,260,190.45</u>	<u>-2,918,715.50</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE: 6-30-06	11,710,211.17	12,896,869.91
YEAR TO DATE	2005	2006
START OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:	14,622,289.87	\$12,916,635.98
Revenues:		
Earnings Tax Collections:	11,481,111.45	11,507,754.32
Debt Financing (long term)	0	0
Debt Financing (short term)	0	0
Other Revenue Received:	<u>4,902,438.46</u>	<u>5,277,594.20</u>
= Total Monthly Receipts	16,383,549.91	16,785,348.52
Expenditures:		
Bond Retirement	0	0
Short term debt refinancing	5,100,000.00	0
Other Expenditures:	<u>14,195,628.61</u>	<u>16,805,114.59</u>
= Total YTD Expenditures:	<u>-19,295,628.61</u>	<u>-16,805,114.59</u>
YTD FUND BALANCE	11,710,211.17	12,896,869.91

100% of the fund balance was invested as of 6-30-06. Interest paid to date on matured investments: \$267,749.14. Receipt and expenditure figures do not include interfund transfers.

**BLUE ASH INCOME TAX DIVISION INCOME TAX RECEIPT SUMMARY
FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2006**

MONTH-TO-DATE STATUS	2005	2006
Business Net Profit	234,543.74	441,183.78
Resident Net Profit	53,135.58	59,991.56
Non-Resident Net Profit	8,421.42	15,340.04
Subcontractor Net Profit	<u>664.00</u>	<u>655.50</u>
Net Profit Total	296,764.74	517,170.88
Withholding	1,029,269.18	1,135,601.26
Subcontractor Withholding	<u>4,530.58</u>	<u>10,172.28</u>
Withholding Total	<u>1,033,799.76</u>	<u>1,145,773.54</u>
Monthly Collection Totals	1,330,564.50	1,662,944.42
YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS	2005	2006
Business Net Profit	2,388,763.91	2,325,110.88
Resident Net Profit	470,167.21	493,730.34
Non-Resident Net Profit	139,867.51	139,413.09
Subcontractor Net Profit	<u>12,049.71</u>	<u>17,695.76</u>
Net Profit Total	3,010,848.34	2,975,950.07
Withholding	8,344,351.34	8,384,764.98
Subcontractor Withholding	<u>125,911.77</u>	<u>147,039.27</u>
Withholding Total	<u>8,470,263.11</u>	<u>8,531,804.25</u>
YTD Collection Totals	11,481,111.45	11,507,754.32
YTD Refund Totals	<u>416,129.79</u>	<u>426,559.50</u>

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Buckman made the following comment: “We understand that you may have questions and comments regarding the recently announced Blue Ash Airport plan. A brief presentation by the Administration is planned later in this meeting about the project, and we’re sure that the information provided in that presentation will answer some questions you might have. Though we will be happy to take your questions and comments at this time, it is not our intent for tonight’s meeting to provide extensive answers to all those questions. There will be many opportunities in coming weeks and months at public meetings or open houses dedicated to this project, and we would be happy to provide answers at that time.”

Marc Sirkin, 9772 Cooper Woods Court, commented that he believes the plan for the Airport is “absolutely wonderful for residents, business, and neighboring areas in Cincinnati.” The opportunity to preserve an asset such as the Blue Ash Airport does not come often, and though there will likely be hurdles, many people would be eager to help this become a reality. He thanked Council and the City for taking such action.

Jim Dyer, 5275 Myerdale Drive, commented that though the plans for the Airport property sound like a good idea, he is concerned with the process and how quickly it appeared to be going. He commented that Council moved quickly to solve the “dog and cat” problem; however, in his opinion, Council has done little or nothing to address his concerns regarding other problems, such as infill housing.

Sarah Huskey, 5061 Myerdale Drive, commented that she believes the idea of a green space for the Airport property is great, she is concerned with the price. A summary of other questions posed by Mrs. Huskey is below:

- >Is Blue Ash committed to keeping the Airport functional?
- >Why is Blue Ash paying \$37 million for property that includes only a park – not a park and an Airport?
- >Is the plan for the new Airport viable?
- >Why is there a 40-year moratorium on development for Blue Ash, but not for the Airport?
- >Why are there no safeguards to assure the future of the Airport?

>Why is the tax increase proposed without due diligence?

>Is there a backup plan in case the Airport closes?

Ray MacNab, 4522 Chesswick Drive, commented that this is not the only time in the past approximate 32 years that Blue Ash has tried to purchase the Airport, and contrary to prior comments made at this meeting, it is not being “railroaded.” He explained that Blue Ash has known all along that this property would cost more money than what we would want to pay. He understands why it has been targeted for recreational use – mostly because Cincinnati has concerns about business competition. Mr. MacNab commented that he is proud this Council has been able to get the City of Cincinnati to talk about it, and that this is a very good first step.

Hearings from Citizens was declared closed at 7:16 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

“The following offers a brief description of the items included on the July 13th Council Agenda:

4. and 11.a.1. Resolution No. 2006-7 - Adopting the 2007 Tax Budget

In keeping with the requirements of the State of Ohio and the Hamilton County Auditor’s Office, it is necessary for the City of Blue Ash to prepare a Tax Budget for 2007. A number of years ago, the outcome of this process would have been utilized to apportion how much of the State-funded Local Government Fund each of the entities within Hamilton County would receive. That allocation process is now governed by an alternative formula directing the distribution of these funds with no Tax Budget involvement. Although State law does require the annual preparation of a Tax Budget, the financial information contained within each budget is also utilized by the Hamilton County Auditor’s Office (Budget & Settlement Division) to assure that cities are planning appropriately for the upcoming year, and that the revenue and expenditure projections are within reasonable limits based upon the information available at the time the budget is prepared.

As required, a legal notice appeared on June 21st advertising the availability of the Tax Budget for public inspection, and a public hearing regarding the Tax Budget will occur towards the beginning of the July 13th Council meeting. Following acceptance of the Budget by City Council, certified copies must be delivered to the County no later than July 20th. Although this process is of some benefit to the City in defining the broad parameters anticipated for the upcoming year, the Tax Budget process does not serve as a substitute for the more detailed Proposed Budget effort in the fall.

A copy of the 2007 Tax Budget is included in Council packets. The format is determined by the State and the Auditor’s Office, and includes actual performance or historical data for the accounting years 2004 and 2005. The estimates for 2006 generally are in conformance with the City’s adopted 2006 Final Budget.

The Tax Budget reflects that the City will have an estimated \$4,125,000 General Fund carryover from the end of 2006 into 2007 – thus serving as a source of revenue in the upcoming year.

The 2007 Tax Budget reflects an estimated 2% overall increase (over budgeted 2006) in earnings tax collections. Most other revenue items were submitted utilizing information from the County and/or historical collection performance. Other General Fund revenue information is presented on page 3 of the Tax Budget.

Please direct questions regarding the Tax Budget to the Treasurer.

11.a.2. Resolution No. 2006-8 - Authorizing the Finance Officer to file the 2005 CAFR with Depositories

Resolution No. 2006-8 authorizes the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to file the 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) with the Nationally Recognized Municipal Securities Information Repositories (NRMSIRs) and the State Information Depository for the State of Ohio (SID), as well as designated internet-based information databases.

Since the City issues certain municipal securities (bonds and notes), SEC Rule 15c2-12 requires the disclosure of current financial information to NRMSIRs and SID to facilitate the uniform availability of annual financial information and material event disclosures to secondary market participants (i.e., investors).

The trend at the national, regional, and local levels is toward greater standardization of governmental and municipal financial presentation and reporting, providing a more uniform basis of comparison and understanding relating to the operations of comparable organizations. These efforts have resulted in greater consistency in the preparation of CAFR’s and official statements relating to the issuance of municipal securities. In the interest of continuing disclosure, it is appropriate that Council direct, via passage of this resolution, the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to file with the NRMSIRs and the Ohio SID a copy of the City’s CAFR. Copies of the State Audit report, usually available at this time, will not be available for a number of weeks. The Audit report, and accompanying management letter, will be provided to Council upon its receipt from the Auditor’s Office. A copy of the 2005 CAFR has been included in Council’s packets.

Please direct any questions regarding this resolution to the Treasurer.

11.a.3. Ordinance No. 2006-47 - Approving the framework for a contract with the City of Cincinnati related to the Blue Ash Airport

City Council recently requested that the Administration provide an overview and update regarding the Blue Ash Airport, and also recommended that renewed attempts be made with the City of Cincinnati regarding the destiny of the Blue Ash Airport and the property upon which it rests. A report was prepared and distributed to Council by then Assistant City Manager David Waltz, and the airport was extensively discussed at a work study session of City Council. These efforts reaffirmed City Council's belief that the Administration consider fresh approaches and alternatives for a resolution to the airport issue. Preliminary contacts with Cincinnati's Mayor, Acting City Manager, and Administration appeared to indicate a mutual interest in cooperatively working on the airport issue, and a number of meetings have been held to explore the various options that may exist.

All of these meetings were productive, providing an opportunity to identify and evaluate each of the key objectives or concerns regarding the current operation of the Blue Ash Airport, its future, and the destiny of the approximate 228-acre site owned by the City of Cincinnati.

All involved faced the challenge of stepping beyond the roadblocks which had stymied successful negotiation and progress in past years. However, the City of Cincinnati seemed genuinely interested in moving forward, and Blue Ash City Council had clearly expressed their interest in examining new alternatives and options that might prove workable. It became apparent through this process that one alternative seemed to have the greatest promise for satisfying the objectives of both cities. This option could provide the opportunity for the continuation of an airport operation in Blue Ash, and permit the purchase of a substantial portion of the airport property by the City of Blue Ash for the design and construction of a public park and green space area.

This concept, which has been carefully analyzed and reviewed by both cities, contains the following fundamental components:

1. Both cities believe that the airport is a regional community asset that merits preservation. Consistent with the Blue Ash Comprehensive Plan, and earlier airport studies by the City of Cincinnati, the plan calls for the relocation of the Blue Ash Airport operation onto approximately 98 acres of Cincinnati's property closest to Carver Road. The existing runway would be preserved (perhaps extended), and new airport facilities and taxiways would be constructed. The relocation would be primarily accomplished through grant financing, with supplementary funding provided by the cities of Cincinnati and Blue Ash. The cities would work cooperatively to secure grant financing, and to relocate the new airport for the overall benefit of the community. The relocation process should be completed within three to five years.
2. Approximately 130 acres of Cincinnati's airport property, bordering Glendale-Milford and Plainfield Roads, will be freed up through the relocation of the airport, and this land will be sold to the City of Blue Ash for the construction of a permanent public park with a number of unique and special features. The potential exists for the construction of the performing arts center/banquet facility at this location, and this site may also provide a home for the "My Gal Sal" B-17 museum that has been proposed for the airport property. Several holes from the golf course could be relocated onto this property, accompanied by the construction of lakes, walking trails, forested areas, green space, lawns, gardens, and several restaurants and supporting gift shop/retail areas for the performing arts center and museum. The agreement with Cincinnati would not allow any commercial development of the property conveyed to Blue Ash for park use, for a span of 40 years.
3. During the process of relocating the airport, time will exist for careful planning of the park design, and may allow for the phased construction of the various park components and the anticipated plan for a network of sidewalks and bikepaths connecting the new park to the Blue Ash community.
4. Blue Ash would agree to compensate Cincinnati a total of \$37,500,000 over a 30-year span, with Cincinnati providing "seller financing" to facilitate the transaction. The present value of those payments approaches \$18,000,000, a price not inconsistent with past discussions regarding the value of the airport property. Cincinnati would retain a mortgage on the property until the debt was retired in full; the title would rest with the City of Blue Ash.
5. The Blue Ash Administration has carefully examined the costs associated with such a bold and unique venture, evaluating those expenses relative to the City's current financial position and other pending projects or capital commitments in the years ahead. The recommendation from the Administration is that City Council present to the citizens of Blue Ash, at the November 7, 2006 election, the opportunity to amend the Charter and increase the earnings tax rate from the current 1% level to 1¼%. The effective date of that increase would be January 1, 2007. If the citizens of Blue Ash are to be able to decide if this method of providing funds for the future capital needs of the City and for this unique airport plan is acceptable, then City Council will need to approve an ordinance placing the issue on the ballot. Of course, those efforts are contingent upon acceptance of the City's Contract Proposal as described in Ordinance 2006-47.
6. Should the City of Cincinnati find that the airport relocation cost is prohibitive, or if insufficient grant funding is available, they may exercise their right to close the existing airport. Should this occur, Blue Ash is requesting a "right of first refusal" over the remaining acreage (98 acres) so that the City would have input regarding its use and development in the future.

7. Citizen approval of the ¼% increase in the earnings tax rate will provide approximately \$5,500,000 in annual new funding for the City of Blue Ash. Nearly \$3.7 million of those annual resources will be necessary to accommodate the purchase of the airport property and the design and phased construction of the park itself. Approximately \$1.4 million of the new funding is expected to be utilized to move forward with the City's plan to substantially expand the Blue Ash Recreation Center, and to provide for the construction of a new golf course clubhouse and banquet facility. Although these two significant projects have been extensively reviewed and discussed, supplemental revenue will be a requirement if the City of Blue Ash is to move forward with these projects. Although we anticipate some new operational expenses related to the park and new facilities, after consideration of those costs, approximately \$500,000 will remain on an annual basis for addressing other capital needs.

Many of the concept components listed above have been incorporated into the body of Ordinance 2006-47 or expanded upon in the attachment to that ordinance. The attachment, called a Contract Proposal, is anticipated to be delivered, along with the ordinance, to the City of Cincinnati upon favorable consideration by Blue Ash City Council. Discussions with Cincinnati would indicate that Cincinnati's Council may consider the City's contract proposal at their August 2, 2006 meeting. Success in securing Cincinnati's acceptance of the concept and basic framework of this arrangement would permit both cities to move forward in the process.

Assuming Cincinnati approval in early August, it would be the Blue Ash Administration's desire to include an ordinance on the August 10th Council agenda which would direct placement of this potential earnings tax increase before Blue Ash voters at the November General Election. A second reading of this ordinance would be recommended at an August 17th Council meeting. This scenario would allow Blue Ash to meet the timing requirements for placement of an issue on the November ballot since such request is due by August 24th (which is 75 days prior to the Election).

This concept offers the citizens of the City of Blue Ash the opportunity to decide the direction that will be taken regarding the airport and the City's future capital improvement projects. If the potential for converting a significant portion of the airport property into green space and park use (as compared to commercial development), has merit with the citizens, then the ballot initiative will be successful, funding will be available, and progress will be made. This concept also offers an opportunity for preservation of the Blue Ash Airport, as the City of Cincinnati could, at any time, close the current airport operation and offer up the entirety of the property for commercial use or other development. Although neither City Council or the Administration likes the idea of increasing taxes, the increase is small, and would certainly seem to provide a corresponding benefit for the quality of life for Blue Ash citizens.

The consultant who initially studied the Performing Arts Center project recently examined the potential location on the new park, and prepared a supplemental report. That report, a portion of which is included in the packet, stated, "We view the proposed site as a superior location which will present enhanced financial and economic benefits to the Performing Arts Center."

Please direct questions regarding this exciting issue to the City Manager.

11.a.4. Ordinance No. 2006-48 - Transferring funds

A number of transfer items need consideration at this time.

The first involves the need to appropriate approximately \$10,800 in the Drug Law Enforcement Fund (#286). These funds, related to a DART case, were erroneously paid to the City of Blue Ash, instead of to Springfield Township (DART's new administrating agency). It is necessary for the funds to be appropriated as an expenditure so they can be forwarded to Springfield Township.

The need also exists to shift funds within the Maintenance of Facilities accounts, as shown on the attachment, to accommodate the types of projects being done this year by this Division.

In order to provide the resources for the development of plans and public relations assistance, and other components of the new park plan envisioned on the Airport property, funding needs to be addressed. \$40,000 of contingency funding is requested to replenish Parks & Grounds Maintenance accounts in the contractual area.

Finally, the need exists to utilize \$90,000 of the General Fund Contingency to provide for anticipated expenditures in the legislative contractual area for the remainder of 2006. These funds are related to the costs associated with legal expenses for all City departments and divisions. This City has been relying heavily on Dinsmore & Shohl so far this year in many categories of information and counsel, and we anticipate a continuation of that level of expenditure given upcoming issues involving labor, real estate, and other matters.

Please direct questions regarding the transfer to the Treasurer.

11.a.5. Ordinance No. 2006-49 - Authorizing contract with Hamilton County for 2007 public health services

Ordinance No. 2006-49 authorizes the City Manager to renew a contractual agreement with the Health District Advisory Council of the Hamilton County, Ohio, in order to provide for public health services through the Hamilton County Board of Health for calendar year 2007 for an amount not to exceed \$43,058.86. This figure represents an approximate \$3,300 DECREASE (-7.7%) from the previous year's expense. The City of Blue Ash is one of twelve contracting cities that work through the Board of Health in addition to all villages and townships. The City of Blue Ash is annually assessed based upon a formula that takes into consideration the overall budget of the district and property valuation of each jurisdiction. Over the last 19 years, the City has experienced ten annual decreases in the assessment and nine increases.

The City of Blue Ash has been satisfied with the services offered by the Hamilton County Board of Health and the City Administration recommends renewal of the contract. The City is required by law to provide public health services, and this contract enables the most cost-effective means as of this date for providing these services and satisfying the State of Ohio requirements.

Please direct any questions regarding the contract and administration of services to the City Manager.

11.a.6. Motion setting a Special Council meeting for 7:00PM, Thursday, August 17, 2006

Assuming all goes as planned with the above-described Airport property project issue, there will be need for a second Council meeting in August, and this motion would appropriately set it for Thursday, August 17th, at 7PM.

11.a.7. Motion authorizing the payment of expenses associated with the National League of Cities Conference in December 2006

This motion would appropriate authorize payment of expenses associated with Council members' attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in early December in Reno, Nevada. To date, two Council members, Mayor Buckman and Councilman Bryan, have indicated a desire to attend.

11.b.1. Ordinance No. 2006-50 - Amending Ordinance No. 2006-43 regarding Sports Center lighting

At the regular June Council meeting, Council approved Ordinance No. 2006-43 which authorized the City to purchase electrical product and lighting assemblies associated with the replacement of the field lights at the Sports Center. That ordinance authorized an amount not to exceed \$45,000 and also waived formal bidding procedures since the vendor, F.D. Lawrence Electric Company, was the only vendor interested in doing the work (since they performed some of the pre-engineering work required in 2005).

As Council may be aware, the price of copper and other metals and materials has increased substantially in recent months, which affects this field lighting replacement project and its estimated overall cost. The Administration is requesting Council amend the previously approved amount to \$50,000. This revised amount falls within the amounts included within the 2006 Final Budget.

Please direct questions regarding this project to the Parks & Recreation Director.

11.c.1. Ordinance No. 2006-51 - Awarding bid for the traffic signals improvements at Plainfield Road/Georgetown and Plainfield/Ronald Reagan Highway

The City recently conducted a traffic study of the Plainfield and Hunt Road area which involved a number of concerns and requests for service. As an initial result of that study, plans and specs were completed to improve the intersection at Plainfield and Georgetown with a crosswalk, handicapped ramps, pedestrian signals, southbound and northbound dedicated left turn arrows, LED traffic lenses, and construction of a short sidewalk section from Plainfield Road to the sidewalk system running from Peppermill and through the St. Andrews Place condominium area. Plans also call for the installation of crosswalks, handicapped ramps, pedestrian signals, and LED traffic lenses at Plainfield and Ronald Reagan Highway.

The project was advertised in the **Northeast Suburban Life Press** on Wednesday, May 31st. Two bids were received and publicly read aloud on Friday, June 16th. All bids met the City's requirements. After review, it was determined that the bid submitted by Elex, Inc., 11000 Winton Road, Greenhills, OH 45218 was the most responsive based on quality, service, past performance, and price. It is recommended that the award be made to Elex, Inc.

Please direct any questions regarding this ordinance to the Service Director.

11.d.1. Motion to approve and accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding the appeal from Neyer Inc. heard at the May 11, 2006 Council meeting associated with a Board of Zoning Appeals decision regarding signs at 4755 Lake Forest Drive

At the May 11th Council meeting, a hearing was held regarding a Board of Zoning Appeals denial of a request for a second building sign above the first story of a multi-story building located at 4755 Lake Forest Drive (the building adjacent to MOM). As was described at the meeting and hearing, the building will have multiple tenants, and the building owner, Al Neyer Inc., desires a second building sign on the south face, towards Glendale-Milford Road. Section 1185(g)(2) of the Code, regulating building signs in the M-1 District, stipulates that there will be no more than one wall sign above the first story in a multi-story building. Though the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals were sympathetic to Neyer, they denied the request because they simply did not believe the Code allowed them the ability to grant such a variance.

After discussion and further consideration by Council at the May 11th meeting and hearing, Council voted (six to one) to reverse the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals, thereby allowing placement of the two signs as desired by the applicant. To complete this process, a formal "Findings of Fact/Conclusions of Law" document was prepared by Dinsmore & Shohl and is included in Council packets. A motion to approve and accept this document would be appropriate.

Please direct questions regarding this item to the City Manager or to the Assistant Community Development Director Dan Johnson at 745-8528.

11.d.2. Motion setting a hearing for Thursday, August 10, 2006 for consideration of an appeal related to the Fire Code

The City received a request from the owners of Baxter's on Cooper Road to appeal a requirement associated with their planned expansion related to the Blue Ash Fire Code. This planned expansion was also reviewed recently

by the Downtown Design Review Committee. Though further details and information will be forwarded to Council before this hearing, a motion setting the hearing for the next regular Council meeting, August 10th, would be appropriate.

11.e.1. Resolution No. 2006-9 - Supporting the DARE program and authorizing the filing of a related grant request

This resolution expresses City Council's support for the DARE program and authorizes the Police Department to submit a grant application to the Office of the Ohio Attorney General. The purpose of the grant application is to seek additional DARE funding to assist with the ongoing programs that are being offered. It is the hope of the Police Department to receive funding in the \$3,500 range through this grant request. The grant funds would be used to support the equipment and supplies necessary to operate the DARE program.

Please direct questions regarding this grant request to Police Chief Chris Wallace."

Finance & Administration Committee, Rick Bryan, Chairperson

Councilman Bryan asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2006-7 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-7

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 2007 TAX BUDGET

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2006-7. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Stoller, Sumner, Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2006-7 passed.

Councilman Bryan asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2006-8 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-8

AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER OR DEPUTY TREASURER TO FILE THE 2005 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) WITH THE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES INFORMATION REPOSITORIES (NRMSIRs) AND THE STATE INFORMATION DEPOSITORY FOR THE STATE OF OHIO (SID) IN THE FORM BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilwoman Stoller seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2006-8. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Sumner, Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, Stoller, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2006-8 passed.

Councilman Bryan asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2006-47 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-47

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE CONSISTING OF A PORTION OF THE BLUE ASH AIRPORT PROPERTY, REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 130 ACRES, CLOSEST TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 16, INVOLVING ALL OR PORTIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY PARCELS 141, 142, 143, AND 145 OF BOOK 612 PAGE 120; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilwoman Stoller seconded to suspend the rules of Council requiring a second reading of the ordinance. The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, Stoller, Sumner, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeases. Motion carried.

City Manager Waltz gave a brief presentation, including display of PowerPoint slides (supplementary to plans displayed in the room on easels), regarding the proposed Airport

project. Highlights are summarized below:

- > In September 1987, Blue Ash expressed its desire formally to work with the City of Cincinnati with the Airport issue. It is clear that Blue Ash has been trying to work with Cincinnati for approximately 20 years now.
- > This will be an evolving process, and not all the answers will be provided right away. With a project as large as this, there will naturally be due diligence and contingency issues. Overall, it will take time.
- > A basic framework is being offered tonight.
- > There is a definite value to and visual feel for open space. There has been some concern expressed by residents in the recent past of overbuilding. Public spaces are special and do add positively to the “Blue Ash experience.”
- > Blue Ash has worked with Cincinnati successfully in the past. For example, the Golf Course land was purchased by Blue Ash from Cincinnati in the mid 1970s. Today, the Course is ranked among the top public courses from across the nation.
- > Blue Ash has always had the desire for balanced development – approximately 1/3 residential, 1/3 business, and 1/3 public. This Airport property potential would add to that objective.
- > The proposal includes the purchase of about 130 acres of the Airport property by Blue Ash for park development. The configuration of the Airport portion of the proposal has come from a past plan that the City of Cincinnati had considered. Since it was a Cincinnati plan from which this relocated Airport concept was derived, Blue Ash assumes that the plan, including an Airport on the acreage as proposed in the plan, is viable.
- > The proposed park would be mostly public open spaces (75% to 80%); however, room is shown for a Performing Arts Center (PAC); a World War II museum; restaurants and other supporting functions for a PAC; a “municipal mall” – not a retail mall, but more like a Washington Monument style park; reconfiguration of two holes of the Blue Ash Golf Course (allowing for a driving range on the existing course); etc.
- > The proposal would also allow the City to move forward with the expansion of the Recreation Center and construction of a new Golf Course clubhouse.
- > The proposal describes the payment of \$37.5 million by Blue Ash to Cincinnati over 30 years. There is a three-year transition plan related to the Airport.
- > If Blue Ash Council approves, the next step is for Cincinnati to formally approve the concept in early August. Assuming all goes well, the Administration would plan to present an ordinance including proposed ballot language at the August 10th and 17th Blue Ash Council meetings. If approved, then the issue of a proposed .25% increase in the Blue Ash earnings tax would be placed on the ballot for voters to consider at the General Election in November. Mr. Waltz noted that even with the .25% earnings tax increase, an earnings tax rate of 1.25% still falls within the lower third of cities in the area that have an earnings tax. In return, residents and business citizens would get a first class public space, as well as other capital projects.
- > Mr. Waltz has often heard the thought that this type of project is typical for Blue Ash in that Blue Ash “does it right and does it well.”
- > Mr. Waltz commented on an interesting speaker he heard at a recent ICMA conference who stressed that parks do bring value in an economic development sense, and there are studies to support this notion.

In addressing a comment from Councilman Bryan, Mr. Waltz stressed that the \$37.5

million is the total amount being paid by Blue Ash over 30 years. The net present value of that 30-year cash flow is about \$18 million. In comparison to a mortgage scenario, this is much like when someone purchases a house for \$100,000; however, over 30 years, the total payments (when including interest) add up to a much higher figure. Mr. Bryan also commented that this price equates to less than \$140,000 per acre.

In addressing a question from Councilwoman Stoller, Mr. Waltz reiterated that the plan for the Airport relocation was once presented as an alternative by the City of Cincinnati.

Councilman Stacey expressed enthusiasm about the plan. Much time, effort, and energy has been put forth to keep the airport as well as propose appropriate development.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Bryan moved, Councilwoman Stoller seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-47. The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, Stoller, Weber, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Councilman Sumner voted no. Six yeses. One no. Ordinance No. 2006-47 passed.

Councilman Bryan asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2006-48 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-48

PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND
AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE NO. 2006-3 FOR THE YEAR 2006 (AS SHOWN
ON ATTACHMENT); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to suspend the rules of Council requiring a second reading of the ordinance. The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Czerwonka, Bryan, Stoller, Sumner, Weber, Stacey, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Motion carried.

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilman Stacey seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-48. In addressing a question from Councilman Sumner, Deputy Solicitor Bryan Pacheco indicated that the expenditure of funds for public relations purposes related to the potential Airport park is allowed. There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Bryan, Stoller, Sumner, Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Ordinance No. 2006-48 passed.

Councilman Bryan asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2006-49 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-49

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW A CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO, GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,058.86; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilwoman Stoller seconded to suspend the rules of Council requiring a second reading of the ordinance. The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Stoller, Sumner, Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Motion carried.

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilman Sumner seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-49. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Sumner, Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, Stoller, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Ordinance No. 2006-49 passed.

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilman Sumner seconded to set a Special Council meeting for 7:00PM, Thursday, August 17, 2006. A voice vote was taken. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Bryan moved, Councilman Sumner seconded to authorize the payment of expenses associated with the National League of Cities Conference in December 2006. A voice vote was taken. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation Committee, Lee Czerwonka, Chairperson

Councilman Czerwonka asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2006-50 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-50

AMENDING SECTION I OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006-43 REGARDING SPORTS CENTER LIGHTING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Councilwoman Stoller seconded to suspend the rules of Council requiring a second reading of the ordinance. The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, Stoller, Sumner, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Motion carried.

Councilman Czerwonka moved, Councilman Stacey seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-50. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, Stoller, Sumner, Weber, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Ordinance No. 2006-50 passed.

Public Works Committee, Henry S. Stacey, Chairperson

Councilman Stacey asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2006-51 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-51

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON PLAINFIELD ROAD AT GEORGETOWN ROAD AND RONALD REAGAN HIGHWAY FOR THE UNIT PRICES AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED BID SUMMARY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Stacey moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to suspend the rules of Council requiring a second reading of the ordinance. The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Czerwonka, Bryan, Stoller, Sumner, Weber, Stacey, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Motion carried.

Councilman Stacey moved, Councilwoman Stoller seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-51. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Bryan, Stoller, Sumner, Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Ordinance No. 2006-51 passed.

Planning & Zoning Committee, James W. Sumner, Chairperson

Councilman Sumner moved, Councilman Stacey seconded to approve and accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding the appeal from Neyer Inc. heard at the May 11, 2006 Council meeting associated with a Board of Zoning Appeals decision regarding signs at 4755 Lake Forest Drive. A roll call vote was taken. Councilpersons Stoller, Sumner, Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Motion carried.

Councilman Sumner moved, Councilman Bryan seconded to set a hearing for Thursday, August 10, 2006 for consideration of an appeal related to the Fire Code. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Public Safety Committee, Stephanie Stoller, Chairperson

Councilwoman Stoller asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2006-9 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-9

SUPPORTING THE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT REQUEST WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

Councilwoman Stoller moved, Councilman Stacey seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2006-9. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Stoller, Sumner, Weber, Stacey, Czerwonka, Bryan, and Mayor Buckman voted yes. Seven yeses. Resolution No. 2006-9 passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Service Director Denny Albrinck commented that Amberley Village sent formal thanks to Blue Ash for assistance after a storm in late May, during which Amberley lost many trees. Mr. Albrinck commented that Amberley lent assistance when the tornado hit Blue Ash in 1999, and that it was nice to be able to return the help when Amberley was in need. He also commented that a few Service Department workers were sent to Carlisle to assist with recent storm damage (tornado) that small community experienced.

Mr. Albrinck commented that the Plainfield/Glendale-Milford traffic signal poles are up earlier than anticipated. It is expected that the signal will be operational by the end of August.

City Manager Waltz thanked Council for appointing him as the City Manager. Mr. Waltz commented that he looks forward to guiding this special community and looks forward to working with its residents, businesses, and fellow employees.

Councilman Sumner noted that he would not be able to attend the August 17th Council meeting. In addressing a question from Councilman Sumner regarding new power poles on the ground near Mr. MacNab's house at Chesswick/Lansford, it was mentioned that the City is aware of these and that the utility company that placed them in anticipation of a project not yet begun. Duke Energy will soon remove those poles, or install them on the project.

In addressing a concern from Councilman Sumner regarding the upkeep of roadside property along Cooper Road between the east and west legs of Mohler Road, it was stated that this area will be put on a regular maintenance schedule.

Councilman Weber commented favorably on the cooperative effort for the Airport property. Mr. Waltz confirmed that the City would plan on working with Cincinnati in securing FAA funds and perhaps even sit on some sort of advisory committee. He believes that Cincinnati recognizes that part of this transaction includes the idea that Blue Ash would have a little more input on airport operations. Mr. Waltz confirmed that it is Cincinnati's intent to keep the airport operational.

Councilman Stacey complimented the City on the appearance of the downtown flowers.

Councilman Czerwonka offered compliments to the Fire Chief and Captain for the recent fire training exercise experienced by he and Councilman Stacey.

Councilman Bryan congratulated Mr. Waltz on his being appointed City Manager. He commented further that this November, Blue Ash voters will be making the biggest decision ever, probably since 1955, since it will be determining what Blue Ash will look like in the future. He expressed his enthusiasm for the potential being proposed for this very important property in our community.

Mayor Buckman also expressed congratulations to Mr. Waltz.

Mayor Buckman commented that of the items most often cited in the citizen survey taken a few years ago, six of those requests would be made possible by this Airport property proposal, such as an expansion of the Recreation Center, Golf Course Clubhouse, walking paths, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

All items on the agenda having been acted upon, Councilman Bryan moved, Councilman Stacey seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken. All members voted yes. The Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:57 PM.

Robert J. Buckman, Jr., Mayor

MINUTES WRITTEN BY:

Susan K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk of Council