

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, was held on August 11, 2005. Mayor Rick Bryan called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 7:30 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Bryan asked resident Mac Stone to lead 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, Deputy Solicitor Bryan Pacheco, Clerk of Council Jamie Eifert, Deputy Clerk of Council Sue Bennett, Assistant City Manager David Waltz, Treasurer/Administrative Services Director James Pfeffer, Service Director Dennis Albrinck, member of the press, and interested citizens

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 PM - Blue Ash’s cable franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable

Pam McDonald, VP of Government Affairs of Time Warner Cable, was present to represent Time Warner at this hearing. She explained that Time Warner has held the Blue Ash cable franchise for over 26 years, and that the FCC requires this process of public hearing at this point in the franchise agreement/renewal process. Time Warner’s corporate headquarters have been located in Blue Ash from the beginning, and she commented favorably on the working relationship established between Time Warner and the City Administration and Council.

City Manager Marvin Thompson commented that Time Warner has always been a very cooperative, involved, and supportive corporate citizen. Mayor Bryan added that it is rare to see a cultural event, non-profit organization, or other benevolent and worthwhile cause not supported in some way by Time Warner. He commended Time Warner for their devotion and investment to the community that in turn supports them. There being no further questions from the public or Council, the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:34PM.

BEAUTIFICATION WEEK AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Bryan and Councilman Czerwonka presented those in attendance at tonight’s meeting with their Beautification Week award. Those awarded yard signs included:

- ?? Janet Helterbridle, 5060 Myerdale Drive
- ?? Josephine L. Martin, 13 Muirfield Lane
- ?? The Stefanis, 4880 Muirwoods Court
- ?? Jim & Vicki Crusham, 10171 Zig Zag Road
- ?? Vicki & Kent Meiser, 10890 Fallsington Ct. (not in attendance)
- ?? The Hartkes, 4845 Myrtle Ave.
- ?? Mike and Beatty Hodovanic, 5621 Samstone Ct. (not in attendance)

Those receiving individualized stepping stones included:

Mayor’s Choice:

- ?? The Pike Family, 4907 Myrtle Ave.

People’s Choice:

- ?? The Fee Family, 10193 Zig Zag Road

Committee’s Choice:

- ?? James & Sharon Detmer, 4965 Aldine Drive

Mayor Bryan appointed Service Director Denny Albrinck to read the legislation in its entirety in the rear of Council Chambers. Mr. Bryan 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

Councilwoman Stoller 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 - Clerk of Council Jamie K. Eifert
- 4. PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30PM – Blue Ash’s cable franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable
- 5. BEAUTIFICATION WEEK PRESENTATIONS
- 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 July 14, 2005
 - b. Work Session of August 1, 2005

- 9. COMMUNICATIONS
 - a. Communications to Council - Clerk of Council Jamie K. Eifert
 - b. Reports From Outside Agencies
 - c. Mayor’s Report – July 2005 – Honorable Rick Bryan
 - d. Financial Report – Motion to accept the report for July 2005

10. HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance & Administration Committee, Mark F. Weber, Chairperson
 - 1. Resolution No. 2005-9, appointing Jim Sumner as Vice Mayor for a temporary specific period
 - 2. Ordinance No. 2005-46, legislation associated with the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) project at 9999 Carver Road (Duke Realty property, former Whiting location)
- b. Public Safety Committee, Stephanie Stoller, Chairperson
 - 1. Ordinance No. 2005-47, authorizing purchase of tasers for the Police Department
 - 2. Resolution No. 2005-10, expressing support for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and authorizing the filing of a grant request

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Property Acquisition & Potential Litigation

14. ADJOURNMENT”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Stacey moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2005. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Stacey moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to approve the minutes of the work session of August 1, 2005. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications to Council

There were no communications to Council.

Reports From Outside Agencies

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

Mayor's Report – July 2005

RECEIPTS:

Fines	\$31,372.00
Bonds & BMV fees carried over.....	\$950.00
Interest Earned.....	\$9.32
Bonds collected.....	\$850.00
Overdrawn Check.....	\$20.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$33,201.32

DISBURSEMENTS:

To Blue Ash (fines/costs/interest/Expungements/forfeitures)	\$24,325.32
To the State of OH.....	\$7,666.00
Refund of Overpaid Fine	\$ 10.00
Bond Money applied.....	\$360.00
Bond Money returned	\$120.00
BMV.....	\$640.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$33,001.32
BALANCE IN BONDS:.....	\$200.00
Mayor’s Court traffic citations.....	238

Mayor's Court criminal citations	22
TOTAL	260
July Revenue from Mayor's Ct. Cases:	\$24,325.32

Financial Report – July 2005

Councilman Stacey moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to accept the Financial Report for July 2005 as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CITY OF BLUE ASH FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT
FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2005**

MONTH TO DATE	2004	2005
START OF MONTH FUND BALANCE: 7-1-05	\$11,149,256.59	\$11,710,211.17
Revenues:		
Earnings Tax Collections:	1,778,214.17	2,432,437.39
Debt Financing (long term)	0	0
Debt Financing (short term)	0	0
Other Revenue Received:	<u>675,291.20</u>	<u>717,863.68</u>
= Total Monthly Receipts	2,453,505.37	3,150,301.07
Expenditures:		
Bond Retirement	0	0
Short term debt refinancing	0	0
Other Expenditures:	<u>2,527,309.10</u>	<u>2,695,496.10</u>
= Total Monthly Expenditures:	<u>-2,527,309.10</u>	<u>-2,695,496.10</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE: 7-31-05	11,075,452.86	12,165,016.14
YEAR TO DATE	2004	2005
START OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:	\$9,092,894.75	14,622,289.87
Revenues:		
Earnings Tax Collections:	12,251,102.92	13,913,548.84
Debt Financing (long term)	0	0
Debt Financing (short term)	5,100,000.00	0
Other Revenue Received:	<u>5,579,051.13</u>	<u>5,620,302.14</u>
= Total Monthly Receipts	22,930,154.05	19,533,850.98
Expenditures:		
Bond Retirement	0	0
Short term debt refinancing	3,100,000.00	5,100,000.00
Other Expenditures:	<u>17,847,595.94</u>	<u>16,891,124.71</u>
= Total YTD Expenditures:	<u>-20,947,595.94</u>	<u>-21,991,124.71</u>
YTD FUND BALANCE	11,075,452.86	12,165,016.14

100% of the fund balance was invested as of 7-31-05. Interest paid to date on matured investments: \$147,363.11. Receipt and expenditure figures do not include interfund transfers.

**BLUE ASH INCOME TAX DIVISION INCOME TAX RECEIPT SUMMARY
FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2005**

MONTH-TO-DATE STATUS	2004	2005
Business Net Profit	355,831.13	1,001,661.86
Resident Net Profit	86,787.56	86,389.82
Non-Resident Net Profit	22,107.73	16,512.85
Subcontractor Net Profit	2,629.00	476.20
Net Profit Total	<u>467,355.42</u>	<u>1,105,040.73</u>
Withholding	1,277,911.50	1,295,030.02
Subcontractor Withholding	32,947.25	32,366.64
Withholding Total	<u>1,310,858.75</u>	<u>1,327,396.66</u>
Monthly Collection Totals	1,778,214.17	2,432,437.39
YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS	2004	2005
Business Net Profit	1,932,816.33	3,390,425.77
Resident Net Profit	498,637.08	556,557.03
Non-Resident Net Profit	152,386.15	156,380.36
Subcontractor Net Profit	13,948.27	12,525.91
Net Profit Total	<u>2,597,787.83</u>	<u>4,115,889.07</u>
Withholding	9,483,243.01	9,639,381.36
Subcontractor Withholding	170,072.08	158,278.41
Withholding Total	<u>9,653,315.09</u>	<u>9,797,659.77</u>
Year-to-date Collection Totals	12,251,102.92	13,913,548.84
Year-To-Date Refund Totals	<u>22,873.28</u>	<u>33,367.46</u>

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Tom Stone, 4992 Doughman Court, presented the City with a framed poster commemorating the Wall That Heals event (held in October 2004). The poster has been signed by all volunteers who assisted with the event, a traveling display representative of the Vietnam Memorial in our Nation's capitol. On behalf of the City, Mayor Bryan accepted the poster and thanked Mr. Stone for the gift, as well as his volunteerism associated with that event.

Doug Sullivan, 9483 Highland Avenue, commented on water problems on his property as well as others in his neighborhood. Service Director Denny Albrinck commented that the City has not yet finalized the details associated with a potential private drainage improvement program. Mr. Sullivan's type of problem could be a candidate for this program. Mr. Albrinck was asked to call Mr. Sullivan tomorrow.

Mary Jane Kenyon asked if the City has considered joining the Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission (ICRC), a regulatory agency associated with cable television. She commented that it would provide residents with additional local coverage options. City Manager Thompson commented that the City was a member of ICRC many years ago; however, the City discontinued its membership because it believed that the additional cost borne by subscribers/citizens (an additional 3% of the cable bill) was not worth the potential benefit.

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 August 11th Council Agenda:

4. PUBLIC HEARING - Blue Ash's cable franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable

As was explained by the Deputy Solicitor at the April 14th Council meeting, the Time Warner Cable (TWC) franchise agreement is due to expire within three years. That franchise agreement stipulated that within 30 to 36 months of its expiration there be a public hearing held (within six months of the request from TWC, which was received March 18th) to identify any cable requirements, address concerns with the current franchise, and/or identify future needs. The public hearing is required no later than September 18th.

It is expected that a representative from Time Warner will be present at the meeting to address any questions from Council or the public.

Please direct questions regarding this issue to the City Manager or Assistant City Manager.

5. BEAUTIFICATION WEEK PRESENTATIONS

The City received over 40 nominations for Beautification awards this year, and the Committee, led by Councilman Czerwonka, reviewed each and have selected the following to receive awards this year. The Mayor's Choice, People's Choice, and Committee's Choice awardees will receive engraved garden stepping stones, and the other finalists listed will include yard signs. Those receiving awards (many of whom are expected at Thursday's meeting) include:

Finalists:

- ?? Janet Helterbride, 5060 Myerdale Drive
- ?? Josephine L. Martin, 13 Muirfield Lane
- ?? The Stefanis', 4880 Muirwoods Court
- ?? Jim & Vicki Crusham, 10171 Zig Zag Road
- ?? Vicki & Kent Meiser, 10890 Fallsington Ct.
- ?? The Hartkes, 4845 Myrtle Ave.
- ?? Mike and Beatty Hodovanic, 5621 Samstone Ct.

Mayor's Choice:

- ?? The Pike Family, 4907 Myrtle Ave.

People's Choice:

- ?? The Fee Family, 10193 Zig Zag Road

Committee's Choice:

- ?? James & Sharon Detmer, 4965 Aldine Drive

Please direct questions regarding Beautification Week to Councilman Czerwonka.

11.a.1. Resolution No. 2005-9 - Appointing Jim Sumner as Vice Mayor for a temporary specific period

As was requested of Councilman Sumner at a prior meeting, he has received a request from a neighbor to perform a marriage ceremony for a family member. No objections were expressed by Council, and Resolution No. 2005-9 provides for the temporary appointment of Councilman Sumner over the period affected (the wedding is on September 10th). This type of temporary appointment has been done in the past for Councilman Biedermann.

11.a.2. Ordinance No. 2005-46 - Legislation associated with the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) project at 9999 Carver Road (Duke Realty property, former Whiting location)

Progress continues in the City's cooperative effort to assist Duke Realty Ohio in starting construction of the first of three planned office buildings on the 22-acre property on Carver Road (previously Whiting Manufacturing). The intent is to utilize a special financing arrangement referred to as Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Council will recall that in July, a presentation was made by the Administration to the School District Administration (with legal counsel from both parties present), and the School Board subsequently formally approved the plans for this TIF special financing arrangement at their Board meeting later in July.

As a result of the motion approved by Council at the July 14th meeting, the City Administration (with assistance from legal counsel), provided written formal notification to the Sycamore School District that the City intends to establish a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District on the approximate 22-acre site at 9999 Carver Road. That action then provided the basis for extensive document preparation on the part of the attorneys working on this process.

The next step involves Council's consideration of formal legislation, represented by Ordinance No. 2005-46 (drafted by the City's TIF Bond Counsel, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, and approved by Dinsmore). This would represent a significant, but not final, step in this process.

Duke is very eager to start construction on the first building, which the City expects to begin this fall. Duke has already submitted plans for this development to the Community Development Office. Those plans refer to, and illustrate, the two parking garages which this ordinance declares to be public improvements. The availability of these garages for use by the public (such as for special events or use by the Senior Center) serves the basis for the TIF mechanism.

Although the two garages will be property tax exempt due to the City's recorded real property rights, the increased assessed valuation created by the new private development permits substantial payments to the City (and then to the School District) using payments in lieu of taxes. Those semi-annual payments by Duke Realty Ohio will pay the cost of retiring the bonds and notes issued to build the garages, with all surplus funds to be directed to the School District. The projections illustrate that over the life of the project, payments to the School District will almost match what would have been paid in taxes had the TIF not been utilized as a mechanism to get this project moving.

Please direct questions regarding this motion or process to the Assistant City Manager.

11.b.1. Ordinance No. 2005-47 - Authorizing purchase of tasers for the Police Department

As was discussed by Police Captain Bob Lilley at the July 14th meeting, the request was made to authorize the purchase of taser immobilization devices for the Police Department.

Ordinance No. 2005-47 provides the authorization for the purchase of this equipment from the State of Ohio's bid list from the manufacturer: Taser International Inc. The ordinance authorizes a not-to-exceed total of \$50,000, which includes the tasers, related accessories (such as holsters, etc.), required training, and equipment (cartridges, etc.) to be utilized both in the field as well as for training purposes. This amount would allow every officer to be equipped with the necessary equipment.

Please direct questions regarding this purchase to Captain Lilley at 745-8562 or the Police Chief at 745-6227.

11.b.2. Resolution No. 2005-10 - Expressing support for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and authorizing the filing of a 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, Mark F. Weber, Chairperson

Councilman Weber asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2005-9 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-9

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ROBERT J. BUCKMAN, JR. AS
VICE MAYOR AND APPOINTING JAMES W. SUMNER AS VICE
MAYOR FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD

Councilman Weber moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2005-9. Councilman Sumner thanked Vice Mayor Buckman for allowing him this opportunity to perform a marriage ceremony for a family friend. The specific period of appointment is September 8 – 11, with the wedding scheduled for September 10th. There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Weber, Sumner, Buckman, Stacey, Czerwonka, Stoller, and Mayor Bryan voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2005-9 passed.

Mayor Bryan administered the oath of office to Councilman Sumner and explained to those in the audience that this temporary appointment would allow Vice Mayor Sumner to perform a marriage ceremony requested by family friends.

Councilman Weber asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2005-46 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-46

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE UNDER SECTION 5709.40 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND PREPARATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT, TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, LEASE AGREEMENT, TRUST AGREEMENT AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, WAIVING ANY FORMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND AND A PROJECT FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilman Weber moved, Councilwoman Stoller seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2005-46. Councilman Sumner pointed out that this is the first time the City has ever granted any type of tax abatement. This is a different type of abatement/deferral mechanism, and it was noted that the Sycamore Schools will benefit substantially over the life of the arrangement from this as they will be receiving almost 100% of the property tax revenues that they would have received if the TIF mechanism were not used. There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Buckman, Stacey, Czerwonka, Stoller, Weber, Sumner, and Mayor Bryan voted yes. Seven yeases. Ordinance No. 2005-46 passed.

Public Safety Committee, Stephanie Stoller, Chairperson

Councilwoman Stoller asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2005-47 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-47

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TASER IMMOBILIZATION DEVICES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilwoman Stoller moved, Councilman Stacey seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2005-47. Councilwoman Stoller commented that this item was brought forth by the Administration at the last meeting, and it will allow the purchase of a taser for every officer. There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Czerwonka, Stoller, Weber, Sumner, Buckman, Stacey, and Mayor Bryan voted yes. Seven yeases. Ordinance No. 2005-47 passed.

City Manager Thompson commented that he received a call earlier this week from Bob Ready, CEO and President of LSI Industries. Mr. Ready had read about this in the local newspaper and called Marvin to indicate that he would like to donate \$12,000 towards this purchase (the check has already been received from Mr. Ready). Mr. Thompson distributed a letter of thanks addressed to Bob, and asked each Councilperson to sign.

Councilwoman Stoller asked the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2005-10 by title only.

THEN WAS PRESENTED AND READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-10

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

Councilwoman Stoller moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2005-10. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Stoller, Weber, Sumner, Buckman, Stacey, Czerwonka, and Mayor Bryan voted yes. Seven yeases. Resolution No. 2005-10 passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

City Manager Thompson commented that the Administration would like to have authority to adjust the planned purchase time of a replacement ambulance. Purchase of this item was originally planned to be included in the 2006 Budget; however, the Administration recommends the purchase of this item in 2005. Unless Council objects to this, an ordinance would be presented at the September meeting authorizing purchase of this item from the State's bid list for an approximate total of \$135,000 (fully equipped). Funds would come from the General Fund contingency. No Council member expressed an objection.

Mr. Thompson also commented that the need will exist in 2006 to replace the Fire Department's 100-foot ladder truck as the existing truck is nearing the end of its useful life. The estimated cost for this is \$1 million.

Mr. Thompson suggests some adjustments to upcoming Regular Meeting/Work Session topics as schedule conflicts with presenters have come to the City's attention. After some discussion, the following schedule was agreed to by Council (and an E-mail reminder would be sent to members, per their request):

- ?? Thursday, September 8th, regular meeting: the Economic Development/Branding consultant Marty Blubaugh will give a brief presentation on his recommendations. Given that a public hearing (Cornell Road development) has already been scheduled for 7:30PM, it was suggested that the start time for this meeting be moved to 7:00PM, with Mr. Blubaugh's presentation to occur at 7:00PM. Councilwoman Stoller moved, Councilman Sumner seconded to establish the start time of 7:00PM for the September 8th meeting. A voice vote was taken. All members voted yes. Motion carried. (Also at this meeting, the Hunt House Architect, Jim Fearing, will be present to address questions from Council, if any, regarding updated project information distributed at this meeting.)
- ?? Thursday, September 22nd, Work Session: Topic: presentation of the downtown master plan recommendations by Menelaos Triantafillou. Start time: 7:00PM.
- ?? Thursday, October 13th, regular meeting: recommendations of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) consultant, Hunter Interests, will be presented. Start time for this meeting will be 7:30PM.
- ?? Thursday, October 27th, Work Session: Topic: conceptual plans for expansion of the Recreation Center and for expansion of the Golf Course Clubhouse. Start time for this meeting will be 7:00PM.

Councilman Sumner asked fellow Council and the Administration about the potential of adjusting all Council meeting starting times from 7:30PM to 7:00PM. After some discussion, it was determined that 7:00PM would be the start times for meetings beginning in 2006. Councilman Sumner moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to adjust the starting times for Council meetings from 7:30PM to 7:00PM, beginning in 2006. A voice vote was taken. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jim Pfeffer commented that there has been an unusually large increase in the numbers of E-mails received through the City's E-mail system (some directed to Council) soliciting the City's business on a number of products and services. Mr. Pfeffer commented that the City receives thousands daily, some of which get through the City's spam software. He asked that Council delete such messages, unless they strongly believe the product or service would be genuinely needed.

Service Director Denny Albrinck commented that an additional project has been added to the street paving program involving the extension of the existing contract (unit prices) with John R. Jurgensen Company to repave a section of Hunt Road, from the west corporate boundary to the Ronald Reagan Highway access ramps. Including this stretch of roadway in the program, given the favorable prices bid by Jurgensen, will still result in expected expenditures to be under what was budgeted for 2005 repaving work by about \$50,000. Mr. Albrinck also commented that the City has also been successful in getting RailWorks to add the rubberization panels to the Hunt/Blue Ash Road railroad crossing that will enhance pedestrian traffic in that vicinity.

In addressing a question from Councilman Sumner regarding a letter received from First Energy regarding the potential of aggregation of energy, Mr. Pfeffer commented that the Administration has looked into such an arrangement in the past and has essentially concluded that the City would not be comfortable to be on the receiving end of trying to explain future energy cost differences (particularly substantial increases) to residents. It is his opinion that Cinergy offers cost effective service. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Administration would investigate this topic (perhaps a phone call or two to other area communities considering this concept).

In addressing a question from Councilman Sumner, it was agreed that Mr. Albrinck would look at the possibility of adding a crosswalk in the vicinity of the golf course shelter area at the northwest corner of Plainfield and Cooper Roads.

Councilman Czerwonka congratulated all the Beautification Week winners (many still present at the meeting) and also extended thanks to the Economic Development Division, Dan Klapp, and the Parks & Recreation Department for their valued assistance in the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After all items on the agenda were acted upon, Councilman Sumner moved, Councilwoman Stoller seconded to convene an Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to property acquisition and potential litigation. The Clerk called the roll. Councilpersons Stoller, Weber, Sumner, Buckman, Stacey, Czerwonka, and Mayor Bryan voted yes. Seven yeases. Motion carried.

After matters pertaining to property acquisition and potential litigation were discussed, Councilman Stacey moved, Councilman Czerwonka seconded to convene to the regular meeting. A voice vote was taken. All Council members voted yes. Motion carried.

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 9:25PM.

Rick Bryan, Mayor

Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

MINUTES WRITTEN BY:

Susan K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk of Council