

**CITY OF BLUE ASH**  
**Interoffice Memo - City Manager's Office**

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager and Department Directors  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Items for the March 25, 2010 Council Meeting  
**DATE:** March 23, 2010  
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The following offers a brief description of the items included on the March 25 Council agenda:

**9.a.1. Ordinance No. 2010-16 - Transferring funds**

Several adjustments are necessary to the budget approved by Council in January, as illustrated on the attachment to Ordinance No. 2010-16.

All of the items with the amount of "\$5,000.00" relate to the need to shift \$5,000 out of Contingency into the bond retirement fund #331. The budget was finalized without providing sufficient resources to account for fees charged to the City on that fund by the Hamilton County Budget & Settlement Division. Those fees relate to the tracking and distribution of a portion of the City's 3.08 millage received through the County on an annual basis.

There is an additional revenue appropriation in the amount of \$3,896.50, which pertains to asavings/reimbursement received by the Fire Department related to turnout gear acquisitions, and those funds are being applied in the Fire Department uniform and operating supplies areas.

Finally, an item in the economic development area totaling \$123,000.00 is shown representing the appropriation of funds from a previous year excess fund balance created when a purchase order, or reservation in funds, had been cancelled dating to 2009. Cancellation of that purchase order freed up these funds, and will be applied in the economic development area to accommodate the recent incentives granted by the City to encourage job retention in Blue Ash.

Please direct questions regarding the transfer to the Treasurer.

**9.b.1. Resolution No. 2010-1 - Authorizing the City of Cincinnati to file a grant application associated with the Airport**

In 2007, the City of Blue Ash purchased 130 acres of the Blue Ash Airport from the City of Cincinnati. As part of the purchase agreement, the City of Cincinnati is responsible for environmental remediation of any contaminated soils on the property and has proposed a project to remove lead contamination from the area of a former firing range.

The City of Cincinnati plans to apply for a Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant to assist with funding the Blue Ash Airport Lead Remediation project. The estimated remediation costs are \$850,000 and the grant request will be \$750,000. The City of Cincinnati is responsible for all remediation costs up to \$1.5 million, in addition to the value of any grants. The grant application requires supportive legislation from the jurisdiction where the project is located if it is different than the applicant's (City of Cincinnati) jurisdiction. Additionally, the City of Blue Ash will be listed as the "Property Owner" and the "Development Partner" in the grant application documents.

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