

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

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Department Directors
SUBJECT: Agenda Items for the May 27, 2010 Council Meeting
DATE: June 8, 2010
COPIES: Department Directors, Press, Clerk of Council, Solicitor

The following offers a brief description of the items included on the June 10 Council agenda:

9.a.1. Ordinance No. 2010-25 - Transferring funds

Although the attachment to transfer Ordinance No. 2010-25 reflects a number of items, this legislation involves only “housekeeping” items. Financially, the most significant involves Fund #291, which relates to last year’s Federal “ARRA” grant under the stimulus program for the repaving/refurbishment of a portion of Reed Hartman Highway. This reduction in revenue and expenditure appropriation realigns that restricted fund so it can be closed out.

Next, a \$100,000 additional appropriation is reflected for Fund #445, relating to the “Issue 15” airport/airport park fund. Blue Ash’s agreement with the City of Cincinnati called for an “advance” of \$500,000 during the year in which the lead remediation was to begin. Our appropriations were set up towards the end of 2009, which would have arranged for the payment of the “advance,” and our current budget showed a reduction in the amount of our land payment during 2010 by \$100,000, for a total payment of \$900,000. Since it has been determined that the clean-up will begin in 2011, a change to the 2010 Budget is necessary to provide for the \$1,000,000 payment, instead of the \$900,000 anticipated.

The listed additional revenue and expenditure appropriations relate to a donation of \$10,000 to the Police Department toward salaries, and realigning rental and deposit revenue and expenses in relation to the current activity levels at the Recreation Center.

Please direct questions regarding the transfer ordinance to the Treasurer.

9.a.2. Resolution No. 2010-5 - Reappointing members to the Civil Service Commission, Charter Revision Committee, and Board of Tax Review

Resolution No. 2010-5 reappoints members to the Civil Service Commission, Charter Revision Committee, and Board of Tax Review (Steve Richter, Rich Cogen, and Arnold Stoller respectively). All positions are due to expire July 1 due to the method of appointment outlined in the Charter, and all have been contacted to confirm their interest in continuing to serve.

9.a.3. Motion cancelling the regular meetings of September 9, 2010 (Rosh Hashana) and November 11, 2010 (Veterans Day)

With the September 9 and November 11 regular Council meetings falling on holidays, Rosh Hasana and Veterans Day respectively, it would be appropriate that Council pass a formal motion cancelling these two meetings. These two meetings have also been marked as “cancelled” on the printed community calendar, as well as on the BlueAsh.com website.

Please direct questions regarding this to the City Manager.

9.b.1. Resolution No. 2010-6 - Reappointing members to the Planning Commission and Board of Site Arrangement/Zoning Appeals

Resolution No. 2010-6 reappoints members to the Planning Commission and Board of Site Arrangement/Zoning Appeals (Beverley Gill and Mark Kirby respectively. Similar to Resolution No. 2010-5, these positions expire July 1 due to the method of appointment outlined in the Charter, and both have been contacted to confirm their interest in continuing to serve.

9.b.2. Motion setting a public hearing for 7:15PM, Thursday, July 8, 2010 regarding consideration of a planned development for a new restaurant on the site of Rombes Restaurant and the former Jiffy Lube at the southwest corner of Kenwood and Pfeiffer/Glendale-Milford Roads

The City is in receipt of an application for the construction of a new City BBQ restaurant at the site that currently houses the Rombes restaurant and the currently vacant property to its south, the former Jiffy Lube. This motion would appropriately set a hearing for Thursday, July 8, at which time additional information will be provided regarding this project.

Please direct questions regarding this motion to the City Manager.

9.b.3. Motion setting a hearing for Thursday, July 8, 2010 for consideration of an appeal relating to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals to deny a request to modify an existing legal, non-conforming sign in the M-4 District

The City is in receipt of a request from legal counsel for Bernard Clarke to appeal a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals relating to their denial to allow modification to an existing legal, non-conforming ground sign located within the M-4 District on Deerfield Road. This motion formally sets that hearing for the July 8 meeting. More information will be provided to Council before this hearing.

Questions regarding this issue may be directed to Dan Johnson in the Community Development office at 745-8528 or via e-mail to djohnson@blueash.com.

9.c.1. Resolution No. 2010-4 - Authorizing the filing of a grant request with the Ohio Attorney General's Office relating to drug use prevention efforts in schools

This resolution expresses City Council's approval for the Police Chief to submit a grant application to the Office of the Ohio Attorney General relating to grant funding associated with drug use prevention education in the public schools. The funding expected would be similar to 2009 levels – in the \$4,300 range.

Though this program has been referred to as DARE in the past, funds under this program are now eligible for a variety of activities. As such, we are in communication with the School District regarding some alternative programming in the upcoming year. As we develop such alternates, we will be sure to update Council.

Please direct questions regarding this resolution to the Police Chief.

9.d.1. Motion authorizing the solicitation of bids for the Blue Ash Golf Course Improvement projects (including construction of a new Golf Course Clubhouse/Banquet Facility and irrigation and cart path improvements)

This motion would formally authorize the project team to move forward with the solicitation of bids related to the planned Golf Course improvements, including construction of a new clubhouse/banquet facility and improvements associated with the irrigation system and cart paths. Please refer to a separate memo in Council packets from the Parks & Recreation Director which provides more details.