

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-2

AUTHORIZING A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT FOR
PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SERVICES;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 9.12 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, provides the method under which the City Manager shall make certain purchases and enter into contracts on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, given the passage of Issue 15 by Blue Ash voters on November 7, 2006, the need exists for the City to continue to work towards the realization of the goals as outlined to voters in relation to this Issue, including a resolution of the Blue Ash Airport matter and planned development of the 130-acre park property; and

WHEREAS, via passage of Ordinance No. 2010-70, City Council approved a multi-year contract with The Colwell Group for professional government relations services in 2010 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends a continuation of the contract for these outside professional consulting/government relations services.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, not less than five (5) members thereof concurring,

SECTION I.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services contract with The Colwell Group, LLC, for professional government relations services in 2012, 2013, and 2014. For extended services associated with the airport park project in 2012, the monthly retainer amount shall not exceed \$3,500. For services in 2013 and 2014, the monthly retainer amount shall not exceed \$1,500. Any requirements to follow formal bidding procedures, if any, are hereby waived in light of the professional services nature of this contract.

SECTION II.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to remit payment to The Colwell Group, LLC for extraordinary meeting or other expenses associated with these professional services, if any. Such expenses, if any, shall be pre-approved by the City Manager.

SECTION III.

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to expend the necessary funds therefor, which funds are hereby appropriated.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio; the reason for the emergency being the immediate need to authorize appropriate expenses associated with the immediate need to continue on the projects promised to voters related to Issue 15. Therefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 12th day of January, 2012.

Mark F. Weber, Mayor

Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark A. Vander Laan, Solicitor