



Unauthorized Items



1. Donation in Honor of Bill Schultz

Council is being asked to accept a donation of \$100 from Jeff St. Clair for a memorial tree to be planted in memory of Bill Schultz. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council accept the donation.

Council Action

Accept the donation in honor of Bill Schultz.



2. Adopt a Spot Donation

The Rotary Club of Kent has made a \$250 donation to the Adopt A Spot program and Council is being asked to accept that donation.

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council accept the donation.

Council Action

Accept the donation.



3. Fairchild Avenue Bridge Project Right of Way Agreements

As previously discussed, rather than bringing the construction project Right of Way Agreements for full Committee review we have placed them on your agenda as unauthorized. These Agreements (Draft Nos. 08-97, 98, 99, and 100) were amicably negotiated and they are within the parameters established by ODOT for this project. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's approval of the Right of Way Agreements.

Council Action

Approve the Right of Way Agreements as presented.

Information Items

1. Appropriations Amendment Materials

You will find in this packet the Appropriations Amendment materials. Typically these are sent with the Clerk's packet but she asked if we could include them in the Manager's packet. You approved the amendments in Committee last week and these are the detail sheets which will be formally voted on at your Regular Council meeting on June 18th. (attachment)

Information Items (continued)



2. Film Shoot in Kent

As a note of interest I have attached an email exchange between Bill Lillich and Peter Fields of Little Beth Entertainment company. Mr. Field has requested permission to shoot a short film, entitled "The Forgotten Ones" in the City of Kent later this month. Mr. Fields has submitted a schedule of his locations and a short summary of the dramatic film. He hopes to showcase the film in the global film festival market. (attachment)

3. Email Update From NOPEC On Natural Gas Prices

Leigh Herington, Executive Director of NOPEC, has forwarded an email letter to the members of the NOPEC communities concerning natural gas prices. Gas prices have made a significant jump in the last several months and NOPEC is monitoring prices daily to see if there is an opportunity to lock into a favorable fixed price for an extended period of time. (attachment)

4. Traffic Engineering and Safety Committee

I know that traffic safety issues come up often in conversations with our residents so I wanted to share with you the latest agenda for the next Traffic Engineering and Safety Committee scheduled for June 13th. (attachment).

5. Neighbor Cities Financial Challenges

With our recent presentation from the Blue Ribbon Panel members I know that revenue and expense issues are on everyone's mind so I've attached a couple of news articles from some other cities in our area that are struggling with the same issues to see how they are choosing to address them. Given all the growth in the Columbus area I was surprised to see that our state capital is facing a \$75 million deficit this year. (attachment)

6. House Bill 521: Local Government Consolidation Commission

We've been watching the progress of HB 521 which has been moving through the House and Senate that proposes the creation of a 15 member state commission to evaluate and recommend ways that local governments can increase efficiency and effectiveness. We're hoping the final version of this bill will support local governments rather than require more from local governments in the form of some unfunded mandates. Obviously we want to do whatever we can to be as efficient and productive as possible so we support the concept of this bill but we've been concerned that the bill may try to reduce local governments' flexibility or authority. (attachment)

7. Annual Social Service Funding

Gary Locke has provided his recommendations for city social service funding for 2008 and I've included his distribution schedule for your information. We've stayed within the budget and each agency received the same allocation for 2008 that they received in 2007. We did receive a request for new emergency utility assistance in anticipation of high heating costs this year but we were reluctant to take money away from any of our existing programs on the chance of high heating costs this winter. With that in mind we may need to come back to Council during the winter for an extra allocation if emergency utility assistance proves to be a problem. (attachment)

Information Items (continued)

8. Income Tax Report

Barb has provided a summary of income tax collections thru May 31, 2008. The income tax receipts continue to remain on pace to meet budgetary expectations which is good news. We're not seeing significant growth but we're holding steady with budget projections. (attachment)

9. Monthly Permit and Zoning Report

Gary Locke has enclosed a copy of the monthly zoning and permit violations report thru May 2008. Construction fee revenues are down overall from last year by approximately \$28,000. With the growing season in full swing you will see a large number of high grass complaints and citations issued in the Zoning Report. (attachments)

10. Service Department State Exam Testing

I am pleased to report that 6 employees successfully passed the Water Distribution System Operator exam, 1 employee received his Class I Water Distribution training certificate, and 2 employees passed the Wastewater Operator exams. Gene Roberts has provided a list of the employees that received these state licenses. It's a credit to the quality and expertise of our city staff that our pass rate for these tough state exams is double the statewide average. (attachments)