

**MINUTES  
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, September 21, 2015 in the conference room of the Oakwood Municipal Building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the city, William Duncan, presided. Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Anne Hilton and Councilmember Chris Epley. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and began the meeting by reviewing the agenda for the formal council meeting this evening. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following work session agenda items:

- STATUS REPORTS: Mayor Duncan noted that he will present a proclamation recognizing September 17-23 as "Constitution Week."
- LEGISLATION – Council discussed the following items that will be addressed at the formal council meeting this evening:
  - Resolution supporting Old River Athletic Field and Track, Mr. Epley
  - Ordinance exempting Mechanics Positions from Merit System, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Resolution authorizing Contracts with PSOs and Dispatchers , Vice Mayor Byington
  - Resolution to approve Existing Property Tax Amounts and Rates, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Ordinance to amend Section 101.02, *General Definitions*, of the Administrative Code, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Ordinance regarding new Municipal Income Tax Code, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Ordinance to repeal Chapter 1331, *Unreasonable Noises in Construction*, of the Oakwood Building Code and enact new Section 509.13, of the Oakwood General Offenses Code, Mr. Stephens

Mr. Klopsch updated Council on the status of the Old River Athletic Field and Track Project. Council reviewed the proposed sequence of events on this topic for the formal meeting this evening. It includes a formal presentation delivered by the City, Oakwood Athletic Boosters and Oakwood Schools, and how the Oakwood School Board will conduct a public meeting in conjunction with City Council.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mr. Epley
    - Backflow Device Regulations: Mr. Klopsch briefed Council on Ohio Plumbing Code and Ohio EPA regulations regarding the installation of backflow devices, particularly on outdoor irrigation systems, and the requirement for annual testing and recertification. As an operator of a public water system, Oakwood is required to enforce these regulations. Oakwood's code includes provisions for this. Mr. Klopsch added that most Oakwood residents typically comply with the annual testing and recertification requirement, but a small group does not. Staff will pursue these and work to obtain 100% compliance.

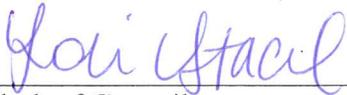
- Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
  - Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab: Mr. Klopsch updated Council on the status of the Regional Crime Lab. He noted that the city of Kettering recently announced their intention to drop their annual membership. Consistent with previous work session discussions, Mr. Klopsch confirmed that Oakwood will drop its membership effective January 1, 2016.
  
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
  - MVCC, Mr. Epley
    - TCSU: Mr. Klopsch reported that the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit under MVCC was denied funding for 2016 under the Ohio Organized Crime program. The MVCC Board is addressing a recommendation to terminate the employment contract with the TCSU Executive Director. The MVCC Police Chiefs are developing a plan to continue operating TCSU, but without an executive director.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session at 7:22 p.m. at which time Council moved to the formal meeting.



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Clerk of Council