

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, September 19, 2016 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.

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order and began by reviewing the agenda for the regular session this evening.

Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS**
 - Mayor Duncan will present a proclamation at the regular session this evening recognizing September 17-23 as “Constitution Week.”
 - Mayor Duncan will ask for a vote to approve the following citizen committee appointments:
 - Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S. to serve on the Board of Health.
 - Bill Rieger to serve on the BRC, representing Precinct F.
 - Heidi Steinbrink to serve on the BRC, representing Precinct D.
 - Jill Kendall to serve another term on the Personnel Appeals Board.
 - Larry Lamb to serve on the Property Maintenance Board, representing District E.
 - Laurie Leach to serve on the Environmental Committee.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following legislation to be presented at the regular session this evening:
 - Resolution to approve Existing Property Tax Amounts and Rates.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - 2.72 Mill Levy Renewal: Mr. Klopsch reviewed the timeline for sending Oakwood citizens information about the 2.72 mill levy renewal. This includes an October 10 letter to all citizens signed by the Budget Review Committee chairman; an October 19 letter in the *Oakwood Register* from City Council; and, October 31 postcards to each of the seven voting precincts. Council reviewed a draft of the letter to the *Oakwood Register*. Council also reviewed the BRC chairman letter and postcards. Mr. Klopsch will send an email to all BRC members informing them of the BRC chairman letter and postcards.
 - 2017 Budget: Mr. Klopsch made some general comments on preliminary budget figures for 2017. Given the projected losses in income tax receipts, from negative effects of Ohio House Bill 5 and the likelihood that voters in the cities of Dayton and Centerville will approve tax hikes, the projected budget deficit for 2017 will likely be somewhere around \$800,000.
 - Municipal Income Tax: Mr. Klopsch presented data on municipal income tax losses in Oakwood over the last 10 years as other area communities have raised their tax rates. He also discussed data showing additional losses projected if Dayton, Centerville and some other communities raise their rates this November. The cumulative effect of these losses, coupled with negative effects of House Bill 5, total roughly \$1 million annually.

- Law & Minutes, Mrs. Hilton
 - Medical Marijuana: Mr. Klopsch noted that City Attorney Rob Jacques will attend an OML seminar in October to receive details about the new medical marijuana law. Thereafter, staff will propose legislation to regulate medical marijuana in Oakwood.
- Public Properties, Mr. Epley
 - Virginia Hollinger Tennis Club: Mr. Klopsch reviewed provisions in an agreement that would transfer ownership of the Virginia Hollinger Tennis Club to the city of Oakwood. The agreement would require Oakwood to keep the clay surface tennis court facility open for a period of up to 15 years, under the condition that the tennis club continues to operate and maintain the facility. Legislation to accept the facility will be presented to Council in either November or December of this year.
 - Old River Athletic Facility: Mr. Klopsch reviewed preliminary costs associated with operating and maintaining the access roadway and parking lots that serve the new Old River Athletic Facility stadium and the existing grass playing fields at the Old River Sports Complex. Details of these operations and maintenance costs will be presented to the Budget Review Committee at the October 11 meeting.
- Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Pet Clean-up: Mr. Klopsch and Mr. Jacques reviewed an updated version of legislation to require pet owners to clean up after their animals. This legislation will be presented for a first reading at the October 3 regular session.
- Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - Shroyer Road Project: Mr. Klopsch provided an update on this project, including some additional dialogue with an Oakwood resident concerned about the Road Diet plan. Mr. Stephens commented on a meeting he had last month with approximately 12 Oakwood residents regarding the Road Diet concept.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - GIS Mapping: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that city staff is working with the city of Kettering to explore opportunities for Kettering to provide GIS mapping services to Oakwood. More details on this will be presented at a future work session.

The scheduled executive sessions for labor negotiations and conference with attorney were not conducted at this meeting. At 7:23 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and Council moved to regular session.



Mayor

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Clerk of Council