

CITY OF OAKWOOD

STATE OF OHIO

OCTOBER 1, 2007

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood. The Mayor, Mrs. Judy Cook, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Cathy Blum, recorded. Mayor Cook opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of council responded to their names:

MRS. JUDY COOK.....PRESENT
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....PRESENT
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....PRESENT
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....ABSENT
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Ms. Dalma C. Grandjean, City Attorney
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
Mr. Dan Ruble, Leisure Services Department

The press this evening was represented by the editor of the *Oakwood Register*, Mr. Lance Winkler.

There were no registered visitors.

Mayor Cook asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Blumensheid. Motion by Mr. Castleman, seconded by Mr. Duncan. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Council Committee on Minutes, advised council he had read the minutes of the regular and work sessions of council held September 17, 2007. Mr. Duncan reported he found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the minutes of the sessions of council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORT

Breast Cancer Awareness. Mayor Cook indicated October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and read a Proclamation. She announced this Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be a "Paint the Square Pink" celebration at Courthouse Square for education, early detection, awareness, etc., and the fountain will flow with pink water. Mayor Cook reviewed a Sister Campaign program and encouraged eligible participants to sign up so they can learn more about familial trends as it relates to breast cancer. She noted brochures are available at the city building on this public health sponsored program.

Human Services Levy. Mayor Cook encouraged, and expressed her personal support of the Levy. She has great respect for the effectiveness of this levy and use of money for those in need - mental disability, elderly, homelessness, etc. She believes this is one of the best revenue sharing projects and anyone in need can apply. Mr. Castleman expressed his support of the Levy and is pleased how these funds meet a variety of needs. Mr. Duncan also supports the Levy, and noted that his firm has made donations for television advertising and he is part of Reach Out Montgomery County which serves those un-insured thanks to volunteer physicians and pharmacists. Mr. Duncan noted Oakwood voters receive Levy assistance as it helps fund the Board of Health. Mayor Cook indicated Oakwood is the only local municipality with its own Board.

2008 Centennial. Mr. McGinnis asked for an update. Mayor Cook explained co-chairs Dick Good and Madeline Iseli are doing a great job in putting together a year long celebration with five major weekends of events to include educational heritage, history and architecture, fitness and recreation and extra activities at That Day in May and the Ice Cream Social. She noted each event has co-chairs and subcommittees and interested citizens are welcome to assist. Mayor Cook indicated fundraising efforts will begin so that the public is able to attend the events. She noted the latest group is a Centennial Club which adds the citizen's age to the number of years they have lived in Oakwood which must equal at least 100, co-chaired by Sally Riffle and Dick Cummings.

There were no visitors or any legislation.

STAFF REPORT

Leisure Services Department Update. Ms. Collins presented a PowerPoint on updates in the Leisure Services Department. She indicated her staff worked hard to put together this presentation which included music, voice, slides, animation and information. She reported in 2007, Gardner Pool attendance and membership were up, concession receipts up and three swim nights. The Dolphins Swim Team was undefeated for the fourth consecutive year with 188 swimmers. She extended congratulations to the team and coaches. At Orchardly Park, the wading pool had approximately 18,900 visitors with 125 participating in the free fun art program. Ms. Collins referenced activities which included tennis lessons and a new Tennis Camp with Hollinger Tennis Courts. She added there were a variety of day camp programs for all ages with 232 children participating.

Ms. Collins referenced community events. In April, they held the New Resident Breakfast for 120 people; in May, That Day in May activities; in August the Ice Cream Social with an estimated attendance of 2,500; and last week the Hot Dog Supper for 225. Upcoming events include: 5th Annual Scarecrow Row and 2nd Annual Family Fall Festival on October 14. In December, there will be the Holiday of Lights at Shafor Park and Lighting up Oakwood with over 20,000 luminarias. Ms. Collins referenced community ambiance and reviewed information on the Emerald Ash Borer – the city is monitoring the treated 102 trees, there have been no confirmed cases and Montgomery County is quarantined. She indicated at Smith Gardens, they held three blanket concerts, pre-school story hour and a new princess garden tea party. Ms. Collins reported the annual membership drive raised \$32,750 and she extended thanks to Mary Pryor for her many years of service plus the recent \$10,000 gift from her estate. Ms. Collins indicated the Johnny Appleseed Tree Program is in progress with five varieties of trees. The project began in 1978 and to date 2,322 trees have been planted. She referenced community celebration - public art, Smith Gardens, natural areas, play areas and services provided. They look forward to the 2008 celebration, 100 years of community.

Mayor Cook commended Ms. Collins on the impressive PowerPoint. Mr. Castleman referenced the Emerald Ash Borer, cost of treatments the city has undertaken, and whether they should provide assistance for private trees. Ms. Collins explained they have already treated 102 trees, but the treatment is not 100% guaranteed and only on random trees in boulevards and parks. She indicated the cost is based on the diameter of the tree and at her home; they treated both a 6" and 8" tree for \$75. Mr. Castleman wondered if they could obtain a bulk discount for residents. Ms. Collins indicated she will broach the subject with the contractor. Mayor Cook asked if the treatment has shown a positive impact anywhere. Ms. Collins responded no and noted some communities are removing all ash trees. Mr. Duncan questioned the process. Ms. Collins explained the treatment is injected into the tree. Mayor Cook reiterated it was a wonderful presentation, fun to watch with lots of information.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Mayor Cook recognized Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher. Mr. Weiskircher commented on how talented Ms. Collins and her staff are and noted now the bar has been set high for the rest of staff on PowerPoint presentations.

Wi-Fi. Mr. Weiskircher announced the city's Wi-Fi is fully operational in the Far Hills Business District, Fairridge Park, Community Center, Shafor Park, Park Avenue Business District and the safety/administration building.

Shredding. Mr. Weiskircher announced the second annual community shred will take place on October 27, 9-Noon, at the J. David Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor. He noted the program is free of charge to residents who wish to dispose of confidential papers and records.

Street Improvement Projects. There are four different components to this year's street maintenance program; the micro-surfacing and rejuvenation work are already completed. Mr. Weiskircher noted the Oakwood Avenue reconstruction project is underway and the mill and overlay project will be getting underway yet this month. Mr. McGinnis asked for an outline on the Oakwood Avenue project. Mr. Weiskircher explained the contractor is currently working on new curb and bump-outs for plantings and to delineate the on-street parking areas. Overall, the street will be narrowed which in turn will slow the traffic. He noted that a left turn lane will be added at Schantz and the entire street will receive a new asphalt surface.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cook reminded everyone about the upcoming Family Fall Festival and Scarecrow Row fun scheduled for October 14.

Council adjourned. The public meeting concluded at 8:09 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL