

**MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 24, 2008**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, November 24, 2008 in the conference room of the Oakwood Municipal Building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the city, Judy Cook, presided. Council members in attendance were Mayor Judy Cook, Vice Mayor Carlo McGinnis, Steven Byington, William Duncan and Stanley Castleman; Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Dalma Grandjean.

Mayor Cook called the council work session to order at 5 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items.

- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
  - o **FINANCE, MR. DUNCAN**
    - 2009 Budget. Mr. Klopsch reported that the final 2009 Budget will go to the printer tomorrow and will be delivered back to the city on December 2. Mr. Klopsch will send the Budget Review Committee a packet of information in advance of the December 2 BRC meeting. That packet will include highlights from the budget book. BRC members will receive the entire book at the Tuesday evening meeting. Mr. Klopsch asked if council had any specific items of business to discuss with the BRC. Council asked that the meeting focus only on the 2009 Budget.
  - o **PUBLIC PROPERTIES, MR. CASTLEMAN**
    - Athletic & Recreation Facilities. Mr. Klopsch reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on city-owned park/athletic/recreation facilities outlining how the city currently uses each of these facilities. The PowerPoint also provided general information on how the city might move forward in developing a Master Plan. Mr. Byington suggested that the city invite a group of Oakwood architects and planners to serve on a volunteer task force to assist the city in completing some preliminary work in advance of the city hiring a consultant. After some discussion, council concurred. Mr. Klopsch will work with Mr. Byington to identify members to serve on this task force.
    - Region & Local Bike Paths. Mayor Cook commented on the increasing interest in development of bike paths throughout the Miami Valley region and suggested that Oakwood get more involved in the process. Council asked Mr. Klopsch to assemble an informal task force of Oakwood citizens to assist in this effort.
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
  - o December 1 Work Session. Council decided to cancel the December 1 work session and to begin the December 8 pre-council work session at 5:30 p.m.

- o Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government. Mayor Cook commented on the Louisville/Jefferson Metro Government and the recent trip involving Dayton area leaders. Mr. Klopsch participated in this event. He explained the purpose of the trip and provided some insight on what was accomplished. In general, those involved learned how Louisville and Jefferson County worked together to create a single county-wide government - this in lieu of separate city and county agencies. Discussion ensued on whether this sort of merging could ever occur in Montgomery County. Although there would be many hurdles, the feeling of many area leaders is that a merger may ultimately be the best for Montgomery County.
- o UD Arts Center. Mr. Klopsch briefed council on discussions he had with UD officials regarding the proposed new UD Arts Center along Brown Street. UD is talking with several local political jurisdictions and other agencies to determine if partnering opportunities exist. The Oakwood City Schools are also involved.
- o 2009 Council Committee Appointments. Mayor Cook reported that most of the citizens whose terms are expiring have agreed to continue serving. Thus far, only Dan Lohmeyer (Property Maintenance Board) has asked to be removed.

There being no other business, Mayor Cook adjourned the work session at 7:16 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF STAFF  
FROM: NORBERT KLOPSCH  
SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION MINUTES  
DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2008

Attached is a copy of the minutes from our most recent council work session. I send this to you for your information and follow through as appropriate. Please see me if you have any questions.

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