

CITY OF OAKWOOD

STATE OF OHIO

JULY 11, 2005

The Council of the City of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 5:00 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. Mayor Cook opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor, Mrs. Judy Cook, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Cathy Blum, recorded.

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.....PRESENT  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager  
Ms. Dalma C. Grandjean, City Attorney  
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager  
Mr. Glen Beddies, Public Safety Director  
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director  
Mr. Brad Beachdell, Finance Director  
Mr. Kevin Weaver, Public Works & Engineering Director

The press this evening was represented by the editor of the Oakwood Register, Mr. Lance Winkler and Ms. Helen Bebbington, Dayton Daily News.

The following visitors registered:

James Tunison, 242 Wiltshire	John Eastman, LJB
Diane Klopsch, 25 Grandon	George & Jane Liston, 111 Oakwood Avenue
Richard Killworth, 205 Dell Park	Howard Boose, 519 Shafor Boulevard
Gretchen Bullock, 1155 Ridgeway	Fran Conte, 148 Lonsdale
Pam Stephens, 310 Schenck	John Donnelly, 546 Woodview
Mike, Jinny, Erin & Karrie Kelly, 4287 Lotz	Mary Donnelly, 139 Wisteria
Ginny Foell, 218 Aberdeen	Dave Dickerson, 216 Lookout
Lyndsey, Kelsey, Bayley & Eric Foell,	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Pierce, 616 Garden
Dan, Julie, Sara & Kaylee (Foell) Anstaett,	Jane Scharrer, 797 Schantz Avenue
Chris, Jan & Ben (Foell) Wallace,	Marion Stoner
345 Harman	Bill Frapwell

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 June 27, 2005. 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

Mayor Cook welcomed the visitors and made the following comments:

“We have enjoyed the benefits of our renovated city hall for several months now. The finishing details are basically complete. Tonight we will devote the majority of this meeting to reestablishing memorials that existed prior to the renovation of the facility and adding new remembrances that speak to the creation of our current city hall. In doing this, we emphasize the role this building plays in recording the history of our city. It also transforms bricks and mortar into a monument that pays daily tribute to the people who contributed to its success. It is our intent that anyone visiting Oakwood city hall will be greeted with clear evidence of the strength our citizens bring to our community. On the outer wall beside the main entrance is a plaque listing the individuals and groups who participated in the renovation of City Hall. Tonight we especially recognize several of those persons. Past Council members played a significant role in bringing this project to fruition.

Gretchen Bullock began her service on city council in 1986. She held the position of Mayor from 1998-2001. Gretchen’s tenure as Mayor covered the difficult period when consensus regarding a building design for City Hall was at issue and finally established. Leadership skills were critical to this period and fortunately Gretchen was at the helm to steer us through these troubled waters.

Much of our success can be attributed to her leadership. This commemorative plaque expresses our deep appreciation. Mayor Cook recognized Gretchen Bullock and presented a plaque.

Richard Killworth was a member of City Council from 2000 through 2003. Richard's legal expertise contributed in many ways. Often when sorting through a myriad of options on a path to difficult decisions, it was Richard who skillfully helped us focus on the key issues that led to sound conclusions. The city hall project was rife with such occasions. Mayor Cook recognized Richard Killworth and presented a plaque.

Jack Donnelly served on Council just short of four years. His untimely death left a great void in our working team. His business acumen served us admirably. Jack saw the world as full of opportunities and challenges. In order to pursue as many as possible, time must never be wasted. He also adhered to the philosophy that when a decision is required, make it! With these guides, many times in our lengthy deliberation over issues regarding the new facilities, Jack moved us to closure and on to the next issue—a wonderful gift. Mayor Cook recognized Mary Donnelly and her sons and presented them with a plaque.

The Public Facilities Task Force was established to assist City Council and Staff in addressing major public facilities needs. Twenty members served at large and six members were selected from the Budget Review Committee. The Task Force played a major role first in the Public Works Center development and more recently in the major addition and reconstruction of the Safety/Administration Building. Their expertise and guidance helped immeasurably in the planning of this facility. A plaque, commemorating their contribution, is affixed on the exterior of this building near the main entrance. We have a commemorative plaque for each of the supporting Task Force Member. Several are here this evening to receive their plaque. We will deliver to those unable to be with us. Committee members include: Bruce Benedict, Kip Bohachek, Lee Carpenter, Fran Conte, John Haddick, Jonathan House, Robert Jahn, George Liston, Harvey Pierce, Martin Schear, Pam Stephens, Bill Tully, Linda Weprin, Frank Williams, Pete Zorniger, Howard Boose, Tom Borchers, Dave Dickerson, Bill Frapwell, Ed Huber and George Kling. Mayor Cook recognized those members in attendance and presented them with a plaque.

If a truism exists regarding Mike Kelly, it is that he rises to meet any challenge presented and often is the pursuer. His recognition of need for new service department and safety department facilities propelled this monumental project forward. He stayed the course even when serious health problems plagued him. After finishing the service department he laid the ground work, short of digging the hole, for the city building renovation. The Irish in him was clearly displayed when he handed the responsibility to Norb with the assurance—"All the difficult work is done." Mike gave not only management, as required, but leadership as well. So much of our success lies in this dual offering". Mayor Cook recognized Mike Kelly and presented him with a plaque.

Mayor Cook asked that the Public Safety Director make a presentation. Chief Beddies explained after much input from officers and approval by the manager and council, a Wall of Honor was developed in regard to the history of the department. He pointed out two particular display items, the police call box that was used prior to mobile radios to contact the dispatch, and the fire bell that was previously mounted on Engine 5 and used in the 9/11 remembrance ceremony. He invited the community to view the items on the wall.

Mayor Cook continued with the other remembrances and made the following comments:

"In the lobby showcases are models of fire engines. These models were built by Tom Stoner and donated to the City by his wife Marion. They are exact replicas of Oakwood's past fire vehicles. These models are a fitting memorial to Tom who as a long time resident of Oakwood gave dedicated, active support to the FOPA. He was also a member of the Fire Brigade which, though short lived, was a citizen volunteer group organized to support the Oakwood Safety Department. Tom volunteered in many other capacities in Oakwood throughout his life. In particular he addressed himself to our senior citizens and worked to have them understand and supported important community issues such as voted levies. Everything Tom did was done with devotion to his city and with a wonderful smile on his face. The showcasing of the fire engines remembers his efforts and, I believe, symbolizes the significance of citizen volunteerism in the history and strength of our community. Mayor Cook recognized Marion Stoner and presented her with a plaque.

Mayor Cook explained in renovating city hall, some plantings were disturbed and they plan to rededicate memorial plantings. She indicated upon his retirement in 1992, the Foell Family donated a tree in honor of both Dave and Ginny Foell. Dave Foell became Oakwood's third City Manager on January 1, 1963. Before coming to Oakwood, Dave served as City Manager of Washington Court House, Ohio for four years. Dave always considered city management as his vocation and avocation. Besides his commitment to Oakwood, Dave served professionally in other capacities. He served as President of the Ohio City Managers Association, President of the Dayton Area Managers Association, and President of the Ohio Municipal League. He also served on numerous boards and committees both locally and state-wide. In 1976, he was named Outstanding Administrator in the Maim Valley. He was also a recipient of the International City Manager Association's Innovation Award and Distinguished Service Award.

During his 30-year history at Oakwood, Dave was responsible for many innovative programs that have been copied by other jurisdictions around the state and nation. Oakwood adopted a Pre-Sale Housing Inspection Program in 1968, and in the mid-1980's, implemented a Landlord Registration Program. In 1988, Oakwood was the first community in Montgomery County to offer a community-wide residential recycling program. Dave believed strongly in the city manager form of government and served as mentor to many city managers and assistants over the years. After his retirement from Oakwood in 1992, Dave went on to serve as Interim Manager in Urbana, Wyoming and Yellow Springs. He also served as a field representative for the Ohio Municipal League. Mayor Cook recognized Virginia Foell and presented her with a plaque.

Mike Kelly's tree was donated by LJB in recognition of his 33 years of distinguished service to the City. Mike Kelly was hired by Dave Foell in 1968 as Assistant to the City Manager. In 1971, Dave promoted Mike to Public Safety Director and Mike served in that capacity until January, 1993 when he became City Manager. Throughout Mike's distinguished governmental career, he served on numerous state, regional and local boards and committees. While Safety Director, he served as President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. In 2000, he was named Dayton Area City Manager of the Year.

As City Manager, Mike can point to many accomplishments. His efforts to educate the public and solicit community support lead to the construction of the new Public Works Center at 210 Shafor and completion of the recent additions and renovations to the Safety/City Building on Park. Other significant accomplishments include major renovations and improvements to each of the three neighborhood parks; encouraging development of the Sunrise Assisted Living Center to meet alternative housing needs of elderly citizens; undertaking studies, zoning initiatives and capital improvements aimed at enhancing the viability and appearance of the Far Hills Avenue Business District; and completion of a comprehensive Zoning Code edit. Mike has remained active in the public sector since his retirement and is currently serving as Interim Director of the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority. Mayor Cook recognized Mike Kelly and presented him with a plaque.

Albert Scharrer began practicing law in 1908. He was a very successful, well liked and respected Dayton attorney. He loved the Christmas holiday season and so began the tradition of a lighted tree downtown at Third and Main. Selecting the tree was a family affair and each year he and his wife Helen and daughter Jane traveled to Cincinnati and selected the perfect tree to be shipped to Dayton and put up for the holiday season. Because of his great love for the holiday season and the community in which he lived, his daughter Jane felt it was most appropriate to donate a blue spruce to the City of Oakwood in memory of her father. Before the renovation of the city building the spruce was decorated for many years for the Holiday of Lights, Oakwood's traditional community event in celebration of the winter months and the holiday season.

The original tree fell victim to the renovation project so tonight we dedicate a new memorial tree placed where the original one stood. Again we remember the very generous person, Albert Scharrer who gave of himself to share goodwill by helping others. His generous contributions to the Oakwood YMCA and to the Dayton Horse Show have been followed by his daughter Jane Scharrer whom we thank for her charitable and generous donation to the city and for all her wonderful support for the city of Oakwood as a long time resident of Oakwood. Mayor Cook recognized Jane Scharrer and presented her with a plaque.

We also pay tribute this evening to the long service to Oakwood by Carl Riedmiller. Mr. Riedmiller was elected to City Council in 1966. He served on Council for two years and then as Mayor of Oakwood for 15 years. Throughout this time period he led the city through its completion, addressing the many issues involved in that process. Through private and public contributions a memorial garden was created at the front of the building in his honor. This

included a rock with a plaque affixed. The garden did not survive the renovation of the building but new gardens exist along the borders of the new Mayors Courtyard and the rock with its plaque has been reinstated.

This is indeed a grand celebration. I know I am joined by my fellow Council members, all of staff and the entire community in expressing appreciation for the contributions represented in these presentation and memorials. As a community we are the beneficiaries of our past and all the efforts from so many that have been so generously given. We are appreciative and grateful and leave you with our heart felt thanks.”

There were no other visitors with business.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. MCGINNIS

NO 4587

TO AMEND CODIFIED ORDINANCE PART SEVENTEEN BY REPLACING THE BOCA CODE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2003 EDITION, AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. McGinnis explained this is a second reading of the ordinance, there are no substantive changes, only a housekeeping measure to reference the International Property Code.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. McGinnis and seconded by Mr. Blumensheid that the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA  
MR. CARLO C. MCGINNIS.....YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA  
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MAYOR COOK

NO 1612

AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM OF DAYTON OHIO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mayor Cook explained several years ago, she went with Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Bullock to Cleveland to visit its First Suburbs Consortium, leaders in the State on this effort. The intent of the consortium is to join together governmental bodies that touch on center cities so as to deal with common problems of aging housing and infrastructure and for revitalization efforts. She indicated Columbus and Cincinnati have also followed and the Dayton group has met three times and worked out bylaws. She explained this Resolution allows Oakwood to participate in this group, appoints she and Mr. Klopsch as representatives and notes annual dues. She reviewed the purpose and the vision of the organization.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mayor Cook and seconded by Mr. McGinnis that the resolution be passed.

Mr. McGinnis believes this is a good idea for Oakwood to participate in, the concept of sharing tax dollars and address the use and re-use of capital expenditures to benefit inner suburbs. He suggested that they also support regional cooperation through MVRPC and that all groups develop a long range master development plan. He was pleased with this inner ring city consortium and agreed with approval of the resolution.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA  
MR. CARLO C. MCGINNIS.....YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA  
MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. BLUMENSHEID

NO 1613

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE OAKWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Blumensheid referenced the wonderful program the safety department has regarding D.A.R.E. education and relations between students and safety officers.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Blumensheid and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

- MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
- MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA
- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
- MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. BLUMENSHEID

NO 1614

DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO IMPROVE FAIRMONT AVENUE BETWEEN ALPINE LANE AND THE SOUTH CORPORATION LIMIT, AND OAK KNOLL DRIVE BETWEEN RIDGEWAY ROAD AND FAIRMONT AVENUE BY STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND BY BUILDING NEW CONCRETE CURBS, SIDEWALKS, AND DRIVEWAY APRONS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Blumensheid explained this is for the Fairmont/Oak Knoll project.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Blumensheid and seconded by Mr. Duncan that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

- MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
- MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA
- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
- MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. BLUMENSHEID

NO 1615

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE MIAMI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL POLICY BOARD TO SUPPORT A TWENTY PERCENT (20%) REBATE OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE FEES FOR THE 2006 CALENDAR YEAR.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Blumensheid explained this allows the city to recover \$20,000 from MVCC as part of the cable franchise fees. Mayor Cook indicated this is being done by all MVCC member cities.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Blumensheid and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

- MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
- MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA
- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. ROGER C. BLUMENSHEID.....YEA
- MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORTS

Alley Maintenance. Mr. Klopsch followed up to discussions from the last meeting relating to alley maintenance. He indicated they have begun to sweep the alleys on the same schedule as street sweeping. He asked for cooperation from citizens in trimming back tree limbs so they can access the alley with the sweeper. Mr. Klopsch indicated next year’s street repair budget will be dedicated to alley resurfacing and repairs. He referenced Mr. Weiskircher’s report that the city has stepped up property maintenance inspections from the alley and encouraged citizens to call the city if they notice any concerns.

Deer Population: Although beautiful animals, many residents along Ridgeway have both the adult and young deer reeking havoc on ornamental plantings. Mr. Klopsch announced at the August meeting, a wildlife biologist from Five Rivers Metro Parks will make a presentation about how to live in harmony with the deer since the animals are coming from Hills & Dales. Mr. Castleman asked if they could also address health issues relating to deer.

Water Meter Project: Mr. Klopsch reported they are 70% complete. Mayor Cook asked if there are still some problems with no responses. Mr. Klopsch indicated there are about 40 residents. He indicated notice was recently received from Vectren that they also plan to begin installing automated radio receivers in Oakwood.

Curb/Walk/Apron Project: Mr. Klopsch announced the project has begun, orange barrels are out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Blumensheid indicated there are 120 days in the summer and they are half way through. He urged everyone to remain safe with their activities and travel.

Mr. Duncan recognized Ms. Bebbington, Dayton Daily News, and thanked her for the recent article on underage drinking. He also referenced Dr. Rosemond’s article on the same subject.

Mayor Cook referenced a letter from City Folk that recognized two Oakwood teenage volunteers, Lindsay Hanson and Sam Payne, and thanked them for their efforts.

Council adjourned. The public meeting concluded at 8:26 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF COUNCIL