

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009 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, and William Duncan. Excused absent was Council Member Stanley Castleman. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Dalma Grandjean. Also attending was *Dayton Daily News* reporter Kelli Wynn.

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

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - FINANCE, MR. DUNCAN
 - 2010 Budget. Mr. Klopsch confirmed that council had received the final budget document last week. The document will be discussed with the Budget Review Committee tomorrow evening and a formal presentation of the budget will take place at the December 14 council meeting.
 - BRC and Precinct Changes. Council discussed the recent change approved by the Montgomery County Board of Elections that reduces the number of voting precincts in Oakwood from 11 to 7. Regarding the BRC, council expressed the desire to retain a large committee and asked City Manager Klopsch to prepare a resolution for the January 4 meeting increasing the number per precinct from three to five, thereby increasing the full committee from 33 to 35.
 - Income Tax. Mr. Klopsch reported that he expects the 2009 income tax receipts to be about \$100,000 below budget. Mr. Klopsch distributed a list of 12 communities in Ohio that have income tax rates at 2.5% or higher and a list of 28 communities in southwest Ohio that limit the amount of credit given for income taxes paid to other local governments.
 - PLANNING & ZONING, MR. BYINGTON
 - Routsong Development. Council discussed the Routsong proposal. Mr. Klopsch stated that an appeal to council is still planned for the December 14 meeting. Mr. Klopsch then presented information provided by the city's traffic consultant and retail market consultant. Council discussed possible amendments to the Routsong application. These amendments include possibly permitting a few parking spaces in the front of the building as well as the drive-thru. Staff will meet with the developer to discuss these potential amendments.

- COMMUNITY RELATIONS/PROMOTIONS/APPOINTMENT MAYOR COOK. Mayor Cook discussed the Human Relations Commission noting that the Commission has been in place for several decades and is rarely, if ever, used. Mayor Cook explained that she would like to establish a new city committee entitled “Inclusive Community Committee”. The mission of the committee would be to educate the community regarding the benefits of a diverse city. The committee would work to develop understanding of multiple ethnic cultures, races and religions. Mayor Cook volunteered to be the committee’s first chairperson. Council then discussed whether the city should retain the separate Human Relations Commission. Mr. Klopsch and City Attorney Dalma Grandjean will do some research on this topic and provide a recommendation.

- MISCELLANEOUS

- Marketing Packet. Mr. Klopsch stated that he will formally present the city’s new marketing packet at the December 14 meeting and will be joined by consultants working on the project. Also, he is planning to meet with area realtors sometime in January to present the packet and explain how realtors can use it.

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to go into executive session for conference with attorney and to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Byington. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed.

At 8:07 p.m., Mayor Cook concluded the executive session at which time council returned to regular work session. Mayor Cook led a discussion on the following items:

- DLM Recognition. Mr. Klopsch suggested that a council member mention the national award recently received by Dorothy Lane Market during council comments at the December 14 meeting.
- United Way. Mr. Klopsch reported staff’s contributions for the 2010 campaign and will mention this during his comments at the December 14 meeting.
- DARE. Mr. Klopsch discussed the DARE program and study that will take place during the first quarter of 2010. The study will help the schools to decide if they will continue to use the DARE program in the 2010/2011 school year.

At 8:28 p.m., Mayor Cook adjourned the work session.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF STAFF
FROM: NORBERT KLOPSCH
SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION MINUTES
DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2009

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.

NSK:cg

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