

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**JANUARY 24, 2011**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, January 24, 2011 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 Steven Byington, Stanley Castleman, Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton; Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques. City Engineer Kevin Weaver participated in the discussion regarding roadway signs and “Children At Play” signs.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

➤ **FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN**

- Estate Tax. Mr. Klopsch gave a brief update on the status of efforts underway throughout Ohio to inform the Governor and state elected officials on the importance of the Ohio estate tax. H.B. 3, as currently proposed, calls for the immediate repeal of this tax. If approved, the financial effect on hundreds of local governments would be devastating.

➤ **LAW & MINUTES, MRS. HILTON**

- Public Records Policy. Mr. Klopsch explained that the February 7 council meeting agenda will include a resolution requiring the city manager to establish and maintain the city’s Public Records Policy. A 2007 council resolution previously established said policy.

➤ **PLANNING & ZONING, MR. BYINGTON**

- Internet Cafes. Mayor Duncan explained that the January Greater Dayton Mayors & Managers Association meeting included a presentation on gambling operations taking place in numerous locations throughout Ohio. These gambling operations are technically not permitted under law but are operated through existing legal loopholes. Council viewed a news clip that featured one such operation in Jeffersonville, Ohio. Mr. Jacques suggested that council consider legislation to address this issue but believes that the state is aware of the legal loophole and will likely be taking action. Staff will keep an eye on this issue.
- Pointe Oakwood. Mr. Klopsch reported that the Planning Commission voted in favor of a proposed reduction in number of housing units at Pointe Oakwood from 143 to 128. The Planning Commission, however, informed the Oakwood Investment Group representatives that the city will continue to review any future plan change requests very carefully to ensure that the residential housing development unfolds in the same general nature as originally designed. The change from 143 to 128 will be presented to council at the February 7 meeting.

- Irving Corridor. Mr. Klopsch mentioned that he and Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher met with several members of the North Oakwood Association last Friday to discuss action items in addressing the Irving Avenue corridor issues – in particular the rental housing concerns. It was a productive meeting.
- STREETS & ALLEYS, MR. STEPHENS
  - Roadway Signs. City Engineer Kevin Weaver joined council for a discussion on new federal regulations relating to sign reflectivity. Mr. Weaver explained the regulation and timeframe in which sign changes would be required. He also discussed the potential financial impact of this unfunded federal mandate.
  - Children At Play Signs. Mr. Weaver explained that “Slow, Children At Play” signs have been found to be ineffective and in fact undesirable. There are currently 62 such signs throughout Oakwood. Staff will make contact with property owners in and around the 62 areas informing them of the city’s intention to remove these signs.
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Wright Flyer Icon. Mr. Klopsch referenced a draft resolution offering council support for construction of the “Wright Flyer Icon” at the I-75/I-70 interchange. Vice Mayor Byington questioned the value in local government elected bodies offering formal support and commented that if constructed it should be done with private funds. Council concurred regarding use of only private funds but all agreed that a resolution of support could help in raising said funds.
  - ED/GE Program. Mr. Klopsch reported that he will present a resolution on February 7 whereby council would authorize him to sign a new agreement that provides for Oakwood’s continuing participation in the Montgomery County ED/GE Program.
  - New Resident Breakfast. Council confirmed the event to take place on Saturday, March 5 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
  - Military Appreciation Breakfast. Council commented that either May 7 or May 14 are fine for this special event.
  - Committee Appointments. Council discussed candidates for appointment to several council committees. Mayor Duncan will contact selected candidates.

Mayor Duncan concluded the work session at 6:25 p.m. and asked for a motion to go into executive session for conference with attorney. Motion by Mr. Castleman; second by Mrs. Hilton. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed.

At 6:52 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and adjourned the meeting.

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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: JANUARY 27, 2011

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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