

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MARCH 7, 2011**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, March 7, 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. Also attending was Public Safety Director Alex Bebris for discussion on the supplemental appropriation ordinance for security cameras, and Jeremy Kelley, reporter with the *DDN*.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 6 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items.

- **STATUS REPORTS**
 - **PROCLAMATION RE: APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.** Mayor Duncan will present this Proclamation at the formal meeting this evening.
- **VISITORS.** Mayor Duncan confirmed the following two visitors scheduled for the formal meeting this evening:
 - **ANN SNIVELY, WRIGHT MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY** to speak about the Annual Book Read.
 - **CLERK OF COURTS GREG BRUSH** to provide an update on the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts "E"-filing program...an automated system for filing court documents.
- **LEGISLATION.** Council discussed the following four items to be presented at the formal meeting this evening.
 - **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR SECURITY CAMERAS, MR. CASTLEMAN**
 - **ORDINANCE RE: ABANDONING UTILITY EASEMENT ON RUNNYMEDE ROAD, MR. CASTLEMAN**
 - **DPLER RESOLUTION RE: ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AGREEMENT, MR. CASTLEMAN**
 - **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, VICE MAYOR BYINGTON**
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - **FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN**
 - **SB 5 – Collective Bargaining.** Mr. Klopsch provided a brief update on the status of this bill.
 - **HB 2 – Estate Tax.** Mr. Klopsch provided an update on the status of this bill.

- Revenue Options. Mr. Klopsch reviewed several ideas on how to address the city's revenue shortfall. He suggested that a meeting with the BRC be scheduled for late April. Council concurred.
 - Note Pay Down. Mr. Klopsch commented that the 2011 short-term note pay down transaction has been completed. It reflects a \$76,000 reduction in total outstanding short-term debt.
- PUBLIC PROPERTIES, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - Dog Park. Council discussed the ongoing question of whether to establish a dog park. It was consensus that staff obtain exact pricing on completing the minimum possible work to establish a park. This work will include a water supply, new fencing and handicap accessibility provisions.
- STREETS & ALLEYS, MR. STEPHENS
 - Far Hills Business Lights. Mr. Klopsch distributed a packet of information regarding the selected street light design. The total project cost is approximately \$300,000 with the city providing \$100,000; DP&L \$95,000 and RTA \$100,000. The street light replacement project will be undertaken in late summer or early fall.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - FIRST SUBURBS, MR. BYINGTON. Vice Mayor Byington commented on his involvement on the national First Suburbs Committee of NLC and his requirement to attend two or three national meetings/conferences each year. Council expressed support of his involvement and on the accompanying expenditures.
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, MR. STEPHENS
 - Honeysuckle and Ivy. Mr. Klopsch and Mrs. Hilton discussed staff's effort thus far in developing an educational program regarding invasive plants in Oakwood.
 - SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION, MRS. HILTON
 - 30th Anniversary Twinning – Outremont. Mr. Klopsch commented that the city will be sponsoring a Mayor's luncheon and also a cocktail party. The budget includes \$4,000: \$2,000 under "Sister City Expense" and a \$2,000 under "Donation to Sister City Association".
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Social Media. Council discussed pros and cons of establishing a city Facebook account. Mr. Klopsch will attend an upcoming seminar on this topic and will further study the issue for possible implementation.
 - May Work Session. Council confirmed that the May formal council meeting will be on May 9 and the work session on May 23.
 - City Prosecutor. Mr. Klopsch commented that current City Prosecutor Dennis Adkins is under consideration for appointment to a Judgeship. If this occurs, the city will need to find a replacement.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan asked for a motion to go into executive session for conference with attorney and personnel matters. Motion by Mrs. Hilton; second by Mr. Castleman. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed.

At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session at which time council moved to the formal meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council