

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MARCH 19, 2012**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, March 19, 2012 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 were:

- Tom Ireland from MVCC for the discussion on I-PAD for Council Information.
- Leisure Services Director Carol Collins and Recreation Supervisor Dan Ruble for the discussion on Dog Park Maintenance, Old River Maintenance and Emerald Ash Borer.

Press in attendance was *DDN* reporter Terry Morris.

Mayor Duncan opened the meeting at 5 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

- **FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN**
  - Neighborhood and Town Hall Meetings. Mr. Klopsch explained that the second of three town hall meetings will take place tomorrow evening and the 11<sup>th</sup> neighborhood meeting on Wednesday evening. These meetings continue to be productive and well attended.
  - Investment Portfolio/Strategy. Mr. Klopsch noted that the city's rate of return on investments continues to drop and is now below 1%. Discussion ensued regarding the city's investment policy and whether any changes might be warranted. Council concluded that the city must continue to follow a conservative investment philosophy.
  - Taxing Projections. Mr. Klopsch discussed updated income tax scenario projections. A discussion took place regarding pros and cons of income tax versus property tax adjustments.
- **PUBLIC PROPERTIES, MR. CASTLEMAN**
  - Dog Park Maintenance. Leisure Services Director Carol Collins discussed the condition of the dog park lawn and plans for improvements.
  - Old River Maintenance. Leisure Services Director Carol Collins and Recreation Supervisor Dan Ruble discussed the goose population and steps that are being taken to mitigate the negative impact. Mr. Ruble delivered a PowerPoint presentation detailing steps the city has been taking over the years and some additional steps that are being considered.
  - Emerald Ash Borer. Ms. Collins explained how the city will spend \$30,000 this year in protecting the city's approximately 900 ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer. The 2012 budget included \$60,000 for this work but budget cuts required a significant reduction. Trees to be treated will be limited to those located in the city rights-of-way. Ash trees on other public lands will not be treated this year.

MISCELLANEOUS

- I-PAD for Council Info. Mr. Ireland presented information on the use of I-pads or other electronic devices to assist council members in performance of their duties and potentially cut costs. His research suggests that Oakwood would probably not save money by switching to electronic devices. Vice Mayor Byington commented on the benefits of electronic devices in terms of having so much more information readily available. The city will continue to research this topic. During the discussion, it was suggested that the city establish a more reliable Wi-Fi system at the city building. The current HarborLink system does not work well.
- Property Maintenance. Vice Mayor Byington suggested that the city include information on the website regarding the enforcement of property maintenance standards.
- First Suburbs: Vice Mayor Byington mentioned that the April 18 meeting will be hosted here at Oakwood City Hall, but the date is still tentative pending confirmation of attendance by the Montgomery County Commissioners.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan concluded the work session at 6:34 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: MARCH 22, 2012

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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