

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 25, 2013

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, February 25, 2013 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, City Attorney Rob Jacques and Finance Director Cindy Stafford. Also attending were Budget Review Committee (BRC) Chair Dave Dickerson, BRC Vice Chair Bill Frapwell, Oakwood resident Dick Good and *Dayton Daily News* reporter Terry Morris

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

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - FINANCE, Mr. Castleman.
 - May 7 Property Tax Issue: Mr. Klopsch presented his ideas on conducting an information campaign in advance of the May 7 property tax vote. Council discussed the various components of the draft plan and the methods of disseminating levy information. Mr. Klopsch suggested that a major component of the campaign be a series of four newspaper articles, one published each week in the Oakwood Register. They would address the following four general topics: 1) Estate Tax Loss and Community Outreach; 2) Cost Controls and Expense Cuts; 3) The 3.75 Property Tax Mill Issue; and 4) What Makes Oakwood Special. Dave Dickerson commented that the campaign is best kept low key and conducted within a fairly short period of time in advance of Election Day. Bill Frapwell added that he had not heard any opposition thus far throughout the community. Mr. Klopsch concurred with that observation, but suggested that there are possibly several residents that might speak out against the issue. Council then discussed a general timeline for information articles and mailings, and selected Wednesday, March 6 as the date for a first meeting with the Citizen Levy Committee. Mr. Klopsch announced that the committee now consists of twelve Oakwood residents. Dave Dickerson, Bill Frapwell, Dick Good and Cindy Stafford departed after this agenda item.
 - HB 5 Income Tax Uniformity/Reform: Vice Mayor Byington reported that the press conference opposing HB 5 originally scheduled for this Thursday in Columbus was cancelled. It was cancelled due to a conflict with a similar event to be held in the Cleveland area. Mayor Duncan reported on a meeting he attended earlier today at the city of Riverside. That meeting included the Riverside Mayor, City Manager and Finance Director, and State Representative Mike Henne, the co-sponsor of HB 5. Mayor Duncan suggested that representative Henne was open to consider some

modifications to the bill, but had a sense that the general plan for uniformity and reform would progress along in a manner harmful to cities and villages across Ohio.

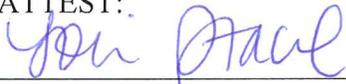
- PLANNING AND ZONING, Mr. Byington.
 - Routsong Retail Center: Mr. Klopsch gave a brief update on the status of the project. Construction on the retail center is well underway. Mr. Routsong is still working on contracts for tenants to occupy the four retail spaces.

- MISCELLANEOUS
 - MCO Future: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that the Montgomery County Commissioners hosted the fifth and final meeting of their yearlong project entitled MCO Future. It was a two hour meeting providing details on several initiatives the commissioners believe would be beneficial to Montgomery County. Vice Mayor Byington and Dave Dickerson also attended. Both provided some general comments on their impression.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session at 6: 26 p.m.



Mayor

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