

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of council responded to their names:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON PRESENT
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS PRESENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Kevin Weaver, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Mrs. Cindy Stafford, Finance Director
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

Bob Borchers
David Miller, Ohio Auditor of State
Jeff Sorrell, Life Enrichment Center
Allan G. Stevens, Feed Ohio
Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue
JC Stephens, 214 Forrer Blvd.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the minutes of the August 5, 2013 regular and work sessions of council and August 19, 2013 work session. Mrs. Hilton reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS - NONE

VISITORS

Bob Borchers – Mayor Duncan read a Proclamation recognizing September 16, 2013 as Robert Borchers Appreciation Day. Mayor Duncan shared that Mr. Borchers served with distinction as the school crossing guard at the busy ‘Five Points’ intersection for nearly 21 years. Mr. Borchers shared that over the years he was able to pull a mother and three children out of the way of a car. Mayor Duncan added that Mr. Borchers has been a great asset to the Oakwood community and will be missed.

David Miller, Ohio Auditor of State – Mr. Miller shared that it is a great pleasure to present Finance Director Cindy Stafford with the Auditor of State Award for 2012 Financial Reporting. He said that the award represents the good public service provided in the Oakwood community. Mr. Miller shared that Finance Director Cindy Stafford has been diligent in presenting clean and accurate financial records which is a foundation for good government. He shared that there are approximately 5,800 entities that are audited, some annual and some every other year and only a small percentage, around 450 or so, receive this type of recognition. He thanked Cindy Stafford for her accountability and then presented her with a plaque award. Mrs. Stafford recognized Assistant Finance Director Alice Young, Payroll Clerk Tracy Martin, Income Tax Administrator Linda Merker, Utility Clerk Theresa Rushlow, Income Tax Account Clerk Helen McCarty and Income Tax Clerk Stacy Vreeland-Mathes. She shared that these individuals are on the frontlines every day and they all work together to make this happen. Assistant Finance Director Alice Young presented Cindy Stafford with a bouquet of roses, one pink rose for each member of staff and a white rose in the middle to represent Mrs. Stafford. Mayor Duncan asked to give our regards to Auditor Yost and added that he is a CPA by trade and knows how important it is to have good financial records in

a city. He added that he recently read an article from the Detroit Free Press on the history of why Detroit is in bankruptcy. He added that the common thread, besides borrowing way too much money, was a lack of internal controls, financial controls and reporting controls. He said that it is very important that the citizens of Oakwood know that we have the staff in place to ensure that we have outstanding internal controls, zero debt and are a very fiscally strong. He said that this is due to our leadership from the top and the department heads are cognizant of the tough financial times that local governments are experiencing.

Jeff Sorrell, Life Enrichment Center – Mayor Duncan shared that the city recently donated nearly 40 abandoned bicycles that no one claimed to the Life Enrichment Center. Jeff Sorrell shared that the Life Enrichment Center is an inner city community center that serves roughly 600 people with a host of programs. Mr. Sorrell shared that they have a Safety Village that serves children pre-K through third grade and a neighborhood bike shop that serves children fourth grade and up as well as homeless people and individuals with transportation issues. He shared that they gave away approximately 342 bikes last year. He shared that they are currently the only bike shop in the City of Dayton. Mayor Duncan said that he saw a similar story in Harlem, NY where they are teaching entrepreneurship to inner city kids. He asked if any kids help in the Bike Shoppe. Mr. Sorrell responded that they have an Earn-A-Bike Program where students learn the fundamentals of bike repair, safety and hands on experience in the maintenance of a bike. He said that at the end of the eight week program, the child can pick any bike they want to have.

Allan G. Stevens, Feed Ohio – Mayor Duncan read a Proclamation recognizing Feed Ohio as a worthy faith-based statewide initiative and encouraging all citizens to get involved by volunteering in their communities to give what they can to help individuals and families struggling with hunger. Mr. Stevens shared that ten years ago, 29 states were worse off with hunger issues than Ohio and this year, 20 states have passed Ohio and we are now finding ourselves at the bottom of the barrel when it comes to food insecurities in Ohio. He added that the issue is reaching critical mass. He said we have 12 regional food banks in Ohio which operate in all 88 counties. He shared that they service 3,300 food pantries or agencies and they are getting thin. He shared that Governor and Mrs. Kasich are concerned and brought forward a faith-based initiative group and other community leaders to run Feed Ohio from August 24- September 14. He shared that he appreciates Oakwood's effort and recognition of this program. He added that they hope it continues to grow so they can fill the food pantries, especially through the critical months of November and December. Mayor Duncan commented that at his church, the members do what they call a "second helping". He said that they pass along the regular donation plate for contributions, but then pass it around a second time for donations for the East Dayton Food Pantry. Mayor Duncan shared that they have raised over \$100,000 and believes that it is a great concept for faith-based organizations. Mr. Stevens mentioned that they have an initiative called "Hungry for Change". He said that a donation bucket was placed in front of a Wal-Mart in Middletown, OH and they collected over \$500 just in loose change in only 4 hours.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION BY MRS. HILTON NO 1780 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mrs. Hilton explained that this a resolution to accept the county's determination of the amount the city of Oakwood will receive from its existing property tax levies. She added that Montgomery County is required to certify its determination of the millage rates and amounts the city will receive and from 2013-2014 the Commission has determined that Oakwood will receive \$1,017,409 from inside-millage and \$1,520,698 from its outside-millage tax levies, which is consistent with the city's projections. She shared that this is an annual resolution to accept the county's determination.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN YEA
 MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
 MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN YEA
 MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTON YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCE
 NO 4779
 BY MR. STEPHENS
 TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE OAKWOOD TRAFFIC AND
 GENERAL OFFENSES CODES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that each year we pass an annual house-keeping ordinance to keep our local traffic and criminal ordinances consistent with changes that have been made at the state level. This ordinance will adopt our 2013 replacement pages for the Traffic Code and the General Offenses Code, and it is being presented as an emergency ordinance so the new pages can be distributed as quickly as possible.

Thereupon, in order to distribute updated pages for our Codified Ordinances as soon as possible, Mr. Stephens moved that Council adopt this as an emergency ordinance for the reasons stated in the ordinance; Mrs. Hilton seconded the motion.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN YEA
 MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
 MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN YEA
 MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTON YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Report: Mr. Kevin Weaver, Public Works Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the following information. Mr. Weaver provided an update on Refuse. He shared that the wheeled refuse containers were delivered last week and collection will begin this week. He said that approximately 500 Toters have been delivered and those who didn't receive a Toter will begin having a limit of three or fewer 35-gallon trash cans with as many recyclable cans as needed for that property. Mr. Weaver shared that three cans are equivalent to a Toter which puts everyone on the same page and accomplishes: 1) reduces green waste in landfill trash, and 2) improves the diversion rate into the recycling stream versus it going into the landfill. He said that he has had a lot of supportive conversations regarding this change. Mr. Weaver added that recycling saves quite a bit of money and if we double recycling, it will save approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 in terms of disposal fees. Mr. Weaver shared that dumpsters and special pickups are in full swing and if anyone needs to schedule a special pickup, it needs to be done by the second week in October. He said that the special pickups are then suspended because leaf season is approaching. Mr. Weaver reported that there have been quite a few refuse changes. He said that yard debris is now collected monthly and they have received a lot of feedback regarding this and have adjusted a few other things to help with this change. Mr. Weaver shared that they have been putting out door hangers to remind people that the debris belongs on the grass and not in the road. He shared that only the leaves should be placed in the street during the 10-week leaf season. Mr. Weaver shared that the Foell Public Works Drop-off has been a success and they had 67 different sign-ins last month and four dumpsters of material. Mr. Weaver shared that there will be two additional dumpsters at Creager Field. There are currently two dumpsters for cardboard and paper products. A co-mingled recyclables dumpster and yard debris dumpster will be added which gives people other options and makes things easier for disposing of material. Mr. Weaver shared that the Curb, Sidewalk and Apron Project as well as the Asphalt Pavement Maintenance Project are complete.

He said that this was a larger project than usual because the 2012 money was carried over and combined with the 2013 money and he feels that they received excellent value on the concrete work this year. Mr. Weaver then referenced pictures to show some of the work completed between Thurston Blvd. and Schantz Avenue. Mr. Weaver shared that they are now gearing up for the snow season. He said that they recently had the road salt bid through Southwestern Ohio Purchasers for Government (SWP4G) and they were happy with the bid results because they had a savings of almost \$13 a ton from previous years. He said that if they use the average of 1,200 tons of salt we save approximately \$15,000. Mr. Weaver shared that they are in the process of rebuilding the 3 salt spreader frames. He added that water is a major endeavor and he is pleased to have Gary Dursch and Mike Wenclewicz taking care of the water production and distribution systems. Mr. Weaver shared that they have completed water valve work and replaced a few valves already this year. They also repaired Well 8 which suffered corrosion in the casing pipe. He added that they inserted a liner pipe into the casing and it is now up and running. He shared that they completed the tri-annual lead and copper testing to ensure the levels stay below the maximum containment levels. Everything came back safe and each participant will receive a letter with the results. Mr. Weaver shared that the Consumer Confidence Report was completed a few months ago. This report allows the city to be transparent and show the quality of the water that is produced. Mr. Weaver discussed that he spoke with about 90 people at the Ice Cream Social about the Stormwater Program. He said that everyone can help keep our environment clean by using car washes, cleaning up after pets, using environmentally friendly fertilizer and pesticides and not putting anything into the catch basins. Mr. Weaver shared that they are aware of the budget issues and they work as efficiently as possible. He said that they had 35 staff employees in 2006 and now have 30 in 2013. Mr. Stephens commended Kevin and his staff and he feels that Kevin's department is easily overlooked by the citizens. He said that he is always impressed and they don't miss anything. He asked about the sink hole repair at Rubicon and Schantz. Mr. Weaver stated the sink hole should be fixed by the end of the month. Mr. Stephens then asked if he was correct in thinking that the reason we don't want debris in the street is because we don't want it washing down into the storm sewers and because of safety. Mr. Weaver said that was accurate. He added that there are safety concerns for both people and vehicles and it also reduces parking availability on the street. Mayor Duncan said that the most important service we give to citizens is public safety, but the fact that our water works is well run, that our snow is plowed and trash gets picked up are essential city services and everyone works very hard. Mayor Duncan asked that Kevin Weaver relay our appreciation to the staff at Public Works.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Klopsch reported that we have come a long way in preparing the 2014 budget. He said that we have gone 4 consecutive years spending less than the year before and we plan on doing the same this year. He added that we continue to look for ways to become more efficient. Mr. Klopsch shared that there were Budget Review Committee meetings last week and 21 citizens came to the two meetings and had very good discussions. Mr. Klopsch shared that they will meet again toward the end of October and they will present the preliminary thinking for the 2014 budgets. Mr. Klopsch shared that in the *DDN* news there was an article about a joint grant application from Kettering, Centerville and Oakwood for a Local Government Innovations Fund grant. He added that it is a \$100,000 request for the three communities and it's for the fiber optic infrastructure to see if it can be put to better use. He added that it is currently being used internally but they feel that it can be used in other ways to reduce costs and to generate new revenue. He said if successful, they would be notified in November and hopefully by spring or early summer 2014 there would be a report to view and make decisions to implement new programs to use that fiber optic infrastructure. Mr. Klopsch shared that each year the Oakwood Rotary recognizes an Oakwood resident volunteer and an Oakwood employee. He shared that on Friday, the Oakwood Rotary will recognize Dave Dickerson with the Civic Leadership Award and Mike Wenclewicz with the Community Service Award. Mr. Klopsch complimented Cindy Stafford for everything she does. He added that he worries about a lot about things, but with people like Cindy, he worries less. He added that we are in outstanding hands with Cindy as the Finance Director and with the Finance staff. Mr. Klopsch shared that he's been with the city for 21 years and he recalls the first time he met Bob Borchers. He added that he watched Bob man his position for all those years at Five Points and there is a lot going on at that intersection. He said that Bob was passionate, reliable and had a unique ability to earn the respect of the kids and to be their friend. He shared that there used to be an island on the west side of the intersection of Far Hills Avenue and Oakwood Avenue and the kids had to cross a small turn lane to get to the crosswalk. He said that Bob said, "this has got to go, this has got to change." Mr. Klopsch added that he was correct and they made needed changes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Hilton congratulated Cindy Stafford and the Finance Department staff for all of their hard work. She said that she attended the Antique Car Show and the StoryWalk at Houk Stream that is going on in September through the Oakwood Historical Society and Wright Library.

Mr. Castleman extended kudos to Cindy Stafford and the Finance Department staff.

Mayor Duncan shared that while the Ohio Legislature took the summer off, many cities across the state continued to meet to help draft alternative legislation to HB 5. He added that they are optimistic that the Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee will submit the alternative bill to the committee once they come back in session next month. He said they are cautiously optimistic that they have made some progress and all of the cities remain united in favor of uniformity and opposed to some of the revenue cuts in the original legislations. Mayor Duncan shared that the road salt and fiber optic projects are examples of regional cooperation. He added that we hear that there are too many governments in Montgomery County and some people suggest we should combine into one. He added that he wants people to understand that one government doesn't necessarily mean better government. Mayor Duncan shared that he performed a wedding on Saturday at Smith Garden and the weather and Smith Gardens was gorgeous. Mayor Duncan added that he received a message from Councilmember Hilton that a 3rd grade class from Harman school had a tour of city hall and as they came into Council Chambers, one of the students looked up at the large open space behind the Mayor and said that would be a great place to put a portrait of the Mayor. Mayor Duncan chuckled and said it wasn't in the budget. Mayor Duncan announced that our next meeting will be on Monday, October 7 and at that time, all five council members will be happily married as Mr. Byington plans on tying the knot the weekend before.

The public meeting concluded at 8:25 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL

