

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 4, 2013

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, November 4, 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 Steve Byington, Stanley Castleman, Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and Law Director Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the pre-council work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS – HB 5 MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX REFORM:** Mayor Duncan informed council that he will present an update on this topic at the formal meeting this evening. Mayor Duncan also mentioned that he and Vice Mayor Byington will meet with State Representative Jim Butler on Thursday to express Oakwood's objection to the proposed bill.
- **VISITORS:** Mayor Duncan noted the following visitors will attend the formal meeting this evening:
 - Scarecrow Row Contest Winners
 - 2013 Beautification Award Winners
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following two items of legislation to be introduced at the formal meeting this evening:
 - Ordinance to Update Refuse Code
 - Ordinance to Update Income Tax Code
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - **FINANCE, Mr. Castleman**
 - 2014 Budget: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that staff is finalizing the budget document and will submit it to the printer next Thursday, November 14.
 - **PUBLIC PROPERTIES, Mr. Castleman**
 - Verizon Cell Phone Tower: Mr. Klopsch briefed council on a request from Verizon to install a 140 foot monotube cell phone tower on the city's property at Irving Field. The city expects to receive compensation in the neighborhood of \$2,500 per month for use of the land. Verizon would need an area measuring roughly 50' x 50'. Council expressed no objection. Mr. Klopsch will work with Verizon to further explore this project.
 - Francine's Garden: Mr. Klopsch reported that Dr. Ludolph van der Hoeven has expressed an interest in establishing an endowment fund to provide financial resources annually for the maintenance of Francine's Garden in Houk Stream. As proposed, the endowment would be managed by the Dayton Foundation and a five person advisory committee would oversee annual spending. That committee would consist of the city Horticulturist, a member of the van der Hoeven family, a member of the Garden Club of

Dayton and two Oakwood citizens appointed by city council. Mr. Klopsch will continue working with Dr. van der Hoeven to develop an appropriate memorandum of understanding and city council resolution.

- PUBLIC UTILITIES/WATERWORKS/SEWER, Mr. Castleman.
 - Recycling: Mr. Klopsch reported that the co-mingled recyclables container at Creager Field is in place and is already seeing significant use. Mrs. Hilton mentioned that in a recent discussion with an Oakwood resident, it was suggested that many Oakwood residents are still not aware of Oakwood's comprehensive recycling program. Mrs. Hilton suggested the city consider inserting a recyclable sticker into the Oakwood Register, perhaps in one weekly edition in January. Mr. Klopsch will determine the cost of doing this and will discuss the concept with the Oakwood Register.

- BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
 - MLK Breakfast Committee: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he recently attended a meeting with former mayor Judy Cook, Mr. Klopsch, Kettering Mayor Don Patterson, Kettering City Manager Mark Schwieterman and Kettering Vice Mayor Amy Schrimpf. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of the annual MLK Breakfast event. The 2013 event marked the tenth anniversary of this joint celebration. It was concluded at the meeting that the communities should consider discontinuing the MLK Breakfast and perhaps discuss an alternative annual event to celebrate diversity.
 - Historical Society: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he recently met with Oakwood resident Harrison Gowdy to discuss the Historical Society's membership plan. The society is embarking on a three year plan with a goal to generate 150 new members. It will likely begin with a kick-off dinner followed by several marketing efforts in 2014.

- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Learn to Earn Dayton Initiative: Vice Mayor Byington explained that the First Suburbs Consortium of Dayton recently passed a resolution in support of the Learn to Earn Dayton initiative and each First Suburbs community is in turn asked to pass a similar resolution. Mr. Klopsch will include this on the December 9 council meeting agenda.
 - DP&L Market-Based Generation Rates: Mr. Klopsch explained that DP&L has begun a four year program for implementing market based generation rates for all of their electricity customers. By 2017, all DP&L customers will purchase the electricity commodity from an alternate supplier, based on market rates. DP&L will no longer operate generation plants.
 - Dayton Regional Green: Mayor Duncan and Mr. Klopsch discussed an effort by Montgomery County and the city of Dayton to promote county-wide green initiatives. Each community in the county is asked to pass a resolution specifying specific efforts underway to support green living.

- Trick or Treat: Mr. Klopsch reported that Beggar's Night last Thursday evening unfolded without incident, but the city received many phone calls the day or two beforehand from citizens desiring to see the event postponed...this due to weather concerns. Mayor Duncan mentioned that the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association recently voted to conduct Beggar's Night on Halloween night each year, regardless what day of the week the event occurs. It was also understood that the event would take place regardless of weather.
- Committee Appointments: Mayor Duncan led a discussion on BRC Committee needs. He will begin calling candidates over the next week or two.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the pre-council work session at 7:25 p.m. at which time council moved to the formal meeting.



Mayor

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Clerk of Council