

APRIL 21, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on April 21, 2014. Here are the highlights.

Minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular and work sessions of council were approved.

STATUS REPORTS

- Honoring Stanley Castleman – Mayor Bill Duncan shared that Councilmember Stanley Castleman unexpectedly passed away on April 4, 2014. Mayor Duncan read a resolution in his honor.
- Recognition of Major Randy Baldrige on his Retirement – Chief Alex Bebris recognized Major Randy Baldrige on his retirement. Major Baldrige served 25 years as an Oakwood public safety officer and his last day is April 30.
- Recognition of Captain Alan Hill CLEE Graduation – Chief Bebris recognized Captain Alan Hill for his work in completing the Certified Law Enforcement Executive program.
- Update Parking Policies – Councilmember Rob Stephens explained that some minor updates were made to the council policies addressing Parking Permits and Time-Limited Parking. Council approved the updates.

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- Resolution Declaring the Necessity of 2015 Street Lighting.
- Resolution of Necessity for 2014 Sidewalk, Curb & Apron Program.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- City Manager Norbert Klopsch recognized Major Randy Baldrige and Captain Alan Hill. He also shared that he will always remember Mr. Castleman as a calming influence and for always being available when needed. He added that Oakwood truly lost a public servant.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Anne Hilton shared that the Oakwood Historical Society has an open house at Hawthorn Hill and “A Taste of Wine and Cheese” event on May 17. She also reported that the Oakwood Sister City Organization is raising funds for the Summer Ambassador Tour to Le Vésinet with a garage sale fundraiser this weekend from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Councilmember Rob Stephens shared that the annual Smith Gardens Perennial Sale at the Oakwood Community Center is on April 25-26. He also shared that on Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Oakwood Community Center, there will be a horticulture speaker from Chicago, Jennifer Davit. Mr. Stephens also reminded everyone of “That Day in May”.
- Vice Mayor Steve Byington reported that the New Resident Breakfast was on March 22 and a lot of valuable information was shared. He also wished the Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team the best of luck traveling to compete in Hawaii to defend their two-time national championship.
- Mayor Bill Duncan read two letters from residents that attended the March 3 Council meeting. He discussed a recent case in the Ohio Court of Appeals regarding taxing of pension versus wages. He reported that on May 1 he will be going to the Ohio Municipal League meeting in Columbus to get an update on HB 5. He discussed cost savings of hiring the in-house Law Director. He provided an update on the water and sewer rates and reported

that Oakwood is the 4th cheapest community for water rates in the area. He reported that the Public Works Department did an excellent job responding to an issue on March 23 at the Springhouse Water Plant. He read a letter from the Oakwood Register thanking our public safety officers for assisting a woman who went into labor in her car. He shared that he represented the City on March 19 at a celebration recognizing the 20th anniversary of Rabbi and Debra Mangel's appointment to Dayton. Mayor Duncan closed by reminding everyone that spring is here and motorists need to be cautious and on alert to pedestrians walking/jogging, bicyclist and motorcyclists. He described a recent motorcycle accident involving his son where a motorist rolled through a stop sign.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.