

CITY OF OAKWOOD  
STATE OF OHIO  
APRIL 21, 2014

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. 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  
Chief Alex Bebris, Director of Public Safety  
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

Bill Newcomb, 915 Far Hills Avenue  
Brian Barr, Oakwood Register

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular and work sessions of Council. 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

Honoring Stanley Castleman – Mayor Duncan shared that it has been a sad time at the City of Oakwood as Stanley Castleman, a councilmember of ten years, passed away on April 4, 2014. Prior to his passing, Mayor Duncan had the opportunity to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Castleman and their son, Louis. At that time, Mr. Castleman gave Mayor Duncan a letter on personal stationary, which the Mayor read aloud for the record:

*Dear Bill,*

*Because my current health is preventing my fullest attention to the duties of Councilman, I regretfully offer my resignation.*

*It has been an honor and a privilege to actively represent the citizens of Oakwood with you and the other Council members. I am proud of our accomplishments during my tenure, for the benefit of this finest of all communities.*

*I thank you for your friendship, and the citizens of Oakwood, for the opportunity to serve my home of 40 years, the exceptional City of Oakwood.*

*God bless you and your loved ones.*

*Sincerely,  
P. Stanley Castleman*

Mayor Duncan shared that Council had planned to accept his resignation at the April 7, 2014 City Council meeting, prior to him unexpectedly passing away on April 4, 2014. Mayor Duncan then read the following resolution in his honor:

*A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF STANLEY CASTLEMAN AS A MEMBER OF THE CITIZEN BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE AND OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL.*

*WHEREAS, our friend and respected colleague, Council member Stanley Castleman, passed away on Friday, April 4, 2014, and Council wishes to honor his life and community contributions with this Resolution of sincere appreciation; and*

*WHEREAS, from 1993 to 2003, Stanley Castleman served as a citizen member of the Oakwood Budget Review Committee (BRC) and, as a banking professional, brought to the BRC expertise in all areas of finance; and*

*WHEREAS, in all his years on the BRC, Stanley always based his advice and recommendations on the long-term best interests of our community and was highly regarded by his peers; and*

*WHEREAS, on November 4, 2003, Stanley Castleman was elected by the citizens of Oakwood to serve on City Council, the governing body of our city; and*

*WHEREAS, on January 5, 2004, Stanley was sworn into office; and*

*WHEREAS, during his 10 years in elected office, Stanley Castleman served Oakwood with distinction and worked tirelessly to maintain the wonderful attributes of our city and to find ways in which our community could improve; and*

*WHEREAS, in all his years in elected office, Stanley exemplified the collegial operating style so critically important for co-equal members of a governing body to best serve their community; and*

*WHEREAS, as a member of City Council, Stanley performed his duties with the utmost respect for and appreciation of the Council/Manager form of government prescribed by the Oakwood City Charter; and*

*WHEREAS, on City Council, Stanley was a principal and respected voice on issues involving financial matters and business development; and*

*WHEREAS, Stanley possessed a keen understanding of the nuances that made the Far Hills Avenue Business District successful and, with that understanding, guided Oakwood City Council in all decisions relating to the district, and;*

*WHEREAS, Stanley Castleman was recognized as a staunch guardian of the public checkbook and was directly involved in the approval of each annual city budget in the 10 years he served on council; and*

*WHEREAS, Stanley served as chair of council committees for Finance, Public Properties and Public Utilities; and*

*WHEREAS, Stanley also served as Oakwood's representative to the Miami Valley Communication Council; and*

*WHEREAS, as Councilmember, Stanley Castleman served on the following Oakwood Councils:*

<u>2004-2007</u>	<u>2008 - 2009</u>	<u>2010-2014</u>
Mayor Judy Cook	Mayor Judy Cook	Mayor William Duncan
Vice Mayor Carlo McGinnis	Vice Mayor Carlo McGinnis	Vice Mayor Steven Byington
Roger Blumensheid	William Duncan	Stanley Castleman
William Duncan	Stanley Castleman	Rob Stephens
Stanley Castleman	Steven Byington	Anne Hilton

*WHEREAS, during Stanley's 10 years on Council, the city of Oakwood completed the following significant projects:*

- *Studied the former NCR Sugar Camp property and published a Subarea Plan including Site Development Alternatives and Guidelines.*
- *Published the 2004 Oakwood Comprehensive Plan.*
- *Installed a pedestrian crosswalk signal in the Far Hills Avenue Business District.*
- *Built and dedicated "the Rotary Bridge" at Houk Stream.*
- *Built and dedicated the "Oakwood Dog Park at Creager Field".*
- *Approved the Sugar Camp Professional Offices complex and Pointe Oakwood Residential Development.*
- *Planned for and executed Oakwood's 2008 Centennial Celebration.*
- *Purchased the 28-acre Old River Athletic Fields from the NCR Corporation and constructed a roadway from Far Hills Avenue to the athletic fields.*
- *Purchased the 3.1 acre Centennial Park at Houk Stream property and established Francine's Garden.*
- *Purchased property and constructed the Orchard Drive Municipal Parking Lot.*
- *Completed renovation and major enhancements to Orchardly Park.*
- *Completed major improvements to the Park Avenue Municipal Parking Lot.*
- *Completed major renovations and additions to the City Administration and Public Safety building.*
- *Approved development of the Runnymede Hills Subdivision.*
- *Approved the construction of the Beth Abraham Synagogue at Sugar Camp.*
- *Completed the Far Hills Business District improvement project and the Far Hills corridor enhancements.*
- *Approved opening of Hawthorn Hill to the general public through close collaboration with the Wright Family Foundation, National Aviation Heritage Alliance, Dayton History and the US National Park Service.*
- *Prepared the City's first comprehensive Athletic and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.*
- *Constructed many roadway and public utility infrastructure projects.*

*WHEREAS, Stanley's entire 20 years of public service, and 10 years as council member, can best be summarized with the following words:*

- *Strong sense of duty to his community.*
- *Extreme commitment to fulfilling the responsibilities of public office.*
- *Never ending quest to do what is best for the citizens of Oakwood.*

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

Mrs. Hilton shared that she was personally honored to work with Mr. Castleman. He was highly respected and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Stephens added that Mr. Castleman was a good friend and mentor. He was a gentleman who consistently shared intelligent advice. It was an honor to work with him.

Mr. Byington shared that Mr. Castleman touched all of us in some way or another and in the tradition of the Greek Orthodox Church, one does not say goodbye but instead wishes that the memory of a person may be eternal.

Mayor Duncan shared that he was honored to serve as a pallbearer at Mr. Castleman's funeral and added that on behalf of the citizens of Oakwood and staff, he will be missed and his memory will be eternal.

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. ROBERT P. STEPHENS..... YEA  
 MRS. ANNE HILTON ..... YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said policy was declared duly adopted and it was so ordered.

Recognition of Major Randy Baldrige on his Retirement – Chief Bebris shared that Major Baldrige will retire on April 30 and, in a way, this retirement is not a happy occasion because he will miss Randy Baldrige tremendously. Chief Bebris reported that Major Baldrige started in the public safety field when he was 19 years old at the City of Kettering as a part-time Firefighter/EMT. He also attended Sinclair where he pursued classes in art/photography. From 1984-1989, Randy was with the Huber Heights Police Department where he rose to the rank of Sergeant. He joined the Oakwood Safety Department in 1989 and was the department's first lateral hire. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1990 and attended paramedic training in 1998. Randy was promoted to Captain in 2007 and then Major/Assistant Chief in 2011. Randy also works part-time at the Washington Township Fire Department and teaches at Cedarville University. Chief Bebris shared that he has not found another person more loyal to the organization and more caring about what happens within the department than Randy Baldrige. It was his privilege to work beside Major Baldrige and everyone will have to work a little harder to fill the gap that Randy will leave.

Mayor Duncan shared that he appreciated Major Baldrige's service in Oakwood as well as his service in the other communities.

Major Baldrige thanked City Council, City Manager Norbert Klopsch, Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher, Chief Bebris and his wife of 28 years. He said that the department is in good hands and will continue to grow and prosper.

Mayor Duncan added that the City of Oakwood has the finest public safety department that we have ever had and it is in no small measure due to Major Baldrige's leadership.

Recognition of Captain Alan Hill CLEE Graduation – Chief Bebris shared that the Certified Law Enforcement Executive ("CLEE") program's primary purpose is to increase the professionalism of senior police leaders. Ohio's CLEE program has been used as a model for how other states' command and leadership programs are measured. The program is rigorous and challenging, taking approximately 12 months to complete, and is comprised of eight instructional modules presented by nationally recognized experts from academia, the corporate sector and private consulting organizations. The CLEE curriculum's eight content modules are focused on ethics and change management. This forms the core of the curriculum with other modules addressing vision, mission and guiding principles, human resources ANF team facilitation, planning, interpersonal skills, police budgeting and resource allocation, and managing the internal and external environment. Mastering the curriculum requires determination and self-motivation. It involves a significant self-study including four two-day "in-residence" study days in Columbus, an examination or case study for each module and an oral presentation of a final Capstone Project developed over the course of 12 months.

Captain Hill thanked Chief Bebris, City Manager Klopsch and Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher for the professional and personal support which allows for professional growth through programs such as CLEE.

Mayor Duncan confirmed that Captain Hill is the first public safety officer in Oakwood to receive this recognition and offered kudos to Captain Hill.

Update Parking Policies – Mr. Stephens explained that under Section 3.01 of the City Charter, Council addresses non-legislative matters through administrative policies adopted by motion. Generally these policies are used for things such as procedural matters or guidelines for the use of public facilities or property.

Mr. Stephens explained that parking is sometimes a concern in Oakwood, particularly in congested areas such as the Far Hills business district or near the schools. Sometimes this can be alleviated with time-limited parking zones or parking permit systems, but Council also recognizes that these strategies cannot be used everywhere. For this reason, Council adopted two parking policies in 1986: One was intended to address procedures for proposing time-limited parking, and the other for proposing permit systems. Oakwood does not receive many proposals along these lines, but it makes good sense to have procedural guidelines in place when we do.

During a recent review, the Law Director Rob Jacques concluded that these policies need to be updated. Both include the words "Parking Permit Policy" in the title, which could be misleading, and some of the language needs to be updated or clarified. None of the changes are substantive, but they will make the policies easier to interpret and administer. Council has reviewed the updated policies, which were included in last Friday's Council packet.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the policies be adopted.

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. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON.....	YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said policies were declared duly adopted and it was so ordered.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1787

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual resolution that is the first step of our street lighting program for 2015. To provide street lighting each year, we are required by law to pass three (3) pieces of legislation. The first, which we are considering tonight, is a resolution declaring the necessity of street lighting throughout the city. At our May meeting we will consider the second and third pieces of legislation, which are an ordinance to proceed with the street lighting and an ordinance to levy assessments for the cost.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hilton 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. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON.....	YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1788

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF REPAIRING SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON EAST DRIVE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that this is another annual resolution that is the first step of our 2014 Sidewalk, Curb and Apron Project. This year's program will cover all streets from East Drive to Aberdeen Avenue, between Far Hills Avenue and Shroyer Road, including those parts of Far Hills Avenue, Shafor Boulevard, Hathaway Road, Delaine Avenue and Shroyer Road that fall within those boundaries.

Like the street lighting resolution, the city is required by law to pass three (3) pieces of legislation in order to carry out this program and assess the costs. The first piece, under consideration tonight, is a resolution declaring the necessity of sidewalk, curb and apron repairs in these parts of the city. At our May meeting we will consider the second piece of legislation, which is an ordinance to proceed with the project, and after its conclusion we will adopt an ordinance to levy assessments for the cost.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Byington 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. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON .....	YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT— Mr. Klopsch shared that he will be providing an update on city business including the 2014 street projects at the next council meeting.

Mr. Klopsch said that Major Randy Baldrige will be sorely missed. He is equally skilled in all three disciplines. It is very rare to be an expert police officer, firefighter and paramedic. He was a mentor/teacher and extremely dedicated and committed to the organization. He is very organized and followed through on every task given to him.

Mr. Klopsch recognized Captain Alan Hill as a wonderful officer and mentioned that he will be second in charge when Major Baldrige departs. He is extremely organized, hard-working and proficient and the City is blessed to have someone like him in the safety department.

Mr. Klopsch shared that he got to know Mr. Castleman very well over the last ten years on Council. He added that Mr. Castleman attended The Citadel and Mr. Klopsch attended the US Military Academy at West Point, so they shared a common bond. He truly appreciated serving with and working for Mr. Castleman as a member of Council. He will always remember Mr. Castleman as a calming influence and as a councilmember who was always available when needed. Oakwood truly lost a public servant, by every definition.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Hilton shared that the Oakwood Historical Society has a few events coming up. On April 27 there will be an open house at Hawthorn Hill with walking tours and the annual "A Taste of Wine and Cheese" event on Saturday, May 17. She added that she has attended a few times and it is a wonderful event. More information and how to sign up is available on their website at [www.oakwoodhistory.org](http://www.oakwoodhistory.org).

Mrs. Hilton reported that the Oakwood Sister City Organization is raising funds for the Summer Ambassador Tour to Le Yésinet. There is a garage sale fundraiser this weekend from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and further information is available on the OSCA website at <http://oakwoodsistercity.webs.com/>.

Mr. Stephens reported that he attended the Environmental Committee meeting last month and there are a few events coming up. They are in the process of setting up the education sessions with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Harman and Smith School. The annual Smith Gardens Perennial Sale at the Oakwood Community Center is on April 25-26 and on April 26 from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., there will be a new garden workshop for children.

On Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Oakwood Community Center there will be a horticulture speaker from Chicago, Jennifer Davit which should be very educational.

Mr. Stephens reminded everyone of "That Day in May" which is Saturday, May 17. He said there is a full slate of activities which include: the pancake breakfast, 5K and 10K runs, games and a new craft show this year. He said it will be a great day so come early and stay for the day.

Vice Mayor Byington reported that the New Resident Breakfast was held on March 22 and the food was prepared by city staff. He added that City Council attended as well as representatives from the Oakwood Schools and Wright Library. He added that they all gave valuable information to the new residents and thanked staff for their willingness to participate.

Vice Mayor Byington 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 Duncan shared that he received two letters from residents that attended the March 3 City Council meeting. He read the first letter aloud, which was from a resident that addressed City Council at the March 3 meeting:

*"Dear Mayor,*

*Just wanted to state that I am proud you are our mayor. Your demeanor at the March 3 meeting was excellent. I left better informed and confident you will continue to do the best job possible. You convinced me with your review of all the options the city has tried. My best to you.*

*Kind Regards"*

Mayor Duncan then read the second letter aloud:

*"I am probably the only person attending last week's council meeting who didn't speak or applaud. I came to listen, learn and reflect.*

*I am 84 and retired so I am not affected by this tax proposal. I can be more philosophical than I would have been when I was working with children to educate and a mortgage to pay.*

*After hearing the speeches and discussion, I came away with the conclusion that the council has NO CHOICE but to adopt a limitation on credit for income tax paid to other cities. Otherwise, income tax will become an ever-diminishing source of revenue as surrounding communities raise their income tax rates. Raising the overall rate will not solve the problem as it too would be diminished over time.*

*As Mayor Duncan demonstrated, the NET INCREASE after state income tax decreases is small for even the wealthiest wage earners. This is good news! Instead of sending our taxes to Columbus and hoping to get some of it back, isn't it better send our tax dollars directly to our city?*

*There was a lot of talk last week about fairness. It is impossible to take one isolated proposal and decide its fairness to the entire community. Even if we could start with a clean slate (which we can't), it would be nearly impossible to devise a plan which everyone affected would agree is fair to them.*

*Before moving to Oakwood 15 years ago, I lived in Kettering for 25 years. In retrospect, I wish I had moved to Oakwood in the first place. Kettering is a fine community with excellent services, but it doesn't compare to Oakwood. I appreciate the transparency we enjoy and the responsiveness of city staff at every level. I cheerfully pay Oakwood taxes including city income tax on a non-qualified pension plan.*

*Oakwood has the wherewithal to fund the level of services that attract people to choose to live here. It distresses me that we are debating scarcity in the midst of prosperity.*

*If the drastic cuts discussed last week were made, Oakwood would never again be the community it has been until now. It would be a heavy price to pay in order for some to avoid a small net increase in their combined local and state income taxes. I am confident the citizens of Oakwood will NOT ALLOW this to happen.*

*I hope that others who feel as I do will speak up to counter the negativity we heard last week."*

Mayor Duncan shared that recently there was a decision in the Ohio Court of Appeals dealing with a supplemental employee retirement program (SERP). The case was for an executive in a Fortune 500 corporation who worked in Cleveland but lived in Shaker Heights. When he retired, he was eligible for a non-qualified pension plan. On his W-2 that year, \$14.5 million was included for Medicare wages on which he paid income tax because the IRS considers Medicare wages to be taxable wages. However, they only put \$5.5 million in wages on the Shaker Heights city income tax return. Shaker Heights rejected the return stating that municipal tax was due on \$14.5 million. The taxpayer went to court stating it was pension and not wages. He lost at the Shaker Heights level but won at the Court of Appeals, which essentially said that wages can be taxed, but not SERP contributions. This case will probably go to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Mayor Duncan 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 added that nothing has developed with the bill since last November or December. There is concern that it will be delayed until after the November election and then passed in the lame duck session. Mayor Duncan will continue providing updates to Oakwood citizens.

Mayor Duncan shared an article from the Buckeye Institute recommending that the state not only cap municipal income tax rates but also limit the ability of cities from imposing credits. They are blaming cities for why jobs aren't being created in Ohio although we are the 5<sup>th</sup> largest job creator from recent statistics in the Dayton Daily News.

After the last Council meeting, Mayor Duncan asked the Law Director to prepare a memo describing how municipalities can merge. Law Director Rob Jacques shared that there are two types of mergers described in Ohio Revised Code 709. Mayor Duncan also asked Finance Director Cindy Stafford to provide an update on actual spending over the past six years. In 2008 the city spent \$13.9 million and in 2013 the city spent \$11.8 million. The City continues to cut costs, now six years in a row.

Mayor Duncan reported that Oakwood is now the 4<sup>th</sup> cheapest community for water rates in the area and is at mid-point for sewer rates. A resident in Kettering pays \$184 a year more for water and about the same for sewer as an Oakwood resident. Under Ohio law, the city cannot take receipts from the water department to subsidize government funds.

Mayor Duncan reported that there was an issue on March 23 at the Springhouse Water Plant that required action by Kevin Weaver, Gary Dursch and Ken Perkins to quickly respond to elevated sodium in the water supply. There was never any danger of water contamination. The quick response is one more example of salaried employees working efficiently to resolve issues. No overtime expenses were incurred.

Mayor Duncan recalled hearing requests to reduce staff because of false claims that personnel costs are what is driving the structural deficit the city has. Mayor Duncan shared that the city had always outsourced legal services and about three years ago, the city brought a law director in-house. The law director was brought in to complete prosecutions, zoning, general legal work and tax litigations. A report was presented to Council indicating that during the last two years the city has saved \$37,000 in 2013 by bringing this position in-house and \$48,000 last year compared to what was being spent with outsourcing.

Mayor Duncan read the following *Oakwood Register* letter thanking our public safety officers for assisting a woman who went into labor in her car:

*"I called 911 and the Oakwood police and rescue squad responded promptly. The team treated Ashley and our newborn in the ambulance and when everyone was stabilized they moved us to Kettering Hospital. All of the officers and rescue squad team worked very hard and professionally to ensure our health and safety.*

*We would like to thank each and every member of the team that helped us that morning. Without your help our situation would have undoubtedly had a much unhappier ending.*

*We would also like to add that our daughter Reese Marie is a happy and healthy baby girl."*

Mayor Duncan extended kudos to the public safety officers who assisted with this.

Mayor Duncan shared that he represented the City on March 19 at a celebration recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rabbi and Debra Mangel's appointment to Dayton where they are in charge of running the Chabad Center on Far Hills. It was an outstanding event chaired by Oakwood resident Dr. Daniel German and guest speaker Lee Schear.

Mayor Duncan reminded everyone that spring is here and motorists need to be cautious and alert to pedestrians walking/jogging, bicyclist and motorcyclists. He shared that this past Saturday evening, his son was in an accident while riding his motorcycle in Kettering. A vehicle from a side street didn't come to a complete stop before turning onto Far Hills directly in front of his son. The motorcycle skidded about 100 feet and his son slid approximately 50 feet right onto Far Hills. Mayor Duncan shared that luckily his son was okay due to the protective gear he was wearing and because traffic was light. Two Kettering police officers responded and handled the incident fairly. Mayor Duncan emphasized that if you are a motorcyclist, it is imperative that you wear protective gear to remain safe. He also stated that rolling stops occur in Oakwood every day and that they must stop. If you roll through a stop sign in Oakwood, you will get a ticket.

Mayor Duncan added that in closing, we mourn the loss of Mr. Castleman and salute him for his service. He shared that he and his wife are thankful that his son is okay and asked at the end of the day that you go home and hug your children.

The public meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL