

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**JUNE 2, 2014**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, June 2, 2014 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, Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton. Also attending was Councilmember designate Chris Epley. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and Law Director Rob Jacques.

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Duncan opened the meeting with an executive session for personnel matters and conference with attorney. Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher joined the meeting for this executive session.

At 6:53 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and called the work session to order. Mayor Duncan began the work session by reviewing the agenda for the formal council meeting this evening. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- STATUS REPORTS:
  - Appoint new Council Member and Oath of Office: Mayor Duncan reviewed the process to be used at the formal meeting this evening in appointing Chris Epley to council and administering the Oath of Office.
- VISITORS: Mayor Duncan noted that there were no visitors scheduled for the formal meeting this evening.
- LEGISLATION: Mayor Duncan noted that there was no legislation on the agenda for the formal meeting this evening.
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - FINANCE, Mayor Duncan
    - May 27 BRC Meeting: Mr. Klopsch reported that 17 committee members attended the meeting last Tuesday. It was a good discussion.
  - PUBLIC UTILITIES/WATERWORKS/SEWER, Mr. Stephens
    - Yard Debris in the Street: Mr. Klopsch reviewed the current policy for addressing situations where property owners place yard debris in the street, in violation of city rules. He suggested that the prohibition enforcement policy be changed to eliminate the second of three warnings before a citation is issued. Mr. Klopsch suggests that two warnings are sufficient, after which the appropriate citation will be made. There were no objections by Council.
  - SAFETY & TRAFFIC, Mr. Stephens
    - Garden Road Issues: Mr. Klopsch reported that several Oakwood residents on Garden Road expressed concern recently that vehicle speeds provide a safety hazard. The City has installed a traffic counter that will collect vehicle trips and vehicle speed data. Mr. Klopsch noted that Garden Road is narrow and that the perceived speeds are probably higher than actual. The data will be available next week.

- MVCC, Mr. Stephens
  - LGIF Grant for Fiber Study: Mr. Klopsch reported that the Miami Valley Communications Council has accepted a request by Oakwood, Kettering and Centerville to be included as a collaborative partner on the fiber study project and to serve as the lead agency. The City has sent a letter to the state requesting this change.
  
- Historical Society, Mrs. Hilton
  - Historical District Designations: Mr. Klopsch noted that Oakwood resident Harrison Gowdy will attend a fall 2014 work session to participate in a discussion regarding potential interest in establishing additional historic districts in Oakwood.
  
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Engineering Technician Resignation: Mr. Klopsch reported that 13 year veteran Bart Bornhorst has resigned from city employment and will be moving to Indianapolis to pursue a new career. Staff will soon begin work on finding a replacement.
  - Council Committee Assignments: Council reviewed the roster of committee assignments and decided to have Chris Epley fill all of the slots previously held by Councilmember Stanley Castleman, except that Mr. Epley will serve on the Court Liaison Committee, in place of Mr. Byington... and Mr. Byington will fill the Castleman seat as Chair of the Finance Committee.
  - Wild Animals: Mr. Klopsch reported that Wildlife Officer Trent Weaver from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will attend the June 23 council work session to participate in a discussion about the presence of wild animals (coyotes, foxes, deer, etc.) in urbanized areas.

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.

  
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Mayor

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Clerk of Council