

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, September 15, 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, Anne Hilton and Chris Epley. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and Law Director Rob Jacques. Also attending was Stefanie Campbell, representing DP&L.

Mayor Duncan called the pre-council work session to order at 6 p.m. The meeting began with a discussion about the proposed "Oakwood Winter Market". Oakwood residents Dorthy Rhodes-Kupka, Amanda Robb and Mike Haverland joined the meeting at this time, as did Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher. Mr. Klopsch introduced the topic by explaining that a group of Oakwood residents, led by the same team that organized the Oakwood Farmers' Market, have been working over the past six months or so in developing a plan for a first ever "Oakwood Winter Market". Mayor Duncan welcomed the three Winter Market Committee members and asked all in the room to do self-introductions. Thereafter, Mike Haverland presented a PowerPoint on the vision for the Winter Market. The market is proposed for 6 – 10 p.m. on Friday, December 5 and 12 noon – 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 6. It would take place on Orchard Drive in the same general location as the Farmers' Market. It would include closing two to three blocks of the Far Hills Avenue Business District cruise lanes on the east side of the district. Additionally, the market would involve live music, food, multiple vendors, and beer & wine. The planning committee will conduct an informational meeting about the event on Thursday, September 25. All Oakwood business owners have been invited. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mayor Duncan thanked the committee for their briefing and their efforts in establishing a new Oakwood event.

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Duncan continued the work session with a discussion about the Far Hills Avenue Business District street trees. Leisure Services Director Carol Collins and Landscape Architect Eric Sauer joined the meeting for this discussion. Mr. Klopsch introduced the topic by explaining that the 150 or so existing trees in the Far Hills Avenue Business District between Peach Orchard and the south Oakwood corporation limit are approximately 40 years old and in need of replacement. Street trees typically have a life expectancy of 15-20 years, and have only lasted this long due to the excellent maintenance program overseen by the Leisure Services Department. Over the last few months, staff has worked with Mr. Sauer to develop a preliminary plan for this project. Mr. Sauer then delivered a PowerPoint presentation. It included an explanation of the current condition of the street trees and a proposed new design. The proposed project would be completed in three parts, with a small portion in 2014 and two larger phases in 2015 and 2016. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Klopsch noted that this project will be presented to the citizen Budget Review Committee at their meeting tomorrow evening.

At 7 p.m., Mayor Duncan welcomed Bruce Barcelo for a discussion about a proposal to make Oakwood parks, recreational areas and other outside public spaces smoke free. Bruce is the Program Manager for the Dayton & Montgomery County Public Health Departments GetUP

Montgomery County, Creating Healthy Communities and Tobacco Program. Mayor Duncan introduced staff and council in attendance and invited Mr. Barcelo to deliver his presentation. Recreation Supervisor Dan Ruble joined the meeting for this discussion item. Mr. Barcelo then delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the topic of municipalities prohibiting smoking in outdoor public spaces. Mr. Klopsch noted that an Oakwood resident had recently suggested that the city consider this action. Mr. Barcelo explained that at present, only two other cities in Ohio have taken action to be 100% smoke free. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Duncan thanked Mr. Barcelo for the information. Mr. Klopsch noted that he would like to conduct a first reading on the smoke free ordinance at the October 6 council meeting.

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor Duncan reviewed the agenda for the formal council meeting this evening. Thereafter, he led a discussion the following additional agenda items:

- STATUS REPORTS – Director of Engineering and Public Works Position: Mayor Duncan noted that he will ask for Council to approve the assignment of City Manager Klopsch to oversee the Engineering and Public Works department in addition to his role as city manager. This action is being taken as another cost saving measure and comes after the resignation of Kevin Weaver, the former department director.
- VISITORS – Madeline Iseli, Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Human Services Levy Campaign: Mayor Duncan noted that Ms. Iseli will deliver a PowerPoint presentation on the November Human Services Levy issue.
- LEGISLATION – Council discussed the following item scheduled for the formal meeting this evening:
 - Resolution to approve Existing Property Tax Amounts and Rates.
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - COURT LIAISON, Mrs. Hilton
 - Court Revenues and Expenses: Not discussed.
 - FINANCE, Vice Mayor Byington
 - September 16 BRC Meeting: Not discussed.
 - PUBLIC UTILITIES/WATERWORKS/SEWER, Mr. Epley
 - Water Meters and Transmitters: Not discussed.
 - STREETS & ALLEYS, Mr. Stephens
 - Right-of-Way Ordinance Update: Mr. Klopsch and Attorney Jacques commented on proposed changes to the city's right-of-way ordinance. Mr. Jacques reviewed a chart that highlighted the intent of the code modifications. Mr. Klopsch noted that he would like to conduct a first reading of this ordinance at the October 6 council meeting.

- REGIONAL AGENCIES

- FIRST SUBURBS, Vice Mayor Byington

- September 24 Meeting: Mr. Klopsch explained that the September 24 First Suburbs meeting will include a special presentation by an elected official from Rancho Cordova, California (Sacramento area). The gentleman is a member of the NLC Board of Directors and past chair of the NLC First Tier Suburbs Steering Committee. Mayor Duncan, Vice Mayor Byington and Mr. Klopsch plan to attend the presentation.

- MISCELLANEOUS

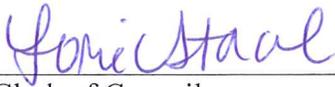
- October 8-10 OML Conference: Not discussed.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the pre-council work session at 7:27 p.m. at which time Council moved to the formal meeting.



Mayor

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Clerk of Council