

CITY OF OAKWOOD  
STATE OF OHIO  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, 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  
MR. CHRISTOPHER B. EPLEY.....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  
Ms. Lori L. Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue  
Brian Barr, Oakwood Register  
Madeline Iseli, Human Services Levy Campaign

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the minutes of the August 18 regular, executive 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. Epley 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

Director of Engineering and Public Works Position – Mayor Duncan reported that Mr. Kevin Weaver, who served as engineer and public works director, left Oakwood to assume a public works position for the city of Westerville. He explained that as another important cost savings measure, Council decided to appoint City Manager Norbert Klopsch to directly oversee the city engineering and public works department operations in addition to his city manager responsibilities. City Manager Norbert Klopsch is a licensed professional engineer and former director of the public works department.

Therefore, it was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve of Oakwood City Manager Norbert Klopsch overseeing the engineering and public works department as authorized in Section 5.02 of the Oakwood City Charter. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

#### VISITORS

Madeline Iseli, Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Human Services Levy Campaign – Ms. Iseli referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the Human Services Levy, which provides services for people in need across Montgomery County. She reported that more than 50,000 people from every community in Montgomery County receive Human Services benefits, including children, seniors and people looking for work.

Montgomery County voters are asked to support two critical Human Services Levies that fund approximately half of the services that protect children, seniors, and provide public health services, in addition to diagnosing and treating developmental disabilities, and physical and behavioral healthcare for individuals in need. One levy will be this year and the other will be considered for renewal in 2018.

A hard-working local panel that includes independent business leaders, financial experts, and citizen volunteers regularly reviews the county's Human Services programs and expenses. These community volunteers and business leaders work with the county to help plan and evaluate the programs and levy proposals as well as ensure that costs are controlled, priorities are decided, and critical needs are met.

Cuts were made to control taxpayer costs in a deep recession, even though it meant reducing programs below the level of real need. Since 2011, 200 jobs were eliminated and services were reduced. Overall, the Human Services budget has been reduced by \$16 million since 2011.

More than 50,000 people from every community in Montgomery County receive Human Services benefits, including children, seniors, and people looking for work by agencies such as Children's Services, Public Health, Developmental Disabilities, ADAMHS and Senior Services.

The Human Services Levy also supports diagnosis and treatment for developmental disabilities - physical or mental. Developmentally disabled adults need help as well, particularly as they get older.

Protecting public health is a real benefit of our Human Services. With nearly 21,000 immunizations administered, this levy protects everyone's health.

To protect these critical services, the county is asking voters to support a 1-mill increase this November in order to protect children from abuse and neglect; to diagnose and assist children with mental, physical and serious developmental disabilities; to help elderly citizens in need; to diagnose, treat, and help people recover from behavioral, mental health, and substance abuse issues, which makes the county workforce more productive and our communities safer; to make sure the children, particularly those at the most risk, are ready for school; and, at the Job Center, to help unemployed and under-employed people obtain the skills that match in-demand jobs, so they can support themselves, their families, and our local economy.

The Montgomery County Human Services are continually evaluated to keep focus on the vital needs of the community and to keep providers accountable, ensuring that tax dollars are well spent.

The County is constantly working, along with the regular review of a local panel that includes independent business leaders, financial experts, and citizen volunteers, to make things more efficient, control costs, and keep offering quality services to people who really need them. Based on the panel's recommendations, voters will be asked to renew the current 7.2 mill Human Services levy and add one mill.

With this increase, the most critical services will continue. It is about \$3 more a month on a \$100,000 property to protect these critical human services. If the levy fails, about \$70 million a year, more than half the funding for our county's Human Services, will be lost.

Human Services are the most effective way to help people with real needs in Montgomery County get the right services at the right cost. Mrs. Iseli asked for support of the 2014 Montgomery County Human Services Levy.

Ms. Iseli referenced a picture of the Oakwood Marching Band and shared that the smallest bass drum is played by Peter Roll, who was born with Down Syndrome. She added that it is profoundly gratifying to her how he has embraced being a member of the band, and that many others like Peter benefit from Human Services funding.

Mayor Duncan shared that his wife works for the Oakwood City Schools and she has the pleasure of driving Peter to and from school each day. He added that he has a close relationship with the Roll family and commented on how much Peter has blossomed.

Mayor Duncan shared that he finished his 33<sup>rd</sup> year on the Goodwill Industries Board. The county uses a lot of different organizations to provide services and it is money well spent. He added that the levy from four years ago was supported by 68% of Oakwood residents, which was the highest pass rate of any community in Montgomery County. He confirmed with Ms. Iseli that he will personally endorse the levy.

## LEGISLATION

### RESOLUTION

BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON

NO 1793

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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

Vice Mayor Byington explained that each tax year, the Montgomery County Budget Commission is required to certify its determination of the millage rates and amounts the city will receive from its existing property tax levies. For 2014-2015, the Budget Commission has determined that Oakwood will receive \$1,019,345 from inside-millage and \$1,524,538 from its outside-millage tax levies, which is consistent with the city's projections. Of the total outside-millage, \$456,788 will come from the tax issue originally approved by Oakwood voters in 1992 and \$1,067,750 from the tax issue approved by Oakwood voters in 2013. This is the annual resolution to accept the county's determination.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington 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
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

STAFF REPORT - None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT-- Mr. Klopsch reported that there have been two articles in the Dayton Daily News regarding the shortage of roadway salt and one reporting that the city of Oakwood did not receive a bid recently for the annual supply. He clarified that steps were taken earlier in the year to replenish the city's supply and the city has a near-full salt dome. He shared that he is confident that the city can keep the streets clean and de-iced during an average winter with the existing salt supply and effective plowing equipment. Mr. Klopsch explained that the city of Oakwood is part of a regional Southwest Ohio cooperative purchasing program called SWOP4G, which supports many jurisdictions in Southwest Ohio. Once a year, a bid package is distributed and all participants inform the coordinator of the bid as to the quantity of salt they are interested in purchasing. In a typical year, each jurisdiction receives a bid at a reasonable price. This year, the total of all jurisdictions in terms of quantity was 250,000 tons. One of the three bidders gave a price for everyone and then only said they had 25,000 tons to deliver. The second bidder selected eight and the third bidder only selected three out of 100+ jurisdictions to give bid prices to. It is an odd situation which raised curiosity and state officials are looking into it to make sure everything is as it should be. Mr. Klopsch explained that the other factor is cost. This year, the city was quoted more than twice what was paid last year.

Mayor Duncan commended staff for being proactive in the spring replenishing the city's salt supply.

Mr. Klopsch reported that the asphalt pavement work is complete and the concrete curb, apron and sidewalk work will be complete this week. Roadway striping is done on a two year cycle and was redone this year. There is a small amount of striping remaining; a large majority has been completed.

The Vectren gas line work that is concentrated around the Sr. High School and to the east towards Shroyer is ongoing and will continue into the fall. RTA has some additional work in replacing some of the overhead wires that are connected to the new poles that were installed a few months ago.

City staff has been actively working on the 2015 budget and a working draft been prepared. The 35 member citizen Budget Review Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 16.

Mr. Klopsch shared that Kevin Weaver served as Oakwood's engineer and public works director for the past 12 years and did a fantastic job for the city. He added that public works has an outstanding staff including Assistant Public Works Director Mike Wenclewicz, Foreman Kenneth Perkins, Foreman Jeff Rittenhouse, Water Superintendent Gary Dursch and Public Works Secretary Theresa Caldwell. Mr. Klopsch explained he and Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher have interviewed eight candidates out of 27 applicants and plan to make a selection fairly soon for filling the Engineering Technician and Project Inspector position. As a cost saving measure, additional responsibilities will be added to this position in anticipation of eliminating a foreman position on the next retirement.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Hilton congratulated Mark Risley for the successful car show at the Oakwood Historical Society. She shared that there were more cars on display than ever before including the City Manager's 1966 Chevy C-10 pick-up truck.

Vice Mayor Byington congratulated the Oakwood Schools for coming out on top once again. He shared that he had the opportunity to speak to a Leadership Dayton class at Carillon Park about the world of government and wished all participants a great year.

Mayor Duncan recognized Mrs. Hilton for her pro bono legal aid work provided to low income families.

Mayor Duncan congratulated Mr. Epley for being appointed as a trustee of the Dayton Bar Association.

Mayor Duncan shared that recently, an Oakwood Public Safety Officer pulled over a man that ran a stop light on Far Hills. When the officer spoke with the man, he learned that the man had recently come back from serving in Afghanistan and had just asked his girlfriend to marry him and she said yes. The story got back to Mayor Duncan and he offered to marry them. He performed their wedding ceremony on September 3.

The public meeting concluded at 8:02 p.m.



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MAYOR

ATTEST:



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CLERK OF COUNCIL