

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 17, 2014

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, November 17, 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 City Attorney Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the council work session to order at 5 p.m. The meeting started with City Manager Norbert Klopsch introducing Tom Long, the city's new Engineering Technician/Foreman. Mr. Long began in his new position on November 10 and comes to Oakwood from the city of Trotwood. Mr. Klopsch provided some information on Mr. Long's background, after which Mr. Long provided additional details. Council welcomed Tom to city staff.

Mayor Duncan then led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - FINANCE, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Ohio's Mid-Biennium Budget: City Attorney Rob Jacques provided a few comments on the practice of passing mid-biennium budgets in Ohio. In particular, this action allows legislators to address various items and to work around the single issue requirement as stipulated by the Ohio Constitution.
 - HB 5: Mayor Duncan and Mr. Klopsch provided an update on the status of HB 5, the municipal income tax uniformity/reform legislation. Unfortunately, all indications are that this seriously flawed bill will likely become law during the current lame duck session.
 - LAW & MINUTES, Mrs. Hilton: City Attorney Rob Jacques provided information to Council on Ohio's Financial Disclosure Law, Ohio's Open Meeting Law, and Ohio's Public Records Law.
 - PUBLIC PROPERTIES, Mr. Epley
 - Smoking Prohibition: Mr. Klopsch reported that he has only received one complaint about the new law passed on November 3... this from a resident of Kettering. City staff is working with staff from Public Health Dayton/Montgomery County on designing signs to publicize the new smoking prohibition on public properties in Oakwood.
 - SAFETY & TRAFFIC, Mr. Stephens
 - Far Hills Signal and Signage Recommendations: Mr. Klopsch reviewed work completed thus far in studying recommendations presented to council by Oakwood Girl Scouts at the November 3 council meeting. At the conclusion of the study, Mr. Klopsch suggested that the council committee for safety & traffic (Mr. Stephens and Mrs. Hilton) join him in meeting with the Girls Scouts and their scout leaders. The purpose of the meeting would be to present the findings and explain actions that might be forthcoming.

- Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab: Mr. Klopsch provided an update on the status of area police agencies leaving the Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab. This is an issue now being discussed amongst the city managers in the region, given the fact that membership losses will ultimately lead to higher fees for remaining jurisdictions. Mr. Klopsch suggested that State Senator Peggy Lehner and State Representative Jim Butler be contacted as there are statewide implications to the method in which the regional crime labs are funded and operated.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - FIRST SUBURBS, Vice Mayor Byington: Vice Mayor Byington reported that he attended a meeting of Ohio First Suburbs groups last Wednesday in Columbus. Sue Cave from the Ohio Municipal League also attended. One of the primary discussion items was HB 5.
 - MISCELLANEOUS
 - Dayton Dialogue on Race Relations: Mr. Klopsch and Mrs. Hilton briefed Council on the meeting they attended last week. It was very well attended and provided a good forum for important regional dialogue.
 - Wright Library Strategic Planning: Mr. Klopsch commented on a meeting recently attended by Vice Mayor Byington, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Epley, Mr. Klopsch and Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher. The purpose of the meeting was to assist Wright Library staff in a strategic planning project.
 - Former PSO Fred Wilson: Mr. Klopsch noted that the Montgomery County Grand Jury handed down an indictment today in the case involving embezzlement of FOP funds.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the council work session at 6:40 p.m.



Mayor

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Clerk of Council