

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 8, 2014

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, December 8, 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 included City Manager Norbert Klopsch and Law Director Rob Jacques. Also attending for discussion about the Montgomery County Fairgrounds Land Development Project was Oakwood resident Dave Dickerson.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and invited Mr. Dickerson to provide an overview of the Montgomery County Fairgrounds Project. Mr. Klopsch explained that he was contacted several weeks ago by Mr. Dickerson and asked if Oakwood would participate as a partner in a funding application for the Fairgrounds Development Project.

Mr. Dickerson explained that it is an \$18.5 million dollar project which includes relocating the Montgomery County Fairgrounds to a Brookville site and redeveloping the current fairground property. Approximately \$10 million has been raised to date and an additional \$5 million in federal dollars is being requested through the Dayton Development Coalition. Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley and Montgomery County Commissioner Dan Foley visited Washington D.C. last week to promote the project and lobby for the funding. The project planning committee hopes to have a contract in place by mid-2015 with construction to begin in the third quarter of 2015. As currently planned, the 2015 Montgomery County Fair will be conducted at the current Dayton location and then the 2016 at the new Brookville site.

Mayor Duncan thanked Mr. Dickerson for the information. Mr. Dickerson departed the meeting at this time.

Mayor Duncan then continued the work session by reviewing the agenda for the formal meeting this evening. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS**
 - HB 5: Municipal Income Tax Law – Mayor Duncan will provide an update on this state legislation at the formal meeting this evening.
- **VISITORS:**
 - Dorthy Rhodes-Kupka, Oakwood Winter Market – Mayor Duncan noted that Dorthy will attend the formal meeting this evening, along with some other members of the Winter Market Planning Committee.
- **LEGISLATION** – Council discussed the following five items scheduled to be addressed at the formal meeting this evening:
 - Ordinance to approve updates to Traffic and General Offenses Codes.
 - Ordinance to amend the organization and staffing schedule.
 - Ordinance to amend the personnel schedule.
 - Ordinance to amend compensation rates for the Oakwood Court.
 - Ordinance to approve the 2015 Budget.
- **REGIONAL AGENCIES**
 - MVCC, Mr. Epley
 - Executive Director Position: Mr. Klopsch noted that Executive Director John Weithofer will retire on January 31, 2015... this after six years in the position. The Executive Committee of the MVCC board will lead the search for a replacement. Mr. Klopsch added that he viewed Mr. Weithofer as the finest Executive Director to have ever served MVCC. Mr. Klopsch will prepare a proclamation honoring Mr. Weithofer for presentation at the January 5 council meeting.

- First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
 - December 3 Meeting: Vice Mayor Byington and Mr. Klopsch reported on the December 3 First Suburbs meeting. At the meeting, Vice Mayor Byington was honored for three years of service as Chair. The new Chair is Bruce Duke from Kettering. City Council was given a binder entitled “Community Enrichment Best Practices” which was assembled by the First Suburbs Consortium. It includes 78 programs designed to enhance and enrich the quality of life in suburban communities.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - U.S. Flag Display Project: Mr. Klopsch reported that the Oakwood Rotary Foundation recently approved a grant request in the amount of \$2,500 to purchase flags for the city’s first Flag Display Project. It will occur in 2015 on Memorial Day and over the 4th of July holiday. The overall purpose of the project is to promote patriotism.
 - 2015 Hoopla: Mr. Klopsch reviewed a request from the Dayton Development Coalition to sponsor the 2015 NCAA Hoopla. Under the city’s current financial situation, Mr. Klopsch suggested denying the request. Council concurred.
 - 2016 Citizen Committees: Mr. Klopsch distributed a list of Oakwood citizens whose terms on current council committees are expiring. Mayor Duncan asked if there was any objection to inviting each citizen to serve another year. There were no objections voiced.
 - 2015 MLK Luncheon: Mr. Klopsch noted that the Kettering-Moraine-Oakwood Chamber of Commerce will conduct a MLK luncheon on January 19, 2015, similar to the event conducted in January, 2014.
 - Winter Market: Council discussed the December 5-6 Winter Market and noted that it was a successful event, even with the inclement weather. Mr. Klopsch noted that the Winter Market Planning Committee has designs to conduct another winter market in 2015.
 - 2016 Aerial Survey Project: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that the Montgomery County Engineers Office is in the early stages of planning an aerial survey project that would cover the entire county. All political jurisdictions within the county are being asked to participate in the project and to provide financial support. Oakwood’s portion is currently set at \$5,000 but would likely be around \$3,000 once the final scope of work is determined.
 - New PSO: Mr. Klopsch reported that the city has extended a conditional offer to Cameron McElroy to replace PSO Gail Schmidt who is retiring in 2015. Assuming a satisfactory background check, Mr. McElroy will begin the Police Academy later this month.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the pre-council work session at 7:20 p.m. at which time Council moved to the formal meeting.



Mayor

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Clerk of Council