

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in an executive session and a work session on Monday, February 9, 2015 in the conference room of the Oakwood Municipal Building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the city, William Duncan, presided. Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and asked for a motion to go into executive session for conference with attorney. Motion by Vice Mayor Byington; second by Councilmember Anne Hilton. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed. In addition to Mayor Duncan, attendees of the executive session included Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Anne Hilton, Councilmember Chris Epley, City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques.

At 6:34 p.m. Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and opened the regular work session. At this time, Councilmember Rob Stephens joined the meeting. 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 work session agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS:** Mayor Duncan noted that he will deliver his annual State of the City Address at the formal meeting this evening. Also, he will ask for Council to confirm several appointments to citizen committees.
- **VISITORS:** Mayor Duncan noted that a representative from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District will give a brief presentation at the formal meeting this evening.
- **LEGISLATION –** Council discussed the following two items that will be presented at the formal meeting this evening:
 - Ordinance approving Verizon Land Lease.
 - Resolution Honoring Dr. John A. Eastman, Ph.D., P.E.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - **FINANCE, Vice Mayor Byington**
 - **2014 Year-end Balances:** Mr. Klopsch mentioned that the 2014 year-end balances were several hundred thousand dollars greater than anticipated. This means that the 2015 beginning year balances are better than projected. Mr. Klopsch also noted that the final 2014 expense numbers reflect that the city has now provided services at a lower annual cost in each of the last six consecutive years. He added that with the higher beginning year balances, city council could defer until 2016 any new discussions about the need for additional revenues. Beginning in 2016, the city will start to see the negative financial impact of HB 5, the recently adopted municipal income tax reform legislation. The full impact of HB 5, however, will not be known until after 2017.

- SAFETY & TRAFFIC, Mr. Stephens
 - Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab: Mr. Klopsch reported that a regional committee has been established to engage in discussions about concerns regarding future funding for the Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab (MVRCL). All area police agencies recognize the value of having a local crime lab but financial constraints are causing many local political jurisdictions to consider dropping MVRCL membership and to begin using the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations labs. Mr. Klopsch expects that this issue will be resolved sometime in 2015.

- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Historical Society, Mrs. Hilton
 - February 7 Annual Meeting: Councilmember Anne Hilton reported on the annual meeting she and City Manager Klopsch attended last Saturday evening. The Historical Society continues to be a very active and vibrant organization in our city. The society has many wonderful community events planned for 2015.
 - Hawthorn Hill: Mr. Klopsch noted that the Oakwood Historical Society is planning another Hawthorn Hill area home tour event. The 2015 event is scheduled for Sunday, April 26. Mr. Klopsch explained that this can be approved as a special event.

- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Winter Market Payment Request: Mr. Klopsch informed Council of a request from the Oakwood Farmers' Market Organization that the city pay a \$2,114 invoice to Studebaker Electric with the understanding that the Farmers' Market Organization will provide full reimbursement by November 2015. The Farmers' Market Organization was unable to pay this expense due to a shortfall in fundraising for the 2014 Winter Market. Mr. Klopsch added that City Attorney Rob Jacques prepared an agreement to ensure that the city will receive the reimbursement. Council concurred with this action.
 - Triumph of Flight Monument: Mr. Klopsch noted that Mayor Duncan has received two requests from the Wright Image Group asking that Council restate its support for construction of a "Triumph of Flight" monument at the I-75/I-70 interchange. Mayor Duncan confirmed Council's previous position that the Wright Image Group needs to build regional support for this project and that Oakwood Council would not restate its support. Mr. Klopsch will see that an appropriate letter is sent to the Wright Image Group.
 - February 23 Meeting with School & Library Boards: Mr. Klopsch reviewed the purpose of the upcoming joint meeting. It will provide an opportunity for each of the three organizations to speak about current projects and issues and will provide time for a roundtable discussion.
 - Public Works Operations: Mr. Klopsch provided an update on the public works department operations as they have functioned since the September 2014 departure of Public Works Director Kevin Weaver. The recent loss of Foreman Jeff Rittenhouse necessitates the hiring of a new foreman. There will be some challenges this year as two of the four foreman are new to the city staff. That said, Mr. Klopsch expects the new system to continue operating efficiently, with the department continuing to provide first-class services to Oakwood residents and businesses.

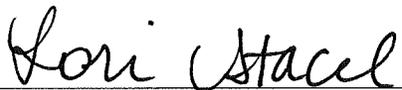
- Girl Scout Recommendations: Mr. Klopsch reported that the recommendations presented by the Oakwood Girl Scout group at the November 2014 council meeting have been addressed and all changes that staff deemed appropriate have been completed.
- Emerald Ash Borer: Mr. Klopsch noted that he has received a report from Leisure Services Director Carol Collins on ideas relating to the removal of 75 or so ash trees throughout the city. Mr. Klopsch will present details on this at the March work session.
- ISP Study: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that Oakwood resident David Hale contacted him last week to express an interest in doing some research on the feasibility of the city becoming an Internet Service Provider (ISP). Mr. Klopsch will meet with Mr. Hale this Thursday to obtain more information.
- UD President Recruitment: Mayor Duncan noted that he and Mr. Klopsch have been invited to participate in the recruitment process established by UD in their search for a new president. President Dan Curran is retiring in 2016.

There being no other business, at 7:22 p.m., Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council