

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WORK SESSION
MARCH 2, 2015

Oakwood City Council met at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015 in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue. In attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Anne Hilton, Councilmember Chris Epley, City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan opened the meeting with an executive session for conference with attorney. Councilmember Rob Stephens did not attend this executive session. At 6:34 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session for conference with attorney and opened an executive session for personnel matters. Councilmember Rob Stephens joined the meeting at this time as did Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher and Public Safety Director Alex Bebris. At 6:50 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session for personnel matters and opened a regular work session. Mr. Weiskircher and Chief Bebris departed at this time

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

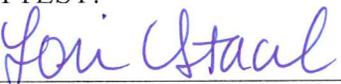
- **STATUS REPORTS:** Mayor Duncan noted that he will present a proclamation at the formal meeting this evening recognizing April as Fair Housing Month.
- **PUBLIC HEARING – SAXBYS APPEAL:** Mayor Duncan reviewed procedures for conducting a public hearing at the formal meeting this evening on the appeal from Saxbys coffee shop for early opening hours.
- **LEGISLATION –** Council discussed the following two resolutions to be addressed at the formal meeting this evening:
 - Resolution re: Saxbys Appeal (three options depending on whether Council decides to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application).
 - Resolution to support the Big Hoopla & the NCAA First Four.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - **FINANCE, Vice Mayor Byington**
 - 2014 Audit: Mr. Klopsch noted that Finance Director Cindy Stafford will be meeting with state auditors this Thursday for a discussion on how the 2014 audit will be conducted.
 - Online Spending: Mr. Klopsch commented on interest by the state treasurer that all local governments in Ohio begin posting online their spending records. He noted that Huber Heights is beginning to do so. Mayor Duncan mentioned that the city of Beavercreek is also considering this action. Mayor Duncan added that he questions the value of this and the corresponding expense. Vice Mayor Byington stated that he has visited the state's online spending website and found that it did not capture useful information.
 - Water Payment Credit: Mr. Klopsch reported that the finance department is in the final phase of updating finance software programs and is currently working on the utility payments package. He suggested that the city consider discontinuing the 5% early payment credit for water bills. Mr. Klopsch will discuss this further in a future work session.
 - **Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington**
 - Pointe Oakwood Development: Mr. Klopsch referenced a *Dayton Daily News* article about the growing rental market, particularly for apartments. He suggested that the upper section of the Pointe Oakwood development may someday be a good location to consider construction of high-end rental housing.

- Public Properties, Mr. Epley
 - Athletic Boosters Projects: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that he was contacted last Friday by Oakwood resident Greg Gallatin and provided an update on the Oakwood Athletic Boosters interest in building an artificial turf field at Mack Hummon Stadium. Mr. Stephens added that he recently spoke to Oakwood Schools Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey about this matter. It appears that the Athletic Boosters organization has raised a significant amount of money in support of this project and is promoting it to the school board.
 - Oakwood United Soccer: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that staff continues working with representatives from Oakwood United Soccer in discussing possible improvements to the Old River Sports Complex and the possibility of merging the Oakwood Community Center recreation soccer program with Oakwood United.
- SAFETY & TRAFFIC, Mr. Stephens
 - Far Hills Sidewalk Railing: Mr. Klopsch explained that an Oakwood resident living on Far Hills Avenue, north of Patterson Road requested that the city extend the metal railing between the sidewalk and street. The cost to extend this across one or two properties is in the range of \$25,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Klopsch explained that this would represent a very large expense to only serve one or two Oakwood properties. He added that when the railing was originally installed, a citizen committee, including representatives from the Oakwood Schools, carefully selected locations for the railing. Staff recommends against extending the railing. Council concurred. Mr. Klopsch will see that the Far Hills property owner is notified.
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - MVRPC, Vice Mayor Byington
 - April 22 MVRPC Spring Dinner: Mr. Klopsch reminded Council of this upcoming event.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - April 17 Tree City USA Luncheon: Mr. Klopsch announced that the annual luncheon this year will be held in the city of Wyoming.
 - March 18 OML Legislative Luncheon: Vice Mayor Byington mentioned that he may attend this annual event in Columbus.
 - The Oakwood Florist: Mr. Klopsch reported that The Oakwood Florist has been nominated for a Better Business Bureau Eclipse Integrity Award. He sent a letter on behalf of the city supporting the nomination.
 - Annual Report: Mr. Klopsch noted that staff will be finalizing the annual report over the next few weeks and it will be delivered to all Oakwood property owners later this month.

There being no other business, at 7:22 p.m., Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session and council moved to the formal meeting.



 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Clerk of Council