

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
APRIL 6, 2015

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

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 agenda items:

- VISITORS
 - Brian Humphress, MVCC Executive Director: Mr. Klopsch noted that Brian Humphress will attend the formal meeting this evening to introduce himself and to meet City Council.
- LEGISLATION – Council discussed the following two resolutions scheduled for the formal meeting this evening:
 - Resolution of Necessity for 2015 Sidewalk Repair Project.
 - Resolution of Necessity for 2016 Street Lighting.
- STAFF REPORTS
 - Far Hills Business District Tree Project: Mr. Klopsch reported that Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher and Leisure Services Director Carol Collins will present a project update at the formal meeting this evening.
 - Public Works Update: Mr. Klopsch noted that he will provide an update on projects and operations within the public works department.
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Backyard Chickens: Mr. Klopsch noted that an E. Thruston property owner was given two weeks to remove backyard chickens. Staff expects that the citizen will comply without further city action.
 - Public Properties, Mr. Epley
 - Shafor Park Tennis and Basketball Courts: Mr. Klopsch explained that staff is working on a plan to make improvements to the Shafor Park tennis courts and the Shafor Park basketball court. A major component of the project will be addressing the poor condition of the tennis court perimeter fence. Staff is reviewing options for repainting the fence, or possibly replacing it.
 - Orchardly Park Basketball Court: Mr. Klopsch noted that the 2015 Budget includes funds to replace the basketball poles and hoops and to resurface the court. The existing court measures approximately 90' long by 39' wide. A standard court measures 90' long by 45' wide. Staff is reviewing options for enlarging the court as part of the improvements.
 - Turf Task Force: Mr. Klopsch explained that the Oakwood City Schools appointed a ten person task force to assist the Schools in considering options for installing an artificial turf surface at either Mack Hummon Stadium, or with the city's approval, in a new facility at Old River Field. Mr. Klopsch and Councilmember Epley are serving on this task force.

- SAFETY & TRAFFIC, Mr. Stephens
 - Irving Avenue Traffic: Mr. Klopsch reported that the Public Safety Department studied traffic movements along Irving Avenue in response to an anonymous complaint about pizza delivery vehicles speeding and operating noisy vehicles, particularly during the late night/early morning hours. No notable problems were identified.
 - Far Hills Crossing Guards: Mr. Klopsch explained that the Oakwood School Board would like to hire a fourth crossing guard to assist students at the Far Hills and Park Avenue intersection. Currently, adult crossing guards are stationed at Far Hills and Aberdeen Avenue; at Far Hills and Patterson Road; and at Five Points. The Schools have agreed to modify the cost sharing agreement so that the Schools would absorb all of the additional expense of this fourth crossing guard. There being no objections from Council, Mr. Klopsch will proceed with this action. The new guard will begin when the 2015/16 school year starts in August.
- STREETS & ALLEYS, Mr. Stephens
 - 2015 Sidewalk, Curb & Driveway Apron Project: Mr. Klopsch reported that sealed bids will be opened at 2 p.m. tomorrow. The city expects three or four bidders.
 - 2015 Asphalt Pavement Project: Mr. Klopsch noted that the April 3 City Manager Newsletter packet included the proposed scope of work for the 2015 Repaving Project. Staff is beginning work on assembling the bid package.

At 7 p.m., Mayor Duncan called for a motion to move to executive session for conference with attorney. Motion by Vice Mayor Byington; second by Mrs. Hilton. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed and Council moved to an executive session. Oakwood School Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey and Public Safety Director Alex Bebris joined the meeting for this executive session.

At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and Council returned to regular session.

- MISCELLANEOUS
 - General Service Workers – Public Works: Mr. Klopsch reported that staff has identified two excellent candidates to join the public works department. One will be filling a current vacancy and the other will be filling a vacancy expected between now and years end.
 - 2014 Annual Report: Mr. Klopsch noted that the annual report was recently delivered to all property owners and asked for Council feedback. Council expressed support for the report format and content.
 - Annual UD Breakfast – May 7: Mr. Klopsch reminded Council of this annual event. He noted that UD has invited Dr. Greg Ramey, chair of the Oakwood Board of Health, to also participate in the event. The breakfast will include a tour of the GE EPISCenter facility. The Oakwood Board of Health played an important role in assisting UD in addressing environmental issues that led to the construction of the GE facility.
 - Rediscover Oakwood: Mr. Klopsch explained that Oakwood senior Sheelagh Jackson is working on a senior service project titled “Rediscover Oakwood”. It includes a two to three day event open to 20 Oakwood seniors. One of the events is a roundtable discussion to which he and Mayor Duncan, along with several other community leaders, will be invited.

- MVRPC Spring Dinner: Mr. Klopsch noted that Mrs. Hilton and her husband David will attend the April 22 event, as will Mr. Klopsch. Vice Mayor Byington noted that he and his wife Beth will also attend.

There being no other business, at 7:26 p.m., Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session and council moved to the formal meeting.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council