

CITY OF OAKWOOD  
STATE OF OHIO  
JANUARY 4, 2016

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded.

City Manager Norbert Klopsch opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of Council responded to their names:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....	PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	PRESENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....	PRESENT
MR. CHRISTOPHER B. EPLEY.....	PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

John W. Powell, 420 Ridgewood Avenue  
Karen Wilson, 2500 Far Hills Avenue  
Nancy Drozd, 237 Telford Avenue  
Eileen Epley, 54 Beverly Place  
Brenda May, 215 Telford Avenue  
Sonia and Al Zennie, 635 Garden Road  
Stephen and Connie Tahy, 246 Triangle Avenue  
Gary and Amy Smith, 30 W. Hadley Road  
Michael Maresca, 124 Beverly Place  
Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue  
Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

Mr. Klopsch shared that according to Section 2.09 of the Oakwood Charter, once every two years an organization meeting is conducted to elect a Mayor and Vice Mayor. He asked the City Attorney to swear in the newly re-elected Council Members.

Mr. Jacques administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Council Members William Duncan, Steven Byington and Christopher Epley.

Mr. Klopsch explained that the five members of Council are elected by the citizenry for four year terms and City Council selects amongst themselves a member to serve as Mayor and a member to serve as Vice Mayor.

Mr. Klopsch asked for nominations for Mayor and Vice Mayor.

It was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Epley that Mr. Duncan be reappointed as Mayor and Mr. Byington be reappointed as Vice Mayor.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON.....	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said motion was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

Vice Mayor Byington shared that he was happy to serve.

Mayor Duncan thanked the citizens for re-electing him for another four years. He shared that he is proud to serve with his fellow councilmembers and he looks forward to keeping Oakwood the premiere residential community in the Miami Valley.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular and work sessions. Mrs. Hilton reported that she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Council Committee Assignments – Mayor Duncan explained that there are several committees of Council that consist of two members that meet as needed to discuss various topics. Mayor Duncan indicated that Council decided to leave the committee assignments the same as last year, as follows:

#### 2016 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

William Duncan, Mayor	Steve Byington, Vice Mayor
Court Liaison	Anne Hilton, Chair Christopher Epley
Finance	Steve Byington, Chair William Duncan
Law and Minutes	Anne Hilton, Chair Steve Byington
Planning and Zoning	Steve Byington, Chair Christopher Epley
Public Properties	Christopher Epley, Chair Rob Stephens
Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer	Christopher Epley, Chair Rob Stephens
Safety and Traffic	Rob Stephens, Chair Anne Hilton
Streets and Alleys	Rob Stephens, Chair Anne Hilton
Community Relations/Promotion & Appointments	William Duncan, Chair Steve Byington
<b>Regional Agencies - Council Representation</b>	
Miami Valley Communications Council	Christopher Epley Rob Stephens, Alternate
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Committee	Steve Byington William Duncan, Alternate
EMA Regional Advisory Council	William Duncan Norbert Klopsch, Alternate
First Suburbs Consortium	Steve Byington Norbert Klopsch William Duncan, Alternate
South Suburban Coalition	Anne Hilton, Alternate Alex Bebris William Duncan, Alternate
<b>Boards, Commissions and Citizen Ad Hoc Committees</b>	
Planning Commission	Steve Byington
Environmental Committee	Rob Stephens
MLK Committee	Steve Byington
Sister City	Anne Hilton
Historical Society	Anne Hilton

Note: The Mayor also serves as ex-officio member of each Council committee.

It was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the aforementioned assignments be confirmed for 2016. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

#### STATUS REPORTS

2016 Committee Appointments – Mayor Duncan presented the following list of reappointments and new appointments to various citizen committees:

Kevin Hill, BZA; David Dickerson (Precinct B), Jeff Woeste (Precinct B), William Meyer (Precinct C), Michael Vanderburgh (Precinct D), Steve Brooks (Precinct D), Phil Chick (Precinct F), Kyle Maschino (Precinct F), John Gray (Precinct G), Beth Ritzert (Precinct G) and Mike Ruetschle (Precinct G) to the Budget Review Committee; Tom Davis to the Environmental Committee; Jeff Shulman and Healy Jackson to the Planning Commission; Jan Scheid to the Tax Appeals Board, and Kip Bohachek (Precinct B) and Susan Herman (Precinct E) to the Property Maintenance Board.

It was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the aforementioned appointments be confirmed. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

#### VISITORS

2015 Holiday Decorating Award Winners – Mayor Duncan and Nancy Drozd of the Environmental Committee presented certificates to the 2015 holiday decorating contest winners. Awards are presented based upon use of natural materials, lighting and curb appeal. Although several were not in attendance, all of the following winners were recognized:

##### DAYTIME WINNERS

Area 1 – Al and Sonia Zennie, 635 Garden Road  
 Area 2 – The O’Connor Family, 36 Spirea Drive  
 Area 3 – Brenda May, 215 Telford Avenue  
 Area 4 – Stephen and Connie Tahy, 246 Triangle Avenue  
 Area 5 – Mark and Cari Hopkins, 2529 Hillview Avenue  
 Area 6 – Laurie Keller, 906 Harman Avenue  
 Business – Get Dressed! Boutique – Tracey Schumann, 2501 Far Hills Avenue

##### NIGHTTIME WINNERS

Area 1 – The Powell Family, 420 Ridgewood Avenue  
 Area 2 – Kathy and Rich Maresca, 124 Beverly Place  
 Area 3 – Mark and Norma Alex, 332 Lonsdale Avenue  
 Area 4 – The Etter Family, 35 E. Hadley Avenue  
 Area 5 – The Smith Family, 30 W. Hadley Road  
 Area 6 – Francis and Barbara Cortez, 988 Oakwood Avenue  
 Business – Chico’s – Karen Zerkle, 2500 Far Hills Avenue

Mayor Duncan also thanked DP&L for the \$5,000 donation that funded the Business District Wintertime Lights.

#### LEGISLATION

##### AN ORDINANCE

BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4819

TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 167.01, *BOARD OF SEWER AND WATER APPEALS*, OF THE OAKWOOD ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND EXISTING SECTION 311.02, *PARADES AND BLOCKING STREETS; PARADE AND ASSEMBLY APPEALS BOARD*, OF THE OAKWOOD TRAFFIC CODE, TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE “LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW” TO SERVE AS THE “BOARD OF SEWER AND WATER APPEALS” AND AS THE “PARADE AND ASSEMBLY APPEALS BOARD.”

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Epley explained that this is a house-keeping ordinance. Under Oakwood Charter and Codes, the city has several different citizen boards and commissions that hear a variety of appeals. For many years, the Oakwood Codified Ordinances have directed that the three members of our Board of Tax Appeals also function as the Oakwood Board of Sewer and Water Appeals and the Oakwood Parade and Assembly Appeals Board.

Because of state mandates in Ohio H.B. 5, which Council was forced to adopt, the Oakwood Board of Tax Appeals now has the same function with a new name: it is now the Local Board of Tax Review. This is a change in terminology only, but in order to continue the practice of using the same three members for the Boards of Sewer and Water Appeals and Parade and Assembly Appeals, it is necessary to update the Oakwood Administrative Code and the Oakwood Traffic Code to reflect this new terminology.

This was a first reading of this ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion at this time.

Mrs. Hilton inquired about how this applies to parades.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that the Oakwood Parade and Assembly Appeals Board is in place to hear concerns related to parades.

STAFF REPORT – NONE

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS – NONE

Mayor Duncan commended the Public Works Department for placing extra cardboard recycling containers at the Creager Field drop-off site over the Christmas holiday weekend. He shared that when he stopped by at 11 a.m. that Sunday, they were completely full and the area was kept nice and clean because of the extra containers.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Hilton congratulated the Public Works Department for all of their hard work. She recently visited the salt dome and everything was in order.

The public meeting concluded at 7:49 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL