

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JULY 12, 2010

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, July 12, 2010 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 Steven Byington, Stanley Castleman and Anne Hilton. Council member Rob Stephens was excused absent. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the pre-council work session to order at 6 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items.

- **STATUS REPORTS.** The following status reports will be delivered at the 7:30 p.m. meeting this evening.
 - **POINTE OAKWOOD UPDATE, MR. BYINGTON** – Mr. Klopsch mentioned that Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher will provide an update on Pointe Oakwood during his staff briefing this evening.
 - **FAR HILLS RAMP PROJECT, MRS. HILTON** – Mr. Klopsch briefed council on the status of the Far Hills ramp project. This included a discussion about the federal and state mandates regarding “No Crossing” signs. Mr. Klopsch suggested that the city build 15 additional wheelchair ramps at 10 intersections. This would leave five intersections where crossing would remain prohibited. Council concurred.

- **LEGISLATION.** The following two items of legislation will be presented at the 7:30 meeting this evening.
 - **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN**
 - **RESOLUTION ENDORSING MULTI-COUNTY ADVANTAGE SHARING PROGRAM PROPOSAL, MAYOR DUNCAN**

- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - **FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN**
 - **Ohio Municipal Tax System.** Mr. Klopsch commented on discussions underway in Columbus regarding options for simplifying the municipal tax system in Ohio. Although local governments generally do not object to improving the system, there is major concern that changes may lead to a decrease in income tax collections – and that this decrease would cause additional fiscal problems for many communities that are already having budget difficulties.
 - **PUBLIC PROPERTIES, MR. CASTLEMAN**
 - **Athletic and Recreation Master Plan.** Council discussed the recently adopted Master Plan and generally felt that the city should wait until late this year or early next year to begin additional dialogue on potential plan implementation. One exception, however, is the potential dog park. Mr.

Klopsch suggested that staff could prepare plans for transforming Creager Field into a community dog park. Council directed Mr. Klopsch to proceed. The cost for a dog park should be fairly modest and could be incorporated into the 2011 Budget.

- MISCELLANEOUS

- Oak Tree Corner Request. Mr. Klopsch discussed a request received from Oak Tree Corner, located at Far Hills and Schantz, involving fundraising ideas. A specific request included the possibility of Oak Tree Corner building a brick sidewalk funded through donations by citizens interested in supporting the Oak Tree Corner mission. The possible fundraising project could be included in future improvements to the city athletic and recreation facilities. Mr. Klopsch will inform Oak Tree Corner that there may be possibilities but likely not in the near future.
- 2010 Greater Dayton Conference on Youth. Mr. Klopsch addressed a request for \$2,500 in support of the 2010 Youth Conference. The city has supported this effort over the past two or three years and has money included for this in the 2010 Budget. Council did not object to once again supporting the program.
- Economic Development Incentive Program. Mr. Castleman suggested that staff begin thinking about possible ways in which the city could incentivize economic development in Oakwood. Although there are no plans to move forward with such a program at this time, Mr. Castleman suggested the city would be well to at least complete some preliminary work in this regard. Mr. Klopsch acknowledged.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the pre-council work session at 7:21 p.m. at which time council moved to the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF STAFF
FROM: NORBERT KLOPSCH
SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION MINUTES
DATE: JULY 19, 2010

Attached is a copy of the minutes from our most recent council work session. I send this to you for your information and follow through as appropriate. Please see me if you have any questions.

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