

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MAY 9, 2011**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, May 9, 2011 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, Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton; Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques. Also attending was Jeremy Kelley, *DDN* reporter.

Mayor Duncan opened the work session at 6 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items.

- **STATUS REPORTS.** Council discussed the following three reports to be delivered at the formal meeting this evening.
 - DC FLY-IN, MAYOR DUNCAN
 - OHIO PROCLAMATION OF CITYHOOD, MAYOR DUNCAN
 - COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, MAYOR DUNCAN

- **VISITORS.** The following two visitors are expected at the formal meeting this evening:
 - RANDY BALDRIDGE, MIKE JONES & ALAN HILL, PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT. Chief Alex Bebris will comment on promotions to the rank of Captain for Alan Hill and Mike Jones and to the rank of Major for Randy Baldrige.
 - POINTE OAKWOOD. Representatives from Pointe Oakwood will present building materials for a second model home to be constructed over the next few months.

- **LEGISLATION.** Council discussed the following items of legislation to be presented at the formal meeting this evening.
 - TAX BUDGET ORDINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - ORDINANCE TO PROCEED WITH SIDEWALK PROJECT, MR. STEPHENS
 - STAFFING SCHEDULE ORDINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - RESOLUTION RE: FAR HILLS PROJECT, MR. STEPHENS
 - RESOLUTION RE: CPOC COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - ORDINANCE VACATING EASEMENT AT SUGAR CAMP, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - ORDINANCE VACATING EASEMENT AT SUGAR CAMP, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FAR HILLS BUSINESS DISTRICT STREET LIGHTS, MR. CASTLEMAN

Mr. Klopsch presented one additional resolution – this expressing support for the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel. Mayor Duncan questioned whether council supported adding this resolution to the agenda. Vice Mayor Byington expressed support and offered to introduce the resolution.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - 1992/2010 Data. Mr. Klopsch discussed financial data comparing revenues and expenses in 1992 to 2010. The data clearly shows that in 1992, the city did not need estate tax revenue to operate a balanced budget. In 2010, the city needed nearly \$3M. The data also shows the significant increase in personnel cost over this 18-year period.
 - Estate Tax Update. Mr. Klopsch reported on a discussion he had with Senate President Tom Niehaus last Friday relating to the state's proposed repeal of the Ohio estate tax. Senator Niehaus understands the financial implications of repeal but clearly articulated the political pressure that Republican Party members feel to repeal this tax. The Ohio House version of the 2012/13 biennial budget includes repealing the estate tax effective January, 2013. The Ohio Senate is now working on their version of the budget.
 - PUBLIC PROPERTIES, MR. CASTLEMAN
 - Dog Park. Mr. Klopsch advised council that he will be mailing a letter to property owners around Creager Field later this week – this to inform them of the city's plans to construct a new walking path from the sidewalk up to the field. That path will be constructed to meet requirements of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The letter will also inform them of fence installation and that the park should be open for use around late June.

At 6:30 p.m., Attorney Jim Kordik joined the meeting. Mayor Duncan asked for motion to go to executive session for conference with attorney. Motion by Mr. Castleman, second by Mr. Stephens. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed. Jeremy Kelley departed.

At 6:54 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session at which time Mr. Kordik departed, Mr. Kelley returned, and council returned to regular work session.

- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION, MRS. HILTON
 - Mr. Klopsch commented on the 35th Anniversary of Twinning with Outremont. The city will be involved in a cocktail party, welcoming ceremony and the Mayor's luncheon.
 - HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MRS. HILTON
 - Capital Improvement Needs. Mr. Klopsch distributed a list of work items proposed at the Long Romspert Homestead by the Oakwood Historical Society. The 2011 city budget includes \$5,000 to assist with the projects. Mr. Klopsch will work with Harry Ebeling to proceed with funding the improvements.

- MISCELLANEOUS

- Firearms. Mr. Klopsch commented on two recent public safety 911 calls reporting firearms in Oakwood. On one occasion, it was a toy gun; on the other, it was actually a cell phone. However, in both cases the officers' response demanded caution and assumption that they were dealing with a real firearm situation.
- That Day in May. Council discussed the May 21 event and decided to walk in the parade rather than ride in refuse scooters.
- Regionalism. Mr. Klopsch informed council of two recent meetings with County Commissioner Dan Foley. At the meetings, Commissioner Foley expressed his long term goal to build a regional form of government in Montgomery County. This will likely require a state ballot issue.
- Ad Hoc Bike Committee. Mr. Klopsch commented on establishment of an ad hoc committee to address biking issues in and around Oakwood. The first meeting was recently held with another planned for the near future. The first task is reestablishing and resigning the Oakwood bikeway route and publishing a bikeway route brochure.

At 7:26 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and council moved to the formal meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council