

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**JULY 11, 2011**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, July 11, 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 *Dayton Daily News* reporter Jill Kelley.

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

- **STATUS REPORTS.** Council discussed the following two reports planned for this evening.
  - **SISTER CITY EVENT: MAYOR DUNCAN AND MRS. HILTON**
  - **2012/13 STATE BUDGET: MAYOR DUNCAN**
  
- **VISITORS.** Mayor Duncan noted that Montgomery County Treasurer Carolyn Rice will address council tonight, as will DP&L “Ambassador” Stefanie Campbell.
  
- **LEGISLATION.** Council discussed the following two items of legislation scheduled for presentation at the formal meeting this evening.
  - **ORDINANCE RE: “DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS”, MR. STEPHENS.** Mr. Klopsch noted that this is a second reading and that the ordinance was changed to remove language stipulating that pit bulls, by definition, are “vicious” dogs. Rather, the ordinance now reflects that Oakwood will follow Ohio law on whether pit bulls or any other specific breed are automatically designated as “vicious”.
  - **RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE BUCKET TRUCK, MR. CASTLEMAN.** Mr. Stephens asked for confirmation that the old bucket truck was indeed no longer useable. Mr. Klopsch explained that the 1995 truck is no longer safe and reliable and that Public Works Director Kevin Weaver will provide details during the formal meeting this evening.
  
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
  - **FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN**
    - **2.72 Mill Property Tax Issue.** Mayor Duncan briefed council on a meeting he attended earlier today with BRC members Dave Dickerson, Bill Frapwell and Charlie Campbell, and Councilmember Stanley Castleman and City Manager Norbert Klopsch. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the city’s financial needs, particularly given the 2013 repeal of Ohio’s estate tax. The meeting also included a detailed discussion on what property tax ballot issue the city should consider presenting for public vote in November. Mayor Duncan noted that authorizing legislation for a November ballot issue will be presented at the August 1 council meeting.

- LAW & MINUTES, MRS. HILTON
  - Apartment Advertising Sign. Mr. Klopsch noted that the property at 221 Far Hills continually displays an advertising sign. Staff has informed the apartment owner that the sign should only be erected when there are apartment vacancies. The property owner, however, chooses to continue using the sign for general marketing. Staff is looking at possible ordinance changes to address this mis-use of signage.
  
- PLANNING & ZONING, MR. BYINGTON
  - Select Start Beer and Wine Request. Mr. Klopsch presented council with staff's idea on how to amend the Zoning Code so as to allow beer and wine to be served in a coffee shop. The proposed zoning code text change would provide a mechanism for owners of a coffee shop to request addition of beer and wine as a "Special Use" through the Planning Commission. The proposed text change will be presented to the Planning Commission at their August 3 meeting.
  
- PUBLIC PROPERTIES, MR. CASTLEMAN
  - Athletic Facilities and UD. Mr. Klopsch reported that he met last week with UD officials regarding possible options for shared use of Old River and the adjacent UD owned tennis courts.
  - Dog Park. Mr. Klopsch announced that the dog park is nearly completed and will be open for use this Friday, July 15.
  
- SAFETY & TRAFFIC, MR. STEPHENS
  - Door-to-Door Soliciting. Mr. Klopsch explained that the city of Englewood is in court defending an ordinance that prohibits door-to-door soliciting after 6 p.m. daily. If Englewood prevails, staff intends on presenting similar legislation in Oakwood. The current ordinance allows door-to-door soliciting until 9 p.m. daily.
  
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
  - MVCC, MR. CASTLEMAN
    - Cooperative Projects. Mr. Klopsch distributed a list of ideas for working cooperatively with other cities in the region. This is a list that was recently developed by area city managers. While there are already many cooperative efforts underway, this list provides more possibilities.
  
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Dayton Chamber of Commerce Membership Renewal. Mr. Klopsch reported that the city received an annual membership renewal request in the amount of \$650. In response to the repeal of Ohio's Estate Tax and other state budget cuts that negatively affect Oakwood, Mr. Klopsch recommended that the city not renew this membership. Council concurred. The city has been a member of the Dayton Chamber since 1998.

At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Duncan asked for a motion to go to executive session for conference with attorney and for personnel matters. Motion by Vice Mayor Byington, second by Mr. Castleman. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed.

At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Duncan adjourned the executive session at which time council moved to the regular council meeting.

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Clerk of Council