

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**AUGUST 1, 2011**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, August 1, 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 *DDN* reporter Jill Kelley.

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

- **STATUS REPORTS**
  - **SUGAR CAMP AND POINTE OAKWOOD.** Vice Mayor Byington commented that he will provide a general summary at the formal meeting this evening on the project update received last week.
  
- **LEGISLATION.** Council discussed the following five items to be presented this evening.
  - **RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH 2.72 MILL RENEWAL, MR. CASTLEMAN**
  - **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING DELINQUENT MOWING CHARGES, VICE MAYOR BYINGTON**
  - **ORDINANCE TO PROCEED WITH STREET LIGHTING, MR. STEPHENS**
  - **STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE, MR. STEPHENS**
  - **ORDINANCE RE: IN-HOUSE LAW DIRECTOR, MRS. HILTON**
  
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
  - **FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN**
    - **2011 Capital Expense Cuts.** Mr. Klopsch reviewed a list of capital expense cuts planned for this year. The total cuts amount to approximately \$360,000 or 34% of the 2011 budgeted capital expenditures. Mr. Klopsch explained that most of the cuts involve delaying until next year the equipment purchase and/or project expenditure. He added that if the city receives some unexpected estate tax revenue yet this year, staff will likely revisit this list and proceed with some of these purchases.
  
  - **PLANNING & ZONING, MR. BYINGTON**
    - **Hatcher Hills Pillars.** Mr. Klopsch confirmed that council received a sketch of proposed stone pillars to be constructed in five locations around the city's northwest quadrant neighborhood (Maysfield Plat, aka Hatcher's Plat). Purchase and installation of these pillars would be completed entirely at the expense of Hatcher's Plat property owners. Longtime resident Irv Harlamert is spearheading the project. Vice Mayor Byington asked if the pillars would

be installed in the rights-of-way. Mr. Klopsch responded yes. Council expressed no objection to this project.

- PUBLIC PROPERTIES, MR. CASTLEMAN

- Properties for Sale. Mr. Klopsch reviewed two properties that have been offered to the city for purchase. One property is at 25-27 Orchard Drive, adjacent to the public parking lot east of the Oakwood Club. The second property is at 349-355 Orchard Drive. This second property is adjacent to and directly north of Orchardly Park. None on council expressed any interest in pursuing these purchased.
- Old River Facilities. Mayor Duncan and Mr. Klopsch explained that they, along with Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher, met with UD President Dan Curran and two of his staff members last week to discuss opportunities for sharing use of the Old River facilities, including the UD owned six court tennis site. City staff will work with UD staff to prepare a shared use agreement. Mr. Klopsch added that he met today with School Superintendent Mary Jo Scalzo to ask if the Oakwood Junior High and Senior High tennis teams would be interested in using the Old River courts. Dr. Scalzo will check with the school board. Mayor Duncan commented that the meeting with Dr. Curran also included a discussion about Irving Avenue neighborhood issues, in particular students living in rental housing along the south side of Irving Avenue. Dr. Curran expressed UD's full support in assisting Oakwood in taking all reasonable steps to continually improve the neighborhood living conditions.

- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, MR. STEPHENS

- Ivy on Trees. Mr. Klopsch commented that longtime Oakwood resident Jean Woodhull continues to push for an education campaign informing citizens of the problems with ivy growing up large trees. Mr. Klopsch mentioned that informational articles have already been included in two bi-monthly Oakwood Scene newsletters. He also commented that there are mixed opinions amongst horticulture professionals on whether ivy growing on trees is in fact harmful and undesirable.

- MISCELLANEOUS

- NLC Conference. Council discussed the upcoming November 2011 conference. Mr. Klopsch suggested that the city forego attendance this year. Mayor Duncan asked whether Vice Mayor Byington's membership on the NLC First Suburbs committee requires his attendance. Vice Mayor Byington explained that it does. Council supported Vice Mayor Byington attending the conference.

At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Duncan asked for a motion to go to executive session for conference with attorney, to discuss labor negotiations and to discuss economic development. Motion by Mr. Castleman; second by Mrs. Hilton. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed. Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher joined the meeting for this executive session.

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF STAFF  
FROM: NORBERT KLOPSCH  
SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION MINUTES  
DATE: AUGUST 2, 2011

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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