

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on February 6, 2012 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, Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton; Council member Stanley Castleman was excused absent. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques. Also attending for a discussion on possible state mandated income tax changes were Finance Director Cindy Stafford and Income Tax Administrator Linda Merker.

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

- **STATUS REPORTS.** Mayor Duncan noted the follow three status reports scheduled for the formal meeting this evening.
  - 2012 STATE OF THE CITY, MAYOR DUNCAN
  - OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW PSO, MAYOR DUNCAN
  - PROCLAMATIONS, MAYOR DUNCAN
  
- **VISITORS.** Mayor Duncan mentioned that the 2011 Holiday Decorating award winners will be recognized at the formal meeting this evening.
  
- **LEGISLATION.** Vice Mayor Byington explained that he will introduce an ordinance addressing a zoning code change relating to the operation of delis in the Community Business District.
  
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
  - **FINANCE, MR. CASTLEMAN**
    - Neighborhood and Town Hall Meetings. Mr. Klopsch spoke about the three neighborhood meetings that took place over the past two weeks. They have been very productive and well attended. The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening. Additional meetings will take place over the next few months. The Town Hall meetings are scheduled for February 29, March 20 and May 10.
    - Local Income Tax. Mayor Duncan explained that various lobbying groups led by the Ohio Society of CPAs continue to push for legislation that could significantly reduce Oakwood income tax revenue. The changes involve standardizing local income tax rules throughout Ohio and centralizing income tax collection and administration. Cindy Stafford and Linda Merker explained how the city could lose in excess of \$500,000 under a standardization mandate and another \$500,000 if the state consolidates collection and administration. Mr. Klopsch suggested that council should do everything possible to inform Oakwood citizens of this potential additional revenue loss. The city is already facing a \$3M annual shortfall due to

elimination of the Ohio estate tax. An additional \$1M would be devastating.  
Mr. Klopsch suggested a city-wide mailing and will prepare a draft letter.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session at 7:15 p.m.

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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: FEBRUARY 9, 2012

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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