

CITY OF OAKWOOD

STATE OF OHIO

SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Mrs. Cathy Gibson, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of council responded to their names:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON PRESENT
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS PRESENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager
Chief Alex Bebris, Public Safety Director
Major Randy Baldrige, Public Safety Department
Captain Alan Hill, Public Safety Department
Captain Mike Jones, Public Safety Department
Members of Public Safety Department Crew

The press this evening was represented by the editor of the *Oakwood Register*, Mr. Lance Winkler.

The following visitors registered:

Lisa Kell, 247 Volusia Avenue
Ann Snively, Wright Library
Mark Risley, 151 Aberdeen
Linda Pearson, Oakwood Historical Society
Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue

Mrs. Hilton, Chair of the Council Committee on Minutes, advised council she had read the minutes of the regular and work sessions of council held July 30, 2012 and the work session held August 20, 2012. Mrs. Hilton reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the minutes of the sessions of council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORT

Proclamation. Mayor Duncan recognized September as “Library Card Sign-Up Month”.

VISITORS

Ann Snively, Wright Library. Mrs. Snively thanked Council for the Proclamation and explained this month in addition to using a library card to loan items, they have partnered with some local businesses for discounts. She reported this November they have an issue on the ballot for a 1.5 mill five year operating levy which replaces the 0.94 levy that expires this year and the 0.5 levy that expires in 2014, rolled together with a small increase. This money will produce approximately 28% of their budget. Mayor Duncan referenced state budget cuts that impact libraries. Mrs. Snively indicated there was a large cut in 2009 and they are closely watching the next state budget process. Mayor Duncan indicated when he first moved to Oakwood he obtained a library card and has since misplaced it and wondered what he needs to do. Mrs. Snively explained there is a \$3 replacement card cost. Mayor Duncan thanked her for her report.

Linda Pearson, Oakwood Historical Society. Ms. Pearson announced the Oakwood Historical Society recently received the Heritage Award from Dayton History. They applied a few years ago and she read the narrative and presented the slide show that was put together. As President of the Historical Society she accepted the award and introduced past President Mark Risley who has the award which is on display at the Long-Romspert Homestead. Ms. Pearson thanked council for their generosity and support of the homestead. Mayor Duncan thanked her for the report. Mr. Byington indicated he is a huge fan of the Society and while at the recent Homearama event, recalled looking through the Society’s archives and finding information about a new development in 1918 around

Peach Orchard. He indicated Oakwood has taken on new projects throughout the years, same as at Pointe Oakwood, all of which make this community so special. Mr. Byington indicated the Society should be proud of its historical collection. Ms. Pearson invited the community to an Open House this weekend at 413 Wiltshire. Mr. Risley explained he and his wife are liquidating an estate at the property and it is a time capsule starting in the 1930s with Disney toys, a Victrola, items from the depression era, a rare opportunity to look into the past. The event is Saturday and Sunday, 12-4, \$5 admission; and a Friday night preview party (\$10).

There being no other visitors with business, the following legislation was reviewed.

ORDINANCE

BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON

NO 4757

TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 403.1, FENCE CONSTRUCTION, OF THE OAKWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THE USE OF COMPOSITE FENCING MATERIALS.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Byington explained this amends fence regulations to include composite material, a combination of wood and manmade materials.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Byington and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed without two readings.

Mayor Duncan opened the public hearing on this legislation. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. Mr. Byington explained this ordinance was reviewed by the Planning Commission at an open meeting and recommended to Council.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS YEA
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. CASTLEMAN

NO 1763

TO GRANT APPROVAL OF AMENDED MASTER PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE OAKWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP FOR THE SUGAR CAMP COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Castleman explained this is a minor modification at 205 Sugar Camp with the elimination of the monument sign and added lettering on the revised canopy.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Castleman and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS YEA
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. STEPHENS

NO 1764

CONSENT RESOLUTION RE: ODOT GUARDRAIL PROJECT ON FAR HILLS.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Stephens explained from Patterson to Five Points, the State will be installing new guardrail. The city is under no obligation for funding as all costs will be paid by the state.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS YEA
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. CASTLEMAN

NO 1765

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Castleman explained this relates to the existing rates and amounts that Montgomery County will certify. He noted the city only receives 6% of the total real estate tax.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Castleman and seconded by Mr. Byington that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON YEA
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS YEA
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

STAFF REPORT

Public Safety Department Update. Chief Bebris referenced a PowerPoint presentation with the following updates. In regard to projects, he reported on Lexipol department policies and the institution of Job Performance Requirements (JPRs). In regard to Lexipol, he recognized Captain Alan Hill who championed the project while continuing to complete his other job duties, the policy manual is now available on the car computers. He reported thefts have risen, 58 in an eight month period in 2011 and 86 in 2012; however, burglaries have decreased in same time period from 20 to 6; citations were 1650 in 2011 and 1968 in 2012; and arrests have also increased from 55 to 95. He expressed frustration that the recent 22 thefts have resulted from unlocked vehicles and reviewed several crime prevention tips. Chief Bebris reported after the city manager asked department heads to be cost conscious, they looked into overtime and year-to-date in 2011 had spent \$230,000 and to date this year only \$169,000 a 28% reduction. He extended thanks to the captains on helping with staffing issues which have resulted in less overtime.

Mr. Stephens noted most thefts have been from unlocked cars and wondered if any arrests have been made. Chief Bebris indicated they have a suspect who has been selling items at a pawn shop. Mr. Byington suggested they follow up to make certain car doors are locked. Mayor Duncan commended Captain Hill on his work in the recent Upchurch case and recognized many public safety officers in the audience. He noticed they aren't parked in usual places, different areas which provides a sense of security. He indicated during recent neighborhood meetings, they heard the greatest support of safety officers and are proud of the cross certification that makes Oakwood so unique. Chief Bebris indicated he has a very good group of people in his department.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS. Nothing to report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stephens referenced the Homearama event which council and staff had an opportunity to visit, an exciting event, the architecture and interior of the homes are well done, similar yet different and unique. He believes the development will continue to grow and noted tickets for the event may be purchased at Dorothy Lane Market.

Mr. Castleman also enjoyed the Homearama event and was surprised how there was zero traffic noise in the two homes abutting Far Hills.

Mr. Byington referenced the MCO Futures event sponsored by Montgomery County and its fourth meeting. At that time, they compared Montgomery County with nine other counties similar in terms of economic development, education, regionalism, etc. He indicated the meeting was very informative with a lot of data and encouraged others to attend the final meeting in October.

Mayor Duncan recognized a student from the University of Dayton in the audience who is working on a group interaction project.

Mayor Duncan was pleased to report that two homes have been sold at Homearama. Mayor Duncan also announced the first weekend of October the city will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary of twinning with LeVesinet as part of the sister city celebration there will also be visitors from Outremont and one from Unterhaching.

Council adjourned. The public meeting concluded at 8:35 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL