

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, December 9, 2013 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 Steve Byington, Stanley Castleman, Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and Law Director Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the pre-council work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS – HB 5:** Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will provide a brief update on this income tax bill at the formal meeting this evening.
- **VISITORS:**
 - Oakwood Historical Society, Harrison Gowdy: Mayor Duncan noted that Harrison Gowdy is scheduled to speak at the formal meeting this evening. She will address new membership initiatives.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following four items of legislation scheduled for introduction at the formal meeting this evening:
 - Ordinance to Update Income Tax Code
 - Resolution supporting Learn to Earn Dayton Initiative
 - Resolution authorizing New Public Works Employee Labor Agreement
 - Ordinance to Approve 2014 Budget

Mr. Klopsch reported that the city and Public Works labor union have not reached the agreement as hoped so this item should be removed from the agenda.

- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - **PUBLIC PROPERTIES, Mr. Castleman**
 - **Far Hills Business District Holiday Lighting:** Mr. Klopsch mentioned that this is the second year where the city has significantly reduced holiday lighting in the Far Hills Business District. This is being done as a cost saving measure. Mr. Klopsch suggested that the city might consider restoring some of the more extensive decorative lighting once the financial situation improves. Perhaps a joint effort with business owners might be the best approach. Mr. Klopsch noted that some business owners are already doing some of their own decorating.
 - **RTA Bus Stops, Shelters and Benches:** Mr. Klopsch reported on a meeting he had recently with Anthony Whitmore, RTA's Director of Government and Community Relations. In that meeting, discussion took place on whether any bus stops in Oakwood had enough daily ridership to warrant installation of benches or shelters. Given that the busiest Oakwood bus stops only have about ten riders per day, benches or shelters are not

warranted. RTA generally considers 20 riders per day as the minimum to justify installing benches and/or shelters.

- Francine's Garden Endowment Fund: Mr. Klopsch provided an update on the status of an agreement to establish this new fund. The agreement is presently being reviewed by the Garden Club of Dayton. A resolution establishing the fund and authorizing the agreement may be included on the January 6, 2014 council agenda.

○ BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- January 20 MLK Lunch: Mr. Klopsch provided an overview of plans for a lunch jointly sponsored by the Kettering-Moraine-Oakwood Chamber of Commerce and the cities of Kettering, Moraine and Oakwood. It would take place on January 20 from noon - 1 p.m. The location and guest speaker are yet to be determined.

○ MISCELLANEOUS

- Committee Appointments: Mayor Duncan updated council on his work in contacting selected residents to serve on council committees.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the pre-council work session at 7:20 p.m. at which time council moved to the formal meeting.



Mayor

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