

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**JANUARY 5, 2015**

The council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, January 5, 2015 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, Rob Stephens, Anne Hilton and Chris Epley.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began by reviewing the agenda for the formal meeting this evening. At 6:50 p.m., Mayor Duncan called an executive session to order to discuss personnel matters. At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Duncan closed the executive session and Council returned to work session. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following items:

- STATUS REPORTS – The following three items will occur during the status reports portion of the formal meeting this evening:
  - PSO Swear-In: Mayor Duncan will administer the Oath of Office to new Public Safety Officer Cameron McElroy.
  - 2015 Council Committee Assignments: Mayor Duncan will call for a voice vote to establish council committee assignments consistent with the 2014 assignments.
  - Citizen Committee Appointments: Mayor Duncan will call for a vote on appointing citizens to 2015 committees.
  
- VISITORS:
  - 2014 Holiday Decorating Award Winners: Mayor Duncan noted that the winners of the 2014 holiday decorating contest will be present for formal recognition this evening.
  
- LEGISLATION – Council will address the following two items on the formal agenda this evening:
  - Resolution accepting Fact Finder Report.
  - Resolution to withdraw from the Council to Protect Ohio’s Communities (“CPOC”).
  
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - PUBLIC PROPERTIES, Mr. Epley
    - Emerald Ash Borer: Mr. Klopsch explained that staff is closely monitoring the ash trees throughout the community and is continuing with the general strategy of treating and protecting a majority of the trees while at the same time identifying certain trees for removal. The removals include a significant number of ash trees in the Far Hills Avenue Business District. It will also likely include 100 or so ash trees along the rights-of-way throughout the community. The overall intent is to reduce the total inventory of ash trees, thereby lessening the cost of annual treatment.
  
  - SAFETY & TRAFFIC, Mr. Stephens
    - Far Hills Traffic Recommendations: Mr. Klopsch noted that staff is taking action to address certain recommendations presented at the November 2014 council meeting by a group of Oakwood Girl Scouts.

- MISCELLANEOUS

- Oakwood United Soccer: Mr. Klopsch explained that the Oakwood United Soccer Club has approached the city to discuss the possibility of merging the OCC Recreation Soccer program with the Oakwood United program. The Oakwood United program already has a recreation component. Mr. Klopsch noted that staff is open to studying the proposal but that the largest concern regards financial impact.

There being no other business, at 7:23 p.m., Mayor Duncan adjourned the pre-council work session.



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Mayor

ATTEST:



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Clerk of Council