

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
MAY 3, 2024

Monday Council Meeting/Work Session: Our meeting next Monday begins at 6 p.m. in the conference room. Our 7:30 p.m. regular session will take place in the council chamber and will be conducted in person and via Zoom. The agenda is as follows:

PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING

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Status Reports:

- Recognition of Kip Bohachek: Bill will recognize Kip Bohachek for his lengthy volunteer service to our community. Enclosed is a summary.
- Proclamation recognizing the month of May as “Older Americans Month:” Bill will present the enclosed proclamation.
- Citizen Committee Appointment: We will discuss this in work session on Monday and will ask for a vote to appoint Donetta Johnson to the BRC.
- “Codebreaker Month”/Joe Desch Proclamation: Bill will read the enclosed Proclamation and present it to Joseph Desch's daughter, Deborah Desch Anderson. Several members of the Desch family will be in the audience and may say a few words. Also enclosed is a *Register* letter to the editor from Joe and Leigh Ann Fulford, and a *Register* article submitted by the “Oakwood Unsung Heroes Committee.” Also enclosed is a paper entitled “Dayton Codebreakers” written by Debbie Desch Anderson. Carol Holm gave this to me last week.

Visitors: None scheduled.

Legislation:

- An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments for the 2025 Street Lighting. This is the second reading of our standard annual ordinance to levy special assessments with our 2024 street lighting program.
- An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments for the 2023 Sidewalk Repair Project. This is the second reading of our standard annual ordinance to levy special assessments for the 2023 Sidewalk Program. There are 26 unpaid 2023 invoices totaling \$20,715.13. Invoices remaining unpaid after June 14, 2024 will be reported to the County Auditor for assessment.
- An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments for the 2022 Sidewalk Repair Project. This is the first reading of an ordinance to levy assessments for the 2022 program. Due to timing issues and the departure of a key staff member in the Finance Department, these costs were not assessed last year as they normally would have been. By adopting this ordinance now, we can track and file these assessments along with the current ones for the 2023 program. There are 26 unpaid 2022 invoices totaling \$29,530.27. We are recommending a waiver of the second reading.
- An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Tax Budget. This is the second reading of our annual ordinance adopting the following year's tax budget.
- An Ordinance to Consider a Proposed Text Amendment to the Sign Regulations of the Zoning Code. This is the second reading of this ordinance to consider a proposed Zoning Code text amendment to the sign regulations. On March 6, our Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the proposed changes. It will include a presentation by Rob Jacques and a public hearing. Enclosed is a paper summarizing the procedure.
- An Ordinance to Amend Lot Split Sections of the Subdivision Code. This is the second reading of an ordinance to amend the Subdivision Code so that minor lot splits and consolidations can be approved administratively.

Enclosed are suggested "Introductions for Legislation."

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

May 6, Monday, 6 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
May 7, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (30 Park)
May 18, Saturday – "That Day in May"
June 3, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
June 17, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
July 15, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
August 5, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
August 11, Sunday, 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Ice Cream Social (Shafor Park)
August 19, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)

BUSINESS UPDATE:

CITY MANAGER

- Monday Work Session: Enclosed is our 6 p.m. work session agenda. We will meet in the conference room.
- BRC: We meet with the BRC at 5:30 p.m. next Tuesday. Enclosed is the meeting packet.
- Academic Decathlon: Enclosed are *Register* and *DDN* articles on the team's 12th consecutive Division III National Championship.
- Oakwood Schools: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about U.S. News ranking Oakwood in the top 10 Ohio public high schools.
- Oakwood Schools Survey: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the community survey recently completed by the Oakwood Schools.

- Wright Library: You probably received it in the mail, but enclosed is the Wright Library 2023 Annual Report.
- Smith Fourth Graders: We hosted the Smith School fourth graders today at city hall. Bill and Steve gave presentations, as did Chief Hill, Lieutenant Justin Slone and PSO Josh Wells.

FINANCE

- Income Tax Report: Enclosed is the April report. Gross collections are 3.93% ahead of last year and net collections are 4.35% ahead.
- Monthly Finance Report: Enclosed are the April finance report and Cindy's highlights memo.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- "Saved by the Helmet" Award: Below is a note from Chief Hill about an award presented last Friday to the survivor of a very serious motorcycle accident at Far Hills and Patterson in 2021.

Captain Mike Tanner and PSO Chris Slone were invited to attend the Motorcycle Ohio, a division of the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, 'Saved by the Helmet' award presentation held on the grounds of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base last Friday. Six motorcycle riders were presented with the 'Saved by the Helmet' award recognizing them for surviving serious crashes while wearing a helmet.

On July 20, 2021, Oakwood crews responded to the intersection of Far Hills / Patterson on the report of a motorcycle crash. Zach Gold (pictured below with PSO Slone) was riding his motorcycle northbound on Far Hills when a vehicle traveling southbound turned in front of him to head east on Patterson as Zach entered the intersection. Zach never had a chance to avoid the crash and collided with the vehicle at approximately 35mph. Zach suffered serious traumatic injuries as a result of this crash that will last the rest of his lifetime. In the immediate days following the crash it was not certain if Zach would survive. Zach just learned to walk again around Thanksgiving of last year. PSO Slone was not only the treating paramedic of Zach on the day of the crash, but also was the accident reconstructionist who investigated the crash. Another example of the uniqueness of being a fully consolidated public safety department. PSO Slone is our sole certified accident reconstructionist on the department. PSO Slone made some critical decisions on that accident scene to get Zach to the hospital quickly, which gave him the best chance of survival.

Note – Zach has given the Safety Department permission (obvious HIPAA implications here) to share his story. I will probably plan to submit an article on this next month to the Oakwood Register as part of "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month".



LEISURE SERVICES

- Gardner Pool: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the pool opening on Saturday, May 25.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

- No report.

LAW

- No report.

PLANNING & ZONING/PROPERTIES

- Home Sales: Enclosed is the April sales report showing that 87% of the properties sold above appraised value.
- Planning Commission: The PC met on Wednesday, but didn't have a quorum. The Zoning Code amendment addressing the placement and use of Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities is rescheduled to the June 5 PC meeting. This matter will come to you for a public hearing at the July 15 council meeting.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

ENCLOSURE LIST

TENTATIVE AGENDAS FOR MONDAY

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Legislation

Introductions to Legislation

Public Hearing Summary

Kip Bohachek Summary

Proclamations

Register articles re: Codebreaker Month

BRC Meeting Packet

Register & *DDN* articles re: Academic Decathlon

DDN article re: Oakwood Schools

DDN article re: Oakwood Schools Survey

Wright Library 2023 Annual Report

April Income Tax Receipts

Monthly Finance Report

DDN article re: Gardner Pool

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NEXT REGULAR SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 3, 2024

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 - Court Costs and Fees
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Law & Minutes, Mrs. Jackson
 - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
 - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Montgomery County 9-1-1 Plan
 - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - Community Relations/Promotion/Appointments, Mayor Duncan
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - MVCC, Mr. Stephens
 - MVRPC, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Mayors & Managers, Mayor Duncan
 - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Planning Commission, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Beautification Committee, Mr. Stephens
 - Sister City Association, Mrs. Turben
 - Historical Society, Mrs. Jackson
 - Board of Health, Mayor Duncan
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Miami Conservancy District Assessments

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS FOR CONFERENCE WITH ATTORNEY AND PERSONNEL
MATTERS

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 1, 2024

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, April 1, 2024 in the conference room at the city 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, Leigh Turben and Healy Jackson. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and Law Director Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 6 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the regular session this evening. Thereafter, he led a discussion on the following work session agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS:** Mayor Duncan shared that he will present the following proclamations at the regular session this evening:
 - Proclamation recognizing April as “Parkinson’s Awareness Month.”
 - Proclamation recognizing April as “Fair Housing Month.”
 - Proclamation recognizing the week of April 22 as “Arbor Week.”

- **VISITORS:**
 - Tori Rhule, Pinwheels for National Child Abuse Awareness: Mayor Duncan noted that Tori Rhule with CARE House, will say a few words about the work of CARE House and the 2024 pinwheel project.
 - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition 2023 Annual Report: Mayor Duncan mentioned that Madeline Iseli, chair of the OIC, will report on the organization’s activities over the last year at the regular session this evening.

- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for presentation at the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance to Proceed with the 2025 Street Lighting Program, Mr. Stephens
 - An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments for the 2025 Street Lighting, Mr. Stephens
 - An Ordinance to Proceed with the 2024 Sidewalk Repair Program, Mr. Stephens
 - An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments for the 2023 Sidewalk Repair Project, Mr. Stephens
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 - An Ordinance to Provide an Appropriation from the Fire Insurance Trust Fund, Vice Mayor Byington

- STAFF REPORT: Mr. Klopsch noted that Public Works Director Doug Spitler, P.E., will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening.
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Court Liaison, Mrs. Turben
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 - Law & Minutes, Mrs. Jackson
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- MISCELLANEOUS

At 6:40 p.m., Council moved to an executive session for personnel matters and property matters.

At 7:23 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and Council moved to regular session.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

CITY OF OAKWOOD

STATE OF OHIO

APRIL 1, 2024

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

The meeting was streamed live from the Oakwood city website, telecast live on Cable Access Channel 6, and available via remote teleconferencing utilizing the Zoom.com platform.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan asked 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 BYINGTONPRESENT
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....PRESENT
- MRS. LEIGH TURBENPRESENT
- MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....PRESENT

Officers of the City present were the following:

- Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
- Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
- Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director
- Mr. Douglas Spitler, Public Works Director
- Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following in-person visitors registered:

- Madeline Iseli, Oakwood Inclusion Coalition
- Joshua Green, Oakwood Inclusion Coalition
- Tori Rhule, CARE House
- Amy Van Verth, CARE House
- Samantha & Kyle Young, 15 E. Dixon Avenue
- Beth Byington, 24 W. Schantz Avenue
- Debbie Byington, San Antonio, TX

The following Zoom visitors attended via remote teleconference:

- 12 Pro Max

Mrs. Jackson advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the March 4, 2024 regular session and work session and the March 11, 2024 work session. Mrs. Jackson reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Stephens 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 unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS –

City Manager Retirement – City Manager Norbert Klopsch announced his plan to retire in November, on the anniversary of his 32nd year working for the city of Oakwood. He began his service as City Manager 22 years ago to the day. He previously served as City Engineer and as Director of Engineering and Public Works. He moved to Oakwood five months before starting his career with the city and children and stepchildren benefited from the Oakwood Schools like so many others. He committed to working until the day he retires in November. Mr. Klopsch said that Oakwood has been a wonderful community to live and work in.

Mayor Duncan congratulated Mr. Klopsch on his retirement and noted that he is only the fifth city manager to serve the city of Oakwood since Oakwood became a city in 1931.

Proclamations – Mayor Duncan read the following proclamations:

- Proclamation recognizing April as “Parkinson’s Awareness Month.”
- Proclamation recognizing April as “Fair Housing Month.”
- Proclamation recognizing the week of April 22 as “Arbor Week.”
- Proclamation recognizing April as “National Child Abuse Awareness Month.”

VISITORS

Tori Rhule and Amy Van Verth, Pinwheels for National Child Abuse Awareness – Tori Rhule and Amy Van Verth with CARE House shared information about the work of CARE House, the 2024 pinwheel project, and how CARE House advocates for victims of child abuse and neglect.

Mrs. Van Verth thanked the city of Oakwood for continued support of CARE House and for embracing the Pinwheel project. She encouraged people to wear blue on April 10 to support CARE House.

Mrs. Rhule thanked Council for their support and thanked Oakwood resident Terri Jones for her ongoing work on the project.

Mayor Duncan thanked Mrs. Van Verth and Mrs. Rhule for sharing information about CARE House.

Madeline Iseli, Oakwood Inclusion Coalition 2023 Annual Report – Madeline Iseli, chair of the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC,) thanked the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition Leadership Team and Mr. Jacques who serves as the City Liaison. She then reported on the organization’s activities over the last year. The OIC’s third annual report focuses on the following topics: administrative matters; engaging community participation; achieving community impact; operating with solid financial standing; and expressing appreciation.

The OIC continues to function conservatively in terms of finances. The organization appreciates the coordination with the city, with the Oakwood Schools, and with Wright Memorial Public Library. The OIC’s website and e-newsletter are the main source of communication. There are about 440 subscribers to the e-newsletter, which is a terrific way to share information and to engage the community.

One of the most important tasks of the OIC has been to engage community participation. The OIC has been involved with the Ice Cream Social; Family Pride Picnic; That Day in May; and Scarecrow Row. The OIC has also been involved with several regional activities including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March in Dayton; discussions, presentations, and other programs and volunteering opportunities. The activities get people together to learn about different perspectives and different views and learn how to work together to create a stronger community.

The OIC had almost no expenditures in 2023 and has a strong financial standing. This year, the OIC will focus on engaging with the community.

In closing, Mrs. Iseli expressed her appreciation to the city of Oakwood, Oakwood Schools, the Wright Memorial Public Library, and the Oakwood Register. She also recognized former members of the OIC Leadership Team Healy Jackson, Dan Turben, and Mike Miller.

Mrs. Jackson shared that she strongly believes that the most important thing the OIC does is send out the monthly bulletins. The bulletins educate people about what is going on in the community and the region. She opined that the real purpose of the OIC is to increase awareness and welcome engagement.

Vice Mayor Byington agreed with Mrs. Jackson. He shared that he considers himself pretty well-versed on what is going on in the community, yet he always learns more by reading the newsletter.

Mayor Duncan thanked the OIC for their efforts and Mrs. Iseli for the update.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS

NO 4994

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2025 street lighting program. It is the ordinance that authorizes the city to proceed with the project. It was introduced with a first reading at the March 4 Council meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Turben that the ordinance 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 BYINGTONYEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBENYEA
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....YEA

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

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4996

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is the third and final step of the 2025 street lighting program. It allows for the costs of street lighting to be certified to the Montgomery County Auditor for assessment.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4995

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, AND PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2024 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. This year’s program area covers Far Hills Avenue through the main business district, from Peach Orchard Road to the south corporate limit, as well as the first block of most of the side streets that intersect with Far Hills Avenue through the business district. It was introduced with a first reading at the March 4 Council meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the ordinance 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 BYINGTONYEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBENYEA
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....YEA

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A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is the third piece of legislation for last year's Sidewalk Repair Project authorizing the assessment of the sidewalk repair costs that have not been paid directly by affected homeowners.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4998
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2025 TAX BUDGET FOR THE
CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JANUARY 2025.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that to comply with Section 6.01 of the City Charter, this is the annual housekeeping ordinance to estimate the city's revenues and expenses for calendar year 2025.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4999
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12,
SIGNS, OF THE OAKWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO
CLARIFY THE REGULATORY EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FLAGS
AND TO SPECIFY A METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE SIGN
FACE AREA OF TEMPORARY SIGNS INSTALLED AS LAWN
SIGNS.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is the first reading of an ordinance to amend the Oakwood Zoning Code. It would make two changes to the sign regulations. First, it would clarify the regulatory exemption for certain flags to ensure that the exemption is content-neutral. Second, it would update how the sign face area of temporary lawn signs is calculated, treating them all as being single-sided.

The Planning Commission reviewed these proposed changes at a public hearing on March 6, and has recommended that they be approved by Council. Council will do a second reading of the ordinance and conduct its own public hearing at our next meeting on May 6.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 5000
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1171.09, LOT SPLITS ON
WHICH NO PLAT IS REQUIRED, OF THE OAKWOOD SUBDIVISION
CODE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MINOR SUBDIVISIONS
WITHOUT REQUIRING A FORMAL PLAT.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is an ordinance to amend the Subdivision Code so that minor lot splits and consolidations can be approved administratively. The City Manager already has authority to do this in many cases. But as written, the code requires a "deed" or "instrument of conveyance" for these minor adjustments. As a result, this streamlined administrative approval is not available in situations where no conveyance is taking place. A common example in Oakwood happens when the owner of a double lot wishes to consolidate them into a single parcel.

There is no “conveyance” because neither lot is changing ownership...they are simply being merged under the same ownership.

This is a common-sense amendment that eliminates an unnecessary formal review process. It will allow for these kinds of boundary adjustments to be made more quickly and at a lower cost to the property owner.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 5001
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION I, 2024 ORIGINAL
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 4985, AND ANY EXISTING
SUPPLEMENTS THERETO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION
OF:

AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$31,254.89 TO BE EXPENDED FROM
THE FIRE INSURANCE TRUST FUND AS A RELEASE OF SECURITY
FOR THE REPAIR OF RESIDENTIAL PREMISES DAMAGED BY FIRE.

FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this a supplemental appropriation ordinance that is necessary to address fire insurance proceeds that came into the city’s possession after Council adopted the 2024 budget and appropriation ordinance.

As required by the State of Ohio, Oakwood established a Fire Insurance Trust Fund in 1981. The fund functions much like an escrow account except that it is non-interest-bearing. When a property in the city is damaged by fire, the property owner’s insurance company sends a portion of the insurance proceeds to the city. We hold it in the Fire Insurance Trust Fund until repairs are completed, and then it is turned over to the insured property owner, minus any costs the city might incur to secure or make the structure safe before repairs are completed.

In November, there was a fire at 447 Orchard Avenue that resulted in an insured loss, and the city recently received \$31,254.89 from the owner’s insurance company. This supplemental appropriation will allow us to disburse that money to the property owner after the repairs are completed and making any deductions required by law.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the second reading be waived and that the ordinance be passed tonight.

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. ROBERT P. STEPHENS	YEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN	YEA
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....	YEA

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

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Department Presentation: Mr. Doug Spitler, P.E., Public Works Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on various Public Works projects and operations.

The large storm sewer project along Far Hills Avenue has been an ongoing and challenging project for the community because of the traffic disruptions on Far Hills Avenue. Mr. Spitler shared a few images that show the complexity of the project.

The multi-year CenterPoint (formerly Vectren) project that began in 2010 was completed last year. All of the underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in Oakwood have been renewed.

The Public Works Department is flushing fire hydrants throughout Oakwood from April 1 to May 3. The hydrants west of Far Hills Avenue will be flushed from April 1 to April 12. The hydrants east of Far Hills Avenue will be flushed from April 15 to May 3.

The Public Works Department provides several self-service options available for refuse and recycling such as drop-off containers for recycling cardboard, yard debris, and co-mingled materials at a 24/7 Recycling Facility; the Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Boulevard is open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on the first Saturday of each month for Oakwood citizens to drop off refuse items; and refuse dumpsters are available for disposal of a mixture of debris from “do-it-yourself” homeowner projects.

The leaf mulch program, where the leaves collected in Oakwood last fall are processed and turned into mulch, will begin on April 13 and continue through May 11. Mulch picked up at the public works yard is available at no cost to Oakwood citizens. For those who want mulch delivered, the city offers 3 cubic yards for \$100 and 6 cubic yards for \$150.

The next Styrofoam recycling events are scheduled for Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, July 20.

The next Oakwood Rotary hazardous waste pick-up event is on Saturday, April 20. Citizens desiring a pick up should call (937) 296-5155 before noon on Friday, April 19 and leave their name and address.

There were several large equipment purchases recently including: Wheel Loader: \$115,000; Mr. Manhole Cutter: \$42,400; and Street Sweeper: \$268,465.

Mr. Spitler displayed a line graph showing refuse collection trends over the past six years.

Mr. Spitler displayed a line graph showing cardboard collection trends over the past eleven years. The line graph showed a consistent increase in cardboard collection each year. In 2023, the city delivered cardboard to Rumpke and received market-based revenue of \$6,939.75.

The Public Works Department cleans the entire 211,200 feet (about 40 miles) of the underground sanitary sewer system. The goal is to clean the entire system every three years. During the first year of the current project, public works employees cleaned 140,785 feet.

From December 2023 to March 2024, the Public Works Department used 564 tons of roadway deicing salt through the winter season.

Mr. Spitler shared several personnel changes. Kirby Donovan retired in November 2023 after 33 years of service. He unfortunately passed away in February 2024. Mike Kingdom is scheduled to retire after 34 years of service at the end of April. The Public Works Department welcomed Daniel Phillips, Jr., General Service Worker on October 9, 2023. The Department is in the process of hiring two new general service workers.

Mr. Stephens asked how often the sanitary sewers will be cleaned.

Mr. Spitler said that the cleaning process will be ongoing and any trouble spots will be proactively checked regularly.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS – Mr. Klopsch reported on the following:

Mr. Klopsch thanked Mr. Spitler for the department report. He commended the Public Works Department for all of the good work in providing so many essential public services to the Oakwood community. He noted that Mr. Spitler and Chief Hill each oversee about 1/3 of Oakwood employees in their respective departments. Mr. Klopsch thanked them for leading two very important departments that deliver essential services to the Oakwood community.

The planning for this year’s “That Day in May” event began a few months ago. Mr. Klopsch thanked Leisure Services Director Carol Collins and Public Safety Lieutenant Damian Baggett for their help in coordinating the event with representatives of the Oakwood Rotary Club.

Mr. Klopsch commented on how Oakwood comes alive each spring as the blossoms brighten the community. He thanked Leisure Services Director Carol Collins, Horticulturist Brian Caldwell, and other staff for all of their hard work with beautification efforts throughout the city.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Jackson said that she has always been able to count on Mr. Klopsch and respects his high integrity. She shared that the “Wright at Home” event is scheduled for Sunday, April 28.

Mrs. Turben agreed with Mrs. Jackson's comments about Mr. Klopsch and wished him all the best in his upcoming retirement. She then shared some safety tips for the April 8 solar eclipse.

Mr. Stephens congratulated Mr. Klopsch on his pending retirement.

Vice Mayor Byington also congratulated Mr. Klopsch. He then recognized his sister from San Antonio who was in the audience.

Mayor Duncan closed the meeting by asking people not to operate vehicles while wearing solar eclipse glasses. He added that he echoes the comments about Mr. Klopsch from city council, and that he has regularly attended Mayors and Managers meetings with Mr. Klopsch for 15 years and consistently seen how Mr. Klopsch is respected by the regional mayors and city managers.

The public meeting concluded at 8:39 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 9, 2024

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 in the conference room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Leigh Turben and Councilmember Healy Jackson. Staff in attendance was City Manager Norbert Klopsch.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 5 p.m. and led a discussion on the following work session agenda items:

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - Harman Boulevard: Mr. Klopsch shared that staff is ready to begin project design for building a median on the 400 block of Harman Boulevard.

- MISCELLANEOUS
 - MCD Readjustment of Appraisal Benefits: Mr. Klopsch commented on the Miami Conservancy District's (MCD) Readjustment of Appraisal of Benefit for Oakwood's Flood Protection System. Three Oakwood residential properties are now located within the MCD flood plain and are subject to annual assessment. The city is also subject to assessment given that Old River Trail, a public roadway, is in the flood plain.

At 5:21 p.m., Council moved to an executive session for personnel matters, property matters and security arrangements.

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
APRIL 22, 2024

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in an executive session for personnel matters in the conference room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens and Councilmember Leigh Turben. Councilmember Healy Jackson attended remotely via the Zoom platform. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and Human Resources Manager Sangita Anand. Also attending was Mark Schwieterman.

Mayor Duncan called the executive session to order at 2 p.m.

Mayor Duncan adjourned the executive session at 4:05 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____

NO. _____

LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION I.

That the revised assessments for the cost and expense of improving in the City of Oakwood, Ohio, the streets designated and between the termini set forth in Resolution No. 1919, adopted March 4, 2024, by lighting the same with electricity from the 1st day of January 2025 through the 31st day of December 2025, amounting in the aggregate estimated to be \$134,046.79 which were filed with the Clerk of Council the 4th day of March 2024 and are now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council, be and the same are hereby adopted and confirmed and such revised assessments are hereby levied and assessed upon the lots and lands bounding and abutting upon said improvement in the respective amounts reported as aforesaid, which assessments are in proportion to the special benefits and are not in excess of any statutory limitation.

SECTION II.

That this Council hereby finds and determines that the revised assessments as now on file in the office of said Clerk of Council are in the same proportion to the estimated assessments as originally filed as the actual costs of the above described improvement is to the estimated cost of the improvement as originally filed.

SECTION III.

That the assessment against each lot or parcel of land shall be payable in cash within thirty (30) days after passage of this Ordinance. All cash payments shall be made to the Director of Finance of this City. All assessments and installments thereof remaining unpaid at the expiration of said thirty (30) days shall be certified by the Clerk of Council to the County Auditor as provided by law to be placed by him on the tax duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected.

SECTION IV.

That the Clerk of Council shall cause a notice of the passage of this Ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in this City and to continue on file in her office said revised assessments.

SECTION V.

That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County Auditor within twenty days after its passage.

SECTION VI.

That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION VII.

This ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

To the Clerk:
Please publish in summary form below.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

The Council of the City of Oakwood, Montgomery County, Ohio adopted Ordinance No. _____ entitled "LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY."

Lori Stacel
Clerk of Council
City of Oakwood

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council of the City of Oakwood, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing summary of the foregoing Ordinance was duly published in the Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the said City of Oakwood, that said publication occurred on the following date:

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____

NO. _____

TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS
AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN THE CITY OF
OAKWOOD, OHIO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION I.

That the assessment of the cost and expense of constructing or reconstructing sidewalks and appurtenances thereto, in the following locations: West Dixon Avenue, both sides from Harman Avenue to Oakwood Avenue; Harman Avenue, both sides from Dixon Avenue to Harman Terrace; Runnymede Hill Terrace, both sides from West Thruston Boulevard to cul-de-sac therein; Far Hills Avenue, west side only from the north corporation limit to the south corporation limit; Coolidge Drive, both sides from Park Road to Peach Orchard Road; Southwood Lane West, both sides from Park Road to Southwood Lane East; Southwood Lane East, both sides from the north termini to Grandon Road; Ridgeway Road, both sides from Harman Avenue to the south corporation limits; Grandon Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Hadley Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Monterey Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Coolidge Drive; Peach Orchard Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Alpine Lane, both sides from the west termini to Hillview Avenue; Hilltop Avenue, both sides from Fairmont Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Dell Park Avenue, both sides from Fairmont Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Oak Knoll Drive, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to the west corporation limits; Fairmont Avenue, both sides from Alpine Lane to the south corporation limit; Roanoke Avenue, both sides from Alpine Lane to the south corporation limit; Hillview Avenue, both sides from Peach Orchard Road to the south corporation limit; Park Road, both sides, from Far Hills Avenue to the west corporation limit; Fairforest Circle, both sides from Ridgeway Road to cul-de-sac therein; Ashridge Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Devereux Drive; Devereux Drive, both sides from Raleigh Road to Forrer Road; Forrer Road both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Oakwood Avenue, from Far Hills Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Raleigh Road, both sides from Harman Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Woodstock Drive, both sides from Raleigh Road to Forrer Road; Runnymede Road, both sides from West Thruston Boulevard to Deep Hollow Road; Thornhill Road, both sides from Oakwood Avenue to Runnymede Road; Walnut Springs Drive, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Talbott Court, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Deep Hollow Road both sides from Oak Knoll Drive to Runnymede Road; Oakmead Place, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein, in the City of Oakwood, Ohio, amounting in the aggregate of \$101,239.32 as reported to this Council, notice of the filing of which assessments has been given as required by law, and to which no objections have been filed, be and the same is hereby adopted and confirmed, and the same shall be and is hereby levied and assessed upon the lots and land provided for in Resolution No. 1906 adopted, March 6, 2023. The several amounts comprising the aggregate reported aforesaid, which assessments and the description of said lots and lands are now on file in the office of the Clerk of this Council are not in excess of any statutory limitation.

SECTION II.

That the total assessment against each lot or parcel of land shall be payable on or before June 14, 2024. All payments shall be made to the Director of Finance of said City. All assessments and installments thereof remaining unpaid after June 14, 2024 shall be certified by the Clerk of this Council to the County Auditor as provided by law for collection with other taxes in five (5) or fewer annual installments with interest thereon at the same rate as shall be borne by the bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of such assessments.

SECTION III.

That the Clerk of this Council shall cause a notice of the passage of this Ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in this City within ten (10) days after its passage and to continue on file in this office said assessments.

SECTION IV.

The Clerk of this Council is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County Auditor within twenty (20) days after its passage.

SECTION V.

That this ordinance be and remain in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL, this _____ of _____, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

Please publish the following in summary form.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

NOTICE OF ASSESSING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Oakwood, Ohio, passed on _____, 2024 Ordinance No. _____ entitled, "TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO." Said Ordinance provides for the assessment against benefited lots and lands of the cost of constructing or reconstructing sidewalks and appurtenances thereto on the following streets or portions of said streets within the City of Oakwood: West Dixon Avenue, both sides from Harman Avenue to Oakwood Avenue; Harman Avenue, both sides from Dixon Avenue to Harman Terrace; Runnymede Hill Terrace, both sides from West Thruston Boulevard to cul-de-sac therein; Far Hills Avenue, west side only from the north corporation limit to the south corporation limit; Coolidge Drive, both sides from Park Road to Peach Orchard Road; Southwood Lane West, both sides from Park Road to Southwood Lane East; Southwood Lane East, both sides from the north termini to Grandon Road; Ridgeway Road, both sides from Harman Avenue to the south corporation limits; Grandon Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Hadley Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Monterey Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Coolidge Drive; Peach Orchard Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Alpine Lane, both sides from the west termini to Hillview Avenue; Hilltop Avenue, both sides from Fairmont Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Dell Park Avenue, both sides from Fairmont Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Oak Knoll Drive, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to the west corporation limits; Fairmont Avenue, both sides from Alpine Lane to the south corporation limit; Roanoke Avenue, both sides from Alpine Lane to the south corporation limit; Hillview Avenue, both sides from Peach Orchard Road to the south corporation limit; Park Road, both sides, from Far Hills Avenue to the west corporation limit; Fairforest Circle, both sides from Ridgeway Road to cul-de-sac therein; Ashridge Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Devereux Drive; Devereux Drive, both sides from Raleigh Road to Forrer Road; Forrer Road both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Oakwood Avenue, from Far Hills Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Raleigh Road, both sides from Harman Avenue to Ridgeway Road;

Woodstock Drive, both sides from Raleigh Road to Forrer Road; Runnymede Road, both sides from West Thruston Boulevard to Deep Hollow Road; Thornhill Road, both sides from Oakwood Avenue to Runnymede Road; Walnut Springs Drive, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Talbott Court, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Deep Hollow Road both sides from Oak Knoll Drive to Runnymede Road; Oakmead Place, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; and that the assessment against each lot or parcel of land may be paid on or before June 14, 2024, as above mentioned, or if not paid shall be certified to the County Auditor for collection with other taxes in five (5) or fewer annual installments with interest thereon at the same rate as shall be borne by the bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of such assessments.

The assessments levied by such Ordinance are now on file and may be inspected in the office of the Clerk of Council of this City.

By Order of the council of the City of Oakwood.

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

I certify that I have caused the foregoing Legal Notice to be published one (1) time in the Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Oakwood, such publication occurring on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____

NO. _____

TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS
AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN THE CITY OF
OAKWOOD, OHIO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION I.

That the assessment of the cost and expense of constructing or reconstructing sidewalks and appurtenances thereto, in the following locations: West Dixon Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Runnymede Road; Harman Avenue, both sides from northern termini at Far Hills Avenue to southern termini at Far Hills Avenue; Harman Terrace, both sides from Harman Avenue to south termini; Park Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Oakwood Avenue; Haver Road, both sides from Kramer Road to Rubicon Road; Katherine Street, both sides from Oakwood Avenue to Runnymede Road; Katherine Terrace, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Kramer Road, both sides from West Schantz Avenue to West Thruston Boulevard; Little Woods Road, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Maysfield Road, both sides from West Schantz Avenue to Southview Road; Northview Road, both sides from Rubicon Road to Kramer Road; Rubicon Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to West Thruston Boulevard; West Schantz Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to west corporation line; Southview Road, both sides from West Thruston Boulevard to Kramer Road; West Thruston Boulevard, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Kramer Road; Far Hills Avenue, west side only from the north corporation limit to the south corporation limit; Coolidge Drive, both sides from Park Road to Peach Orchard Road; Southwood Lane West, both sides from Park Road to Southwood Lane East; Southwood Lane East, both sides from the north termini to Grandon Road; Ridgeway Road, both sides from Harman Avenue to the south corporation limits; Grandon Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Hadley Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Monterey Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Coolidge Drive; Peach Orchard Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Alpine Lane, both sides from the west termini to Hillview Avenue; Hilltop Avenue, both sides from Fairmont Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Dell Park Avenue, both sides from Fairmont Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Oak Knoll Drive, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to the west corporation limits; Fairmont Avenue, both sides from Alpine Lane to the south corporation limit; Roanoke Avenue, both sides from Alpine Lane to the south corporation limit; Hillview Avenue, both sides from Peach Orchard Road to the south corporation limit; Park Road, both sides, from Far Hills Avenue to the west termini; Fairforest Circle, both sides from Ridgeway Road to cul-de-sac therein; Ashridge Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Devereux Drive; Devereux Drive, both sides from Raleigh Road to Forrer Road; Forrer Road both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Oakwood Avenue, from Far Hills Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Raleigh Road, both sides from Harman Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Woodstock Drive, both sides from Raleigh Road to Forrer Road; Runnymede Road, both sides from West Thruston Boulevard to Deep Hollow Road; Sweetwood Lane, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Thornhill Road, both sides from Oakwood Avenue to Runnymede Road; Walnut Springs Drive, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Talbott Court, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Deep Hollow Road both sides from Oak Knoll Drive to Runnymede Road; Oakmead Place, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Pointe Oakwood Way, both sides from south termini at Ledges Trail Drive to north termini at Old River Trail; Old River Trail, both sides from east termini at Far Hills Ave to west termini at cul-de-sac; Ledges Trail, both sides from Pointe Oakwood Way to west termini; Sugar Camp Circle, both sides from east termini at West Schantz Avenue to west termini at West Schantz Avenue, in the City of Oakwood, Ohio, amounting in the aggregate of \$114,082.86 as reported to this Council, notice of the filing of which assessments has been given as required by law, and to which no objections have been filed, be and the same is hereby adopted and confirmed, and the same shall be and is hereby levied and assessed upon the lots and land provided for in Resolution No. 1893, adopted April 4, 2022. The several amounts comprising the aggregate reported aforesaid, which assessments and the description of said lots and lands are now on file in the office of the Clerk of this Council are not in excess of any statutory limitation.

SECTION II.

That the total assessment against each lot or parcel of land shall be payable on or before June 14, 2024. All payments shall be made to the Director of Finance of said City. All assessments and installments thereof remaining unpaid after June 14, 2024 shall be certified by the Clerk of this Council to the County Auditor as provided by law for collection with other taxes in five (5) or fewer annual installments with interest thereon at the same rate as shall be borne by the bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of such assessments.

SECTION III.

That the Clerk of this Council shall cause a notice of the passage of this Ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in this City within ten (10) days after its passage and to continue on file in this office said assessments.

SECTION IV.

The Clerk of this Council is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County Auditor within twenty (20) days after its passage.

SECTION V.

That this ordinance be and remain in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL, this _____ of _____, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

Please publish the following in summary form.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

NOTICE OF ASSESSING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Oakwood, Ohio, passed on _____, 2024 Ordinance No. _____ entitled, "TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO." Said Ordinance provides for the assessment against benefited lots and lands of the cost of constructing or reconstructing sidewalks and appurtenances thereto on the following streets or portions of said streets within the City of Oakwood: West Dixon Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Runnymede Road; Harman Avenue, both sides from northern termini at Far Hills Avenue to southern termini at Far Hills Avenue; Harman Terrace, both sides from Harman Avenue to south termini; Park Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Oakwood Avenue; Haver Road, both sides from Kramer Road to Rubicon Road; Katherine Street, both sides from Oakwood Avenue to Runnymede Road; Katherine Terrace, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Kramer Road, both sides from West Schantz Avenue to West Thruston Boulevard; Little Woods Road, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-

de-sac therein; Maysfield Road, both sides from West Schantz Avenue to Southview Road; Northview Road, both sides from Rubicon Road to Kramer Road; Rubicon Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to West Thruston Boulevard; West Schantz Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to west corporation line; Southview Road, both sides from West Thruston Boulevard to Kramer Road; West Thruston Boulevard, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Kramer Road; Far Hills Avenue, west side only from the north corporation limit to the south corporation limit; Coolidge Drive, both sides from Park Road to Peach Orchard Road; Southwood Lane West, both sides from Park Road to Southwood Lane East; Southwood Lane East, both sides from the north termini to Grandon Road; Ridgeway Road, both sides from Harman Avenue to the south corporation limits; Grandon Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Hadley Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Monterey Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Coolidge Drive; Peach Orchard Road, both sides from Ridgeway Road to Far Hills Avenue; Alpine Lane, both sides from the west termini to Hillview Avenue; Hilltop Avenue, both sides from Fairmont Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Dell Park Avenue, both sides from Fairmont Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Oak Knoll Drive, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to the west corporation limits; Fairmont Avenue, both sides from Alpine Lane to the south corporation limit; Roanoke Avenue, both sides from Alpine Lane to the south corporation limit; Hillview Avenue, both sides from Peach Orchard Road to the south corporation limit; Park Road, both sides, from Far Hills Avenue to the west termini; Fairforest Circle, both sides from Ridgeway Road to cul-de-sac therein; Ashridge Road, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Devereux Drive; Devereux Drive, both sides from Raleigh Road to Forrer Road; Forrer Road both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Oakwood Avenue, from Far Hills Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Raleigh Road, both sides from Harman Avenue to Ridgeway Road; Woodstock Drive, both sides from Raleigh Road to Forrer Road; Runnymede Road, both sides from West Thruston Boulevard to Deep Hollow Road; Sweetwood Lane, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Thornhill Road, both sides from Oakwood Avenue to Runnymede Road; Walnut Springs Drive, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Talbott Court, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Deep Hollow Road both sides from Oak Knoll Drive to Runnymede Road; Oakmead Place, both sides from Runnymede Road to cul-de-sac therein; Pointe Oakwood Way, both sides from south termini at Ledges Trail Drive to north termini at Old River Trail; Old River Trail, both sides from east termini at Far Hills Ave to west termini at cul-de-sac; Ledges Trail, both sides from Pointe Oakwood Way to west termini; Sugar Camp Circle, both sides from east termini at West Schantz Avenue to west termini at West Schantz Avenue; and that the assessment against each lot or parcel of land may be paid on or before June 14, 2024, as above mentioned, or if not paid shall be certified to the County Auditor for collection with other taxes in five (5) or fewer annual installments with interest thereon at the same rate as shall be borne by the bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of such assessments.

The assessments levied by such Ordinance are now on file and may be inspected in the office of the Clerk of Council of this City.

By Order of the council of the City of Oakwood.

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

I certify that I have caused the foregoing Legal Notice to be published one (1) time in the Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Oakwood, such publication occurring on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____

NO. _____

ADOPTING THE 2025 TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 2025.

WHEREAS, the City Manager has prepared the attached tax budget for the city of Oakwood, Ohio, for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, in conformance with the requirements of law and in accordance with Section 6.01 of Article VI of the Charter of the city of Oakwood, which tax budget sets forth all revenues expected to be received for such fiscal year; including but not limited to all general and special taxes, fees, costs, percentages, penalties, allowances and prerequisites; and

WHEREAS, based on preliminary estimates, 2025 operating expenditures are not expected to exceed the 2024 operating expenditure appropriations by more than 3%; and

WHEREAS, based on preliminary estimates, 2025 capital expenditures are not expected to exceed \$4,890,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

The budget described in the above recital paragraph, shall be and is hereby adopted as the official tax budget of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025.

SECTION II.

That this ordinance be and remain in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this 6th day of May, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

To the Clerk:
Please publish in summary form set forth below.

LEGAL NOTICE

Ordinance _____ of the City of Oakwood was passed on _____, to adopt the 2025 Tax Budget.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council of the City of Oakwood, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing summary of the foregoing Ordinance was duly published in the Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in said City of Oakwood, that said publication occurred on the following date:

Clerk of Council

Cities/Villages Tax Budget

Council of the City of Oakwood,

May 6, 2024

To Karl L. Keith, Montgomery County Auditor:

The Council of the City of Oakwood hereby submits its annual Budget for the year commencing January 1st, 2025 for consideration of the Montgomery County Budget Commission pursuant to Section 6.01 of the Oakwood City Charter.

Director of Finance

Fund	Estimated Unencumbered Balance January 1st, 2025	Other Sources	Total
GENERAL FUND	7,561,075	11,575,821	19,136,896
MAJOR OPERATING FUNDS			
Street Maintenance and Repair	500,000	1,560,837	2,060,837
Leisure Activity	500,000	1,359,552	1,859,552
Health	202,336	220,038	422,374
Equipment Replacement	1,042,236	1,952,500	2,994,736
Capital Improvement	920,348	1,369,500	2,289,848
Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	200,000	201,700	401,700
Service Center	100,000	821,715	921,715
OTHER FUNDS			
Bullock Endowment Trust	52,209	1,000	53,209
MLK Community Recognition	0	0	0
Special Improvement District Assessment	0	117,306	117,306
Smith Memorial Gardens	400,000	153,250	553,250
Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	42,843	2,600	45,443
Enforcement and Education	8,575	200	8,775
Law Enforcement	7,772	0	7,772
Drug Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police Pension	0	0	0
Court Clerk Computerization	42,159	7,000	49,159
Court Computerization	28,828	3,000	31,828
Court Special Projects	26,816	5,500	32,316
Sub-Total, Page 1	11,635,197	19,351,519	30,986,716

Cities/Villages Tax Budget

Fund	Estimated Unencumbered Balance January 1st, 2025	Other Sources	Total
OTHER FUNDS (continued)			
OneOhio	34,183	13,400	47,583
State Highway Improvement	162,970	47,400	210,370
Public Safety Endowment	141,934	3,000	144,934
Special Projects	4,742,839	0	4,742,839
Issue 2 Projects	0	0	0
Public Facilities	0	0	0
Local Coronavirus Relief	0	0	0
Local Fiscal Recovery	0	0	0
Bond Retirement	0	0	0
Electric Street Lighting	138,212	172,400	310,612
Self-Funded Insurance Trust	25,000	17,500	42,500
Fire Insurance Trust	0	0	0
Contractor's Permit Fee	0	2,000	2,000
REFUSE			
Refuse	173,250	1,380,600	1,553,850
Refuse Improve/Equip Replacement	13,713	203,000	216,713
ENTERPRISE FUNDS			
Water Operating	566,231	1,739,400	2,305,631
Water Improve/Equip Replacement	29,248	890,000	919,248
Sanitary Sewer Operating	906,639	2,385,700	3,292,339
Sanitary Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	192,668	275,000	467,668
Stormwater Operating	322,134	475,100	797,234
Stormwater Improve/Equip Replacement	828	0	828
Sub-Total, Page 2	7,449,849	7,604,500	15,054,349
Grand Total	19,085,046	26,956,019	46,041,065

**Exhibit of Bonds, Notes, and Certificates of Indebtedness Outstanding January 1st of the Coming Year,
and Bond Retirement Fund Requirements, for the coming year.**

Purpose of Bonds and Notes	Authority for Levy Outside 10 mill Limit	Date of Issue	Date Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Outstanding	Amount Required for Principal & Interest	Amount Required from Sources other than Property Tax	Total Required from General Property Taxes
INSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT:	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
	XXXXX							
	XXXXX							
	XXXXX							
	XXXXX							
	XXXXX							
	XXXXX							
	XXXXX							
	XXXXX							
TOTAL	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX				
OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT:	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
TOTAL	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX				

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Fund (Include only those funds which are requesting general property tax revenue)	Amount Approved By Budget Commission Inside 10M. Limitation Column I	Amount To Be Derived From Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation Column II	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit Column III	Outside 10 M. Limit Column IV
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				
GENERAL FUND	1,268,666	472,969		
PROPRIETARY FUNDS				
FIDUCIARY FUNDS				
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,268,666	472,969		

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____ NO. _____

AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, *SIGNS*, OF THE OAKWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE REGULATORY EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FLAGS AND TO SPECIFY A METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE SIGN FACE AREA OF TEMPORARY SIGNS INSTALLED AS LAWN SIGNS.

WHEREAS, a proposed text amendment to the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance was presented to the Planning Commission in a duly-noticed public hearing held on March 6, 2024, and the Planning Commission by a vote of _____ recommended approval thereof; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment has been presented to Council in a duly-noticed public hearing held on April 1, 2024, and as required by Section 1003.6(B) of the Zoning Code, Council has reviewed the proposed amendment and finds that it is consistent with the purposes of the Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan, and the interests of the city of Oakwood as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

Existing Section 1201.03(B), *Exempt Signs*, of the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance, specifically subsection 1201.03(B)(7) thereof, is hereby amended to read as follows, with new text appearing in **bold** font and deleted text appearing in ~~strike-through~~ font:

- B. Exempt Signs. The following signs are hereby designated as “exempt signs” and, as such, are subject only to the regulations contained in this Section 1201.03(B).

7. ~~Governmental flags~~ **Flags**, subject to Section 901.4 (Standards for the Placement of Flagpoles). **The combined total surface area of all flags, counting one (1) side only, shall be no greater than (60) square feet, with no single flag exceeding thirty (30) square feet in area nor six (6) feet in length at its longest dimension.**

SECTION II.

Existing Section 1201.06(B), *Calculating Sign Area*, of the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended to read as follows, with new text appearing in **bold** font and deleted text appearing in ~~strike-through~~ font:

- B. Calculating Sign Area. Sign area is defined as the area within any perimeter enclosing the limits of lettering, emblems, or other figures on a sign, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the background on which it is placed. Structural members bearing no sign copy shall not be included in its surface area. In the case of a multifaced sign, **other than a temporary sign installed as a lawn sign**, all sides shall be included in the calculation of surface area. **In the case of a temporary sign installed as a lawn sign, only one face shall be included in such calculation regardless of whether the sign is printed on one or both sides.**

SECTION III.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, if required, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio R.C. 121.22.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this _____ day of May, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

Please publish by incorporating into the Codified Ordinances of the city.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____

NO. _____

AMENDING SECTION 1171.09, *LOT SPLITS ON WHICH NO PLAT IS REQUIRED*, OF THE OAKWOOD SUBDIVISION CODE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MINOR SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT REQUIRING A FORMAL PLAT.

WHEREAS, via Section 1171.09 of the Subdivision Code, the City Manager is authorized to approve certain minor lot splits and consolidations without the requirement of a formal platting process; and

WHEREAS, due to the language of Section 1171.09, some lot splits and consolidations, such as the consolidation of a single-owner double lot into one parcel without a change of ownership, do not qualify for the City Manager's administrative approval because they are already under common ownership and must be documented in the form of a record plat or other instrument that is neither a deed nor an instrument of conveyance; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to authorize the City Manager to approve these *de minimis* lot splits and consolidations at the administrative level, without requiring the review and oversight of the Planning Commission, and to reword other language in Section 1171.09 for clarity, and finds that the same will promote the public health, safety, and general welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

Existing Section 1171.09, *Lot Splits on Which No Plat is Required*, of the Oakwood Subdivision Code, is hereby amended to read as follows, with new text appearing in **bold** font and deleted text appearing in ~~strike-through~~ font:

1171.09 ~~LOT SPLITS SUBDIVISIONS ON~~ **FOR WHICH NO FORMAL PLATTING PROCESS IS REQUIRED.**

- A. The City Manager shall have authority to approve small subdivisions, to **include carve-offs and parcel consolidations**, without necessity of a ~~preliminary and final plat~~ **formal platting process** if the proposed ~~subdivision of land~~ **subdivision of land** meets all of the conditions set forth below **and if, in the City Manager's discretion, such subdivision is of a *de minimis* nature and does not rise to the level of necessitating Planning Commission review to ensure compatibility with the standards within this Subdivision Code.** The City Manager shall not be obligated or required, however, to grant such **administrative** approvals without a **formal platting process**, and the action of the City Manager in approving any one or more such subdivisions without a plat or plats shall not be deemed to constitute a precedent in favor of similar approvals on other subdivisions:
1. The proposed subdivision is located along an existing dedicated public street and involves no opening, widening or extension of any street or road.
 2. ~~No more than five lots will be involved after the original tract has been completely subdivided.~~ **No single lot shall be divided into more than five lots, nor shall more than five lots be consolidated into a single lot, under this Section 1171.09.**
 3. The proposed subdivision is not contrary to applicable zoning or subdivision regulations of this City (in this respect, the subdivision regulations specifically require a ~~preliminary and final plat~~ **formal platting process**; and the requirement that the proposed subdivision is not contrary to the subdivision regulations can be met only if the City Manager exercises his discretion under this Section 1171.09 so as to waive the **formal platting process** requirement).
 4. ~~The~~ **All lots involved shall have** property has been surveyed (~~both the remaining tract and the parcel to be split off~~) and a survey drawing

showing the entire property and all buildings and driveways thereon and a metes and bounds **or other legal** description, **satisfactory to the City Attorney**, of the original tract of land and any parcel or parcels to be split off, ~~shall be~~ ~~have been~~ submitted with the application. Such a ~~survey~~ drawing and description shall have been prepared by a surveyor or engineer registered with the State of Ohio and shall be certified by that surveyor or engineer to be accurate and complete.

5. With the application for approval without a **formal platting process**, there must also be submitted the proposed **record mylar**, deed, or other instrument of conveyance.

- B. If the City Manager exercises his discretion so as to approve the proposed **subdivision** without necessity of ~~any plat~~ **a formal platting process**, the City Manager shall, within seven working days after the application has been filed and after the above conditions have been met, stamp **or endorse upon** the proposed **record mylar**, deed, or other conveyance the words "Approved by the City Manager; ~~No Plat Required if Recorded within Thirty Days from This Approval.~~ **No further authorization required if recorded within 30 days from this approval. Ord. 1171.09.**" or words of similar import. Such stamp **or signature block** shall provide a place for the **City Manager** ~~authorized representative of the City Manager (who may be an employee of the City designated by the City Manager)~~ **or his designee** to sign and date the approval, and **only** upon such approval by the City Manager the authorized representative shall so sign and date the conveyance.

- C. A **nonrefundable** fee shall be charged for the City Manager's review of any ~~lot split~~ **subdivision** application **under this Section 1171.09**. The amount of the fee shall be set by the City Manager under Chapter 153 of the Administrative Code.

SECTION II.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, if required, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio R.C. 121.22.

SECTION III.

This ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this _____ day of May, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

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**Introductions for Legislation
5/6/2024 Council Meeting**

Mr. Stephens

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

This is the third and final step of our 2025 street lighting program. It allows for the costs of street lighting to be certified to the Montgomery County Auditor for assessment.

Motion: This is the second reading of this ordinance, and I move that Council adopt it tonight.

Mr. Stephens

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO.

This ordinance is the third piece of legislation for last year's Sidewalk Repair Project authorizing the assessment of the sidewalk repair costs that have not been paid directly by affected homeowners. There are 26 unpaid invoices totaling \$20,715.13.

Motion: This is the second reading of this ordinance, and I move that Council adopt it tonight.

Mr. Stephens

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO.

This ordinance is the final piece of legislation for the 2022 Sidewalk Repair Project. It authorizes the assessment of sidewalk repair costs that were not paid directly by affected homeowners. There are 26 unpaid invoices totaling \$29,530.27. These costs were not assessed last year due to timing and staff issues, but by adopting it tonight, we can include these 2022 costs with the assessment for the 2023 project.

Motion: This is the first reading of this ordinance. I move that Council waive the second reading and adopt it tonight.

Vice Mayor Byington

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2025 TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 2025.

To comply with Section 6.01 of the City Charter, this is our annual housekeeping ordinance to estimate the city's revenues and expenses for calendar year 2025.

Motion: This is the second reading of this ordinance, and I move that Council adopt it tonight.

Vice Mayor Byington

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, *SIGNS*, OF THE OAKWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE REGULATORY EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FLAGS AND TO SPECIFY A METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE SIGN FACE AREA OF TEMPORARY SIGNS INSTALLED AS LAWN SIGNS.

This is the second reading of an ordinance to amend the Zoning Code. It was introduced with a first reading at our April meeting.

These proposed changes were reviewed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on March 6. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval by Council. Council will conduct its own public hearing tonight, and then proceed to a vote.

(MAYOR DUNCAN SHOULD OPEN AND CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING. AFTERWARDS, HE WILL ASK VICE MAYOR BYINGTON TO MAKE A MOTION.)

Motion: This is the second reading of this ordinance, and I move that Council adopt it tonight.

Vice Mayor Byington

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1171.09, *LOT SPLITS ON WHICH NO PLAT IS REQUIRED*, OF THE OAKWOOD SUBDIVISION CODE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MINOR SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT REQUIRING A FORMAL PLAT.

This is the second reading of an ordinance to amend the Subdivision Code so that minor lot splits and consolidations can be approved administratively. It was introduced with a first reading at our April meeting.

The City Manager already has authority to issue these administrative approvals in many cases. But the current code requires a “deed” or “instrument of conveyance” for these minor adjustments, so there is no option for administrative approval where no actual conveyance is taking place. A common example in Oakwood happens when the owner of a double lot wishes to consolidate them into a single parcel. There is no “conveyance” because neither lot is changing ownership...they are simply being merged under the same ownership.

As I noted last month, this is a common-sense amendment that eliminates an unnecessary formal review process. It will allow for these kinds of boundary adjustments to be made more quickly and at a lower cost to the property owner.

Motion: This is the second reading of this ordinance, and I move that Council adopt it tonight.

Public Hearing Procedure

We have a public hearing on tonight's agenda involving text amendments to the Oakwood Zoning Code. The Planning Commission has already conducted its own public hearing and recommended approval of these amendments. Council is now required to hold another public hearing before making a decision.

Before we begin, I'd like to go over the procedure for the hearing, which will follow our usual format:

- We will start with a city staff report, summarizing the application and tonight's hearing. Since these are code updates, the staff report will be presented by our Law Director, Rob Jacques.
- After the staff report, we will open the "public hearing" portion of the meeting to take public testimony. We will start with anyone who wishes to speak IN SUPPORT of the text amendments, and then we will hear from anyone who wishes to speak AGAINST them.
- When the public testimony has concluded, we will close the public hearing and begin our Council deliberations.



- Following our deliberations, we will introduce and vote on legislation to adopt our decision.

Before we begin, I would like to ask the Law Director to swear in those who wish to testify tonight. (LAW DIRECTOR WILL SWEAR IN WITNESSES *EN MASSE*.)

With that, Mr. Jacques, please present your staff report.

(After the staff report, continue as follows:)

I now open the public hearing. Is there anyone here who wishes to speak IN SUPPORT OF the text amendments?

Is there anyone here who wishes to speak AGAINST the text amendments?

I now close the public hearing. Council will now deliberate.

Vice Mayor Byington, would you like to make a motion?



Kip Bohachek... May 6, 2024 Council Recognition

- Epitome of volunteer public servant.
- Recently ended 22 years of service on our Board of Zoning Appeals... served 16 years as board chair.
- Kip has served (and continues to serve) on the Property Maintenance Board since 1992... 32 years and counting. He served for many years as board chair.
- Served on the Public Facilities Task Force from 2001 to 2014.
- Served on the 2004 Comprehensive Planning Committee.
- Served on the 2010 Athletic and Recreation Facility Planning Committee.

ALL OF THE ABOVE SERVICE WAS IN A VOLUNTARY CAPACITY

In 2010, Kip received the Oakwood Rotary Club Civic Leadership Award.



**CITY OF OAKWOOD
PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

WHEREAS, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Oakwood's older adults and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

WHEREAS, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

WHEREAS, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood should endorse programs to ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities — reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, under the power vested in me, I, William D. Duncan, Mayor of the city of Oakwood, hereby proclaim May 2024 as OLDER AMERICANS MONTH in Oakwood.

FURTHER, I call upon all residents to join me in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Oakwood,
this 6th day of May 2024.

William D. Duncan
Mayor of Oakwood



**CITY OF OAKWOOD
PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING MAY AS CODEBREAKER MONTH
AND THE REMARKABLE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOSEPH DESCH**

WHEREAS, Joseph Desch, a pioneering and world-leading American engineer and inventor, was awarded the Presidential Medal for Merit in 1947 for his invaluable contributions to the field of cryptography, significantly hastening the Allied victory in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Desch, born on May 23, 1907, in Dayton, Ohio, and having demonstrated exceptional aptitude in mathematics and engineering, graduated from the University of Dayton and resided in Oakwood for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, tasked by National Cash Register Company (NCR) President, Edward A. Deeds, to form the Electrical Research Laboratory, he innovated the use of thyratron tubes and circuitry to develop high-speed electronic, counting and mathematical computing machines, and created the first electronic calculator; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, following the United States entering World War II, wherein the Axis powers' submarines were devastating Allied shipping, the US Navy sought to rapidly develop a high-speed solution to counter enemy Enigma machine encryption efforts; and

WHEREAS, appointed as Research Director of the United States Naval Computing Machine Laboratory, in NCR's Building 26, Joseph Desch was tasked with the top-secret project to create a machine to rapidly decipher the four-wheel Enigma machine code; and

WHEREAS, having assembled and led a team of dedicated engineers and mathematicians, and supported by the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), Mr Desch cooperated directly with the UK's key codebreaker, Alan Turing of Bletchley Park; and

WHEREAS, despite working under a compressed schedule, extreme pressure, and tremendous challenges, Joseph Desch's perseverance, ingenuity, technical genius, and leadership resulted in him successfully designing and constructing an electromechanical and electronic computing device, which became known as the American Cryptanalytic Bombe machine; and

WHEREAS, capable of breaking the most complex Enigma-encrypted messages in near-real time, and now considered the cornerstone of modern automated cryptography, Desch's machines provided crucial intelligence and played a major role in winning the Battle of the Atlantic; thereby maintaining a lifeline to the Allied Forces in Europe, and the successful Normandy Landing, which significantly contributed to Allied victory; shortening the duration of the war, and saving countless military and civilian lives; and

WHEREAS, Desch's groundbreaking work on the American Bombe is considered a cornerstone for modern automated cryptography, he went on to co-patent an electronic calculator, and his help in creating the first completely solid-state computer is attributed as being a milestone in electrical engineering and computing.

NOW, THEREFORE, under the power vested in me, I, William D. Duncan, Mayor of the city of Oakwood, hereby proclaim May as Codebreaker Month, and offer our deepest gratitude and admiration for the remarkable achievements of Joseph Desch. We commend his unwavering dedication to serving the United States of America, his extraordinary contributions to the fields of cryptography, computing and innovation, and acknowledge his instrumental role in shaping the outcome of World War II, and in saving countless human lives. May his legacy continue to inspire and guide us in our endeavors to advance science, technology, and global cooperation for the greater good of humanity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the city of Oakwood, this 6th day of May 2024

William D. Duncan
Mayor of Oakwood

Support for proclamation honoring Codebreakers

Since last November's *Register* article on Oakwood codebreaker Joseph Desch, a small committee, led by Andrew and Cheryl Lloyd, has been diligently working on how best to recognize this local innovator - an innovator who toiled tirelessly with U.S. Navy Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) specialists to

build computers and crack codes in near real time during WWII. Their efforts shortened that war by years and saved countless lives but remained classified and hidden from public view for decades.

In recognition of these accomplishments, Oakwood Mayor Duncan will proclaim the month of May "Codebreaker Month" at the

beginning of its Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6. If you've always wanted to attend a City Council meeting at 30 Park Avenue, reach out to UnsungOakwoodHeroes@gmail.com and let us know you're coming to honor these amazing codebreakers.

Joe and Leigh Ann Fulford

THE OAKWOOD REGISTER May 1, 2024

City to proclaim May ‘Codebreaker Month’ in honor of Oakwood man who led top-secret project in WW II

*By Lucinda Davies
Oakwood Unsung
Heroes Committee*

In a significant nod to Oakwood’s remarkable historical figures, Mayor William D. Duncan will officially declare May as ‘Codebreaker Month’ during the scheduled Council Meeting on May 6, 2024, starting at 7:30 PM. This proclamation is in recognition of Joseph Desch, a pioneering American engineer whose groundbreaking work in cryptography during World War II made a pivotal contribution to the Allied victory.

Joseph Desch, a Dayton native and longtime Oakwood resident, led the development of the American Cryptanalytic Bombe machine under the United States Naval Computing Machine Laboratory. His innovative

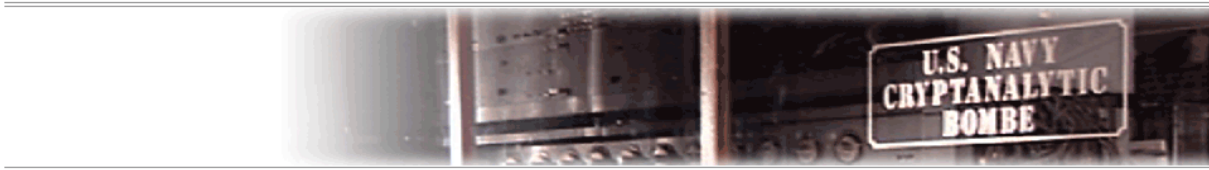
work provided the Allies crucial intelligence by breaking complex Enigma-encrypted messages in near-real time, significantly shortening the duration of the war and saving numerous lives. Desch’s achievements not only helped to shape the outcome of the war but also laid foundational stones for modern automated cryptography and computing.

City representatives will be inviting community members and the media to join the ceremony at City Hall, where Mayor Duncan will delve into Desch’s extraordinary contributions and their lasting impact on technology and global cooperation. This event is a significant milestone in celebrating a local hero whose legacy continues to inspire advancements in science and technology.

THE OAKWOOD REGISTER May 1, 2024

Dayton Codebreakers

A story so important it was secret for 50 years



US Navy Cryptanalytic Bombe, National Cryptologic Museum, Ft. Meade, MD

An important story

Dedicated to those who worked in Building 26, 1942-1946

The mission of this site is to tell the story of hundreds of people who worked at the United States Naval Computing Machine Laboratory, a top secret project in Dayton during World War Two. These people kept their secret for over fifty years. They produced machines which were crucial to the war effort and helped to save the lives of tens of thousands of troops, on land and sea, around the world.

Please take a look—there are hundreds of pages of declassified documents, rosters of personnel, photographs and more. (An easy way to check this out is to visit the [Sitemap](#) page.) I have added a new bibliography page brought up to date to include burgeoning information about cryptography on the web.

This site originates with and is maintained by Debbie Anderson in Dayton, Ohio. My father was Joseph Desch, Research Director for the NCML. This site is an outgrowth of my own efforts to learn more about the story behind my father's secret work and a desire to share what I have learned. It also is a resource for the facts behind the documentary **Dayton Codebreakers**.

I am grateful to the [Archive Center](#) at [Dayton History](#), the [Wenger Command Display](#) in Pensacola, Florida, friends at the NSA [Center for Cryptologic History](#) and the [National Cryptologic Museum](#), and the many veterans—WAVES and sailors— who have been so generous over the years for a share of the photographs presented here.

Thanks for learning about a part of Dayton's, and the nation's, history.

Launched 2001

The National Cryptologic Museum has been increasing its presence on the web by offering new ways to appreciate cryptology. Puzzles and intriguing factoids are posted several times a week at their Facebook page, [National Cryptologic Museum](#). Join in the fun and get a workout for your brain.

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A popular page on my site, [The US Navy Cryptanalytic Bombe](#), now with new photos and a link to a bombe simulator.

Excellent update of a [page at Virmuze](#) [network of Virtual Museums] about the US Bombe with information about some components.

Watch a [YouTube video from the NCM](#) about the US Navy Cryptanalytic Bombe from the Nat'l Crypto Museum

My favorite page: The incredible amount of production at the US NCML reflected in the [By the Numbers](#) page.

Redone page of [Cryptanalytic Equipment](#) in operation at Nebraska Avenue, linked to full-size photos

Joseph R. Desch



Joseph Desch
1907-1987

written by Debbie Anderson

Joseph Desch came into the world at the right place and time to become an inventor—he was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1907, just 4 years after the Wright Brothers historic flight, and about a mile from their Cycle Shop. He grew up at a time when Dayton was teeming with tinkers and craftsmen. His grandfather, father, and uncles were wagon makers who were not only wood workers and blacksmiths but precision tool-makers and problem-solvers. On all his free days from school he accompanied his father to the family wagonworks and was fascinated watching him forge tools. Once Joe discovered radio, at the age of eleven, it was natural for him to assume that he would build his own equipment. He taught himself the necessary skills, and when he began experimenting with various components, he used tools which he would design and his father fabricate.

He attended Emmanuel elementary school, attached to his neighborhood Catholic parish, then won a scholarship to the preparatory (high) school of the University of Dayton. Later, while attending college at U.D., Joe worked evenings as an inspector at Day-Fan Electric in Dayton, supervising radio testing and production. After graduation he went to General Motors Radio where he again supervised radio testing, and there he met two people who were to play large roles in his life—his future wife, Dorothy, whom he married in 1935, and Robert Mumma, who continued to be his colleague and friend for the next 50 years.



Joe, 2nd row, 3rd from left

After he supervised the liquidation of General Motors Radio in 1933, he conducted teletype communications research for Telecom Laboratories, which was financed by Charles Kettering. Two years later he was hired by Harry Williams as foreman for the Process Laboratory at the Frigidaire Division of General Motors, again in Dayton. He then followed Williams to the National Cash Register Company in 1938 to form the innovative Electrical Research Laboratory at the direction of Colonel Edward Deeds, then President of the Company. This was the opportunity Joe needed to establish himself in electronics research. At Deed's direction he conducted research to implement pioneering ideas regarding the use of tubes and circuitry in counting devices, with the idea of developing high speed mathematical computing machines to augment or replace the Company's mechanical machines. The idea of applying electronic counting to calculating mechanisms occurred to him when reading of a thyatron (gas-filled tube) counting ring of five places (5 digits, not five orders) developed by English scientist Wynn Williams. (This particular counting ring was used to scale down impulses from the Geiger-Mueller tube used in radioactive emanation research). He wrote:



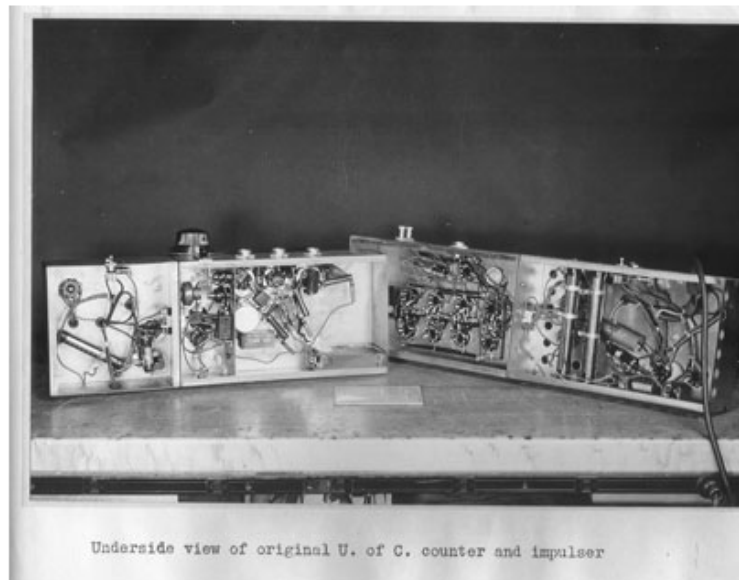
Teletype for Charles Kettering

Two kinds of counters were used: high vacuum counters using "trigger tubes" and gas tube counters using thyatrons. The idea of using counters arranged in groups of ten, for division by ten, that is decimal counting, or scale of 10 counting, became evident to me in my search for ways and means to effect electrical arithmetical computings. . . .since gas tube counters required fewer tubes, could probably be made smaller, and were completely reliable, we decided to begin our research work on this type of counter. . . . A miniature gas tube or thyatron was developed which has proven completely satisfactory, enabling us to attain much higher operating speeds than the most optimistic contemporary investigators.

Of the thyatron, he further wrote "This tube, later used in quantity in Navy equipment for purposes other than counting , was developed for production from our laboratory type by the Hygrade Sylvania Tube Co., . . . Considerable time and effort were expended in perfecting this gas tube (thyatron) for counting use." Col. Deeds of NCR was known in the national scientific community and had formed a relationship, both personal and professional, with Vannevar Bush of MIT (the Massachusetts Institute of Technology). This relationship had an irrevocable influence on the direction of the Electrical Research Lab . Drs. Vannevar Bush and Samuel Caldwell of MIT conducted research at MIT under NCR sponsorship, concurrent with the counter work at NCR, working towards a "Rapid Arithmetical Machine". This long-standing professional exchange of ideas contributed to a critical turn in the goals of the lab's research in 1940, away from research to applied technology:

In the later summer of 1940 we were approached by Dr. George Harrison, Chairman of Section D3, Instruments, of the NDRC (National Defense Research Council) and requested to aid in the development of electronic counters for war, capable for very high speed counting. The research objective was the development of a counter capable for accurately counting impulses at the rate of one million or more per second. Presumably we became known to Dr. Harrison through Dr. Caldwell and Dr. Bush . . .

The Lab's initial work on the problem brought the top speed from 1,500 impulses per second (ips) to about 150,000 ips. When Dr. Coleman, assistant to Dr. Harrison of the NDRC, saw the new proposal Desch made involving a resetting-type binary counter was identical to a system that the University of Chicago had already developed, he asked him to visit the U. of C. A second six-month contract was received and during this period the work was moved to NCR, where the best reliable speed of this counter progressed from about 400,000 counts per second to a reliable in-field speed, at the time of the report, of 1,000,000 ips. The counter was to be used, unknown to Desch and the Lab, in the Manhattan Project. Their success gave them entry into the electronic research community that included MIT, the University of Chicago, RCA, General Electric and Eastman Kodak. The Navy ultimately would pick the NCR lab to develop and build an American version of the British "Bombe," a machine used to analyze the German Naval code Enigma. But first, the successes of the lab and the leadership of Joe Desch made him a prime candidate to evaluate the design for a totally electronic deciphering device created by a group of MIT academicians. While not an expert in cryptanalysis, he gave the opinion that the implementation of the design was not possible, primarily because of the large number of tubes necessary. Believing that the American version of the Bombe could be built using mechanical and electronic components, and recognizing NCR's past accomplishments, the Navy moved ahead.



"They took us over" Desch said in 1973. Cmdr. Ralph Meader became head of the Naval Computing Machine Laboratory, housed in Building 26 on NCR's large campus. Desch, serving as Research Director, moved his lab and staff from Building 10 to this isolated building, located conveniently next to railroad tracks—ideal for nighttime shipments of equipment. Surrounding Building 26 with armed Marine Guards, and taking over NCR's summertime educational barracks, Sugar Camp, to house incoming WAVES, the Navy set upon the facilities to build the machines that would regain Allied control of the Atlantic Ocean. Lacking complete information on how the British devices worked, and not having received the promised prototype, Desch and his group had to complete their own design under tremendous pressure. This was the period when the Battle of the Atlantic was at its height, and the losses in shipping were mounting rapidly. The U-boat war was concentrated in the western part of the Atlantic, close to home and embarrassing for the US Navy which had taken over the protection of the Europe-bound convoys. The British had believed that they could solve the problem of breaking the codes of the U-boat fleet, but their lack of progress encouraged the US Navy to undertake their own decryption activity. After several false starts and redesigns, the first American Bombes were delivered to the Navy in 1943 and for the next two years Desch and Mumma continued to improve the devices and deliver machines on a regular schedule to the Naval Communication Annex on Nebraska Avenue in Washington, D.C.

The Navy also used the Desch home, because it was secure, to house guests visiting the project. Having only two bedrooms, and the "spare" being used by Cmdr. Meader, everyone from "Admirals in the Navy to Lords of Parliament" slept on the living room floor. Photos that Joe took show guests as varied as Adm. Joseph Redman, Capt. Joseph Wenger, and Cmdr. Travis of Bletchley Park; years later Joe also mentioned that Alan Turing was among those who "all had to sleep on the floor!" The Desch household was also a home-away-from-home for the WAVES, whose visits were later described not only by Dorothy but by her sister, her brother and their families. As the work on the design of the Bombes came to fruition in 1943, hundreds of people began arriving at NCR. While the original Laboratory staff was ten to twenty people, the complement grew to over one thousand by 1944. Enlisted Navy personnel came as early as February 1943 followed by train loads of WAVES in April. At its height the Laboratory included 100 officers and enlisted personnel and 600 WAVES, and a large civilian contingent. Living at Sugar Camp the WAVES marched to and from Building 26. Few of these people, however, knew of the purpose of the equipment they were building. Only a handful of NCR engineers, and Naval officers, had full knowledge of the project.

In 1946 Joe filed an application for a patent on an electronic calculator designed by him and Bob Mumma, as part of an application initiated in March of 1940. This brought about three interferences filed in the US Patent Office between their application and one by Arthur Dickinson of IBM. Eventually these were settled in favor of Desch, in part because he proved Dickinson's design unworkable, and gave Desch and Mumma the first patent on the modern digital computer. His career after this point was noteworthy, and he was especially proud in later years of his work with Bob Mumma in the development of the NCR 304, the first completely solid state computer. It was of course an immense relief just to have projects which he could actually talk about openly once again. In the next 20 years his contracts included the NEAM class computer, the Post-Tronic class calculator, check-sorting equipment, magnetic character printing equipment, computer peripherals including magnetic tape units, high speed printers, and numerous types of equipment for the government while directing the Military Division: command and control aircraft equipment, thermal printers (including equipment on the Apollo space flights), radio rescue beacons for downed pilots, Facer-Canceller machines, zip code readers and parcel post routing systems for the Post office. Joe retired from NCR in January 1972, shortly after the death of his wife Dorothy.

A source of pride for him, despite the fact he couldn't discuss it, was the Medal of Merit he received from President Harry Truman in 1947. It recognized "civilians of the nations prosecuting the war . . . as have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the furtherance of the prosecution of the war." He died at the age of 80, August 3, 1987.

Posthumous honors include *National Security Agency Hall of Honor, 2011*; The George R. Stibitz Computer & Communications Pioneer Award, American Computer and Robotics Museum (Bozeman MT) 2016; in 2017 he was awarded the University of Dayton Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Education: B.S.E.E., University of Dayton, 1929;
Professional Experience: Radio Inspector, Day-Fan Electric while attending U.D., 1925-29;
Military experience: Lieutenant, U. S. Army Reserve
Supervisor of test Dev't and construction, General Motors Radio, Dayton, Ohio, 1929-1933;
Engineer/researcher, Telecom Laboratories, Dayton, Ohio [purchased by IBM], 1933-1935;
Foreman of Process Laboratory, Frigidaire Corporation, Dayton, Ohio, 1935-38;
National Cash Register Company, Dayton, Ohio: Director of Electrical Research Laboratory, 1938-1941; Research Director, U.S. Naval Computing Machine Laboratory (Navy title), 1941-1946;
Manager of Electrical Research, 1946-1952;
Supervisor Electrical Engineering, 1952-1959;
Director, Advanced Development, 1959-1960;
Established Military Development Division, Director Military Division, 1960-1972.
Awards and Honors: U.S. Medal of Merit awarded by President Harry Truman, 3 October 1945.
Professional Organizations: Nat'l Society and Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, both A. I. E. E. and I.R.E., later I.E.E.E.,
Army Ordnance Association (President, 1967-68)
lifetime member A.R.R.L.

[Written by Deborah Desch Anderson, 2005. This piece builds upon material originally published in "The US Bombes, NCR, Joseph Desch and 600 WAVES: The First Reunion of the US Naval Computing Machine Laboratory" in the Spring 2000 issue of the IEEE Journal [Annals of the History of Computing](#), John A. N. Lee, Colin Burke and Deborah Anderson. This article can be read [here - The US Bombes, NCR, Joseph Desch, and 600 WAVES: The First Reunion of the US Naval Computing Machine Laboratory](#).

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Joseph Desch was an innovative engineer for the National Cash Register Company (NCR). The U.S. Navy contracted NCR in March 1942 to design and build its Bombes, which were machines used for processing the German navy's four-rotor Enigma-based messages. NCR selected Joseph Desch, head of its electrical research laboratory, to be the principal engineer on the project. The Bombes Mr. Desch designed at the NCR became a vital cryptanalytic tool in the war against Germany's U-bo... [See more](#)



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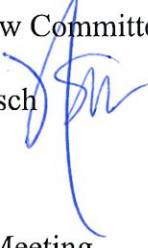
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The farther backwards you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.

Winston Churchill



City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

To: Budget Review Committee
From: Norbert Klopsch 
Date: May 1, 2024
Subject: May 7 BRC Meeting

Greetings from City Hall!

Our Budget Review Committee meets at 5:30 pm next Tuesday, May 7. We will conduct the meeting in the council chambers at the city building, 30 Park Avenue.

We expect that the meeting will last about one hour. Attached are the following items:

- Meeting agenda.
- Minutes of our November 28, 2023 meeting.

We hope to see you in person, but offer a Zoom option for those preferring to participate remotely.

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Cc: Members of City Council
Senior Staff



City of Oakwood
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BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2024

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVE NOVEMBER 28, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

OPENING COMMENTS

2.41 MILL PROPERTY TAX

2023 YEAR-END FINANCIALS

2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT

2024 FINANCIALS THROUGH APRIL

2024 CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

POSSIBLE 2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS/EXPENSES

OTHER

ADJOURN

Oakwood, Ohio
November 28, 2023

The Oakwood citizen Budget Review Committee (BRC) met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. The meeting took place in the council chambers at the city building, 30 Park Avenue, and was available via the Zoom remote teleconferencing platform.

The following people attended:

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Budget Review Committee

In-person:

Howard Boose
Jeanne Boozell
Cait Botschner
Fred Dudding
Ellen Fodge
Bill Frapwell, Vice Chair
John Gray
John Jervis
Megan Kavanaugh
Doug Kinsey
William Meyer
Bill Rieger
Mark Risley
Raya Whalen

Via Zoom:

Dave Dickerson, Chair
Susie Elliott
Ella Himes
Kristina Marcus
Jim Vaughn

Oakwood City Council

In-person:

Mayor Bill Duncan
Vice Mayor Steve Byington
Councilmember Rob Stephens
Councilmember Anne Hilton
Councilmember Leigh Turben
Councilmember-elect Healy Jackson

City Staff

In-person:

City Manager Norbert Klopsch
Leisure Services Director Carol Collins
Finance Director Cindy Stafford
Public Safety Director Alan Hill
Law Director Rob Jacques
Public Works Director Doug Spitler
Human Resources Manager Sangita Anand

Mayor Bill Duncan opened the meeting with a welcome and asked the committee members to do self-introductions. He asked if there were any suggested edits to the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting. There being no edits, Mayor Duncan asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Motion to approve by Mrs. Himes; second by Mr. Risley. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Mayor Duncan invited Mr. Klopsch to make opening comments and to deliver the meeting presentation.

Mr. Klopsch mentioned that he meets with other city managers regularly and there is often discussion on finances and budget processes. From these discussions, it is clear that there are no other communities that have a budget committee (or financial advisory committee) that is as robust as Oakwood's.

Mr. Klopsch discussed the following recent events and city projects:

Mr. Klopsch commented on holiday decorations in Oakwood. He shared that residents may decorate their private property, but decorations cannot be placed in the public right-of-way. He discussed locations where decorations are being placed in the public right-of-way and shared how the city is addressing it. He noted that Mr. Jacques will comment later in the meeting about the public right-of-way and why it is important to carefully manage it.

The Montgomery County Solid Waste District (MCSWD) is considering imposing a fee for the drop-off of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) material to begin in 2026. The County Commissioners seem to be opposed to the fee and are asking their staff to seek ways to stabilize the budget without imposing the fee.

The city received a notice from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding the resurfacing of Far Hills Avenue. The project is programmed for next summer with 80% of the project to be funded by ODOT and the remaining 20% to be paid by the city as a local match. A supplemental appropriation will be presented to Council at the December meeting to finalize city's portion of the project funding.

Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday of Lights Ceremony at Shafor Park at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 10.

Mr. Klopsch invited Mr. Jacques to comment on the holiday lights display on Wonderly Avenue located in the public right-of-way.

Mr. Jacques shared that as a general rule, the city does not regulate Christmas lights. The issue on Wonderly Avenue is that the decorations extend across the sidewalk which is the public right-of-way. The right-of-way is regulated through the Traffic/General Offenses Code, Streets & Public Service Code and the Oakwood Zoning Code. Mr. Jacques briefly discussed the specific regulations in these codes. The commonality of these is that they are an exercise of what the law calls the city's police power and they arise from statutory and common law duties that the city has to keep the public right-of-way open and safe for public use.

Mr. Klopsch reported on the following 2023 highlights:

- Gardner Pool Improvements: Gardner Pool improvements began in the fall of 2022 and were completed in the spring of 2023. All of the construction was done on time and Oakwood residents were able to enjoy a summer of fun at the pool.
- LED Street Lights: About 96% of the street lights in Oakwood have been converted to LED fixtures. City staff is working on a plan to replace the remaining lights.
- Far Hills Storm Sewer and Structure Improvements: The work along Far Hills Avenue is moving along. The construction is expected to be completed by the end of November or the beginning of December. This is all being done in advance of the repaving of Far Hills Avenue next summer.

- Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance: Two additional employees were added to the Public Works Department about a year ago for the main purpose of keeping up with routine cleaning of roughly 39 miles worth of underground sanitary sewer piping in Oakwood. It is ideal to clean the entire piping system every other year, especially in areas where the land is flat because the pipes have shallow slopes and backups occur more easily. In 2023, the Public Works Department cleaned well over half of the sewer system.
- 2023 FINANCIALS THROUGH OCTOBER: Finance Director Cindy Stafford presented the following financial data:
 - General City Services receipts through October are at 92.60% of budget, while disbursements and encumbrances are at 83.01% of budget. Mrs. Stafford anticipates ending the year with expenses around 97% of what was budgeted.
 - Refuse Fund receipts through October are at 84.06% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 82.88% of budget.
 - Water Utility Fund receipts through October are at 90.70% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 73.11% of budget. There is a good chance that receipts may come in higher than anticipated due to the dry summer and associated heavy irrigation water use.
 - Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund receipts through October are at 84.72% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 72.08% of budget.
 - Stormwater Utility Fund receipts through October are at 98.34% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 93.02% of budget. This includes \$985,000 transferred from the General Fund for the Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project.

Mr. Klopsch reported that at the end of 2023, the city will have continued to provide comprehensive public services and, based on current projections, will have:

- \$764,607 less in our General City Services funds.
- \$40,890 less in our Refuse funds.
- \$451,947 less in our Water funds.
- \$319,284 less in our Sanitary Sewer funds.
- \$45,967 less in our Stormwater funds.

All of the shortages will be covered by existing cash reserves.

- MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES: Income Tax collections through November are about -0.8% less than 2022 receipts. Income tax receipts are starting to level out. A slight increase is budgeted for 2024.

Mrs. Stafford explained the city's plans to begin using Fifth Third Bank as our tax filing/payment processing center in 2024. Tax payments and returns will no longer be sent directly to the Oakwood city building. They will be directed to Fifth Third's tax processing center. The payments will go to a lockbox where they are then opened, sorted and directly deposited into the city's account. This change streamlines the process and saves the city both time and money.

Mrs. Boozell asked how much this service costs.

Mrs. Stafford said that is it \$600 per month and will be used year-round.

- PROPERTY TAX: Of the total property tax bill that Oakwood residents pay in 2023, only about 8% is received by the city to pay for city services. The 2023 Residential Real Estate Tax breakdown consists of 70.1% to Oakwood Schools; 1.7% to Montgomery County; 0.3% to Developmental Disabilities; 1.8% to Five River MetroParks; 12% to Human Services; 3.5% to Sinclair; 8% to the city of Oakwood; and 2.6% to Wright Library.

Mr. Klopsch stated that the proposed 2024 Budget will show that expenses exceed revenue by \$1,481,814. This is primarily due to \$1.1 million in property taxes that will not be collected in 2024 because of the expiration this year of the 3.75 mill levy issue. Council is placing a new replacement levy on the ballot in March of 2024. Based on strong property values in Oakwood, the new levy will be around 2.4 or 2.5 mills. This will generate the same amount of revenue as the expiring levy, meaning it will not raise property taxes above what is paid today.

- 2024 GOALS & OBJECTIVES: The following goals and objectives will be included in the 2024 budget book:
 - KHN Property, Sugar Camp Western Lot and Randall Residence Property
 - Water System Master Plan for Capital improvements
 - Far Hills Infrastructure Improvements
 - Sanitary Sewer System Maintenance/Capital Improvements Plan
 - Traffic Signal Master Plan for Capital improvements

- 2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW: Below, in millions, are 2024 budgeted expense figures:

➤ General City Services:	\$18.13
➤ Refuse Operations:	\$ 1.54
➤ Water Utility:	\$ 1.95
➤ Sanitary Sewer Utility:	\$ 2.79
➤ Stormwater Utility:	<u>\$ 0.61</u>
Total:	\$25.02 million

Mr. Klopsch commented on the line item budgets for General City Services, Refuse Operations, Water Utility, Sanitary Sewer Utility and Stormwater Utility. At the end of 2024, the city will have continued to provide comprehensive services and will, based on the budget, have:

- \$1,340,448 less in our General City Services funds.
- \$299,868 less in our Refuse funds.
- \$300,676 less in our Water funds.
- \$454,339 less in our Sanitary Sewer funds.
- \$161,826 less in our Stormwater funds.

Mr. Klopsch noted that \$100,000 for asphalt rejuvenation was added to the final capital budget since the last committee meeting. He then played a video demonstrating how a manhole leveling machine functions. The Public Works Department is purchasing the machine and will begin a manhole improvement program in 2024.

Mr. Klopsch asked for a motion to recommend approval of the 2024 budget. Motion by Mr. Dudding; second by Mr. Risley. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed.

Mayor Duncan noted that several committee members have terms that are expiring at the end of December. Council will be contacting them about renewing their membership on the committee.

Mayor Duncan shared that he is keeping an eye on recommendations at the state level to raise the employer contribution to the Ohio public pension funds. There is also a subcommittee studying whether the Ohio Property Tax should be reformed.

Mayor Duncan commented on the holiday decorations on Wonderly Avenue and how city employees are being accused of slanderous things. As representatives on the council committee for safety and traffic, he and Mr. Stephens met with City Manager Norbert Klopsch, Law Director Rob Jacques, Public Safety Director Alan Hill, Public Works Director Doug Spitler, and Planning & Zoning Manager Ethan Kroger. This impressive group of public servants came together to discuss next steps to ensure compliance with city ordinances and the safety of city employees. He thanked Mr. Klopsch for his leadership and service in advising Council on running a great city.

Mayor Duncan recognized that this will be Councilmember Anne Hilton's last Budget Review Committee meeting. He thanked her for her public service.

There being no other business, at 6:49 p.m. Mayor Duncan thanked the committee members for their service and the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman



OHS Academic Decathlon team wins 12th consecutive Division II National Championship

The Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team clinched its 12th Division III National Championship at the United States Academic Decathlon National Competition in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from April 24-27. More than 600 students from across the United States competed at the event.

The nine-member championship team earned 65 individual medals across the subject areas and achieved eight out of nine total individual overall score awards in the three G.P.A. divisions, earning a combined total of \$6,000 in scholarship awards. Earning individual overall score awards were:

Rohan Haack - 1st overall Honors division; also highest scoring student on Oakwood's team

Joseph Hong - 2nd overall Honors division; Anna Weaver - 3rd overall Honors division; Alex Devgan - 1st overall Scholastic division; Brian Fischer - 2nd overall Scholastic division; Grace Stafford - 3rd overall Scholastic division; received a perfect 1000 in the interview event; Ian Brooks - 1st overall Varsity division; Daniel Wang - 2nd overall Varsity division. Additionally, Alex Devgan received special recognition as the Most Valuable Team Member.

Twelve high-scoring individual decathletes from Oakwood received invitations to compete at the National Competition in the individual category. These students accrued 13 medals across the subject areas.

The team would like to thank this

year's business sponsors, including Ashley's Pastry Shop, Digestive Specialists, Inc., GoHypersonic, Meyers Printing and Design, and Robert K. Jones Insurance Agency.

Competing on the team this year are Ian Brooks, Alex Devgan, Brian Fischer, Rohan Haack, Joseph Hong, Grace Stafford, Julian Uhlman, Daniel Wang, and Anna Weaver.

Competing as individuals this year are Isak Autrey, Alayna Brown, Jack Campbell, Ty Fischer, Audrey Havrilla, Aiden Horton, Becket Jacobsen, Max Kiernan, Gabriella LaPerle, Will Steipp, Danny Vásconez, and Sia Zois.

The team is coached by Lori Morris and assisted by Marie Jergens and Jeff Blumer.

Oakwood wins 12th straight academic decathlon national title

By **Nick Blizzard**
Staff Writer

The Oakwood High School academic decathlon team has won its 12th straight Division III national championship.

Its latest title came this past weekend in Pittsburgh, where more than 600 students competed, according to the school district.

OHS finished ahead of runner up Oak Hill High School in Maine and third-place finisher DaVinci Academy of Science and the Arts of Utah, the competition's website states.

Academic Decathlon is a

10-event competition. Students write essays, deliver speeches, take exams in art, economics, literature, math, music, science, and social science; and are interviewed by judges. Academic Decathlon also includes the Super Quiz, where teams solve challenges across multiple subjects, in front of a live audience.

Oakwood's nine-member team earned 65 individual medals and achieved eight out of nine total individual overall score awards in the three grade-point average divisions, Oakwood officials said.

The team earned a combined \$6,000 in scholarship awards. Earning individual overall score awards were:

- Honors division - Rohan Haack, first and Oakwood's highest scorer; Joseph Hong, second; and Anna Weaver, third.

- Scholastic division - Alex Devgan, first; Brian Fischer, second; and Grace Stafford, third, earning a perfect 1,000 in the interview event.

- Varsity division - Ian Brooks, first; and Daniel Wang, second.

Devgan was named Most Valuable Team Member. Julian Uhlman was also on

the team.

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U.S. News puts Oakwood in Ohio's top 10 high schools; 12 others in top 100

Debate over how to evaluate school success continues.

By **Nick Blizzard**
Staff Writer

A national publication's ranking of Ohio public high schools listed Oakwood High School in the top 10, and four other south Miami Valley schools in the top 50.

How they rank schools

U.S. News & World Report said they ranked public high schools on several weighted factors, most of them linked to standardized testing.

Their "state assessment" and "underserved student" measurements, accounting for a combined 50% of the ranking, are based on state test scores, both overall, and a look at how low-income and racial minority students performed.

Their "college readiness" and "college curriculum breadth" measurements, accounting for 40% of the ranking, are based on the proportion of 12th graders who took and earned qualifying scores on Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams. Few local schools offer IB courses, and the number of AP classes varies widely among local districts, as some schools focus more on College Credit Plus offerings than AP.

The final 10% of the ranking is based on graduation rates.

There have always been debates about how to evaluate school success. Families choose schools based on a wide range of criteria, such as academics, special pro-



grams, safety, extracurriculars and housing/neighborhoods, depending on what is important to them. Which school is labeled "best" in any ranking will depend on which set of criteria is used.

Local schools' rankings

Oakwood was listed sixth in U.S. News & World Report's 2024 ratings of the top 100 high schools in the state. Mason (18), Waynesville (42), Bellbrook (43) and Kings (48) were the others in Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Warren counties that were ranked among the top 50, according to the magazine's list.

"We are humbled and grateful that Oakwood High School was named one of the best in Ohio," Superintendent Neil Gupta stated. "However, our true appreciation lies with our dedicated staff. Their unwavering commitment to student success transcends any ranking. ... While we acknowledge this honor, we remain focused on our mission to provide a quality education that prepares students for a future of limitless possibilities."

Other area high schools in the top 100 of the magazine's list include Springboro (59), Centerville (60), Tippecanoe (69), Bethel (70), Stivers (71), Brookville (87), Beavercreek (90), and Little Miami (94).

U.S. News noted that Oakwood "students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement coursework and exams," with a 70% participation rate at the school.

It ranked Oakwood as 265 in the country with a scorecard rating of 98%. OHS's proficiency rating was highest in science (96%), reading (93%) and math (83%), according to the magazine.

State rankings, context

U.S. News rated Cincinnati's Walnut Hills first, followed by Bexley (Columbus area), Madeira (Cincinnati), Solon and Rocky River (Cleveland) in the top five.

Education analysts often point to the correlation between test results and wealth/poverty, and the same is true with the U.S. News ranking. Of the high schools U.S. News ranked as its top 30 in Ohio, 27 of them are in districts that rank in

the top 7% of the state in median income, according to Ohio Department of Education data.

The biggest outlier, Ohio's No. 1-ranked public high school, is Walnut Hills, a Cincinnati Public school that only admits students who score high on an entrance exam. That's somewhat parallel locally to Stivers, a Dayton Public School that admits students in part based on auditions.



Bellbrook High School's drone team, the "Hog Flyers," made a clean sweep of their national championship in Denver in 2023. CONTRIBUTED

Schools get high marks for education in survey

Areas of uncertainty prompt action by Oakwood officials.

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

Results of a survey for Oakwood City Schools show residents giving it high marks in many areas, but uncertainty in others is prompting actions planned by the district.

Eighty percent of those surveyed rated the quality of education excellent, and 78% said Oakwood schools do an excellent or fair job of preparing students for the future, according to the district.

Schools continue to be a main reason people move to Oakwood, first-year Superintendent Neil Gupta said.

The results also show a need for better communication on the district's facility plans, its finances, and the diversity, equity and inclusion program, Gupta said.

"This is a baseline," he told the Oakwood school board recently about the first districtwide survey since November 2018. "We're not coming up for a levy. We're not coming up for a facility. We're not coming up for something else."

"My hope, or my goal, is



Art teacher Whitney Rivard works with students at Harman School on still-life drawing. Respondents to an Oakwood schools survey indicated teachers were among the top sources of where they get information about the district. CONTRIBUTED

that if we do this every two or three years, we'll be able to look back and start looking at some comparisons," Gupta added. "And hopefully the numbers ... will be getting better in positive way. If not, we'll lean into it."

Among the actions the district plans include:

■ **Enhanced communication:** Address a need for more targeted communication to better inform residents about key priority areas.

■ **Financial transparency:** Improve trust and clarity, keep reflecting on prac-

tices to implement clearer and more frequent updates on school finances.

■ **Increased engagement:** Continue interactive forums, such as community coffee meetings with school leaders, to "foster open dialogue and collaboration."

Fallon Research & Communications of Columbus was paid \$14,000 to perform the survey, said Amanda Brown, the district's community relations director.

The questions were posed online, by phone and text messages with 352 responses

between Feb. 12 and March 1, officials said. Results had a margin of error of 5%, Gupta said.

Respondents to an Oakwood schools survey indicated teachers were among the top sources of information about the district.

Oakwood has historically scored high among Ohio's public school districts in state test scores. The high school earned the highest performance index on 2016-17 state tests of any high school in the state, according to Ohio Department of Education



First-grade teacher Jennifer Davis works with students on learning shapes. Eighty percent of those surveyed recently rated the quality of education in the district as excellent. CONTRIBUTED

data.

U.S. News and World Report ranked OHS among the state's top 10 "best public high schools" three years ago. It was ranked sixth best in the state this year, the only one in the Dayton area to make the publication's top 25 list.

Oakwood's survey results show "residents are overwhelmingly satisfied with the quality of education being provided," Gupta said, but they "are eager for information."

"Few indicated they were dissatisfied with the schools," he added. "And some were unsure about key area priorities and the need for more targeted communication."

Uncertainty was reflected

in two areas in particular, the district's finances and its DEI program, Gupta said. About 20% of survey respondents said they were unsure how to rate the district's budget and finances while 18% reacted similarly about the DEI program, he added.

"We want to build trust, we want to reflect our professionalism and provide (a) community trust," Gupta said.

Oakwood's survey results show "schools are the driver of why people move to - or move back - to Oakwood," Gupta said.

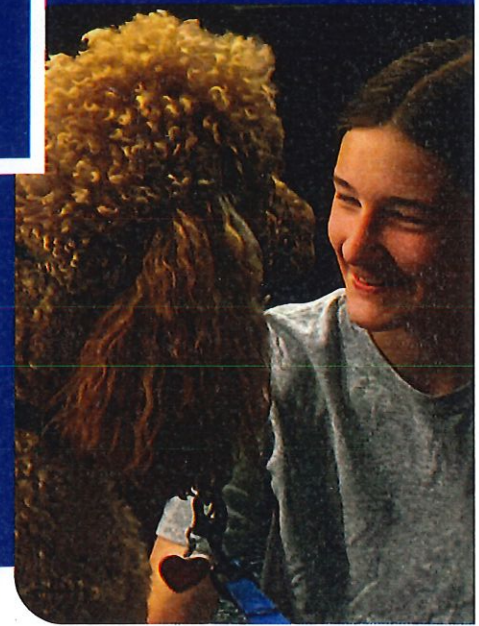
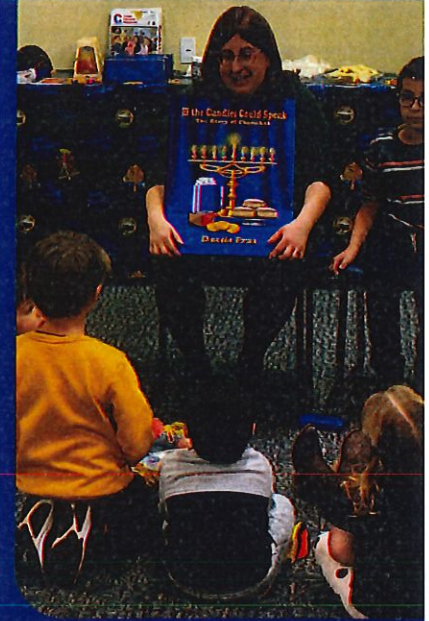
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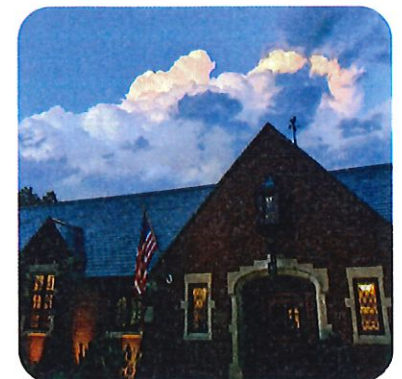
I am very proud to share with you the highlights of Wright Library's past year, both in providing exceptional core library services and also pursuing new and exciting opportunities for our patrons.

It is clear that the community values Wright Library: circulation of materials remains strong, use of the library's technology increased 32 percent, library visits increased 17 percent, and robust program attendance and use of meeting rooms signal that the library is a place where people of all ages come together to learn and thrive.

In 2023, we developed a new strategic plan focused on nurturing young learners, celebrating people and ideas, satisfying curiosity, growing as a vibrant community hub, and optimizing our resources to serve you better. It is a plan that was heavily informed by community input and allows us to strengthen our core offerings while adapting to the changing needs of our community.

Your quality of life and lifelong learning remain our focus. We look forward to seeing you at the library soon!

Kristi Hale, Wright Library Director



Wright Library **has something** for **EVERYONE**

REMOVING BARRIERS

In 2023, patrons and visitors to Wright Library had unencumbered access to needed and desired resources:

FINES-FREE

An updated fines policy eliminated most overdue fines. Lowering obstacles to reading encouraged more use of the library.

FAST READS

The newest and most popular books became easier to access with an expanded 14-day borrowing period and renewed investment in the collection.

LIBRARY OF THINGS

This collection of non-traditional circulating items includes equipment, tools, hobby kits, digital devices, "Doorway to Dayton" passes to local attractions, and more. The popularity of this collection grew by 13% due, in part, to new offerings made possible by the Wright Library Foundation.

- >> Circulation of "Doorway to Dayton" passes doubled as more passes were added including Boonshoft Museum of Discovery/SunWatch Indian Village, International Peace Museum, and Carillon Historical Park.
- >> Wright Library kept pace with patrons' media consumption by introducing Roku streaming devices to the collection. Each device is loaded with one ad-free subscription service (Apple TV+, Disney+, Max, Hulu, Netflix, and more) plus library streaming services such as Kanopy and Hoopla.

COMMUNITY HUB

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- >> Two workshops with the Braver Angels organization, offered in partnership with the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, provided guided forums for conservatives and liberals to have honest conversations.
- >> In the fall, the League of Women Voters introduced Oakwood voters to their school board and city council candidates.
- >> The exhibit "Finding Freedom Summer" and related programs highlighted Civil Rights awareness and education.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE

- >> Experts offered valuable programs on timely topics including Artificial Intelligence (AI), health and wellness, writing, and small business.
- >> More than 20 adult and senior care programs provided information about estate planning, elder law, volunteering, housing, and health.
- >> In partnership with the Oakwood Historical Society, six programs honored and celebrated many aspects of Dayton's unique history.
- >> More than 20 author visits and book talks celebrated self, diversity, and overcoming obstacles.
- >> The library served as a popular place to meet and gather as evidenced by a 48% increase in meeting room usage.



349,001 MATERIALS BORROWED BY
13,766 WRIGHT LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS



2,102 ITEMS BORROWED FROM THE LIBRARY OF THINGS
INCLUDING 292 "DOORWAY TO DAYTON" PASSES



9,942 ATTENDEES AT 292 YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS



6,560 ATTENDEES AT 207 ADULT PROGRAMS

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

- >> Wright Library increased its internet traffic capacity with 500 Mbps fiber, replaced patron desktop computers and laptops, upgraded catalog kiosks, and added digital signage.
- >> Digital access to Mango Languages was added in 2023, and overall usage of online digital subscriptions doubled. Popular subscriptions included Dayton Daily News, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, NewsBank media access, Freegal Music, and genealogy research resources.
- >> Library services such as notary, passports, interlibrary loan, tech tutoring — even the distribution of Covid-19 tests — all saw considerable increases in 2023.
- >> Responding to community needs included outreach. Librarians held regular storytimes for older adults at Brookdale Senior Living, adults with developmental disabilities, and for younger audiences at Lange, Smith, Harman, Little Acorn, Hillel, and Top of the Hill schools.
- >> Partnerships with local environmental organizations and volunteers helped support the planting of two additional native plant gardens and related educational programs.



52,534 COMPUTER AND WIFI SESSIONS



250+ NATIVE AND POLLINATOR PLANTS

2023 Foundation Board

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LIFE LONG LEARNING

Through a diverse collection of print and audio books, expert programming for early childhood literacy and development, and special events for families to experience together, Wright Library continued to provide foundational and inspirational support for children, teens, and their caregivers to thrive. Wright Library hired a new Youth Services Coordinator to continue to grow the library's focus on creating young learners from birth through their high school years.

FINANCIAL HEALTH

Wright Library continued to operate with conservative fiscal management. Expenditures were under budget and within the forecast for long-term sustainability. \$515,710 Capital Campaign donor pledge payments were received towards the debt for the Next Chapter Renovation Project.

Generous donor support to the Wright Library Foundation provided financial resources to offer the very best in library services to Oakwood residents. In 2023, Foundation funds were used to add capacity to the Remote Pick-up Lockers; beautify the library grounds with native plants and picnic tables; add circulating streaming television subscriptions and "Doorway to Dayton" museum passes; host award-winning authors; and offer exceptional educational and informative programs for all ages.

To learn more about how you can support Wright Library, visit wrightlibrary.org/foundation



"These gifts allow us to provide so many exciting collections and experiences that tax dollars alone would not allow."

-Kristi Hale, Wright Library Director

2023 Budget

Wright Library acts with honesty and integrity to optimize assets and remain fiscally responsible and transparent about how the library invests and serves Oakwood.

2023 Revenue		2023 Expenses	
State Taxes	\$1,603,341	Salaries & Benefits	\$1,225,863
Local Property Taxes	\$902,370	Debt	\$412,278
Contributions, Gifts, and Donations	\$555,884	Purchased Services	\$380,369
Earnings on Investments/Other Misc.	\$171,191	Materials	\$241,210
Patron Lost Items and Fees	\$10,056	Supplies & Capital Outlay	\$187,011
Total	\$3,242,842	Total	\$2,446,731



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2023-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Community feedback guided Wright Library's new strategic plan, which will navigate operations through 2026.

With the library's mission and core values at the forefront, Wright Library will continue to enhance services to the Oakwood community in important and unexpected ways.

For a complete view of the plan, visit:

wrightlibrary.org/about



FIVE KEY GOALS

satisfy
CURIOSITY

The community will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue learning throughout their lives.

create young
LEARNERS

The library will have robust resources and programs for the educational and personal growth of children and teenagers.

be a
COMMUNITY
hub

The library will serve as a community hub with accessible virtual and physical spaces that offer safe and welcoming opportunities to meet, interact, work, and enjoy.

CELEBRATE
people & ideas

The library will celebrate people and ideas by offering opportunities to encounter a broad range of ideas, lived experiences, and cultures.

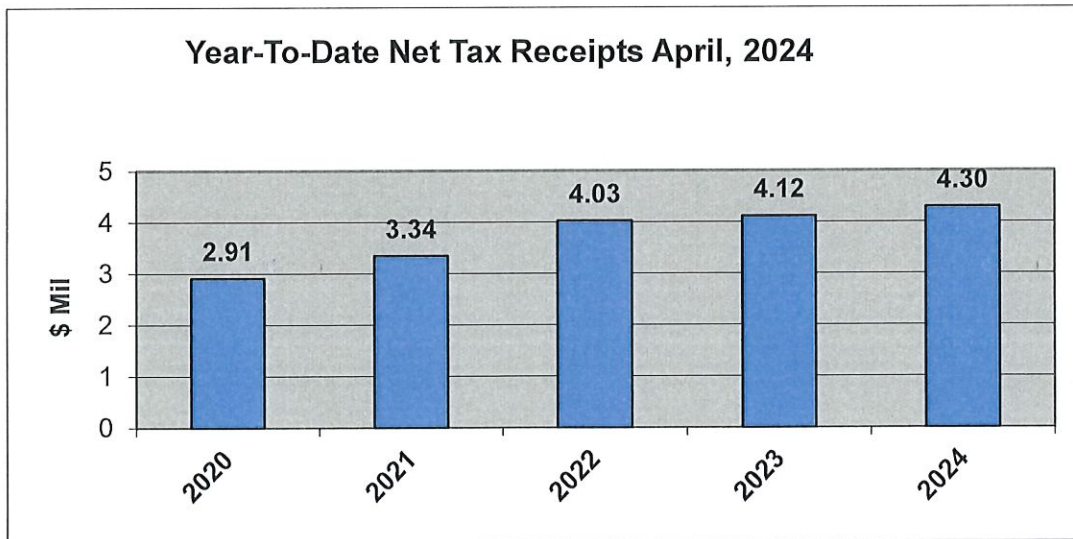
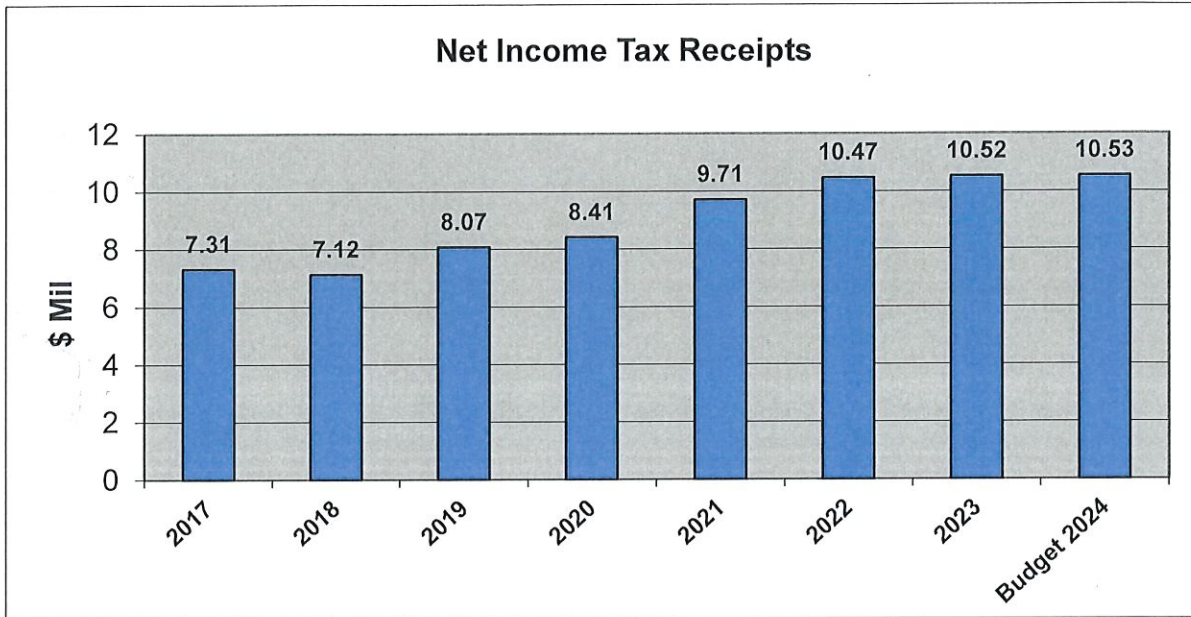
optimize
ASSETS

The library will analyze, streamline, and update organizational processes and services to improve patron and staff experiences.

TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

2024

The following graphs depict total income tax receipts less refunds issued.



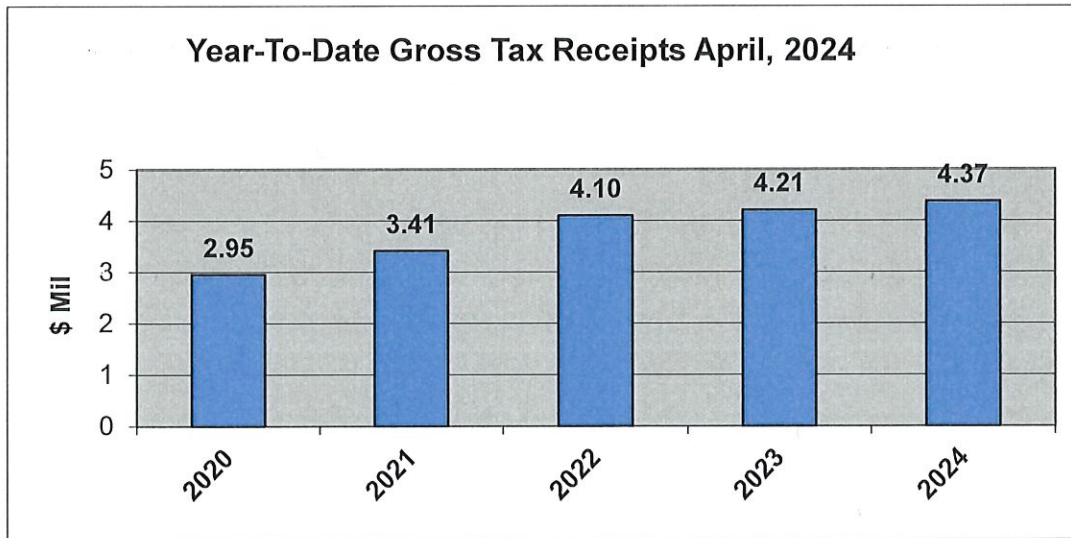
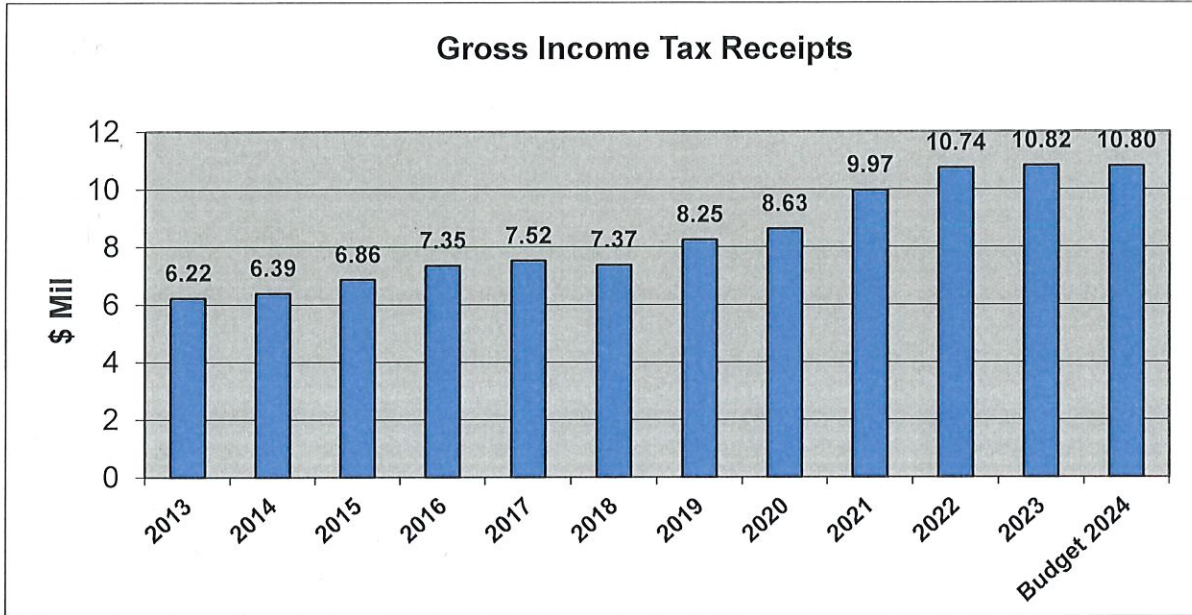
Year-To-Date Net Collections vs Prior Year

2023	\$4,116,385.06
2024	\$4,295,536.34
Change	4.35%

TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

2024

The following graphs depict total income tax receipts and do not include tax refunds issued.



Year-To-Date Gross Collections vs Prior Year

2023	\$4,209,090.05
2024	\$4,374,587.38
Change	3.93%

INCOME TAX COMPARISON - GROSS RECEIPTS						
2022 through 2024						
				DAILY	MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
	2022	2023	2024	INCR / DECR	INCR / (DECR)	INCR / (DECR)
JANUARY	\$1,206,895.03	\$1,187,541.97	\$1,160,804.79	N/A	(\$26,737.18)	(\$26,737.18)
FEBRUARY	\$589,786.40	\$704,541.69	\$729,092.02	N/A	\$24,550.33	(\$2,186.85)
MARCH	\$774,848.77	\$700,349.49	\$714,729.05	N/A	\$14,379.56	\$12,192.71
APRIL	\$1,525,835.38	\$1,616,405.65	\$1,769,961.52	N/A	\$153,555.87	\$165,748.58
MAY	\$1,439,747.23	\$1,606,605.06		N/A		
JUNE	\$1,049,802.24	\$779,738.25		N/A		
JULY	\$622,825.88	\$736,266.50		N/A		
AUGUST	\$778,874.65	\$611,330.64		N/A		
SEPTEMBER	\$789,166.14	\$764,411.27		N/A		
OCTOBER	\$820,891.56	\$934,516.00		N/A		
NOVEMBER	\$646,466.31	\$597,648.50		N/A		
DECEMBER	\$494,045.92	\$581,402.63		N/A		
TOTAL	\$10,739,185.51	\$10,820,757.65	\$4,374,587.38			
				DAILY	MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
APRIL	2022	2023	2024	INCR / (DECR)	INCR / (DECR)	INCR / (DECR)
1	26,778.67	0.00	23,722.79	\$23,722.79	\$23,722.79	\$35,915.50
2	0.00	0.00	50,018.03	\$50,018.03	\$73,740.82	\$85,933.53
3	0.00	23,781.09	9,725.59	(\$14,055.50)	\$59,685.32	\$71,878.03
4	35,099.13	141,683.66	5,480.18	(\$136,203.48)	(\$76,518.16)	(\$64,325.45)
5	23,919.26	34,556.50	205,672.44	\$171,115.94	\$94,597.78	\$106,790.49
6	33,433.93	47,169.51	0.00	(\$47,169.51)	\$47,428.27	\$59,620.98
7	45,822.68	55,584.51	0.00	(\$55,584.51)	(\$8,156.24)	\$4,036.47
8	75,138.51	0.00	49,270.78	\$49,270.78	\$41,114.54	\$53,307.25
9	0.00	0.00	59,533.73	\$59,533.73	\$100,648.27	\$112,840.98
10	0.00	90,281.41	86,038.55	(\$4,242.86)	\$96,405.41	\$108,598.12
11	56,816.44	82,356.67	45,735.28	(\$36,621.39)	\$59,784.02	\$71,976.73
12	88,388.10	54,511.63	43,867.81	(\$10,643.82)	\$49,140.20	\$61,332.91
13	39,037.74	94,567.67	0.00	(\$94,567.67)	(\$45,427.47)	(\$33,234.76)
14	36,468.50	96,146.39	0.00	(\$96,146.39)	(\$141,573.86)	(\$129,381.15)
15	39,431.06	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$141,573.86)	(\$129,381.15)
16	0.00	0.00	159,860.47	\$159,860.47	\$18,286.61	\$30,479.32
17	0.00	92,587.41	111,849.76	\$19,262.35	\$37,548.96	\$49,741.67
18	92,794.09	84,396.06	139,367.25	\$54,971.19	\$92,520.15	\$104,712.86
19	132,972.58	80,962.10	137,305.46	\$56,343.36	\$148,863.51	\$161,056.22
20	104,174.45	166,722.47	0.00	(\$166,722.47)	(\$17,858.96)	(\$5,666.25)
21	125,803.32	106,428.56	0.00	(\$106,428.56)	(\$124,287.52)	(\$112,094.81)
22	74,671.61	0.00	43,893.32	\$43,893.32	(\$80,394.20)	(\$68,201.49)
23	0.00	0.00	39,443.61	\$39,443.61	(\$40,950.59)	(\$28,757.88)
24	0.00	58,757.12	27,196.37	(\$31,560.75)	(\$72,511.34)	(\$60,318.63)
25	94,579.77	160,077.35	175,882.29	\$15,804.94	(\$56,706.40)	(\$44,513.69)
26	86,959.71	45,182.88	55,358.72	\$10,175.84	(\$46,530.56)	(\$34,337.85)
27	108,516.78	31,228.08	0.00	(\$31,228.08)	(\$77,758.64)	(\$65,565.93)
28	91,346.69	69,424.58	0.00	(\$69,424.58)	(\$147,183.22)	(\$134,990.51)
29	113,682.36	0.00	128,159.41	\$128,159.41	(\$19,023.81)	(\$6,831.10)
30	0.00	0.00	172,579.68	\$172,579.68	\$153,555.87	\$165,748.58
				NEED		
TOTAL	\$1,525,835.38	\$1,616,405.65	\$1,769,961.52	(\$153,555.87)		
				TO MATCH		
				APRIL'22		

Financial Reports



**thru the Month of April
Fiscal Year 2024**

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances
for the period ended April 30, 2024
GENERAL CITY SERVICES FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
General Fund												
101	General	8,745,359	129,771	8,875,130	5,663,593	14,538,723	6,205,624	8,333,099	744,748	7,588,351	(542,031)	(1,157,008)
Major Operating Funds												
220	Street Maintenance and Repair	500,000	94,664	594,664	638,666	1,233,330	548,742	684,588	184,588	500,000	89,924	-
228	Leisure Activity	500,000	12,188	512,188	568,476	1,080,664	287,195	793,469	255,944	537,525	281,281	37,525
230	Health	200,000	15	200,015	179,180	379,195	79,462	299,733	13,837	285,896	99,718	85,896
510	Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	200,000	-	200,000	88,048	288,048	236	287,812	404	287,408	87,812	87,408
308	Equipment Replacement	1,171,736	450,778	1,622,514	699,828	2,322,342	219,560	2,102,782	652,215	1,450,567	480,268	278,831
309	Capital Improvement	993,848	322,354	1,316,202	950,000	2,266,202	274,298	1,991,904	215,623	1,776,281	675,702	782,433
707	Service Center	100,000	4,976	104,976	564,057	669,033	227,306	441,727	341,727	100,000	336,751	-
Other Funds												
208	Bullock Endowment Trust	51,709	-	51,709	443	52,152	-	52,152	-	52,152	443	443
209	MLK Community Recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Special Improvement District Assessment	-	-	-	56,139	56,139	56,139	-	-	-	-	-
211	Smith Memorial Gardens	400,000	1,127	401,127	65,419	466,546	23,701	442,845	25,145	417,700	41,718	17,700
212	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	41,743	-	41,743	713	42,456	-	42,456	-	42,456	713	713
213	Enforcement and Education	9,875	-	9,875	-	9,875	-	9,875	-	9,875	-	-
214	Law Enforcement	18,272	-	18,272	-	18,272	6,090	12,182	910	11,272	(6,090)	(7,000)
215	Drug Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	Police Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217	Court Clerk Computerization	43,659	-	43,659	2,483	46,142	2,471	43,671	1,838	41,833	12	(1,826)
218	Court Computerization	35,328	-	35,328	1,059	36,387	1,546	34,841	557	34,284	(487)	(1,044)
219	Court Special Projects	49,816	-	49,816	1,902	51,718	10,309	41,409	10,309	31,100	(8,407)	(18,716)
221	OneOhio Fund	20,783	-	20,783	1,404	22,187	-	22,187	-	22,187	1,404	1,404
224	State Highway Improvement	163,170	19,219	182,389	15,174	197,563	4,839	192,724	33,230	159,494	10,335	(3,676)
240	Public Safety Endowment	169,434	2,785	172,219	1,479	173,698	-	173,698	4,709	168,989	1,479	(445)
250	Special Projects	4,642,839	-	4,642,839	39,853	4,682,692	-	4,682,692	-	4,682,692	39,853	39,853
310	Issue 2 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311	Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312	Local Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
313	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	-	451,163	451,163	-	451,163	451,163	-	-	-	(451,163)	-
414	Bond Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
508	Electric Street Lighting	138,212	18,000	156,212	165,112	321,324	54,623	266,701	110,877	155,824	110,489	17,612
706	Self-Funding Insurance Trust	25,000	-	25,000	4,470	29,470	3,347	26,123	1,123	25,000	1,123	-
810	Fire Insurance Trust	-	-	-	31,255	31,255	-	31,255	-	31,255	31,255	31,255
811	Contractors Permit Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		18,220,783	1,507,040	19,727,823	9,738,753	29,466,576	8,456,651	21,009,925	2,597,784	18,412,141	1,282,102	191,358

CHART NE1

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024
GENERAL CITY SERVICES FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
General Fund											
101	General	13,317,456	5,663,593	43	(7,653,863)	-	-	-	13,317,456	5,663,593	43
Major Operating Funds											
220	Street Maintenance and Repair	622,500	187,331	30	(435,169)	938,337	451,335	48	1,560,837	638,666	41
228	Leisure Activity	565,750	234,254	41	(331,496)	793,802	334,222	42	1,359,552	568,476	42
230	Health	159,874	136,667	85	(23,207)	60,164	42,513	71	220,038	179,180	81
510	Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	85,000	88,048	104	3,048	116,700	-	-	201,700	88,048	44
308	Equipment Replacement	-	74,828	-	74,828	625,000	625,000	100	625,000	699,828	112
309	Capital Improvement	1,206,400	-	-	(1,206,400)	950,000	950,000	100	2,156,400	950,000	44
707	Service Center	330,125	209,702	64	(120,423)	491,590	354,355	72	821,715	564,057	69
Other Funds											
208	Bullock Endowment Trust	1,000	443	44	(557)	-	-	-	1,000	443	44
209	MLK Community Recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Special Improvement District Assessment	117,306	56,139	48	(61,167)	-	-	-	117,306	56,139	48
211	Smith Memorial Gardens	66,300	43,195	65	(23,105)	86,950	22,224	26	153,250	65,419	43
212	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	2,600	713	27	(1,887)	-	-	-	2,600	713	27
213	Enforcement and Education	200	-	-	(200)	-	-	-	200	-	-
214	Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
215	Drug Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	Police Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217	Court Clerk Computerization	7,000	2,483	35	(4,517)	-	-	-	7,000	2,483	35
218	Court Computerization	3,000	1,059	35	(1,941)	-	-	-	3,000	1,059	35
219	Court Special Projects	5,500	1,902	35	(3,598)	-	-	-	5,500	1,902	35
221	OneOhio Fund	13,400	1,404	10	(11,996)	-	-	-	13,400	1,404	10
224	State Highway Improvement	47,400	15,174	32	(32,226)	-	-	-	47,400	15,174	32
240	Public Safety Endowment	3,000	1,479	49	(1,521)	-	-	-	3,000	1,479	49
250	Special Projects	100,000	39,853	40	(60,147)	-	-	-	100,000	39,853	40
310	Issue 2 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311	Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312	Local Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
313	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
414	Bond Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
508	Electric Street Lighting	130,000	128,464	99	(1,536)	42,400	36,648	86	172,400	165,112	96
706	Self-Funding Insurance Trust	-	-	-	-	17,500	4,470	26	17,500	4,470	26
810	Fire Insurance Trust	-	31,255	-	31,255	-	-	-	-	31,255	-
811	Contractors Permit Fee	2,000	-	-	(2,000)	-	-	-	2,000	-	-
Total		16,785,811	6,917,986	41	(9,867,825)	4,122,443	2,820,767	68	20,908,254	9,738,753	47

Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024

GENERAL CITY SERVICES FUNDS

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
General Fund													
101	General	10,724,010	3,498,604	33	744,748	4,243,352	40	3,907,501	2,707,020	69	14,631,511	6,950,372	48
Major Operating Funds													
220	Street Maintenance and Repair	1,448,579	402,223	28	184,588	586,811	41	206,922	146,519	71	1,655,501	733,330	44
228	Leisure Activity	1,367,730	283,581	21	255,944	539,525	39	4,010	3,614	90	1,371,740	543,139	40
230	Health	213,707	75,848	35	13,837	89,685	42	4,010	3,614	90	217,717	93,299	43
510	Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	201,700	236	-	404	640	-	-	-	-	201,700	640	-
308	Equipment Replacement	1,245,278	219,560	18	652,215	871,775	70	-	-	-	1,245,278	871,775	70
309	Capital Improvement	2,552,254	274,298	11	215,623	489,921	19	-	-	-	2,552,254	489,921	19
707	Service Center	826,691	227,306	28	341,727	569,033	69	-	-	-	826,691	569,033	69
Other Funds													
208	Bullock Endowment Trust	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	-
209	MLK Community Recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Special Improvement District Assessment	117,306	56,139	48	-	56,139	48	-	-	-	117,306	56,139	48
211	Smith Memorial Gardens	154,377	23,701	15	25,145	48,846	32	-	-	-	154,377	48,846	32
212	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-
213	Enforcement and Education	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-
214	Law Enforcement	10,500	6,090	58	910	7,000	67	-	-	-	10,500	7,000	67
215	Drug Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	Police Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217	Court Clerk Computerization	8,500	2,471	29	1,838	4,309	51	-	-	-	8,500	4,309	51
218	Court Computerization	9,500	1,546	16	557	2,103	22	-	-	-	9,500	2,103	22
219	Court Special Projects	28,500	10,309	36	10,309	20,618	72	-	-	-	28,500	20,618	72
221	OneOhio Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
224	State Highway Improvement	66,819	4,839	7	33,230	38,069	57	-	-	-	66,819	38,069	57
240	Public Safety Endowment	33,285	-	-	4,709	4,709	14	-	-	-	33,285	4,709	14
250	Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
310	Issue 2 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311	Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312	Local Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
313	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	451,163	451,163	100	-	451,163	100	-	-	-	451,163	451,163	100
414	Bond Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
508	Electric Street Lighting	190,400	54,623	29	110,877	165,500	87	-	-	-	190,400	165,500	87
706	Self-Funding Insurance Trust	17,500	3,347	19	1,123	4,470	26	-	-	-	17,500	4,470	26
810	Fire Insurance Trust	31,255	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,255	-	-
811	Contractors Permit Fee	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	-
Total		19,704,554	5,595,884	28	2,597,784	8,193,668	42	4,122,443	2,860,767	69	23,826,997	11,054,435	46

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of April 30, 2024:

\$ 10,357

CHART NE3

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

5-YEAR HISTORY

YTD at April 30, 2024

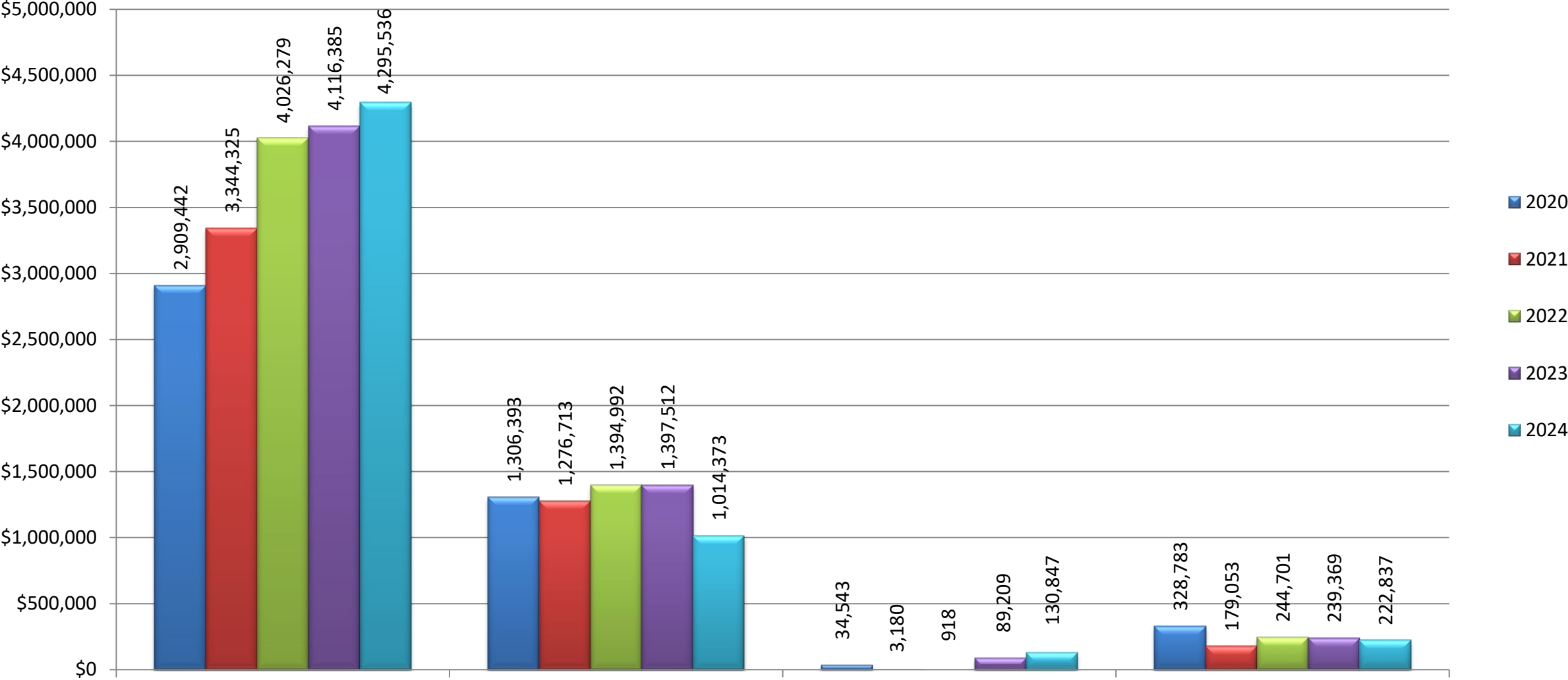
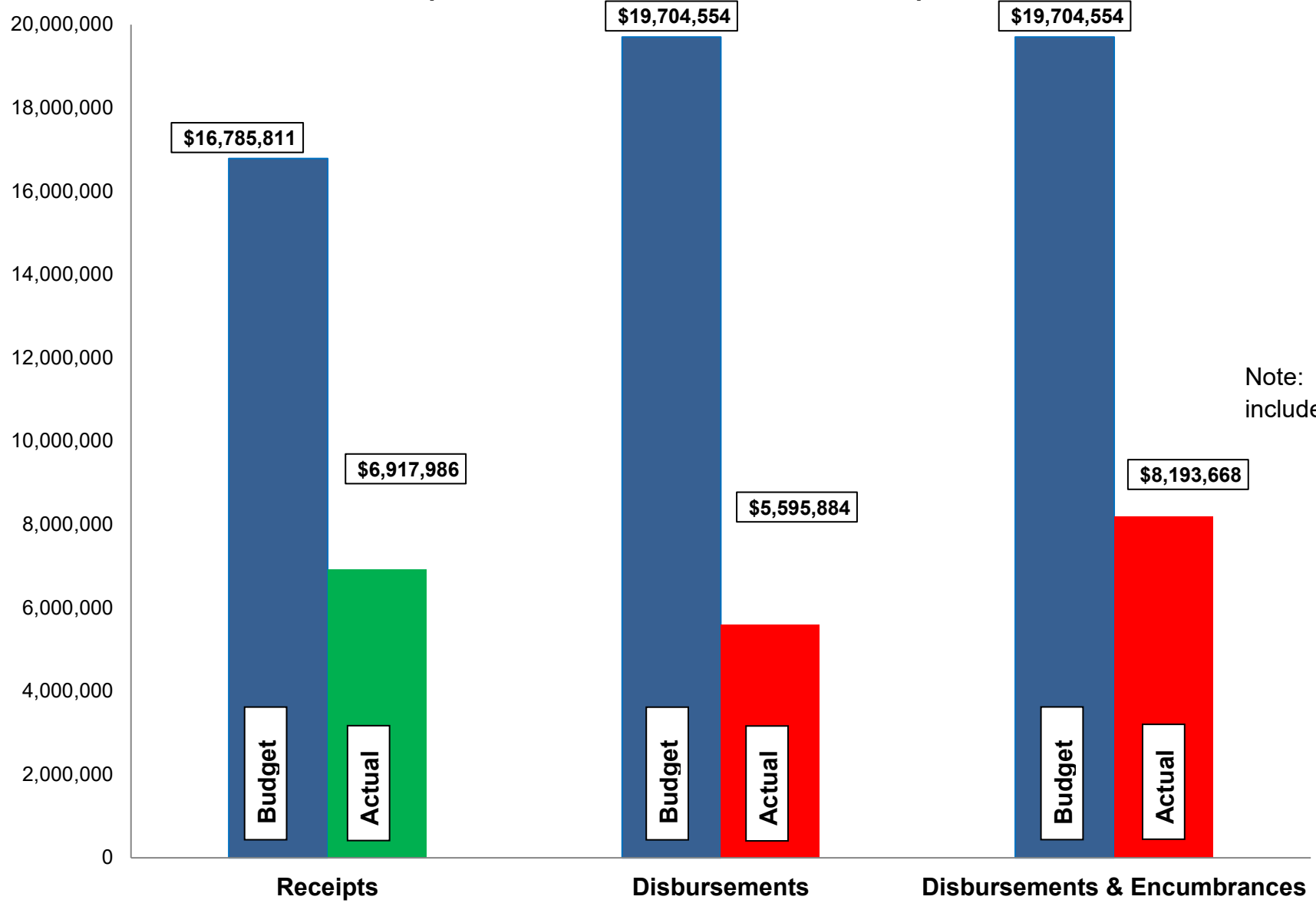


Chart NE4

**Budget, Revenues & Expenditures
as of April 30, 2024
GENERAL CITY SERVICES
(Excludes Internal Transfers)**



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$1,507,041 appropriated from prior year budgets.

CHART NE5

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances
for the period ended April 30, 2024
REFUSE FUND**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
205	Refuse	433,118	7,207	440,325	473,043	913,368	588,266	325,102	151,757	173,345	(115,223)	(259,773)
206	Refuse Equipment Replacement	53,713	445	54,158	90,000	144,158	140,000	4,158	445	3,713	(50,000)	(50,000)
	Total	486,831	7,652	494,483	563,043	1,057,526	728,266	329,260	152,202	177,058	(165,223)	(309,773)

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
205	Refuse	1,380,600	473,043	34	(907,557)	-	-	-	1,380,600	473,043	34
206	Refuse Equipment Replacement	-	-	-	-	100,000	90,000	90	100,000	90,000	90
	Total	1,380,600	473,043	34	(907,557)	100,000	90,000	-	1,480,600	563,043	38

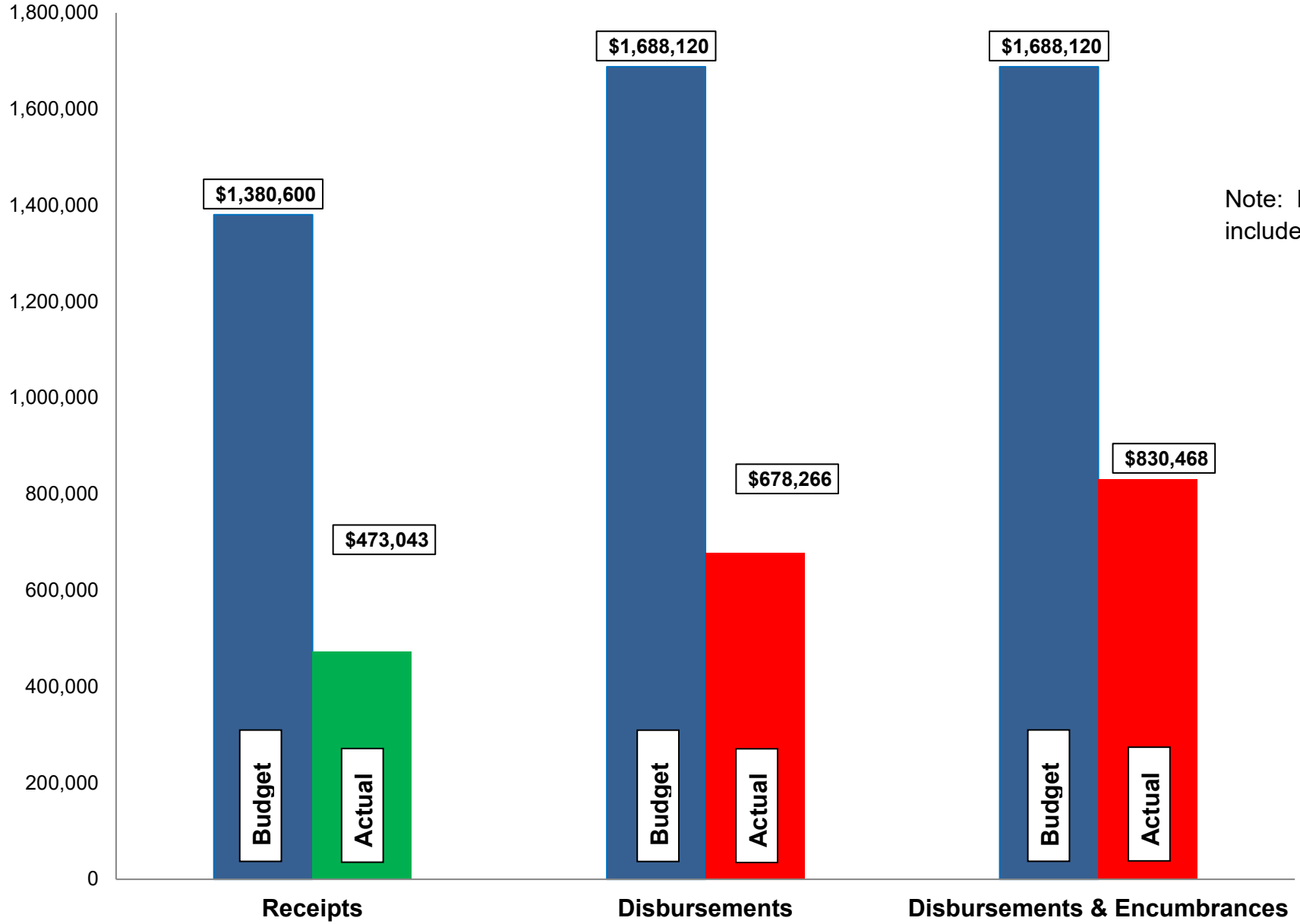
**Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
205	Refuse	1,547,675	538,266	35	151,757	690,023	45	100,000	50,000	50	1,787,813	740,023	41
206	Refuse Equipment Replacement	140,445	140,000	100	445	140,445	100	-	-	-	140,445	140,445	100
	Total	1,688,120	678,266	40	152,202	830,468	49	100,000	50,000	-	1,928,258	880,468	46

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of April 30, 2024: \$ -

CHART R1

Budget, Revenues & Expenditures as of April 30, 2024 REFUSE FUNDS



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$7,652 appropriated from prior year budgets.

CHART R2

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances
for the period ended April 30, 2024
WATER FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
602	Waterworks	760,907	84,374	845,281	462,201	1,307,482	555,402	752,080	379,112	372,968	(93,201)	(387,939)
603	Water Improve/Equip Replace	135,248	270,582	405,830	175,000	580,830	8,667	572,163	313,360	258,803	166,333	123,555
Total		896,155	354,956	1,251,111	637,201	1,888,312	564,069	1,324,243	692,472	631,771	73,132	(264,384)

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024**

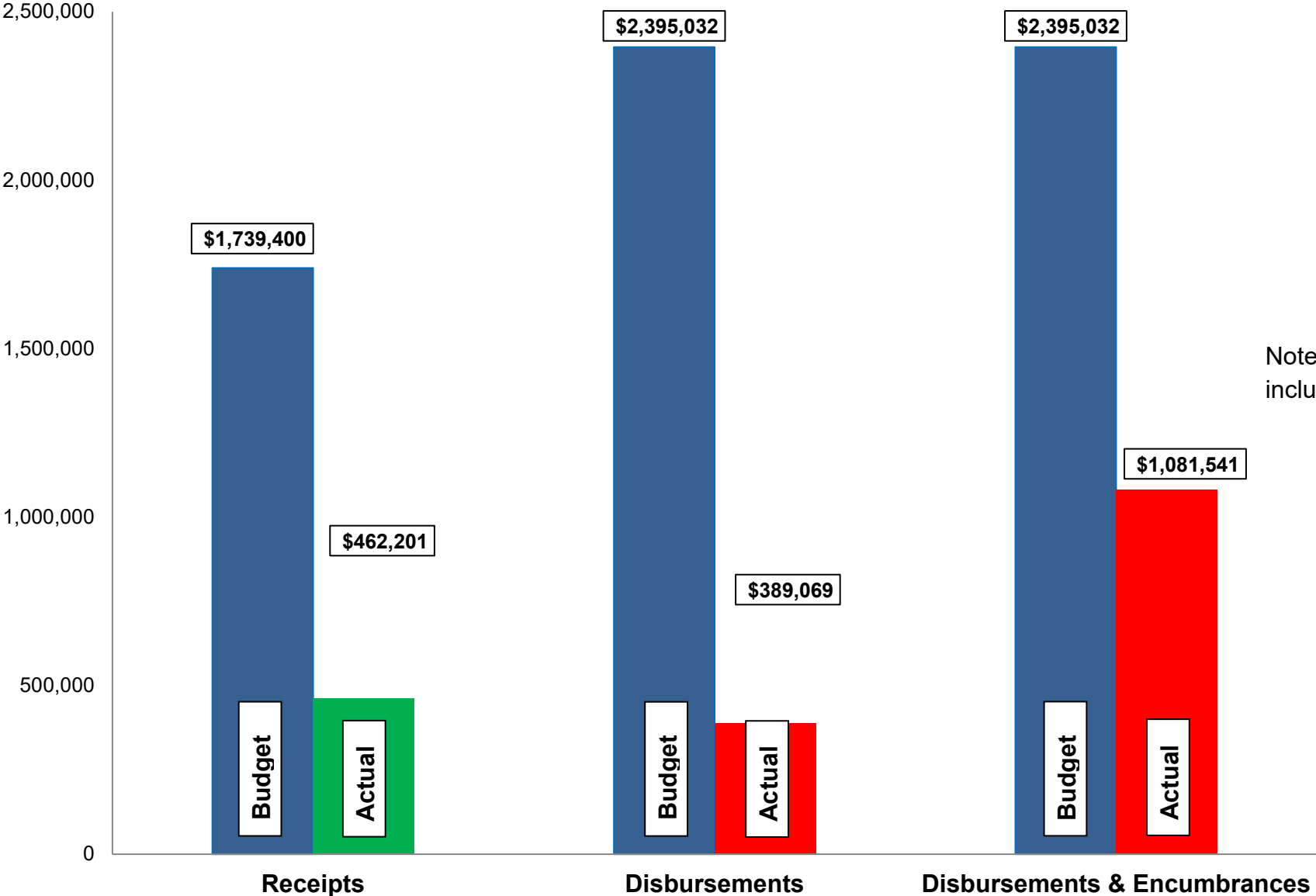
#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
602	Waterworks	1,739,400	462,201	27	(1,277,199)	-	-	-	1,739,400	462,201	27
603	Water Improve/Equip Replace	-	-	-	-	525,000	175,000	33	525,000	175,000	33
Total		1,739,400	462,201	27	(1,277,199)	525,000	175,000	-	2,264,400	637,201	28

**Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
602	Waterworks	1,493,450	380,402	25	379,112	759,514	51	525,000	175,000	33	2,111,522	934,514	44
603	Water Improve/Equip Replace	901,582	8,667	1	313,360	322,027	36	-	-	-	901,582	322,027	36
Total		2,395,032	389,069	16	692,472	1,081,541	45	525,000	175,000	-	3,013,104	1,256,541	42

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of April 30, 2024: \$ 184

**Budget, Revenues & Expenditures
as of April 30, 2024
WATER FUNDS
(Excludes Internal Transfers)**



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$354,956 appropriated from prior year budgets.

CHART W2

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances
for the period ended April 30, 2024
SANITARY SEWER FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
607	Sanitary Sewer Disp. and Maint.	1,232,278	379,201	1,611,479	716,825	2,328,304	1,047,783	1,280,521	48,829	1,231,692	(330,958)	(586)
608	Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	321,368	40,891	362,259	300,000	662,259	16,575	645,684	24,316	621,368	283,425	300,000
Total		1,553,646	420,092	1,973,738	1,016,825	2,990,563	1,064,358	1,926,205	73,145	1,853,060	(47,533)	299,414

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024**

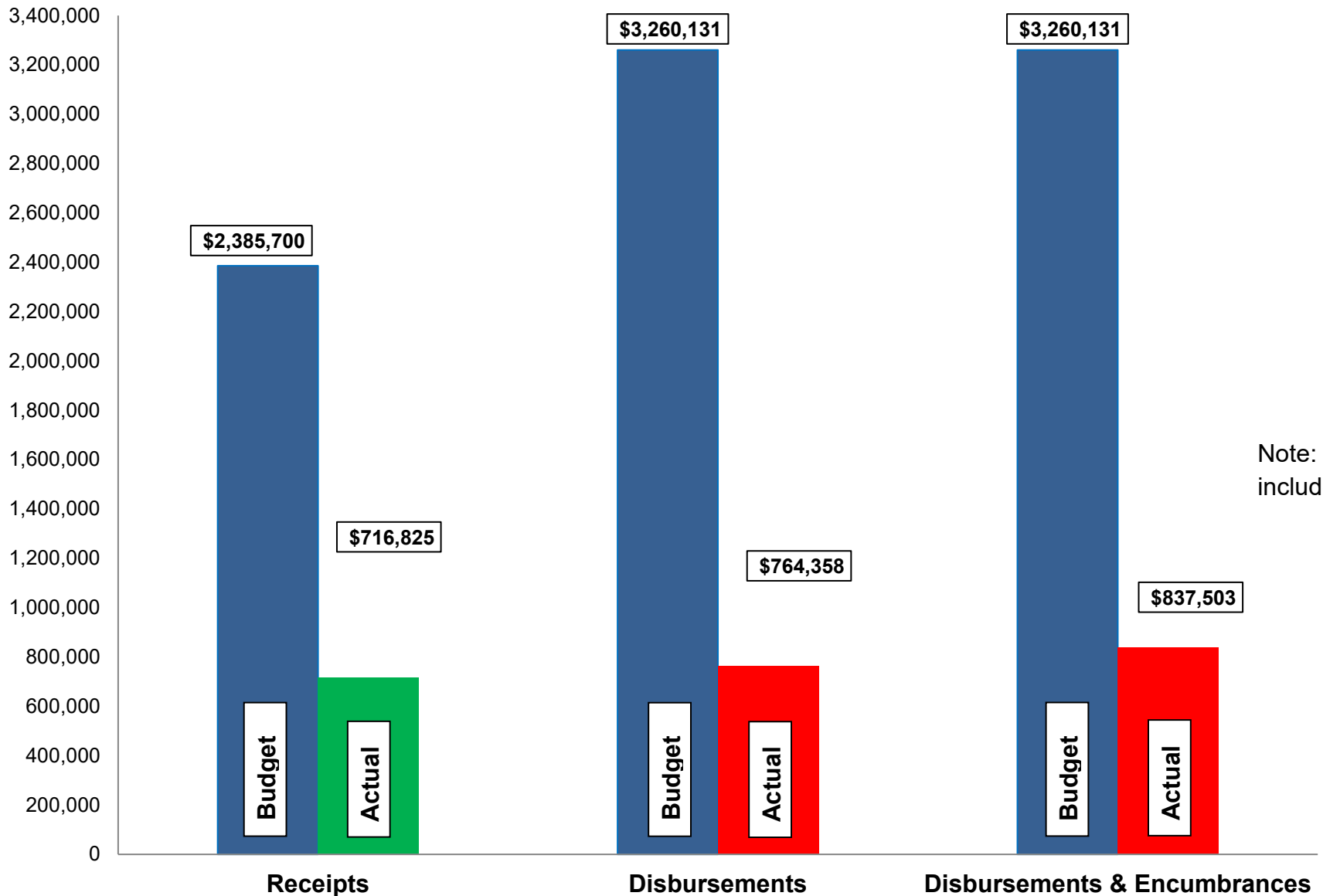
#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
607	Sanitary Sewer Disp. and Maint.	2,385,700	716,825	30	(1,668,875)	-	-	-	2,385,700	716,825	30
608	Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000	100	300,000	300,000	100
Total		2,385,700	716,825	30	(1,668,875)	300,000	300,000	-	2,685,700	1,016,825	38

**Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
607	Sanitary Sewer Disp. and Maint.	2,790,540	747,783	27	48,829	796,612	29	300,000	300,000	100	3,134,649	1,096,612	35
608	Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	469,591	16,575	4	24,316	40,891	9	-	-	-	469,591	40,891	9
Total		3,260,131	764,358	23	73,145	837,503	26	300,000	300,000	-	3,604,240	1,137,503	32

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of April 30, 2024: \$ -

**Budget, Revenues & Expenditures
as of April 30, 2024
SANITARY SEWER FUNDS
(Excludes Internal Transfers)**



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$420,092 appropriated from prior year budgets.

CHART S2

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances
for the period ended April 30, 2024
STORMWATER FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
615	Stormwater Utility	453,960	14,193	468,153	169,108	637,261	354,184	283,077	36,344	246,733	(185,076)	(207,227)
616	Stormwater Improve/Equip Replace	30,828	1,156,974	1,187,802	250,000	1,437,802	693,648	744,154	734,801	9,353	(443,648)	(21,475)
Total		484,788	1,171,167	1,655,955	419,108	2,075,063	1,047,832	1,027,231	771,145	256,086	(628,724)	(228,702)

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
615	Stormwater Utility	475,100	169,108	36	(305,992)	-	-	-	475,100	169,108	36
616	Stormwater Improve/Equip Replace	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	100	250,000	250,000	100
Total		475,100	169,108	36	(305,992)	250,000	250,000	-	725,100	419,108	58

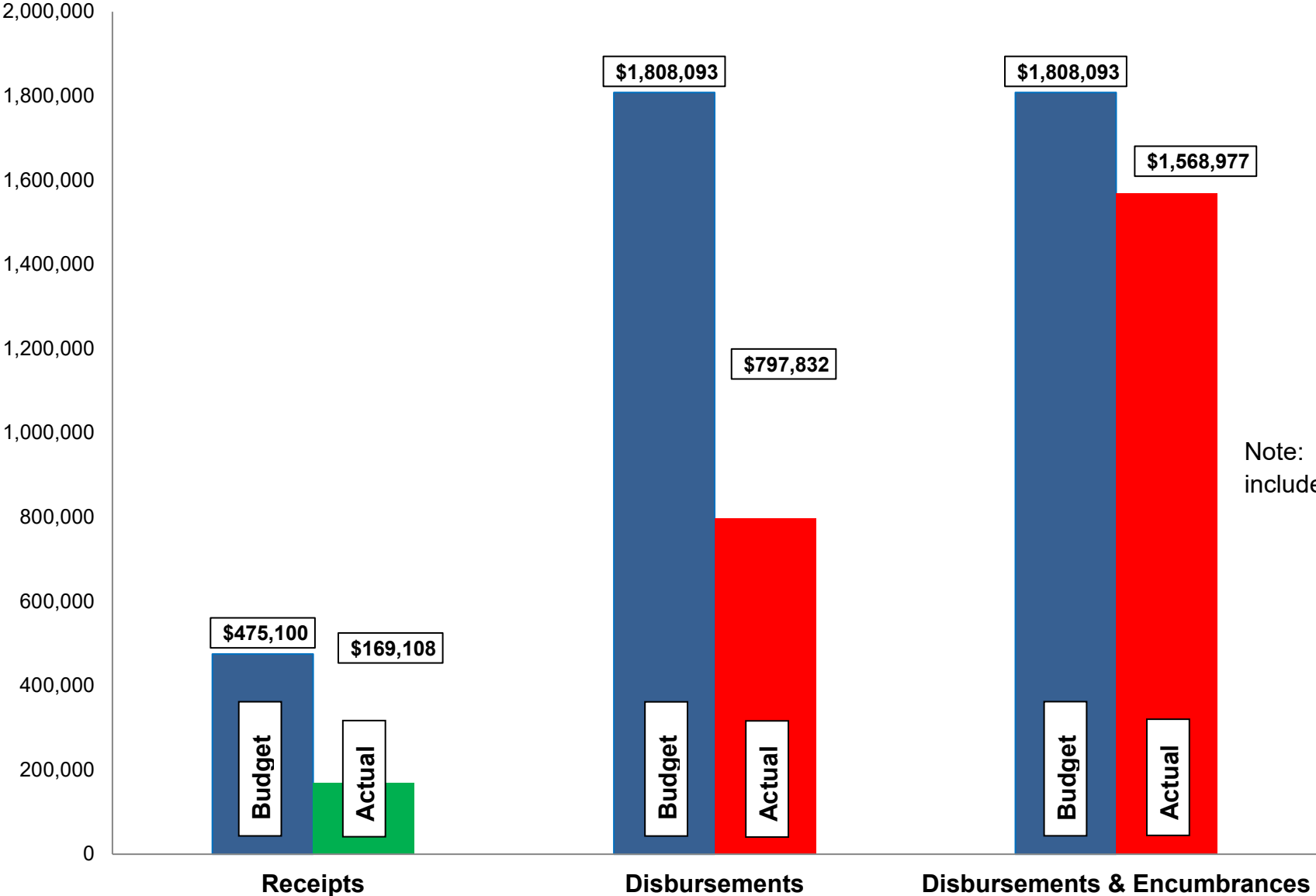
**Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates
for the period ended April 30, 2024**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
615	Stormwater Utility	371,119	104,184	28	36,344	140,528	38	250,000	250,000	100	648,925	390,528	60
616	Stormwater Improve/Equip Replace	1,436,974	693,648	-	734,801	1,428,449	-	-	-	-	1,436,974	1,428,449	1
Total		1,808,093	797,832	44	771,145	1,568,977	87	250,000	250,000	-	2,085,899	1,818,977	87

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of April 30, 2024: \$ -

CHART ST1

**Budget, Revenues & Expenditures
as of April 30, 2024
STORMWATER FUNDS
(Excludes Internal Transfers)**



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$1,171,167 appropriated from prior year budgets.

CHART ST2

Subject: Monthly Financials – April

The following are the items to note when reviewing April's financials:

General City Services:

- Gross Income Tax collections are at 40.51% of the budgeted \$10.80M. April and May are normally our largest collection months. The gross and net 2024 collections are more than YTD April 2023 by 3.93% and 4.35%, respectively.
- Our Real Estate tax collections total \$1,014,373; 58.41% of budget.
- General Fund revenues are 43% of budget and total General City Services revenues are 41% of budget.
- General Fund expenditures, including encumbrances, are 40% of budget and total General City Services expenditures, including encumbrances, are 42% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for General City Services include \$18,126,259 in original appropriations plus the following supplemental appropriation:
 - \$40,000 approved February 5, 2024 for the purchase of a power cot for Medic 27.
 - \$31,254.89 approved April 1, 2024 for the release of security for the repair of a residential premise damaged by fire.
- No unusual items in the month of April.

Refuse Fund:

- Refuse revenues are approximately 34% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 49% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for Refuse include \$1,680,468 in original appropriations.
- No unusual items in the month of April.

Enterprise Funds:

- Water revenues are approximately 27% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 45% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for Water include \$2,040,076 in original appropriations.
- Sewer revenues are approximately 30% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 26% of budget. 67% of our 2022 costs were a result of payments to Dayton and Montgomery County for wastewater treatment.
- Budgeted disbursements for Sanitary Sewer include \$2,840,039 in original appropriations.
- Stormwater revenues are approximately 36% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 87% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for Stormwater include \$636,926 in original appropriations.
- No unusual items in the month of April.

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OAKWOOD

OCC pool set to open May 25

Gardner Pool at the Oakwood Community Center is scheduled to open May 25 with memberships now available.

For OCC members, memberships are \$120 for seniors, \$210 for singles and \$330 for families. For non-OCC members, those rates are \$165, \$255 and \$415, respectively, according to the city. Membership is limited to Oakwood residents.

The pool membership season generally extends from May 25-Sept. 2. But operations rely on students and other seasonal employees, so dates are subject to adjustment, according to the city.

General operating hours are noon to 8 p.m. daily until school starts in August. After that, operating hours Monday through Friday will be 4 to 8 p.m., the city's website states.

APRIL 2024 OAKWOOD PROPERTY SALES

SALES ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE					
<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE SOLD</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>	<u>DATE LAST SOLD</u>	<u>LAST SALE PRICE</u>	<u>COUNTY APPRAISED VALUE</u>
1209 RALEIGH RD	4/11/24	\$ 1,495,000	4/3/20	\$ 890,000	\$ 849,140
55 WALNUT LN	4/9/24	\$ 1,200,000	6/24/21	\$ 760,000	\$ 788,670
704 RUNNYMEDE RD	4/8/24	\$ 1,157,500	10/23/23	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 920,340
144 THRUSTON BLVD W	4/24/24	\$ 983,899	8/7/23	\$ 940,000	\$ 768,000
1901 SOUTHWOOD LN	4/23/24	\$ 675,000	11/14/14	\$ 400,000	\$ 489,310
114 HADLEY RD	4/29/24	\$ 630,000	7/1/14	\$ 360,000	\$ 578,410
64 PATTERSON RD	4/9/24	\$ 576,100	9/30/20	\$ 400,000	\$ 316,000
255 CORONA AVE	4/18/24	\$ 456,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 296,010
311 EAST DR	4/29/24	\$ 405,900	11/30/23	\$ 275,000	\$ 246,800
2200 SHAFOR BLVD	4/17/24	\$ 398,000	4/17/02	\$ 195,500	\$ 301,090
249 ABERDEEN AVE	4/17/24	\$ 361,400	5/20/19	\$ 289,000	\$ 344,350
421 MONTERAY AVE	4/18/24	\$ 350,000	7/16/21	\$ 305,000	\$ 181,710
252 MONTERAY AVE	4/16/24	\$ 340,000	5/4/21	\$ 260,000	\$ 238,480
233 HADLEY AVE	4/15/24	\$ 295,000	12/13/18	\$ 193,500	\$ 239,380
433 LONSDALE AVE	4/17/24	\$ 285,000	11/16/20	\$ 170,000	\$ 237,680
44 TRIANGLE AVE	4/5/24	\$ 281,500	9/23/21	\$ 230,000	\$ 213,760
415 FORRER BLVD	4/1/24	\$ 249,000	6/21/06	\$ 145,000	\$ 216,270
430 CLARANNA AVE	4/26/24	\$ 229,500	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 188,050
454 CORONA AVE	4/23/24	\$ 223,000	2/27/18	\$ 165,000	\$ 216,280
2200 FAR HILLS AVE UNIT 2	4/24/24	\$ 79,900	7/3/13	\$ 24,000	\$ 74,280
87% ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE					
SALES BELOW APPRAISED VALUE					
<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE SOLD</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>	<u>DATE LAST SOLD</u>	<u>LAST SALE PRICE</u>	<u>COUNTY APPRAISED VALUE</u>
1211 RUNNYMEDE RD	4/22/24	\$ 699,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 760,790
316-318 FORRER BLVD	4/15/24	\$ 315,000	5/16/18	\$ 210,000	\$ 322,410
240 POINTE OAKWOOD WAY	4/15/24	\$ 264,500	3/6/17	\$ 285,000	\$ 265,860
13% BELOW APPRAISED VALUE					