

Oakwood, Ohio  
May 20, 2019

The Oakwood Citizen Budget Review Committee (BRC) met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019. The meeting took place in the city council chambers, 30 Park Avenue.

The following people attended:

Budget Review Committee

Howard Boose	Megan Kavanaugh
Cait Botschner	Yusaku Kawai
Steve Brooks	Chaz Kidwell
James Broz	William Meyer
Susie Elliott	Bill Rieger
Ellen Fodge	Mark Risley
John Gray	Leigh Turben
Ella Himes	Sarah Waechter

Oakwood City Council

Mayor Bill Duncan  
Vice Mayor Steve Byington  
Councilmember Rob Stephens

City Staff

City Manager Norbert Klopsch  
Leisure Services Director Carol Collins  
Finance Director Cindy Stafford  
Public Safety Director Alan Hill  
Law Director Rob Jacques  
Personnel and Properties Director Jennifer Wilder

Invited Guest

Representative Jim Butler – 41<sup>st</sup> District of Ohio House of Representatives

Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by introducing and welcoming new committee members Megan Kavanaugh (Precinct F) and Cait Botschner (Precinct D).

Mayor Duncan confirmed that all BRC members received the minutes of the November 27, 2018 meeting. There being no requested edits, Mayor Duncan asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion by Howard Boose; second by Mark Risley. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed and the minutes were approved. Mayor Duncan then invited Mr. Klopsch to make a presentation.

Mr. Klopsch began by mentioning that the “That Day in May” event is sponsored annually by the Oakwood Rotary Club and is the organization’s primary fundraiser. The Oakwood Rotary Club has provided grants for the following city projects and events: Lobsterfest/Sister Cities; MLK Breakfast; Benches for Dog Park; Rotary Bridge at Houk Stream; Public Art at Shafor and Patterson; American Flags; Bike Racks and Bike Maintenance Station; Farmers’ Market Sign; Smith Garden’s 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; and Cook Park. Mr. Klopsch invited BRC members to join the Rotary Club and also to submit grant requests to the Oakwood Rotary Foundation.

Mr. Klopsch then delivered the following finance presentation:

- 2018 Financial Audit: The audit of the 2018 city finances was recently completed by Plattenburg & Associates. No items were noted and an unqualified “Clean” opinion is forthcoming.
- City Projects:
  - Concrete Street Repairs: Concrete street repair work is taking place on Park Avenue between Harman Avenue and Oakwood Avenue; Ridgeway Road from Park Road to the south corporation line; and Fairforest Circle. The project will be completed by TH Solutions, LLC at a total cost of \$131,900.
  - Sidewalk, Curb & Driveway Apron Repairs: The 2019 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project work is in the area bounded by Far Hills, Aberdeen, Shroyer, Acorn and Patterson. The project is being completed by Arcon Builders at total cost of \$185,785.
  - Asphalt Pavement Resurfacing: The 2019 asphalt repaving project is taking place on Spirea Drive; Greenmount Boulevard; Peach Orchard Avenue (Far Hills Avenue to Shroyer Road); East Drive (Shafor Boulevard Avenue to Shroyer Road); Hathaway Road (Patterson Road to South Corporation Line); Alpine Lane; Hilltop Avenue; Fairmont Avenue; and Hillview Avenue (Alpine Lane to South Corporation Line). A map of the project areas is included in the *Oakwood Scene* newsletter. The project will be completed by JR Jurgensen at a total cost of \$399,560. The city reached an agreement with Vectren to pay a portion of this project due to the extensive pavement damage resulting from work they completed last fall on East Drive. Vectren will pay \$38,592 directly to the contractor, and the City will pay \$360,968.
  - Springhouse Water Plant Filter Project: The Springhouse Road Water Softening Plant has been in operation since 1992. This plant produces about 50% of the City’s water. The filters in the Springhouse Road Water Softening Plant will be reconstructed this year at a total cost of \$101,500.
  - Cardboard Drop-off Station Upgrade: The cardboard drop off station at the Creager Dog Park parking lot is being upgraded to double the capacity and improve access to what will be four containers. We are receiving a \$16,720 grant from our Montgomery County Solid Waste District to pay for the new containers. The City will pay \$7,532 to build steps and an access platform.
  - Shafor Park Basketball Court Resurfacing: We will spend \$15,000 this year to resurface the basketball court. It has not been resurfaced since the original construction in the middle 1990s.
  - Shafor Park Tennis Court Repairs: Bilbrey Construction will repair the defects in the tennis courts to our specifications, and under warranty.
  - Gardner Pool Pergola Rebuild: The pergola at Gardner Pool was rebuilt at a cost of \$16,400. The existing structure was built around 1994.
  - Gardner Pool Deck Replacement: The concrete deck at Gardner Pool is in need of total replacement. This is a project that is proposed for the 2020 budget at a rough preliminary cost estimate of \$160,000. The deck was last rebuilt in the middle 1980s. Over the last few years we have done patching each spring to get us through the pool season... but the amount of deterioration is becoming excessive.



- Vectren Gas Line Replacement: Over the next few months, Vectren will replace underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in two Oakwood neighborhoods. This is the continuation of a multi-year Vectren infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood, and Vectren is about three to four years away from completion of the project. The work in the northern section is bounded by Volusia Avenue, Acacia Drive, E. Schantz Avenue and Oakwood Avenue. The work in the southern section is along the alley east of Far Hills Avenue between Telford Avenue and Hadley Avenue, and in the area bounded by Corona Avenue, Shroyer Road, Hadley Avenue and Far Hills Avenue.
- 2018 Expenditures: The 2018 city expenditures for General City Services was \$12.43 million. This is only about \$300,000 more than 2008 spending. Mr. Klopsch presented a bar chart showing actual annual spending between 2008 and 2018. It reflects tight cost controls.
- 2019 Financials - Through April: Receipts for General City Services through April are at 44% of budget and expenses are at 27%. These percentages will come closer together after major capital projects are completed.
- Receipts for Refuse Services through April are 33% of budget and expenses are 29%.
- Receipts for the Water, Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Services through April are 32% of budget and expenses are 22%.

Following the PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Klopsch, Mayor Duncan introduced Representative Jim Butler with the following:

State Representative Jim Butler is currently serving his fourth elected term as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, and was elected by his fellow state representatives to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Ohio House. He represents the 41st House District in Montgomery County, which includes Centerville, Kettering, Oakwood and portions of Riverside and Dayton. An Ohio native, Jim grew up in Washington Court House. Upon graduation from high school, he was accepted into the United States Naval Academy. He graduated in the top 10% of his class, earning him a spot in flight school. While waiting to begin training as a naval aviator, he obtained a Master's Degree in History from the University of Maryland. After completing flight school and receiving his wings, Representative Butler was accorded the privilege of flying the F-14 Tomcat fighter. Jim returned to Ohio after leaving the military. He entered and graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He now practices as a business litigator at Thompson Hine.

Representative Butler's desire to serve is reflected in his volunteer work within the Dayton community. He is a member of the Oakwood Rotary Club and is the former President of the Dayton Ballet Associate Board. He also volunteers for the Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyer Project.


Representative Butler and his wife, Dr. Melissa Butler, reside in Oakwood with their three daughters.

Representative Jim Butler spoke to the committee addressing the following topics:

- His new leadership role as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Ohio House.
- His impressions of the new governor and lieutenant governor, specifically in regard to how they might work more in partnership with local governments.
- The 2020/21 state budget.
- The gasoline/diesel tax.
- ODOT finances and funding for roadway infrastructure projects.
- The Local Government Fund.
- Medical cost transparency.
- JobsOhio.
- Medicare costs.

Representative Butler spent a majority of his time discussing issues relating to health care costs in Ohio, and how he is working to include provisions in the 2020/2021 state budget to help reduce those costs, and to provide greater cost transparency.

There being no other business, at 6:55 p.m. Mayor Duncan thanked the committee members for their service and the meeting was adjourned.



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Chairman