

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
AUGUST 6, 2018

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 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 Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	PRESENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....	PRESENT
MR. CHRISTOPHER B. EPLEY	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
Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director
Mr. Ethan Kroger, Code Enforcement Officer
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

Judy Cook, 927 Far Hills Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
Donna & Paul Bohannon, 204 Pointe Oakwood Way, Oakwood, OH 45409
Sallie Wilson Luther, 45 W. Peach Orchard Road, Oakwood, OH 45419
Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45409
Norman Mayne, Dorothy Lane Market
Jerry Post, Dorothy Lane Market
Alex West, Dorothy Lane Market
Barbara & Charles Cerny, 201 Maysfield Road, Oakwood, OH 45419
Jerad Barnett, Synergy Building Systems
John Kopilchack, Synergy Building Systems
Nick Raines, Russell Wealth Management
Alan Schaeffer, Pickrel, Schaeffer & Ebeling
Wayne Baker, *Dayton Daily News*
Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the July 16, 2018 regular session, work session and executive session. Mrs. Hilton reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton 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

Tribute to Harry G. Ebeling: Judy Cook and Leigh Turben: Mayor Duncan shared that we lost a fine community servant last month, Harry Ebeling, also known as "Mr. Oakwood". He then invited former Mayor Judy Cook and Oakwood Historical Society President Leigh Turben to speak about the great life of Mr. Ebeling.

Mrs. Cook shared that Mr. Ebeling was born in Oakwood, and spent his childhood growing up and graduating from Oakwood High School. After Mr. Ebeling served in the U.S. Air Force and obtained his law degree, he came back to Oakwood to practice law and raise his family. Mr. Ebeling had a passion for Oakwood history. He was dedicated to recording his research, resulting in an expansive history of Oakwood and beyond to be preserved into the future. It is not surprising that the issue of preservation came forward as cause and concern for Mr. Ebeling. Mr. Ebeling's leadership in creating a greater awareness of our history and historical treasures set the stage for ensuring support for preservation activity, which has made Oakwood a better place, and a more complete community. When Oakwood City Hall was renovated, Mr. Ebeling secured a well-lighted, spacious area in the lower level of the city building to keep historical documents. This space became his second home. Mrs. Cook shared that Mr. Ebeling's leadership and inspiration acted as a catalyst for others to follow. He deserves the title of "Mr. Oakwood" as he came to be known, and he will be missed.

Mrs. Turben shared that it is a privilege to talk about how the Oakwood Historical Society developed, evolved and flourished under the watchful eye of Mr. Ebeling. Mr. Ebeling was one of the architects who helped define who and what the society was and is today. He applied for and attained the Oakwood Historical Society's designation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. He believed the key to the Oakwood Historical Society's success was education. He wrote several books about the city of Oakwood. He also impressed the importance of communication and wrote countless articles, not only for the Oakwood Historical Society, but for the *Oakwood Register*. In Mr. Ebeling's memory, the Oakwood Historical Society is re-publishing a collection of articles that he wrote for the Oakwood Centennial. The articles will be consolidated into a single booklet. He established and maintained the only archival history and artifacts specifically for Oakwood. Under Mr. Ebeling's leadership, the Oakwood Historical Society obtained a coveted spot for Schantz Park on the National Register of Historic Districts. The Long-Romspert Homestead is one of three properties in Oakwood that is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places, which Mr. Ebeling supported. He encouraged the Oakwood Historical Society to partner with other organizations. Mrs. Turben shared that they are currently working with the City on a preservation database project to create a digital archive that will become a repository for historical data. The Oakwood Historical Society has also been a long-time advocate of the Wright Public Library, who is also recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. The Oakwood Historical Society partners with Wright Library on the Far Hills Speaker Series. With Mr. Ebeling's guidance, the Oakwood Historical Society offers Walking Tours, Long-Romspert Homestead Tours for children, garden programs, and most recently a new series of programs called "Homemade at the Historical Society". Mr. Ebeling's legacy will continue to grow as the Oakwood Historical Society pursues new projects.

Proclamations – Mayor Duncan read a proclamation recognizing Saturday, August 11, 2018 as "Dorothy Lane Market Day" in Oakwood.

Mr. Jerry Post, Store Director for Oakwood Dorothy Lane Market, said that it has been an honor to work at the Oakwood Dorothy Lane Market for the past 26 years. He thanked City Council, City staff and the Oakwood community for their ongoing support. Mr. Post shared that there will be a 70th Anniversary Carnival at all three store locations from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 11. He invited people to come out and join the fun.

Mr. Norman Mayne, owner of Dorothy Lane Market, shared that it has been an honor to work with Oakwood City Council, City staff and the Oakwood community. He shared his memories of being eight years old when his family was offered the store at the corner of Dorothy Lane and Far Hills Avenue. He said that not only does the Oakwood community offer the best city services, but there are wonderful kids from solid families that have worked at DLM over the years. He closed his comments by saying that Oakwood is a treasure.

Mr. Alex West, Oakwood Dorothy Lane Market Front End Manager, shared that he has worked at Dorothy Lane Market since he was sixteen years old. Collectively, his family has worked for Dorothy Lane Market for over 40 years. He shared that it is a great place to work.

Mayor Duncan then read proclamations designating September as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" and "National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month".

Dr. Sallie Wilson Luther thanked City Council and City staff, as well as Oakwood City Schools and Dorothy Lane Market for their support of the "Out of the Darkness Walk". The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention organizes nearly 400 local community walks each year to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention. The 5th annual "Out of the Darkness Dayton Walk", in connection with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 21 at the Oakwood High School. The 2017 event had over 1,100 walkers and raised about \$69,000. Dr. Wilson shared that the walk is free, although fundraising is encouraged. She asked that people contact her if they are interested in volunteering or sponsorship.

Oakwood Pre-sale Property Inspection Program: Mayor Duncan shared that last month many Oakwood residents received two direct mail pieces from a group called Ohio REALTORS, which contained false information about the Oakwood pre-sale inspection program for residential properties. The Oakwood pre-sale program was established in 1968 and is especially important in a community like Oakwood, which despite its aging stock of homes, many of which are 75-100 years old, continues to be the premiere residential community in the Miami Valley. Oakwood property maintenance regulations are intended to provide for public health, safety and welfare. By ensuring the properties meet certain minimums each time they are transferred, the pre-sale inspection program helps to prevent homes from catching fire, collapsing or becoming unsightly or unsafe. City Council and City staff appreciates the numerous comments received from local realtors and citizens expressing support of this unique program to ensure that

Oakwood homes continue to rise in value. For the past two and a half years, 75-80% of Oakwood homes sold above Montgomery County's appraised value.

VISITORS – NONE

LEGISLATION

Public Hearing. Mayor Duncan introduced the public hearing for Application 18-3, which requests an amendment to the Sugar Camp/Pointe Oakwood Master Plan.

Mayor Duncan explained that this is a resolution to approve a revised plan for the Russell Wealth Management corporate headquarters building, which has been proposed for the 4.3 acre parcel between Sugar Camp and the Pointe Oakwood residential neighborhood.

Mayor Duncan explained that although he is introducing this as a resolution "to approve," City Council is required to hold a public hearing on this proposal. At the conclusion of the hearing Council may vote to approve the application, approve it with conditions, or deny it. If Council decides to approve it, Council will adopt this resolution as-is. If Council decided to approve it with conditions, there is space provided on the document to write them in tonight. In the event that Council denies the application, this resolution will be withdrawn altogether and the Law Director will be asked to prepare legislation consistent with Council's decision to deny it.

Mr. Byington recused himself as he resides near the proposed development. He stepped down from the Council dais and took a seat among the audience.

Mayor Duncan asked Code Enforcement Officer Ethan Kroger to present the staff report.

Mr. Kroger referenced a PowerPoint presentation and explained that Synergy Building Systems, on behalf of Russell Wealth Management, is requesting to amend the site plan to construct a 16,600 sf, 2-story office building on the 4.3 acre parcel located east of Sugar Camp Circle, west of the Pointe Oakwood residential development, and north of W. Schantz Avenue. The Oakwood Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 11, 2018, and by a vote of 3-0, with one member absent and another recused, made a recommendation to City Council to approve the request, with the condition that a proposed monument sign be moved from the right-in/right-out roadway access point at W. Schantz Avenue to the intersection of Sugar Camp Circle and Russell Place, in the interior of Sugar Camp. City Council is holding a public hearing this evening, and by a majority will vote to either approve, deny, or approve with conditions the request for an amended site plan for Russell Wealth Management.

Mr. Kroger then reviewed the recent history of this parcel, sharing that in November 2017, City Council approved a special use request to construct a 3-story, 22,000 square foot office building to serve as the headquarters for Russell Wealth Management, which has lapsed.

Mr. Kroger then presented the summary of changes with the current application.

The applicant proposes a slightly different location for the building within the site. While the building would be substantially scaled down in size, it would be positioned closer to W. Schantz Avenue and would have a setback of 121.6 feet. The setback from the Pointe Oakwood neighborhood is 117.1 feet. The new Russell Wealth Management building would be moved 30 feet further away from the Pointe Oakwood neighborhood and 15.5 feet closer to W. Schantz Avenue.

The parking lot, which was located 41 feet from W. Schantz Avenue, will now be 97 feet away from the W. Schantz public right-of-way. Instead of being located south of the building at the W. Schantz frontage, the applicant wants to move it to the north and west, between the building and the remainder of the Sugar Camp campus. The number of parking spaces has increased from 30 to 33.

The originally approved 3-story 22,000 office building with a walkout basement would be scaled down to a 2-story, 16,600 square foot building with no walkout basement and minimal excavation into the hillside.

Primary ingress and egress to the site would be from Sugar Camp Circle, entering from the existing signalized W. Schantz Avenue and Kramer Road intersection. Secondary access is proposed from the existing curb cut off W. Schantz Avenue, although the developer requests that it be limited to a right-in/right-out traffic movement only.

The applicant had originally proposed to add a 6' x 8' monument sign located inside the existing curb cut along W. Schantz Avenue.

The developer plans to save as many mature trees on the site as possible. The east hillside between the proposed building and the existing Pointe Oakwood residences will be heavily planted with a mixture of deciduous and coniferous trees. The existing mature tree stand just to the north of the building will be preserved with dead trees and vegetation being removed and replaced as appropriate. Similarly, the existing vegetation along W. Schantz Avenue would be substantially enhanced, with dead plant material and trees being removed and new vegetation planted.

Mr. Kroger explained that by a vote of 3-0, the Oakwood Planning Commission recommended approval, with the condition that a proposed monument sign be moved from the right-in/right-out roadway access point at W. Schantz Avenue to the intersection of Sugar Camp Circle and Russell Place, in the interior of Sugar Camp.

Mr. Kroger closed his presentation by sharing that city staff recommends approval, subject to the following conditions: 1) The final landscape plan must be approved by the City Horticulturist; 2) The monument sign and building signs to gain final approval from city staff; 3) Architectural details and materials compliment existing buildings located within Sugar Camp. City Council is holding a public hearing this evening and by a majority vote can approve, deny, or approve with conditions the requested Master Plan amendment and proposed site plan.

Mr. Stephens asked if the parking spaces will be accessible from either direction.

Mr. Kroger confirmed yes.

Mr. Stephens asked if all of the areas that are not filled with trees will be covered with grass.

Mr. Kroger confirmed yes.

Mayor Duncan asked if the staff recommendations are written into the ordinance.

Mr. Jacques said that they are not currently included in the resolution, but if City Council adopts the recommendations, they would be written in this evening.

Mayor Duncan asked if the applicant has agreed to the staff recommendations.

Mr. Kroger confirmed yes.

Mr. Jerad Barnett with Synergy Building Systems addressed City Council on behalf of the developer and thanked them for their time. He said that they had the opportunity to take a fresh look at the project and make some positive changes.

Mayor Duncan then asked Law Director Rob Jacques to administer an oath to those who wish to testify.

Mr. Jacques proceeded to swear in, *en masse*, the visitors that plan to testify.

Barbara Cerny, 201 Maysfield Road, thanked Synergy Building Systems for proposing a new plan. She explained that she spoke against the previous plans because they did not seem to fit in with either Sugar Camp or the city of Oakwood. She believes the proposed building will be a nice addition to Oakwood and she supports the application.

There being no further public testimony offered, Mayor Duncan closed the public hearing and asked City Council to begin its deliberations.

It was then moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that application #18-3, to construct a 16,600 sf, 2-story office building on the 4.3 acre parcel located east of Sugar Camp Circle, west of the Pointe Oakwood residential development, and north of W. Schantz Avenue, be approved, with the condition that the staff recommendations be adopted.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Duncan called for a vote on the motion.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	RECUSED
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY	YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said motion was declared duly approved and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4865
TO REPEAL EXISTING SECTION 1006.7, VARIANCE STANDARDS,
OF THE OAKWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE AND ADOPT NEW
SECTION 1006.7, VARIANCE STANDARDS, OF THE OAKWOOD
ZONING ORDINANCE.

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 update the decision standards used by the Oakwood Planning Commission and Oakwood Board of Zoning Appeals to evaluate zoning variances. It has been recommended by the City Law Director to align Oakwood’s variance standards with Ohio Supreme Court case law.

As required by law, amendments to the text of the zoning ordinance require two public hearings. The first was held before the Planning Commission on June 6, 2018, and resulted in a unanimous recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission. The second public hearing took place at the July 11, 2018, Council meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens 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. STEPHENS.....YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....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 VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4863
TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR THE
OPERATION OF MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES.

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 two ordinances were introduced at the June 6 meeting to update the City’s Business Regulation Code with respect to food trucks. The first was an ordinance that will allow “mobile food vehicles,” or food trucks, to operate on public rights-of-way in the City.

After that ordinance was introduced, City Council heard from a number of residents concerned about food trucks on residential streets, particularly near the schools and public parks. The consistent theme heard is that residents do not necessarily dislike food trucks, but are concerned that the ordinance would create an “open” system that allows licensed vendors to decide when, where, and how often they will open for business in the City.

Council was receptive to these concerns, so at the July 11 meeting Council withdrew the original ordinance and introduced a new version. Tonight Council is conducting a second reading on the new ordinance. It would still allow food truck operation in the City, but would utilize an event-based permit system instead of the “open” system in the prior ordinance.

This ordinance includes a number of provisions to protect the residential character of the Oakwood community. Highlights include the following:

- Permits are always required for food truck operation, whether on public or private property.
- Permits will only be issued in connection with a specific party, rally, or other event sponsored or hosted by an Oakwood property owner.

- Permits will be issued for a specific location during a specific time.
- Permits will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. No more than 3 permits will be available for a particular event, although the City Manager will have limited discretion to increase the number of available permits for larger events in locations that can accommodate more food trucks.
- The city retains the right to deny or impose conditions on permits as needed to minimize traffic and parking congestion; to protect public safety; to ensure that access to public buildings and facilities is not impeded; and to ensure that there is no interference with the delivery of governmental or emergency services.
- All operators and facilities must be in full compliance with all state and county requirements for mobile food service, and must have all necessary licenses, permits, certificates, and inspections.
- All operators and facilities must be in full compliance with all local ordinances, including noise ordinances.
- Even with a permit, food trucks will be prohibited in alleys and on the following streets: Far Hills Avenue; Shroyer Road; Patterson Road; E/W Schantz Avenue between Oakwood Avenue and the Oakwood/Kettering corporate line; Oakwood Avenue between Far Hills and Irving Avenues; and Park Avenue between Far Hills and Harman Avenues.
- Hours of operation are between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- Unless being operated on a closed road (such as for a block party), food trucks must be parked by the curb, must dispense food curbside, and cannot impede the orderly flow of traffic.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Hilton 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. STEPHENS.....YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA
 MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....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 VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4864
 TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 725.01, STREET SALES
 PROHIBITED EXCEPT IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS, OF THE
 OAKWOOD BUSINESS REGULATION CODE TO CREATE AN
 EXEMPTION FOR THE OPERATION OF LICENSED MOBILE FOOD
 VEHICLES.

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 second ordinance to update the Business Regulation Code as it pertains to food trucks. It was introduced with a first reading at the June 6 Council meeting. There is an existing ordinance in the Oakwood code, Section 725.01, that prohibits anyone from offering any thing or product for sale within any street right-of-way. This ordinance will amend Section 725.01 to create an exemption for food trucks, but will continue to prohibit other kinds of selling on public streets.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Epley 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. STEPHENS.....YEA
 MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA
 MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

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

A RESOLUTION
 BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1848
 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE
 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CERTIFY CERTAIN
 DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR CUTTING NOXIOUS WEEDS
 TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that each year, the City incurs costs for mowing overgrown yards when owners do not take care of their property. The City bills property owners for those costs and most of them pay. For those who do not pay, this is the annual resolution to certify the costs to the County Auditor so they can be added to the tax bill for each property.

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

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	YEA

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

STAFF REPORT

Public Safety Department Presentation: Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: Capital Equipment; Irving Avenue Traffic Enforcement; Criminal Cases of Note; Personnel Changes; RadarSign; Crime Mapping Update; and Citizens Police Academy.

Chief Hill began his presentation by sharing that the 2018 public safety capital equipment purchases included two police sport utility vehicles, a replacement vehicle for the city detective paid through seized drug funds at no cost to taxpayers, and a LifePak 15 heart machine. The two public safety sport utility vehicles replaced a 2008 supervisor vehicle and a 2010 patrol vehicle. The new LifePak 15 replaced an older LifePak 12 that was purchased back in 2006. He explained that it is important to take care of the vehicles and equipment to ensure a long, useful life, and it is being good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Each school year, the Safety Department continues to emphasize the enforcement of parking violations along Irving Avenue in an effort to control violators of the time restricted parking areas. During the period of January – May, the Safety Department issued 242 parking citations along Irving Avenue. Historically, the last month of each school year is when the most citizen complaints are received. During the month of April, emphasis was placed on consistent daily enforcement along Irving Avenue. During the month of April, 113 parking citations were issued with zero citizen complaints received. As the new school year approaches, this area will be again monitored for violations.

In March 2018, a resident who resides in the 300 block of Schenck Avenue was approached by a female in her driveway who asked for directions. Subsequently, the suspect pepper sprayed the victim, stole her purse, and fled the scene in a vehicle. The victim's credit cards were used at an area Krogers shortly thereafter. Within eight hours of the crime occurring, the Investigations Section had identified and apprehended the three individuals responsible for this crime. Court action is pending against the suspects in this case. On May 30, the LCNB bank located at 2705 Far Hills Avenue was robbed shortly after 2 p.m. The female suspect entered the bank, presented a note stating this was a robbery, and fled the scene after receiving approximately \$2,500. A few hours after the bank robbery, a homicide occurred in the city of Dayton. Subsequent investigation revealed that the male who acted as the "getaway" driver in the LCNB robbery was responsible for the homicide. Both individuals were apprehended later the same evening after a high speed chase in Evandale, Ohio. Captain Jones and Detective Yount did an exceptional job with the follow-up investigation on this case. Court action is pending against the suspects in this case.

Chief Hill then reviewed 2018 employee retirements and hires in the Public Safety Department. PSO Mike Russell retired on April 15 with 25 years of service in public safety, 18 of those years at the city of Oakwood. PSO George Williams retired on May 24, receiving a service disability retirement after battling a series of leg injuries. At the time of his separation, Officer Williams had over 21 years of service, of which seven years was with the city of Oakwood. Chief Hill wished them well on their retirement. Public Safety Officer Justin Slone was hired on January 8. Officer Slone arrives with almost 10 years of fire and paramedic experience. Officer Slone recently completed the police academy and is in the process of completing his field training program. Public Safety Officer Jesse Schaffer was hired on May 14. Officer Schaffer arrives as a fully certified public safety officer. Prior to being hired in Oakwood, Officer Schaffer worked as a part-time firefighter/EMT with the Kettering Fire Department, and was a trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The RadarSign, which is used to identify areas of traffic concerns, continues to be an effective analysis tool for the Public Safety Department. This valuable resource allows the department to identify true areas of concern and better allocate resources.

There have been several traffic studies done on Kramer Road due to a concern raised by a resident. A recent analysis was done over this past Memorial Day weekend showing that the average speeds have not exceeded 21.2 miles per hour, which is more than satisfactory.

Eight member cities of the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit (TCSU) and Miami Township entered into an agreement with LexisNexis to subscribe to their Accurint Virtual Crime Center. The logistical phase of this project has now begun. Each agency is working individually with LexisNexis so the mapping software can begin receiving data from the respective CAD systems. This project will be completed within about 120 days.

In September 2018, the Oakwood Public Safety Department will host Oakwood's first Citizens Police Academy (CPA). CPA's are a unique opportunity for citizens to better understand the job of a public safety officer and also serve as a way for Safety Department personnel to hear the needs and expectation of the community. The CPA will run from September 12 through November 14. The academy will last 10 weeks and will meet one night per week for two hours. Topics to be covered during the academy include: Safety Department Introduction / Orientation; Patrol Operations; Traffic Enforcement; Use of Force; Active Shooter Training; Evidence Collection and Processing; and Fire Prevention / Education. The CPA is free of charge and is open to any Oakwood resident or individual working within the city of Oakwood. Applications for the first CPA are currently being processed. The Safety Department is excited to offer this community outreach program.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Mr. Klopsch provided an update on the following items:

Mr. Klopsch shared that when he was headed toward home a few days ago, he was stopped by an AT&T contractor asking if he knew the owners of a neighboring Volusia house. The contractor had just witnessed someone entering the homeowner's vehicle and he attempted to run after him. Mr. Klopsch immediately called Chief Hill to report the incident. Within two minutes, there were two Oakwood Public Safety Officers and a UD Officer on the scene. The contractor provided a description of the suspect, and the officers went to work. Fifteen minutes later, the thief was apprehended and charged. This is just another example of the benefits of our Public Safety Department's quick response times. Mr. Klopsch urged residents to always lock their vehicles.

Gardner Pool is open for one more month. Mr. Klopsch shared his appreciation to the patrons for their understanding of the nearby tennis court construction.

Mr. Klopsch thanked J.R. Jurgensen for the excellent job on the asphalt repaving program. They completed the entire project in less than one calendar week.

Construction work is underway throughout the City with AT&T contractors installing fiber optic communication lines, Vectren gas line work, and the annual Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. This work will continue over the next few months. He encouraged citizens to keep an eye out for construction equipment.

In cooperation with the Oakwood City Schools, the "Suggested School Route Maps" for Harman School and Smith Elementary have been updated and are posted to the City's website. The maps are designed to suggest to students and parents the routes that are best used to travel to and from the two schools to minimize safety risk.

School starts a week from Tuesday. Construction activity around the schools is being wrapped up this week and should be done before next Tuesday.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stephens thanked Chief Hill and the Oakwood Public Safety Department for the wonderful work they do on a daily basis.

Vice Mayor Byington encouraged everyone to attend the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 12 from 3:30 – 7 p.m. at Shafor Park. He shared that to prepare for the event, he ordered a new heated ice cream scooper!

Mayor Duncan recognized Alex Heckman for his promotion to the new position of Vice President for Museum Operations at Dayton History. Mr. Heckman was also recently appointed to the Oakwood Property Maintenance Board. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate recent improvements at Wright Library at 3 p.m. this Friday. The 19th annual Giving Strings Concert is on Saturday, August 11. The charity recipient of the Giving Strings Concert is Warm Hugs, an organization that sends blankets to Hispanic children in the Dayton area and in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

The public meeting concluded at 9:04 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL