

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
AUGUST 21, 2017

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, August 21, 2017 in the conference room of the Oakwood Municipal Building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the city, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Anne Hilton and Councilmember Chris Epley. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and began by reviewing the agenda for the regular session this evening. Mayor Duncan then asked for a motion to go to executive session for personnel matters. At 6:41 p.m., Mr. Epley made a motion to go to executive session for personnel matters; second by Mr. Stephens. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed.

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor Duncan adjourned the executive session and Council moved back to regular work session.

Mayor Duncan then led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- STATUS REPORTS
 - Water and Sewer Line Maintenance Foreman: Mr. Klopsch noted that he will introduce Chris Harold at the regular session this evening. Mr. Harold is the new water and sewer line maintenance foreman, replacing Mike Wenclewicz who retired at the end of May.
 - Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will present a proclamation at the regular session recognizing September as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".
- VISITORS
 - Helen Jones-Kelley, Human Services Levy Campaign: Mayor Duncan noted that Mrs. Jones-Kelly will make a presentation at the regular session this evening asking for a yes vote on the Human Services levy renewal that will be on the November ballot.
- LEGISLATION: Mayor Duncan stated that there was no legislation on the agenda for the regular session this evening.
- STAFF REPORT – LAW DEPARTMENT: Mr. Jacques explained that he will make a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening addressing the maintenance of trees in Oakwood.
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington

- Municipal Income Tax: Mr. Klopsch provided an update on staff's work in analyzing options for addressing municipal income tax losses from other communities raising their tax rates. He explained that the recommended option involves establishing a credit reduction factor. This approach is anticipated to generate enough money to allow the city to operate without raising property taxes again until after 2023. The proposed credit reduction factor would impact over 50% of Oakwood individual taxpayers and over two-thirds of Oakwood's households. This topic will be discussed again at a future work session.
 - Public Properties, Mr. Epley
 - Irving Field: Mr. Klopsch provided an explanation on the use of Irving Field and mentioned that the city is developing a written agreement with the Oakwood Schools. That agreement will clarify responsibilities and expectations in regard to Irving Field use.
 - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mr. Epley
 - Refuse and Recycling: Mr. Klopsch explained that discussions are underway at the Montgomery County Solid Waste District on updating the district's five year plan. EPA approval of a new plan must be received by July, 2018. An item being discussed involves recycling rates and options for increasing these rates amongst Montgomery County communities.
 - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - AMARS: Mr. Klopsch commented that the automatic mutual aid responses to Kettering are fairly consistent each month and that the system is working as designed, with no negative impact on Oakwood.
 - Shroyer Road Project: Mr. Klopsch provided a brief update on project construction and will include these comments in his City Manager's report at the regular session this evening.
 - Ridgeway Road Improvements: Mr. Klopsch noted that concrete repair work continues on Ridgeway Road and that the street light replacement is scheduled to take place within the next month or two.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - MVCC, Mr. Epley
 - MVCC Projects: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that the September 18 Council work session will begin at 6 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m. That meeting will include a detailed presentation and discussion on the MVCC Broadband (fiber optic) project. Kettering City Manager Mark Schwieterman and IT Director Drew Miller will attend that meeting. Mr. Klopsch also mentioned that the MVCC City Managers are in discussion with MVCC Executive Director Brian Humphress in regard to goals and expectations.
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Sister City Association, Mrs. Hilton
 - October 21-24 Celebration: Mr. Klopsch confirmed that the 45th anniversary celebration with Le Vésinet is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 to Tuesday,

October 24. The primary event is on Saturday night, October 21 and will be a dinner gala.

- MISCELLANEOUS

- Medical Marijuana: Mr. Klopsch confirmed that Council wished to continue receiving information each week as reported in the *Dayton Daily News* in regard to how jurisdictions throughout Ohio are addressing the medical marijuana issue.
- Far Hills Avenue Business District: Mr. Klopsch noted that a ribbon cutting event is scheduled for 11 a.m. tomorrow for the Oakwood Candy Shoppe. Also, a ribbon cutting for Toasty Barker Boutique will take place at 4 p.m. next Saturday, August 26.

There being no other business, Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session at 7:25 p.m. at which time Council moved to the regular session.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council