

CITY OF OAKWOOD  
STATE OF OHIO  
DECEMBER 10, 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
- Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
- Mrs. Cindy Stafford, Finance Director
- Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director
- Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director
- Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

- Bill Frapwell, 400 Hathaway Road, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Dave Dickerson, 216 Lookout Drive, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Judy Cook, 937 Far Hills Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Skip & Martha Ordeman, 605 Oakwood Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419
- Steve Kelch, Chair of the Friends of Smith Gardens Fundraiser
- Rick & Constance Ordeman
- Linda Miller
- Jan Campbell
- Nancy & John Downey
- Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45409
- Lainey Teeters, Oakwood High School BOLD Program
- Tom Holtz
- Kristin Holtz
- Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular session, work session & executive session, and November 19, 2018 work 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

Recognition of Skip and Martha Ordeman – Mayor Duncan shared that Skip and Marth Ordeman have served as the co-chairs for Oakwood’s Friends of Smith Gardens organization for the 12 years between 2007 and 2018. They helped raise nearly \$240,000 for the gardens during that period. In recognition of their lengthy volunteer service in promoting Smith Gardens and leading the annual garden fundraiser, the City is placing a brick paver at Smith Gardens. The paver reads: “In Honor of Skip and Martha Ordeman, Friends of Smith Gardens Membership Co-chairs, 2007 to 2018”. In addition to serving Smith Gardens, Mr. Ordeman also serves as a member on the Oakwood Citizen’s Budget Review Committee (BRC), having been a member for 17 years. Mr. Ordeman has attended around 96% of the BRC meetings over his 17 years on the committee. That is the best attendance record on the committee, except for a member who was just appoint this year and has attended every meeting so far. Mayor Duncan then recognized Mr. and Mrs. Ordeman’s family in attendance.

Mr. Ordeman thanked City Council and city staff, particularly Leisure Services Director Carol Collins, for preserving the beauty of Smith Gardens. Mr. Ordeman recalled seeing Mr. Smith, the Oakwood resident that donated Smith Gardens to the City, out working in the gardens. He believes Ms. Collins is carrying on his tradition with style. Mr. Ordeman shared some of his family stories at the gardens. He closed his comments by saying that he and his wife were pleased to have had the opportunity to help.



Mayor Duncan shared that Steve Kelch, grandson of Carlton Smith, will be the new Chair of the Friends of Smith Gardens Fundraiser.

Mr. Kelch said that his grandparents are looking down with pride and gratitude. He is honored to work with Smith Gardens to help keep the legacy alive.

Mayor Duncan commented that Ms. Collins provided an overview to the BRC about Smith Gardens 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary at their November meeting. She shared that Smith Gardens was donated to the city of Oakwood by Oakwood residents Mr. and Mrs. Carlton W. Smith. The donation gift included the Smith home as well as the gardens. The city of Oakwood sold the Smith home for \$116,000, at which time an endowment fund was established and the money was invested for the overall care and maintenance of the gardens. The home recently sold for \$1.1M. Mayor Duncan encouraged people to continue to donate to Smith Gardens. It is truly a gem for the city of Oakwood, and for the entire country.

VISITORS

Oakwood High School senior Lainey Teeters spoke about the Oakwood School’s “Building Our Lives Drug-Free” (BOLD) program. She presented a parent banner that community officials, parents and residents of the community are encouraged to sign to support “BOLD”. There will also be a student banner as well for signatures of students supporting the program. She explained that the Oakwood Schools will conduct a presentation on December 18 entitled “Dangerous Trends in Teenage Substance Abuse”. The presentation will be made by Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer and Chief Deputy Rob Streck. The Oakwood Schools will conduct a second event on January 25 entitled “The Effects of Drugs and Alcohol on the Teenage Brain and Body”.

Mayor Duncan shared that Ms. Teeters attended the work session earlier this evening, and City Council and city staff signed the banner in support of the BOLD program.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE  
 BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO. 4867  
 TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 17-800.3,  
 SUPPLEMENTATION OF INFORMATION FILED WITH  
 COUNTY AUDITOR PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE  
 SEC. 5323, OF THE OAKWOOD PROPERTY MAINTENANCE  
 CODE TO EXPAND AND CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR  
 TENANT INFORMATION FORMS.

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 reading of an ordinance introduced at the November 5 Council meeting. It is an ordinance to clarify what information must be provided to the City on a Tenant Information Form, and the timeframe for submitting the form.

Under our Property Maintenance Code, Oakwood landlords are required to provide a Tenant Information Form to the City each time there is a change of tenant at the property. The forms are used for multiple purposes, including: maintaining a list of properties that are non-owner occupied; ensuring that properties are occupied in compliance with the Zoning Code; ensuring that the Tax Department is aware of those residing in Oakwood who may have filing or other income tax obligations; and providing local contact information that can be useful when addressing code enforcement and/or public safety issues.

This ordinance was written to clarify the four pieces of information needed to accomplish these purposes, which are as follows: the name of each tenant; the relationship of tenants to each other; the date that occupancy commenced; and an emergency contact telephone number. It also amends the ordinance to require that forms be submitted within 15 days after a change of tenancy.

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 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 ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE  
 BY MR. STEPHENS NO. 4869  
 TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE  
 OAKWOOD TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES.

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 each year, City Council passes an annual house-keeping ordinance to align Oakwood’s local traffic and criminal ordinances with changes that have been made at the state level. This ordinance will adopt Oakwood’s 2018 replacement pages for the Traffic Code and the General Offenses Code, and it is being presented as an emergency ordinance so the updates can be incorporated into the codes before the beginning of 2019.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Epley that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required.

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 ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE  
 BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO. 4870  
 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
 CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE  
 CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

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 annual budget ordinance, which appropriates the City’s funding for 2019. This ordinance is required under Section 6.05 of the City Charter and, when adopted, provides formal authorization to the city manager to spend public dollars in providing city services.

Oakwood’s total city budget is divided into five primary parts with budgeted spending in each as follows:

General City Services:	\$13,186,921
Refuse:	\$ 1,532,666
Water Utility:	\$ 1,409,302
Sanitary Sewer Utility:	\$ 1,588,850
Stormwater Utility:	\$ 362,641

The City Manager then made a presentation on the budget.

Mr. Klopsch referenced a PowerPoint presentation on the 2019 budget and reviewed the following:

This is the first year since elimination of the Ohio Estate Tax that Oakwood is proposing a balanced budget for General City Services. This is possible as a result of cost cuts, fee increases, the 3.75 mill property tax approved by Oakwood voters in May 2013, and the 90% income tax credit factor approved by City Council in January 2018.

A chart was referenced showing the budgeted and actual spending from 2008 to present. The chart shows that spending decreased from 2008 – 2014 and has gradually increased since then. However, the 2019 budget is identical to what the city budgeted in 2008, demonstrating tight cost controls. The figures account for all city spending, except for the three Enterprise Utilities and the Refuse operation.

Mr. Klopsch displayed graphs for Income Tax receipts and Property Tax receipts.



The Municipal Income Tax typically grows each year, helping to offset annual cost increases. The 90% credit factor approved by City Council is expected to raise about \$600,000 in new revenue, revenue that replaces money lost over the years as numerous communities, including Dayton and Centerville, raised their tax rates. Oakwood has not raised the income tax rate since 1984.

In regards to property taxes, there was a decrease in property taxes as a result of a property tax levy expiring in 2008, and an increase with a new levy approved in 2013. The minor changes from year to year are a result of increases in the total valuation of Oakwood property.

A full 55% of the local municipal tax paid by Oakwood residents is remitted to the taxing jurisdictions where Oakwood citizens work, and Oakwood loses more revenue every time another community raises their tax rate.

The Residential Real Estate Tax breakdown consists of 68.5% to Oakwood Schools; 1.8% to Montgomery County; 0.3% to Developmental Disabilities; 1.7% to Five River MetroParks; 13.8% to Human Services; 4.0% to Sinclair; 8.5% to the city of Oakwood; and, 1.4% to Wright Library.

Mr. Klopsch then provided highlights of the 2019 Budget related to taxes and fees. The budget includes: a 10% income tax credit reduction factor in 2018; proposing a \$3/month fee increase for refuse services; and no fee increases in Water, Sanitary Sewer or Stormwater. The last tax and fee increases for the income tax rate was in 1984; property taxes was in 2013; water rates was in 2017; sanitary sewer rates was in 2018; stormwater rates was in 2017; and refuse rates was in 2016.

For General City Services, there will be a continuation of comprehensive services. Oakwood is beginning 2019 with an estimated \$9.6 million in the eight primary operating funds. The 2019 budgeted expenses are \$43,000 below revenues. 2019 income tax receipts are budgeted at \$7.85M, where 2018 income tax receipts are estimated at \$7.25M. Oakwood receives 8.5% of the property taxes. There is about \$1.2M for Capital Expenditures included in the 2019 Budget, most notably for street and sidewalk improvements.

The Refuse Operation is beginning 2019 with an estimated \$536,000 balance. The 2019 Budget includes \$220,000 for Capital Expenses. There is a proposed monthly refuse rate increase from \$27 to \$30, to be effective January 2019.

The Water Utility fund is beginning 2019 with an estimated \$1,160,000 balance. It continues to be operated in compliance with all EPA regulations. The city has the 7<sup>th</sup> lowest water rates out of 66 jurisdictions in the region. The last water rate increase was in January 2017. The Water Utility includes \$290,000 for Capital Expenses in 2019.

The Sewer Utility fund will begin 2019 with an estimated \$1,061,000 balance. The 2018 regional rate survey showed Oakwood as having the 47<sup>th</sup> lowest sewer rate out of 63 jurisdictions. The majority of the sewer expenses are paid to Montgomery County and the city of Dayton for wastewater treatment.

The Stormwater Utility fund will begin 2019 with about \$275,000. The \$7 per month residential rate went into effect in January 2017. There are no capital expenses in 2019.

Beginning year balances over a five year history were presented for the five primary parts of the budget (General City Services, Refuse Operations, Water Utility, Sanitary Sewer Utility and Stormwater Utility) for the years 2015 through projected 2020.

Mr. Klopsch shared that the Public Works Department uses refuse packer trucks, the single largest and most expensive piece of equipment in the City fleet, with the exception of fire trucks and the sewer vactor truck. The public works mechanics found a way to replace the back end of the trucks to extend the life of the packers versus buying new ones costing \$250,000 – \$300,000. A similar process was also followed with street sweepers. Earlier this year, a used street sweeper was purchased and shipped to Oakwood from Texas. The city mechanics installed the conveyor system and debris hopper from the Texas unit onto the City's old cab and chassis, pushing back the cost of a new street sweeper purchase to a later date. All of the work was done in-house providing cost savings to Oakwood taxpayers.

Mr. Stephens asked if the Capital Expenses in the Refuse Operations are for the purchase of vehicles.

Mr. Klopsch answered yes. He shared that the Public Works Department is proposing to purchase two new scooters, and a new hook truck with dumpster container.

Mr. Klopsch thanked Finance Director Cindy Stafford and her staff for doing a fantastic job with their diligence in managing daily finances.



Mayor Duncan echoed Mr. Klopsch's comments.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that Oakwood is fortunate to have a citizen budget committee that currently includes 35 members and is equally represented by residents from each of Oakwood's seven voting precincts. That committee met four times this year and endorses this 2019 budget. Committee Chair Dave Dickerson and Vice Chair Bill Frapwell are here this evening to make a few comments about the citizen budget committee's role in providing input on financial matters.

Dave Dickerson and Bill Frapwell addressed Council. Mr. Dickerson shared that the Oakwood Budget Review Committee (BRC) consists of 30 plus members with five representing each of Oakwood's seven voting precincts. The committee's role is to advise city staff and city council on city financial matters, and to communicate the viewpoint of Oakwood residents regarding the extent of public services they desire and their willingness to pay the associated costs. The key to the committee is that members provide not only their own opinions but also provide the opinions of other Oakwood residents.

This year, as in the past, the committee has been actively engaged with our city leaders to cut costs and to find new sources of revenue so that we can continue to receive the finest city services. The committee was very pleased to see city staff propose a balanced budget for 2019.

In regards to the proposed budget, the committee met four times this year to receive detailed briefings on financial matters and to provide feedback and counsel to Oakwood city leaders. The BRC believes that the budget proposal before City Council tonight is a responsible one and will meet the needs of the Oakwood community. The BRC fully endorses the budget and recommends to city council that the 2019 Budget be approved tonight. Recognizing the capital equipment needs in the refuse department, the BRC also supports the \$3 per month increase in residential unit refuse rates.

On behalf of the citizen volunteers on the budget committee, Mr. Dickerson thanked City Council and city staff for providing the BRC an opportunity to serve the community.

Mr. Frapwell thanked Mr. Ordeman for his service to the BRC. He shared that city staff works hard to find ways to save money while still effectively running the City.

Mayor Duncan thanked Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Frapwell, for their long service on the Budget Review Committee. He commented on Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Frapwell's recognition in the *Dayton Business Journal's* list of "Who's Who in Real Estate". Mayor Duncan also shared that the Oakwood Rotary Club recently presented the *Civic Leadership Award* to Mr. Frapwell and the *Community Service Award* to Refuse Foreman Kenneth Perkins.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Epley that the second reading be waived and that the 2019 budget 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. ANNE HILTON .....YEA
- 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 MR. EPLEY NO. 4871

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "APPENDIX A" OF THE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO.

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

Mr. Epley explained that this is an ordinance to update Appendix A, which is the public services rate sheet, by increasing city refuse collection rates from \$27 to \$30 per month per residential unit.

When the Ohio Estate Tax was eliminated in 2013, the city of Oakwood lost about 20 % of its average annual revenue. This forced several changes in Oakwood, including the decision to end the practice of subsidizing the refuse collection program with General Fund tax dollars. In other words, staff restructured the program so that 100% of the cost is now paid by user fees. In addition to the weekly backdoor household trash and recycling collection and disposal for about



3,200 residential properties, the refuse fees pay for the other services provided through the comprehensive refuse program including:

- Special pickups for disposal of large household items.
- Fall leaf pickup and conversion of leaves to yard mulch and made available to Oakwood citizens each spring.
- The refuse dumpster program for efficient disposal of remodeling debris from do-it-yourself projects, or other household and yard items.
- Containers to self-dump yard debris and recyclables at a 24-7 drop-off location in the Creager Field parking lot.
- Monthly self-dumping options for residents to dispose of large household items and other debris at the public works yard.

The fees also pay for the year around collection and disposal of yard debris throughout Oakwood. Given the enormous number of trees and other plant material in Oakwood, this is a very large task, with significant labor and capital equipment costs.

The City last raised refuse rates three years ago. This \$3 per month rate increase is necessary to address capital equipment needs over the next few years. The equipment is needed in order to continue providing top quality refuse services.

This is a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Epley made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE  
 BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO. 4872  
 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING SCHEDULE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF PART-TIME CITY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE; ELIMINATING THE TEMPORARY LABORER CLASSIFICATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILL CERTAIN TEMPORARY SEASONAL POSITIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 update the Organization and Staffing Schedule so it reflects the City's current staffing needs.

The updated schedule includes the following changes:

- Creates a Part-Time City Grounds Maintenance classification;
- Eliminates the Temporary Laborer classification; and
- Authorizes the City Manager to fill certain temporary seasonal positions.

This amendment to the Organization and Staffing Schedule does not add any additional employees to city staff.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required.

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 ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE  
 BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO. 4873  
 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 4853 AND ESTABLISH AN AMENDED PERSONNEL SCHEDULE DATED DECEMBER 10, 2018, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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 City’s personnel schedule. It accomplishes two things: it adopts 2.95% wage increases for the City’s non-bargaining unit employees, consistent with wage increases established for the members of the City’s four bargaining units; and it adjusts position classification titles and related language to ensure consistency with the terminology used in the City’s Organization and Staffing Schedule.

This ordinance is being introduced as an emergency measure to ensure that it takes effect as of the pay period beginning December 24, 2018.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required.

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 ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE  
 BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON            NO. 4874  
 AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION  
 OF THE OAKWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK, DEPUTY  
 CLERK OF COURTS, AND BAILIFF, AND TO DECLARE AN  
 EMERGENCY.

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 by law, the Oakwood Municipal Judge determines the actual salary for each court employee, but City Council is responsible for setting the maximum amount to be paid for each job classification within the court. This ordinance will increase the maximum compensation for all court employee job classifications by 2.95%, consistent with wage increases given to office and management staff, and to the members of the City’s four collective bargaining units.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Epley that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required.

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 ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE  
 BY MR. STEPHENS                    NO. 4875  
 TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 505.01, PETS AT LARGE, OF  
 THE OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE TO REQUIRE  
 DOGS TO BE LEASHED WHEN OFF THE OWNER’S  
 PREMISES, TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTION FOR SERVICE  
 ANIMALS, TO EXEMPT THE DOG PARK AT CREAGER  
 FIELD, AND TO AMEND THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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 first reading of an ordinance to require dogs to be kept on leashes when off the owner’s property. Our existing ordinance, which mirrors state law, requires dogs to be under “reasonable control” but does not require a leash. The ordinance being introduced will require dogs to be “securely leashed and under...reasonable control,” and also makes changes to clarify the service animal exception and to create an exemption for the Dog Park at Creager Field.



This ordinance will have its second reading at the January 7 meeting. Chief Hill will make a presentation at that meeting as to the need for these changes.

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

AN ORDINANCE  
BY MR. STEPHENS NO. 4876  
TO ADOPT NEW SECTION 375.09, LOW-SPEED VEHICLES,  
UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES, UTILITY VEHICLES, AND MINI-  
TRUCKS, OF THE OAKWOOD TRAFFIC CODE.

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 first reading of an ordinance to allow golf carts and similar unconventional vehicles to be operated on Oakwood streets.

State law allows these vehicles to be used on streets that have speed limits up to 35 miles per hour, but only with the approval of the local jurisdiction. Local jurisdictions that authorize the use of these vehicles are permitted to impose stricter requirements than those set forth in state law.

Council is aware that some Oakwood residents have golf carts they would like to use on Oakwood public streets. This ordinance will have its second reading at our January meeting, at which time the Law Director will make a presentation as to the state of the law concerning these vehicles.

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

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Klopsch reported that the Army-Navy football game last Saturday was another great win for Army. He shared how he attended the game two years ago when Army broke the 14-year losing streak against Navy.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stephens recognized and thanked the Public Works Department for all of the efficient and hard work through all kinds of weather. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Vice Mayor Byington echoed Mr. Stephens comments about the Public Works Department. He thanked City Council and city staff for respectfully working together to get things accomplished for the City. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mayor Duncan shared that he attended the annual Holiday at the Homestead sponsored by the Oakwood Historical Society. He also attended the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony this past Sunday. This year's Christmas tree was donated by the Babers at 312 Aberdeen Avenue. Mayor Duncan shared that earlier today the Ohio Municipal League (OML) sent an email informing members that an amendment exempting Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans (SERPs) from municipal income tax will most likely be added to a bill as early as tomorrow. He explained that SERPs are used by high income executives to get additional compensation through wages that are exempt from income taxes. He explained that this is another example of the state government starving the municipal government of revenue sources. He said that city officials will continue fighting against issues like this.

The public meeting concluded at 8:34 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL