

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JULY 17, 2017

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, July 17, 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 and Councilmember Anne Hilton. Excused absent was Councilmember Chris Epley. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began by reviewing the agenda for the regular session this evening. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS**
 - PSO Swear-In: Mayor Duncan noted that he will administer the Oath of Office this evening to new Public Safety Officer Kasey Ballinger.
 - 2018/19 State of Ohio Budget: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will deliver a prepared statement at the regular session this evening regarding the recently approved Ohio biennial budget.

- **VISITORS**
 - Phil Plummer, Montgomery County Sheriff: Mayor Duncan noted that Sheriff Phil Plummer will attend the regular session this evening and make a presentation on the opioid crisis.

- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following three items of legislation scheduled for the for the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance to appropriate funds for Schenck Park and for Court computer system upgrades, Vice Mayor Byington
 - A Resolution to accept a donation of property from Oakwood Investment Group, Mayor Duncan
 - A Resolution to authorize certification of delinquent charges for cutting noxious weeds, Mr. Stephens

- **STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Klopsch noted that Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher will deliver a staff report at the regular session this evening.

- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - Court Liaison, Mrs. Hilton
 - Court Computer System Upgrades: Mr. Klopsch and Mr. Jacques provided a brief update on the status of the Court Computer System Upgrade Project. The additional funds to be appropriated this evening are needed to complete this project. These additional costs are offset by a grant from the Ohio Supreme Court.
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - 2018 Budget: Mr. Klopsch commented on progress made in developing a preliminary 2018 Capital Budget. That budget includes reconstructing the Shafor Park Tennis Courts. Councilmember Stephens noted that he supports the proposed tennis court improvements, but believes that Council should address the municipal income tax issue before approving this project.

- Municipal Income Tax: Mr. Klopsch reviewed the paper previously prepared providing four different options to address the loss of municipal income tax. These options included three methods of establishing tax credit limits and one method of raising the tax rate. Mr. Klopsch noted that the zero credit method creates individual taxing percentages that vary significantly and suggested that this method be eliminated from consideration. There being no opposition expressed, Mr. Klopsch will edit the paper to now reflect three options.
- Public Properties, Mr. Epley
 - Schenck Pocket Park: Mr. Klopsch provided an update on the status of planning for the park improvements at Schenck and Oakwood Avenues. The additional money to be appropriated at the regular session this evening is needed to complete this park project, and will be offset by grant money received from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District and from private donations.
- Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Shroyer Road Project: Mr. Klopsch gave an update on the Shroyer Road construction work. The project is progressing well.
 - E-911 Charge: Mr. Klopsch noted that the Montgomery County 911 Planning Committee has not met over the past few months and there is currently no pending plan to establish new charges on the Montgomery County PSAPs.
- Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - Ridgeway Road: Mr. Klopsch reported that concrete repair work on Ridgeway Road is progressing well and that additional work will take place over the next month or so. The streetlight replacement project is scheduled to take place over the next two months.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - MVCC, Mr. Epley
 - Broadband Project: Mr. Klopsch reported that there is no additional information currently available on the MVCC Broadband Project. This will be discussed again at a future work session.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - August Council Meetings: Mr. Klopsch noted that the August regular session was moved from August 7 to August 21.

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

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Clerk of Council