

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, September 18, 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 6:00 p.m. The meeting began with a discussion about the MVCC Broadband Fiber Network project. Finance Director Cindy Stafford joined the work session for this agenda item, as did Kettering City Manager Mark Schwieterman and Kettering IT Director Drew Miller. Mr. Klopsch made a brief statement about work efforts over the past 15+ years to find ways in which an enhanced fiber optic network could benefit the MVCC communities. Mr. Klopsch introduced Mr. Schwieterman and Mr. Miller. Mr. Schwieterman explained that he and Mr. Miller are making the rounds to each MVCC member community council to explain the fiber optic project. He then delivered a PowerPoint presentation. The project began in 2014 when the cities of Centerville, Kettering and Oakwood joined together and obtained a \$100,000 grant through the Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund. That grant provided the resources needed to study the existing fiber optic infrastructure and develop a plan to add additional fiber and build a network that could be of significant value to all MVCC communities. If built, users of the fiber infrastructure would be all of the member jurisdictions, local school districts, and other non-profit and tax exempt organizations. The system could also provide opportunities for business development throughout the MVCC communities. The fiber system would be connected to the Ohio Academic Research Network and would allow for sharing of technology services, capabilities and skill sets, lower IT and telecomm expenses and increase internet bandwidth for all users. The current list of partners would be all MVCC communities, except Germantown. The location of Germantown in relation to the other communities is such that extending the fiber to their facilities would be cost prohibitive. Washington Township is another potential partner, and the initial customer users would be the Centerville Schools and Kettering Schools. The total cost to build the fiber optic extension is about \$935,000 of which \$265,000 would be provided by partner cities. The remaining \$670,000 would be paid by the seven MVCC communities. The finished fiber optic infrastructure loop would be a combination of city-owned fiber and fiber owned by private networks that would be accessed through shared use agreements. The new fiber construction would include 18.6 miles with some overhead and some underground, and the project would take approximately six months to complete. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Schwieterman and Mr. Miller addressed several questions from City Council. Oakwood's share of the \$670,000 capital investment would be approximately \$34,000. The amount would be approximately \$10,000 more if Washington Township elects not to participate as a partner. At 6:48 p.m., Mayor Duncan thanked Mr. Schwieterman and Mr. Miller for the presentation and the gentleman departed the meeting, as did Mrs. Stafford.

At 6:49 p.m., Mayor Duncan reviewed the agenda for the regular session this evening. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- STATUS REPORTS
 - Mayor Duncan noted that he will present a proclamation at the regular session this evening recognizing September 17-23 as “Constitution Week”.
 - Mayor Duncan reported that he will read a proclamation at the regular session this evening recognizing the lifesaving actions of Public Safety Officer Sarah Whitaker. Chief Bebris and Chief Queen, from the Miami Valley Fire District will be present and will add comments.
 - Mr. Stephens noted that he will make public statements at the regular session this evening about upcoming playground improvements at Schenck Park and the renaming of that park as Cook Park.

- VISITORS
 - Mayor Duncan mentioned that Joe Braden from the Auditor of State’s Office will attend the regular session this evening to recognize Cindy Stafford and the Oakwood Finance Department for the Auditor of State Award for Exemplary Financial Reporting.

- LEGISLATION: Council discussed the following three items of legislation on the agenda for the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance to accept a Dedication of Public Right-of-Way, Mr. Stephens
 - A Resolution to approve Existing Property Tax Amounts and Rates, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Ordinance to clarify the Process for Implementing Temporary Traffic Control Devices, Mr. Stephens

- STAFF REPORT – PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT: Mr. Klopsch explained that Chief Alex Bebris will give a staff report at the regular session this evening. At the conclusion, he will speak to Council about his November 10 departure and future plans.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - 2018 Capital Budget: Mr. Klopsch reported that the 2018 Capital Budget is completed, pending any additional input and direction from Council or from the citizen Budget Review Committee.
 - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - UD Property and Hawthorn Hill: Mr. Jacques reviewed zoning matters relating to Hawthorn Hill and the UD owned property at 1477 Ridgeway Road. He compared and contrasted the two land uses. Discussion ensued on some concerns raised by Ridgeway Road neighbors in terms of traffic and parking. Mr. Klopsch will see that a meeting is held with several neighbors and staff to discuss these issues.

- Public Properties, Mr. Epley
 - Shafor Park Tennis Facility: Mr. Klopsch reviewed five options for rebuilding the Shafor Park Tennis Facility. This included a discussion on each respective cost estimate. Oakwood Schools are planning to speak to UD officials later this week to explore options for the Oakwood Schools to use UD tennis facilities. This topic will be discussed more at the next work session, and also at the October 17 Budget Review Committee meeting.
 - Veterans Corner at Lane Stadium: Not discussed.
- Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mr. Epley
 - OEPA Water System Requirements: Not discussed.
 - Montgomery County Solid Waste District: Not discussed.
- Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Shroyer Road Project: Not discussed.
 - Bikes and Sidewalks: Not discussed.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - MVCC, Mr. Epley
 - Broadband Fiber Network Project: This agenda item was discussed at the beginning of the work session.
 - Mayors & Managers, Mayor Duncan
 - October 11 Mayors and Managers Meeting: Not discussed.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Far Hills Business District: Not discussed.
 - November 1-3 OML Conference: Not discussed.

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