

FEBRUARY 6, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on February 6, 2017. Here are the highlights.

Council meeting minutes were approved for the January 9, 2017 regular session and work session, and January 19 executive session.

STATUS REPORT

- State of the City Address – Mayor Bill Duncan delivered the 2017 State of the City Address.
- Citizen Committee Appointments – Mayor Duncan presented the following committee appointments:

Budget Review Committee – Nick Endsley (Precinct C) and Yusaku Kawai (Precinct D); and Environmental Committee – John Rasmussen.

VISITORS

Dr. Masha Kisel, 101 Oak Knoll Drive, addressed City Council as a follow up to her comments at the January 9 City Council meeting where she shared ideas on how to make Oakwood more sustainable with recycling, composting and using green energy.

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- An Ordinance to declare Shroyer Road in Oakwood a work zone.
- Resolution authorizing labor contracts with PSOs and Lieutenants.

Oakwood City Council conducted a first reading on the following legislation:

- An Ordinance and public hearing to consider a proposed Zoning Code text amendment to prohibit medical marijuana-related businesses and/or home occupations within all Oakwood zoning districts.

Law Director Rob Jacques referenced a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the new state law, H.B. 523 – medical marijuana; the economic implications; municipal regulations through zoning; and City Council's role with respect to the proposed legislation as recommended by the Planning Commission.

STAFF REPORT

Assistant City Manager Presentation: Mr. Jay Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on Labor Negotiations, Old River Athletic Facility, Far Hills Avenue Business District and Hollinger Memorial Tennis Club.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Norbert Klopsch shared that the City will be reusing approximately 1,100 cubic yards of excellent topsoil that was excavated from the Old River Athletic Facility. The topsoil will be used to backfill 16 raised center medians to be constructed on Shroyer Road. The Vectren gas line work on Shroyer Road is essentially completed. The Public Works Department began adjusting sanitary sewer manholes to put them at the proper grade. This is all in preparation for the Shroyer Road Project which will begin in May. The bid opening for this project is in a few weeks. This is a joint project with the City of Kettering that goes from Dellwood Avenue in Oakwood to Stroop Road in Kettering. The annual Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project will take place in the area west of Far Hills Avenue. Public Works Foreman David Shuey is overseeing the project. He has started marking the sidewalks and residents will be notified in April of their responsibilities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Rob Stephens shared that he received positive feedback from Theresa Hammons regarding concrete repair that was done by the Public Works Department in front of Ashley's and Lula Bell.
- Vice Mayor Steve Byington encouraged people to visit the city's informative Facebook website page and the Green Oakwood Facebook website page. The Oakwood Community Center is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, February 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. The annual new resident breakfast is on Saturday, March 4. City Council looks forward to meeting new neighbors and telling them about the City's great services.
- Mayor Bill Duncan shared three letters from residents. One was to thank Public Safety Officer Brian Pond and the Public Safety Department for being a valuable asset to the City. The other two letters were in appreciation to Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long for his assistance in addressing issues on Shroyer Road in relation to the Vectren gas line work. Mayor Duncan also shared that Council is carefully studying Governor Kasich's new state budget proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.