

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 5, 2021

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, April 5, 2021 in the second-floor training room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Anne Hilton and Councilmember Leigh Turben. Vice Mayor Steve Byington was excused absent. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch, City Attorney Rob Jacques and Public Safety Director Alan Hill.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the regular session this evening.

Mr. Klopsch then asked Chief Hill to provide an update on plans to pursue Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for members of our Oakwood Safety Department. Chief Hill reported that Lieutenant Keith Benson is registered to attend the 40-hour training during the week of April 19. The other three lieutenants will attend the program during the course of 2021, and the dispatchers will attend an 8-hour CIT course. There is preliminary work underway that may result in the creation of a county-wide resource making mental health professionals available to all Montgomery County police departments. City staff is meeting with Dr. Sallie Wilson, Leigh Ann Fulford, and Sue Hanna with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montgomery County on Tuesday, April 13 to discuss CIT training needs. Chief Hill then departed the meeting.

Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS:**
 - Citizen Committee Appointments: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will call for a vote at the regular session this evening to appoint Don O'Connor to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- **VISITORS:**
 - Wright Memorial Public Library, Kristi Hale: Mayor Duncan mentioned that Director Kristi Hale will provide an update on the Wright Memorial Public Library project.
 - Goodwill/Easter Seals Opioid Disposal Campaign, Justine Bauer: Mayor Duncan noted that Ms. Bauer with Goodwill/Easter Seals will present their Opioid Disposal Campaign.
 - Zoom Participants: Mr. Klopsch shared that he is aware of four visitors attending the regular session this evening via the Zoom platform.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for presentation at the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance to Proceed with the 2022 Street Lighting Program, Mr. Stephens
 - An Ordinance to levy special assessments for the 2022 Street Lighting, Mr. Stephens
 - An Ordinance to levy special assessments for the 2020 Sidewalk Repair Project, Mr. Stephens
 - An Ordinance adopting the 2022 tax budget, Mayor Duncan
 - An Ordinance to approve and adopt a Civil Preparedness Plan for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Stephens

- STAFF REPORT: Mr. Klopsch noted that Engineering & Public Works Director Doug Spittler will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening.
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - American Rescue Plan: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that Finance Director Cindy Stafford has been gathering information about the \$1.9 trillion federal program to determine how Oakwood will qualify for certain disbursements. Based on information received from the office of Senator Sherrod Brown, Oakwood should receive \$1.75 million, about half this year and half next year.
 - Spring BRC Meeting: Mr. Klopsch noted that he will schedule the spring BRC meeting for a Tuesday in late May or early June.
 - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - Recycling Center: Mr. Klopsch reported that a grant application was submitted to the Montgomery County Solid Waste District (MCSWD) in connection with planned improvements at the Public Works Center. Staff from MCSWD indicated that they anticipate Oakwood will receive around \$70,000 in grant money.
 - Refuse Scooters: Mr. Klopsch shared that the Public Works Department has found a vehicle to use in building the refuse scooters. It's a Daihatsu unit made by Toyota costing about \$23,000. Staff is proceeding with the purchase of four units, using funds from the 2021 budget, and funds encumbered from the 2020 and 2019 budgets. The 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) calls for the purchase of a new refuse packer in 2022. Staff is preparing a recommendation to move that purchase to 2021. This is proposed for three reasons: 1) there is an urgent need for a new packer; 2) there exists a very long lead time in receiving a new packer once the order is placed. This lead time is in excess of six months; 3) staff anticipates that the cost of a refuse packer will increase significantly over the next year. Moving the purchase to 2021 will require a supplemental appropriation. This supplemental appropriation ordinance will be on the May 3 council agenda. Mr. Klopsch will recommend that the money be taken from the General Fund, and not the Refuse Fund.
 - Private Fire Hydrants: Mr. Klopsch explained that he recently met with residents on Walnut Lane and Briar Hill to discuss requirements regarding the maintenance and replacement of private fire hydrants.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - 2021 Citizen Committee Needs: Council discussed the list of 2021 citizen committee needs. Mayor Duncan will continue contacting current and proposed committee members to determine interest.

At 7:19 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and opened an executive session for property matters.

At 7:22 p.m., Mayor Duncan adjourned the executive session and Council moved to regular session.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council