

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MAY 3, 2021

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, May 3, 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, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Anne Hilton and Councilmember Leigh Turben. 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. and reviewed the agenda for the regular session this evening. 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 Nancy Drozd, Gregg Smith and Evan Brooks to the Beautification Committee.
- **VISITORS:** Mr. Klopsch confirmed that there are no in-person or zoom visitors scheduled for the regular session this evening.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for presentation at the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance to levy special assessments for the 2022 Street Lighting, Mr. Stephens
 - An Ordinance adopting the 2022 tax budget, Mayor Duncan
 - An Ordinance to provide an appropriation for a refuse packer, Vice Mayor Byington
 - An Ordinance to provide an appropriation for recycling improvements to the Public Works Center, Vice Mayor Byington
 - An Ordinance to establish a new fund for federal American Rescue Plan grant money, Vice Mayor Byington
 - An Ordinance to exempt certain purchases via broker from formal bidding requirements, Vice Mayor Byington
 - An Ordinance to terminate Special Revenue Fund 209, Vice Mayor Byington
- **STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Klopsch noted that Finance Director Cindy Stafford will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - Court Liaison, Mrs. Hilton
 - Plaque recognizing Oakwood Judges: Mr. Klopsch asked City Council if they have any concerns with a bronze plaque recognizing those persons who have served as Oakwood Municipal Court Judge being affixed to the city building. Council did not voice any concerns. This project is proposed by longtime Oakwood resident and former Municipal Court Judge (1966–1989) Irvin Henry Harlamert. Judge Harlamert has offered to pay the cost of the plaque.

- Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Property Maintenance Board Districts: Mr. Klopsch explained that the Property Maintenance Board (PMB) districts are not aligned with the voting precincts. The PMB districts date back to the when Oakwood had a 15-person “Citizen Housing Committee” under the old Housing Code. Mr. Klopsch suggested that the PMB districts be realigned to match the voting precincts. City Council agreed. Mr. Klopsch will see that an ordinance to amend the Property Maintenance Code is presented to Council at the December 13, 2021 meeting with the changes taking effect in January 2022. The change will result in an increase in PMB members from 15 (three persons in five districts) to 21 (three persons in seven precincts.)
- Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Wright Library ADA Parking: Mr. Klopsch commented on the revised design of the ADA parking spaces on Aberdeen Avenue. The change is from four ADA spaces to two ADA and two family spaces.
- Streets & Alleys
 - Alley Clean-up Program: Mr. Klopsch mentioned the alley clean-up program that was proposed by Oakwood resident Suzanne Mitolo. Ms. Mitolo recommended that community members partner with city staff, to clean-up alleys around the city. City Council liked the idea behind the program, but felt that it should be citizen-driven. Vice Mayor Byington will contact Ms. Mitolo for a follow-up conversation.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - MVCC, Mr. Stephens
 - Point Broadband: Mr. Klopsch commented on the agreement between MVCC and Point Broadband. MVCC will serve in a liaison role to Point Broadband, similar to other existing local providers like AES, and will act as a single point of contact for the member communities. Point Broadband would be treated like any other utility provider occupying public R/W. They would be required to follow the same local permitting requirements (including co-location requirements where applicable), pay the same fees, etc. Any other fiber provider would be treated the same as well.
 - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Mr. Klopsch
 - April OIC Meeting: The Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC) had a second general membership meeting on April 28. The meeting had approximately 80 people in attendance. It was a good meeting.
- 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.
 - Local Board of Health: Mr. Klopsch commented on the concerted effort in Columbus to eliminate local health boards/districts in communities with populations under 50,000. The proposed change in state law would eliminate much of the work currently performed by the Oakwood Board of Health. However, the Board would continue to exist as a Charter-established body with a modified focus based entirely on local ordinances. Council could adopt an ordinance declaring that the City Health District referenced in the Charter has been unilaterally eliminated by state action and that the Board, as established by Charter, will continue to exercise such local authority as it may lawfully exercise. Portions of the Oakwood Administrative Code may also need to be repealed and replaced with ordinances outlining the Board’s local authority.

