

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JUNE 21, 2021

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, June 21, 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. Also attending for a portion of the meeting were Public Safety Director Alan Hill, Personnel and Properties Director Jennifer Wilder, and State Representative Andrea White.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and began by welcoming Representative White.

Representative White briefed Council on the 2022/23 Ohio Biennial Budget. She discussed issues and proposed legislation regarding civil and criminal justice, government oversight, guns in schools, bail reform, health districts, municipal income tax, and broadband/fiber optic services.

Mayor Duncan invited Chief Hill to demonstrate the in-car and body cameras that the Oakwood Public Safety Department has recently begun using. Chief Hill provided a detailed briefing on the camera systems and how they will be used by the Oakwood Public Safety Department.

After the camera equipment demonstration, Mr. Klopsch addressed the following agenda items:

- Oakwood Teen Court: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that Mr. Jacques and Chief Hill recommended to appoint Chris Conard to the position of Teen Court Advisor. He will approve that appointment.
- Aberdeen and Telford: Mr. Klopsch reported that he met with Mr. Stephens, Mrs. Hilton and Chief Hill to discuss a resident proposal made at the June 7 council meeting to convert the first block of Telford Avenue to one-way westbound from Shafor Boulevard to Far Hills Avenue. After discussing the project details and reviewing the accident history and speed trends, all agreed that pursuing further study of the Telford and Aberdeen area is not justified.

Thereafter, Representative White and Chief Hill departed the meeting.

At 6:45 p.m., Council moved to executive session for property matters.

At 8:15 p.m., Council concluded the executive session for property matters, and Council moved back to work session.

Mayor Duncan continued the work session by discussing the following items:

○ COUNCIL COMMITTEES

○ Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington

- 10 Sugar Camp Circle: Mr. Klopsch noted that there will be a public hearing on the July 19 council meeting agenda. At their June 2 meeting, the Planning Commission voted 4 – 0 to recommend approval of an amendment to the Sugar Camp Master Plan to change the use of the Gatehouse (10 Sugar Camp Circle) from “delicatessen” to “professional office/business.”

- Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - Private Fire Hydrants: Mr. Klopsch explained that staff will send a follow-up letter to owners of private hydrants reminding them of the August 31, 2021 deadline to test hydrants and replace those that do not meet city standards.

- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Mr. Klopsch
 - Summer Big Read: The Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC) is hosting virtual book discussions for a summer initiative. The OIC selected *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson as their first “Big Read” for the summer.
 - July 29 OIC Meeting/Picnic: The OIC is planning a food truck picnic for the July 29 quarterly meeting/event.

- MISCELLANEOUS
 - 2021 Committee Needs: Mayor Duncan noted that this year’s committee needs are almost complete, other than filling a vacant spot on the Property Maintenance Board. A potential candidate has been contacted and is waiting for a response.
 - Council Agenda – Moment in Oakwood: Mrs. Turben recommended that City Council dedicate time near the end of each council meeting to display pictures of Oakwood events and/or residents as “An Oakwood Moment”.
 - Ice Cream Social – August 22: Mr. Klopsch shared that this year’s Ice Cream Social has been scheduled for 4 – 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 22 at Shafor Park. Staff will purchase pre-packaged ice cream for this 2021 event.
 - Employee Picnic/Retirement Recognition – August 6: Mr. Klopsch noted that the employee picnic is scheduled for 12 noon on Friday, August 6. The picnic will include recognizing recent retirements that could not be celebrated over the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - July 19 Council Meeting: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that he will be out of town for the July 19 meeting, so Ms. Collins will be sitting in his place.
 - State Champions Recognition at August 2 Council Meeting: Mr. Klopsch shared that we invited the 2020-21 Oakwood High School State Champions to the August 2 council meeting. We will recognize the Oakwood High School Girls Track & Field Team, along with students Sarah Hall and Natalie Connelly for winning the state title in doubles tennis, and Sam Campbell for winning the title in swimming for the 500-yard freestyle.

At 8:27 p.m., Mayor Duncan closed the work session and Council moved to executive session for personnel matters.

At 8:35 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session for personnel matters and the work session was adjourned.



 Mayor

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 Clerk of Council