

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 4, 2022

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, April 4, 2022 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 6:30 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the regular session this evening. Thereafter, he led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS:** Council discussed the following status reports that are scheduled for the regular session this evening:
 - Citizen Committee Appointments: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will call for a vote at the regular session this evening to make several appointments and a reappointment.
 - Proclamation recognizing April as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month:” Mayor Duncan shared that he will read the proclamation, and then invite Oakwood resident Terri Jones, a volunteer with CARE House, to say a few words about the work of CARE House and the pinwheel project.
 - Proclamation recognizing the week of April 24 as “Arbor Week:” Mayor Duncan noted that he will read the proclamation.
- **VISITORS:**
 - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition 2021 Annual Report: Mayor Duncan mentioned that Madeline Iseli, interim chair of the OIC, will report on the organization’s activities over the last year at the regular session this evening.
 - Girl Scout Gold Award Project: Mayor Duncan shared that Oakwood High School senior Azalea Biteau will say a few things about her project, and Oakwood Jr. High Principal Tim Badenhop also plans to say a few words.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for presentation at the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance to proceed with the 2023 Street Lighting Program, Mr. Stephens
 - An Ordinance to levy special assessments for the 2023 Street Lighting Program, Mr. Stephens
 - A Resolution of Necessity for 2022 Sidewalk Repair Project, Mr. Stephens
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 - An Ordinance adopting the 2023 tax budget, Vice Mayor Byington
 - An Ordinance to amend the Special Projects Fund, Vice Mayor Byington
- **STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Klopsch noted that Engineering and Public Works Director Doug Spittler will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening.
- **AN OAKWOOD MOMENT:** Mr. Stephens shared that he will present the “An Oakwood Moment” at the regular session highlighting public facilities for athletics and recreation in Oakwood.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - Salt Storage Bin: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that staff is considering inclusion of a second salt storage building in the 2023 budget. Having a second building would allow the public works department to store sufficient deicing salt to address severe winters and salt delivery delays as they may occur.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - MVCC, Mr. Stephens
 - May 4 Open House: Mr. Klopsch shared that the MVCC staff is finalizing plans for an Open House event scheduled for 6 – 8 pm on May 4. This is an opportunity for communities to tour the MVCC facilities and find out what MVCC is all about. Members of the Springboro Community Theatre will be in the studio performing a live show, and officials from TCSU will be on-site with the evidence trailer. There will also be a food truck available.
 - Mayors & Managers, Mayor Duncan
 - 2022 ICMA Conference: Mr. Klopsch reported that the Ohio City/County Management Association (OCMA), is hosting the 2022 ICMA Conference this fall. The event will take place in Columbus over a five day period from September 17-21.
 - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
 - ARPA and CARES Act Spending: Mr. Klopsch reported that the March 23 First Suburbs meeting included a discussion about how member communities are using CARES Act and ARPA funding. Most communities are using it for infrastructure projects and to assist businesses that were negatively impacted by COVID-19.
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Sister City Association, Mrs. Hilton
 - Le Vésinet Invitation: Mr. Klopsch shared that the Mayor of Le Vésinet extended an invitation to Mayor Duncan to the June 24-27 anniversary celebration in Le Vésinet. Mayor Duncan stated that he is unable to attend. Mrs. Turben expressed an interest in attending.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Committee Appointments: Council discussed the list of appointments scheduled for the regular session this evening.
 - April 18 Work Session: Mr. Klopsch shared that the April 18 work session will be held in the second-floor training room. The work session will begin with a discussion about cybersecurity from Mark Flannery, the city's IT consultant. The meeting will also include: a discussion about designated natural areas/native gardens; a briefing on land-use and zoning law; a discussion about the future of the Oakwood health district; and an executive session for conference with attorney and for property matters. In addition to Rob Jacques, Carol Collins, Cindy Stafford, Jennifer Wilder and Ethan Kroger will join the meeting.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and Council moved to regular session.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council