

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
AUGUST 1, 2022

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session and an executive session for property matters at 6:00 p.m. in the second-floor training room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The meeting was streamed live from the Oakwood city website, telecast live on Cable Access Channel 6 and was available via remote teleconferencing utilizing the Zoom.com platform.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking for a moment of silence to honor Clark County Sheriff's Office Deputy Matthew Yates, who lost his life in the line of duty on July 24, 2022.

Mayor Duncan then asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of Council responded to their names:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....	PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	PRESENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....	PRESENT
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN.....	PRESENT

Officers of the City present were the following:

- Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
- Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
- Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director
- Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director
- Mr. Ethan Kroger, Code Enforcement Officer
- Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following in-person visitors registered:

- Greg and Laura Hart, 335 Shafor Boulevard
- Lance Stewart and Family, The Oakwood Club
- Brent Riley, 230 Irving Avenue
- Kayeloni Dillon, Insomnia Cookies
- Catharine Gattin, Insomnia Cookies
- Dallas Warble, Insomnia Cookies
- Daniel Contrella, Insomnia Cookies
- Sarah Sparks, counsel for Insomnia Cookies
- David Pierce, counsel for Insomnia Cookies
- Connor Kocur, 222 Irving Avenue
- Chris Conard, 936 E. Schantz Avenue
- Mr. Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

There were no Zoom visitors in attendance.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the July 18, 2022 regular session and work session. Mrs. Hilton noted that she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS

Proclamation recognizing The Oakwood Club for 60 great years – Mayor Duncan read and presented a Proclamation to Lance Stewart recognizing The Oakwood Club for 60 years of business in Oakwood.

Mr. Lance Stewart shared that it is an honor being at tonight's council meeting. The past 60 years have been an experience of a lifetime. The Oakwood Club started as a small dream and progressed into a fine dining restaurant with the help of many loyal employees, family members and the support of the Oakwood community. Mr. Stewart closed his comments by stating that he is grateful for not only being able to grow up in Oakwood, but to also serve the city of Oakwood.

Proclamation recognizing Laura Hart and family – Mayor Duncan read and presented a Proclamation to Laura Hart and her family recognizing their outstanding volunteer community service in establishing and leading the American Flag project.

Mrs. Hart thanked City Council for the proclamation. She shared that she is grateful that the Oakwood Rotary Club is continuing the project. She said that she hopes that the community continues coming together to line the streets of Oakwood with American flags.

Auditor of State Award – Mayor Duncan reported that the Oakwood Finance Department was again awarded the Auditor of State Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Entities that receive this award must meet a number of criteria in addition to qualifying for a “clean” audit report.

Mr. Klopsch shared that the certificate will be displayed in the Finance Department at the city building. He attested that Mrs. Stafford works hard day in and day out to earn this award. Before Mrs. Stafford joined city staff, an outside accounting firm completed the Basic Financial Statements report. Mrs. Stafford had the skill set and began completing the report in-house. Oakwood is in excellent hands with Oakwood’s Finance Director Cindy Stafford. Mr. Klopsch thanked Mrs. Stafford and the Finance Department for all their good work.

Mayor Duncan invited Finance Director Cindy Stafford, CPA, to speak about receiving this award.

Mrs. Stafford thanked and recognized members of the Oakwood Finance Department for all of their hard work. She added that this award not only represents the hard work of all city employees, especially the Finance Department, but also City Council in overseeing the use of public resources.

Mayor Duncan thanked Finance Director Cindy Stafford for her outstanding leadership and commitment to fiscal integrity and financial transparency. He then asked Mrs. Stafford to relay City Council’s appreciation to the Oakwood Finance Department.

VISITORS – There were no visitors wishing to address Council.

LEGISLATION

A RESOLUTION
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 1896
TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR
AMENDMENT 2 GRANT FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FAR
HILLS STORM SEWER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AND TO
PROVIDE SUCH RELATED INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUESTED
BY THE DISTRICT 4 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE OR
BY THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, DIRECTOR OF
ADMINISTRATORS.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is a resolution to authorize the city to pursue grant funding for the upcoming Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project. A portion of the storm sewer infrastructure just south and west of Oakwood High School has reached the end of its useful life, causing periodic roadway flooding during significant rain events. Affected areas include parts of Far Hills Avenue, Dellwood Avenue, Greenmount Boulevard, Lonsdale Avenue and Forrer Boulevard east of Far Hills, as well as the area extending west to Devereaux Drive. This is an extensive project that is estimated to cost approximately \$2 million.

Since 1987, the Ohio Public Works Commission has operated a grant program known as the Amendment 2 “State Capital Improvement Program.” The purpose of the program is to assist local governments with significant qualifying public infrastructure improvements. Oakwood has made use of this program over the years. The Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project is a priority project for the city and is a perfect candidate for Amendment 2 funding assistance.

The deadline to apply for funding under this year’s Amendment 2 State Capital Improvement Program is August 31. This resolution will authorize the City Manager to apply for funding under this program. That funding may include grant funding that does not require repayment and may also include a loan component at 0% interest.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the resolution be passed.

When the public testimony has concluded, the Applicant or the Applicant's representative will be given an opportunity to make a closing statement. The public hearing will then be closed and Council will begin their deliberations.

Vice Mayor Byington read the resolution by title. He noted that the resolution will be voted on after the information is presented and testimony is heard.

Mayor Duncan asked Mr. Jacques to administer an oath to those who wish to testify.

Mr. Jacques proceeded to swear in, *en masse*, the visitors that plan to testify.

Mayor Duncan invited Code Enforcement Officer Ethan Kroger to present the staff report.

Mr. Kroger referenced a PowerPoint presentation and provided the following report.

The Applicant, Insomnia Cookies, has obtained an Occupancy Certificate to operate as a bakery at 6 Oakwood Avenue which is located in the Neighborhood Business District. The nature of the request before Council this evening is a request for extended hours of operation. Insomnia Cookies has over 200 bakeries nationwide utilizing a late-night, take-out and delivery business model. Their customary hours are typically from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The permitted operating hours in the Neighborhood Business District are 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. unless extended by a Special Use permit.

Mr. Kroger reviewed prior applications requesting extended hours of operation in the Neighborhood Business District. In 2013, Firehouse Subs was granted extended hours on Friday and Saturday evenings until 10 p.m. by the Planning Commission. In 2013, Tastefully Roasted (previously Saxby's Coffee) was denied extended morning hours seven days a week at 6 a.m. by the Planning Commission and by City Council on an appeal. In 2015, Tastefully Roasted (previously Saxby's Coffee) was granted extended morning hours, on weekdays only at 6 a.m. by City Council on an appeal with the City reserving the right for the Planning Commission to address any problems that occurred after one year. There were no complaints received on the earlier weekday hours.

Insomnia Cookies appeal arises from the Planning Commission's May 4, 2022 decision regarding extended operating hours. At the May 4 Oakwood Planning Commission meeting, by a vote of 4 - 0, with one member excused absent, the Planning Commission approved Insomnia Cookies's application with the condition that the operating hours are extended until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings only.

Mayor Duncan invited the Applicant to present their appeal.

Mr. David Pierce shared that he will be representing Insomnia Cookies. Mr. Pierce is a shareholder at Coolidge Wall as well as an Oakwood resident. He is joined by several Insomnia Cookies team members. Mr. Pierce reported the following:

There are now over 223 Insomnia Cookies bakeries, 14 of which are in the state of Ohio. Insomnia Cookies has a reputation nationally of partnering with charitable organizations. The Oakwood bakery celebrated its opening at 6 Oakwood Avenue, Unit C with a ribbon cutting ceremony in the middle of June. Insomnia Cookies invested a significant amount of money to improve the building space and signed a 10-year lease. The company is committed to Oakwood and plans to be fully integrated in the Oakwood community.

Insomnia Cookies relies on late-night business hours for its success nationwide. The company relies on retail sales and the delivery business. A significant level of sales (19% for delivery and 17% for retail) are during the hours of 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

There are a number of businesses located in the same area as Insomnia Cookies that have early morning and late night operating hours. A large number of homes along Irving Avenue provide student housing and the area has grown to accommodate the University of Dayton and the business owners. An affidavit was submitted by Oakwood resident Sean Frisbee who lives close to the bakery on Volusia Avenue. His affidavit indicates that he has no problems with noise from the businesses.

The delivery operation will be done in large part by three employees within the core delivery area. The small number of drivers should reduce any disruption from the late night operation. Ashley's Pastry Shop, which is in the same zoning district, has employees that work late into the evening and does deliveries early in the morning to many of the local restaurants. Similar to Ashley's,

Insomnia Cookies would not be operating late night retail hours while operating late night deliveries.

The bakery location at 6 Oakwood Avenue provides ample parking so there is no anticipated problem with traffic or traffic patterns related to parking. In regards to noise and disruption, there are several Insomnia Cookies stores located in suburbs and communities very similar to Oakwood. There have not been any problems in these locations.

Mr. Dallas Warble, Vice President of Operations for all Insomnia Cookies, shared that he travelled from Dallas, Texas on behalf of Insomnia Cookies to discuss operating hours and how this works with the other locations. Insomnia Cookies wanted to do business in the city of Oakwood because it is centrally located where people live, go to school and work. There is a misconception that Insomnia Cookies is a campus-driven company, but that is not the case. Insomnia Cookies had one of their best years in 2020 during the pandemic when many college campuses and bar districts were closed. Late night deliveries were being made to people that lived or worked in the community. He acknowledged that Insomnia Cookies did not do a good job of presenting their case to the Planning Commission in May. If things could be done differently, the organization would have sent a different group of people to represent Insomnia Cookies at the Planning Commission meeting. There are many bakery locations that are in communities similar to Oakwood. Insomnia Cookies is a good neighbor to residents as well as other businesses. The majority of the company's revenue is generated late at night on Friday and Saturdays. These hours are critical to the health of the business. The noise concerns are unfounded. The bakeries are typically quiet because most of the products are consumed off-premises. Insomnia Cookies is open to collaborating with the city of Oakwood to make the Oakwood bakery successful.

Mrs. Catherine Gatlin, Marketing Operations for Insomnia Cookies spoke briefly. She noted she has been with the company for nine and a half years. Her role is to build relationships and to learn about the community. Every neighborhood is unique and Insomnia Cookies makes it a priority to partner with local communities.

Mr. Connor Kocur, 222 Irving Avenue, shared that he attends the University of Dayton and has lived on Irving Avenue for a year. He is also recently employed by Insomnia Cookies. He has not noticed an increase in noise since Insomnia Cookies moved into the location right behind his house. As a student and Oakwood resident, he believes it is beneficial to have a place to go to late at night.

Mrs. Hilton asked about the local businesses mentioned in the staff report.

Mr. Kroger explained that his staff report only listed the businesses located in Oakwood. There are other nearby businesses located in the city of Dayton.

Mrs. Turben asked if there were any reported disruptions when Firehouse Subs hours were extended from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mr. Kroger reported that there have not been any complaints about Firehouse Subs during his tenure on staff.

Mayor Duncan asked if there is an egress on the east side of the building.

Mr. Warble shared that there is an east egress that is used for emergencies. It is not promoted as an entrance or exit.

Mayor Duncan asked if the employees park on the east side of the building.

Mr. Warble answered that they encourage employees to park on the east side of the building.

Mayor Duncan asked how the delivery process would work.

Mr. Warble explained that their delivery process may reduce the amount of traffic. A delivery usually involves several orders at one time. A single delivery driver may take three or four orders in one trip.

Mayor Duncan asked about the size of the radius for deliveries.

Mr. Warble said that most deliveries will be in a three to five mile radius, and the deliveries are kept to a 15 minute drive to ensure the cookies are delivered warm.

Mayor Duncan asked if Insomnia Cookies experiences weekend or seasonal variations with sales.

Mr. Warble answered yes and explained that most bakeries do 15-20% of their business on Fridays and 20-25% of their business on Saturdays.

Vice Mayor Byington asked if delivery services such as DoorDash will be offered.

Mr. Warble shared that they use third-party aggregators as acquisition tools and then encourage those customers to come directly to Insomnia Cookies for future orders by offering incentives such as lower prices.

Vice Mayor Byington asked if food delivery services will enter and exit through the front door.

Mr. Warble answered yes.

Vice Mayor Byington noted that the shopping center's owner also owns the two homes immediately adjacent to the center, and asked if there are any Insomnia Cookies bakeries located in residential areas that are not associated with the company in some way.

Mr. Warble shared that they have many locations in residential areas where property owners have no affiliation with Insomnia Cookies.

Mayor Duncan asked if Insomnia Cookies has any plans for franchising in the future.

Mr. Warble explained that there are not any franchises located in the United States. The company does not have any plans to franchise in North America. All stores are company-owned.

Mrs. Turben asked if there are stores that only operate late night delivery services.

Mr. Warble said that they have in the past, but not currently. The stores would offer retail operations until 11 p.m. and delivery operations until 3 a.m.

Mr. Brent Riley, 230 Irving Avenue, disputed a previous statement that was made that the majority of houses in the vicinity are University of Dayton rentals, because they are not. Many of the houses are privately owned by people with families, including his home. He experiences issues with loud noise, the smell of illegal substances and disruptions from UD students that travel up and down Irving Avenue. The alley behind his house has direct access to the back of Insomnia Cookies parking lot. Students already use the alley to access other businesses. The extended hours could increase foot traffic in the alley as well as crime rates. He closed his comment by opining that staying open past 10 p.m. is against Oakwood standards and creates a dangerous precedent.

Mayor Duncan asked if Mr. Riley has concerns about delivery operations.

Mr. Riley explained this his main concern is foot traffic, but he has also experienced disturbances from pizza delivery vehicles on Irving Avenue.

Mrs. Turben asked if bicycle deliveries are an option.

Mr. Warble shared that bicycle deliveries are offered by stores that are located in extremely dense locations, but they are not feasible for this location.

Mrs. Turben asked how many drivers will be doing deliveries.

Mr. Warble said that during the busiest times there would be three delivery vehicles operated by Insomnia Cookies employees.

Mrs. Hilton asked if there was ever any uncertainty about Oakwood's rules and regulations.

Mr. Warble answered no.

Mayor Duncan invited the Applicant to make a closing statement.

Mr. Pierce shared that Insomnia Cookies has made a tremendous effort to fully integrate themselves and to make their business model work in the Oakwood community. Insomnia Cookies is committed to Oakwood and respects the concerns being raised. These concerns are speculation and no evidence has been presented that would indicate disruptions. There are already complaints of noise and disruptions that are coming from the University of Dayton students and not from Insomnia Cookies. Insomnia Cookies is asking for extended delivery hours that are integral to

their business. Mr. Pierce asked City Council not to act on pure speculation. Insomnia Cookies is willing to come back and have extended hours revisited with evidence and experience.

Mayor Duncan closed the public hearing and called for a two minute recess.

City Council returned from the recess and began their deliberations.

Mrs. Hilton noted that Insomnia Cookies' presentation referenced their business model and how they make money. She opined that a hardship on the bakery is not the City's problem. She appreciates the flexibility and different options that Insomnia Cookies is willing to try. She is in favor of extending the hours during a six month trial period while the University of Dayton students are in session.

Mayor Duncan mentioned that if Council chose to override the Planning Commission's decision, they have the option of re-evaluating the hours after a six or 12 month trial period.

Mrs. Turben shared that she welcomes new businesses that compliment the community. She does have concerns with the late night operations. She would be willing to look for a compromise on the retail operations closing at 10 p.m. and the delivery options only until 1 a.m.

Vice Mayor Byington commented on how tonight's presentation answered a lot more questions than what was presented to the Planning Commission on May 4. He believes that people will remain around the store enjoying their cookie or ice cream. He noted that he does not agree that because noise already exists, adding one more component will not make a difference. He agrees with the idea of extending the hours during a trial period. His first priority is to make sure the Oakwood community is taken care of. He opined that testing the late night hours is the best option.

Mayor Duncan understands the concerns with students. The University of Dayton has not been a good neighbor to Oakwood by policing their students. Insomnia Cookies should not be penalized for failures by the University of Dayton's administration. Mayor Duncan suggested extending the retail hours from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings and extending the delivery hours until 2 a.m. for a 12 month trial period.

Vice Mayor Byington suggested that the retail operations could be until 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday evenings.

Vice Mayor Byington and Mrs. Hilton agree with the 12 month trial period to view all seasons.

Mrs. Hilton commented that Firehouse Subs may now have an interest in later hours.

Mayor Duncan said that Firehouse Subs is welcome to come back to the Planning Commission to request extended hours, to be evaluated on its own facts.

Mr. Jacques recommended that City Council should schedule this as an agenda item at the August 2023 council meeting if they decide to do a trial period with a 12 month review. He explained that if Council extends the hours, it is an override of the Planning Commission's decision and City Council should conduct the 1-year review once more evidence is available.

Vice Mayor Byington suggested that Council reserves the right to schedule its review at any earlier date in the event of excessive complaints.

Mayor Duncan asked if there is a consensus in extending the following hours on a trial basis: retail operations until 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday evenings, and until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and extending delivery operations until 2:00 a.m., seven days a week.

Mr. Jacques was taking notes of the Mayor's summary and asked if City Council wishes to impose any conditions or requirements about store entrances.

Vice Mayor Byington said that conditions or requirements on use of entrances was not necessary and that Council should trust Insomnia Cookies to handle their operations.

Mayor Duncan asked Mr. Jacques to draft the resolution overriding the Planning Commission's decision with the extended hours discussed and the concern of possible foot traffic and noise.

Mr. Jacques asked if there are any specific findings of fact such as foot traffic and noise concerns.

Mayor Duncan commented that this is unknown at this time which is why they are imposing a 12-month trial period.

Mayor Duncan called for a five minute recess to allow for drafting.

The meeting reconvened.

Mr. Jacques referenced the draft legislation before Council. He characterized it as a resolution overriding the decision of the Planning Commission. He then read the following draft language:

In SECTION I, "Preliminary staff findings are adopted. Council has concerns about foot traffic and noise, but these are speculative at this time and warrant a trial period."

In SECTION II, "Extended hours are hereby granted on a trial basis as follows:

RETAIL operations may be open until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday evenings, and until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

DELIVERY operations may be extended until 2:00 a.m., seven days a week.

These hours are granted on a TRIAL BASIS, subject to re-evaluation by Council at its August 2023 regular meeting. In the event of excessive complaints, Council reserves the right to schedule its re-evaluation at any earlier date."

Council concurred that Mr. Jacques accurately captured the information.

Mayor Duncan thanked the Applicant for delivering a professional presentation. He shared that he looks forward to their success in Oakwood.

A RESOLUTION
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 1897
A RESOLUTION (AFFIRMING OVERRIDING) THE DECISION OF
THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO APPLICATION 22-
3, BEING A SPECIAL USE REQUEST BY INSOMNIA COOKIES FOR
EXTENDED OPERATING HOURS AT 6 OAKWOOD AVENUE, UNIT C.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this a resolution to formally adopt Council's decision on the zoning appeal just heard.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBENYEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

Mr. Stephens moved back to his seat on the dais.

STAFF REPORT

Public Safety Department Presentation: Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: Crisis Now; 988 Hotline; Personnel Changes; Case of Note; PSAP Compliance; Use of Force Stats; Camera Update; CodeRED; Good Choice Tickets; Bike Patrol and the Citizen Police Academy.

Chief Hill thanked City Council for honoring Deputy Yates at the beginning of the meeting with a moment of silence. Two Oakwood Public Safety Officers attended the funeral where he was honored for his service.

He commented on the assault and robbery that happened on East Drive recently. This is a reminder that even though Oakwood is a safe community, it is not immune to crime. This was a crime of

opportunity and is an ongoing active investigation. The Oakwood Public Safety Department is on track to find the individuals responsible for the crime.

Chief Hill then reported on the following.

Crisis Now and a 988 Hotline are two new resources that are available in the community. Undiagnosed and untreated mental illness is a huge concern not just for our region, but for the nation. It can lead to many other issues such as drug abuse; domestic violence; suicide or attempted suicide and criminal activity. Crisis Now is a 24/7 local call center designed to help anyone in the community who is experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis. The call center launched this year and provides immediate services to anyone in need and if deemed appropriate, Crisis Now has the ability to dispatch a mobile response team with a licensed clinician to assist any person in need. The 988 Hotline was established by the Federal Trade Commission as the new nationwide three digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors. It works like 9-1-1, acting as a quick dial to the National Suicide Prevention Hotline.

Captain Mike Jones retired after 23 years of service. Captain Jones was an Oakwood resident for 47 years. He had an incredible career and is transitioning well into retirement. Dispatcher Leslie Zengel retired after 10 years of service. She had previously retired in 2011 after serving 28 years as a Public Safety Officer. She was the first certified female public safety officer in the state of Ohio. Dispatcher Randi Clark was hired on June 2022. She has 10 years of public safety dispatching experience.

At the end of May, the Oakwood Public Safety Department responded to Wright Library for an individual who was printing off pornographic images using the library computers. The man confessed and was indicted on 30 counts of possession and production of child pornography. He was subsequently indicted on 120 additional counts of felony child pornography production and felony possession of child pornography. His case is currently pending in Montgomery County Courts. These cases are very difficult to work on due to the nature of the crime. Chief Hill thanked the officers who worked on this case.

In May 2016, the state of Ohio implemented 19 standards for all Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP). All dispatch centers were required to achieve compliance within two years from the date of adoption. Some standards were put into place to challenge viability of individual dispatch centers and to promote regional dispatch centers. Montgomery County PSAP's are audited for compliance and Oakwood continues to be in full compliance with the standards required for operating a PSAP.

The low number of use of force incidents in Oakwood is a testament to the professionalism and de-escalation skills of Oakwood's Public Safety Officers patrolling streets every day. There have been four incidents where use of force was required, compared to six incidents in 2016.

In June 2021, the Oakwood Public Safety Department implemented in-car camera systems with fully integrated body cameras. The cameras have proven to be a valuable asset to the Public Safety Department and to the City.

The city of Oakwood uses the CodeRED emergency notification system to notify residents and those who work in Oakwood of emergency incidents and critical community alerts. Oakwood residents also have the opportunity to opt-in to receive automated severe weather alerts via a cell phone. The opt-in service will automatically send notifications of tornado, flash flood and severe thunderstorm warnings just moments after an alert has been issued by The National Weather Service (NWS) allowing residents to take immediate action. The City's website has a link where residents can register to receive emergency notifications through CodeRED.

Last summer, the Oakwood Public Safety Department implemented the "Good Choice Ticket" program. The program is designed to recognize Oakwood's youth for making good choices such as using a crosswalk, wearing a bicycle helmet, or looking both ways before crossing the street. This is a good way for the officers to interact and acknowledge youths for making good choices.

Several officers are certified and assigned to bike patrol, which allows for specialized crime prevention efforts and provides a unique opportunity to interact with the community. It is a very productive tool because: bike patrols result in more than twice as many contacts with the public than vehicle patrols; perpetrators often don't notice bike patrols; and bike patrols can go where traditional patrol vehicles cannot.

The Oakwood Public Safety Department will host its fourth Citizens Police Academy (CPA) in September 2022. The CPA is a 10-week program that meets for two hours one night per week covering the following topics: Safety Department Introduction / Orientation; Patrol Operations; Traffic Enforcement; Use of Force; Active Shooter Training; Evidence Collection and Processing; and Fire Prevention / Education. The CPA is free of charge and is open to any Oakwood resident or individual working within the city of Oakwood. Chief Hill shared that the September program is already full.

Mrs. Turben asked if the Oakwood Public Safety Department would be aware of calls to the 988 Hotline that were made in Oakwood.

Chief Hill explained that Crisis Now and the 988 Hotline operate independently of local public safety services.

Mayor Duncan thanked Chief Hill for his report. He stated that Oakwood has the best Public Safety Department in the state of Ohio

AN OAKWOOD MOMENT

Mrs. Hilton highlighted Dayton History as part of Oakwood's heritage.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Klopsch agreed with Mayor Duncan's comment that Oakwood has the finest Public Safety Department in Ohio. He thanked City staff present for working collaboratively and for the vital parts they play that are integral to the City's operations.

The annual asphalt repaving project is scheduled to begin no later than August 11. Weather permitting, the work should take around two weeks and should be completed before school starts. The project includes a number of residential streets and a series of alleys primarily in the southeast part of Oakwood. In terms of traffic, the street with the largest impact is W. Schantz Avenue from the west corporation line with Kettering to Far Hills Avenue. A list of streets to be repaved is available on the City's website.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted last week for the new pickleball courts at Orchardly Park. There are two publicly accessible pickleball courts available.

Gardner Pool has had another good pool season. In the fall after the pool closes, the entire Gardner Pool deck will be completely reconstructed. The existing deck is about 40 years old and is in need of replacement. Unfortunately, due to the length of time to complete the work, the pool will be closed right after Labor Day and this year's Dog Splash is cancelled. The Dog Splash event will return next year.

Mayor Duncan commended his fellow Councilmembers for setting a productive and positive tone at the top of the Oakwood organization.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Mr. Stephens recognized Leisure Services Director Carol Collins and the Leisure Department staff, specifically Horticulturist Brian Caldwell, for working hard to keep the City looking beautiful. He commented that Mr. Caldwell is always outside physically working on things like trimming bushes, cutting lawns, and laying mulch to maintain all of the city-owned properties.

Vice Mayor Byington encouraged everyone to attend the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 14 from 3:30 – 7 p.m. at Shafor Park. He also encouraged people to get out and vote tomorrow on Election Day.

Mayor Duncan shared that he attended an exciting Gala of Hope event at Carillon Park that raised \$1.7 million for cancer research.

The public meeting concluded at 9:53 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL