

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JULY 18, 2022

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, July 18, 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 meeting to order at 6 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 appoint Bruce Reger to the Property Maintenance Board.
 - Proclamation recognizing Ashley's Pastry Shop 40th Anniversary – Mayor Duncan shared that he will read a proclamation at the regular session this evening recognizing Ashley's Pastry Shop on the occasion of its 40th year in business. Greg and Theresa Hammons, owners of Ashley's, are expected to be in attendance.
 - Le Vésinet 50th Anniversary – Mrs. Turben noted that she will speak about her recent trip to France for the twinning anniversary celebration. She shared that Dr. Kirsten Halling and Mr. Charles Simms will make a few comments as well.

- **VISITORS:**
 - Tour de Gem, "Wright Library Book Pedalers" – Mayor Duncan noted that Oakwood resident Mary Crockett will share information about the Wright Brothers 2022 Cycling Classic event scheduled in October.
 - 2022 May and June Beautification Award Winners: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will recognize recipients of the 2022 May and June Beautification Awards.

- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for presentation at the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance to adopt an updated Chapter 551 (Landscape Management) of the General Offenses Code, Mr. Stephens
 - A Resolution to authorize and direct the Director of Finance to certify certain delinquent charges for cutting noxious weeds and nuisance plant material to the County Auditor for collection, Mr. Stephens

- **STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Klopsch noted that Personnel and Properties Director Jennifer Wilder will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening.

- **AN OAKWOOD MOMENT:** Mrs. Turben shared that she will present the "An Oakwood Moment" at the regular session highlighting summer in Oakwood.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - 2023 Budget: Mr. Klopsch shared the timeline for preparing the 2023 budget and commented on proposed 2023 capital projects including the Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project; asphalt roadway resurfacing; sidewalk, curb and driveway apron repairs; and a supplemental roadway deicing salt storage structure. The Budget Review Committee meetings are scheduled for:
 - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 13
 - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 18
 - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 29
 - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Insomnia Cookies Appeal: Mr. Klopsch shared that the public hearing for Insomnia Cookies appeal is scheduled for the August 1 council meeting. At their May 4 meeting, the Planning Commission approved the application from Insomnia Cookies with the condition that the operating hours are extended until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Insomnia Cookies is seeking hours later than 10 p.m., and on other nights of the week. Mr. Jacques reviewed the procedures for introducing the agenda item, presenting the issue, conducting the public hearing and deliberations leading to a council decision on the appeal.
 - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
 - Orchardly Tennis and Pickleball Courts: The new pickleball court is scheduled for a grand opening on Tuesday, July 26. The ribbon cutting is set for 11 a.m. that day.
 - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - PFAS Non-binding Health Advisory: Mr. Klopsch commented on the recent announcement that the USEPA has issued a non-binding health advisory in regard to PFAS chemicals in drinking water. Actual rules and regulations on PFAS chemicals may be issued by the USEPA later this year. Ohio EPA testing of Oakwood water in September 2020 showed that PFAS chemicals were non-detectable.
 - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Far Hill Storm Sewer Reconstruction: Mr. Klopsch reported that construction plans are being completed and construction of the new storm sewer is planned to begin in late 2022 and continue to 2023. The existing storm sewer system in the Dellwood, Greenmount, Forrer and Devereux area is reaching the end of its useful life. Mr. Klopsch reviewed a drawing of the area showing trees that will need to be removed to accommodate construction of the new sewer. Mr. Stephens questioned whether the new sewer needed to be constructed diagonally across the city-owned property at 1313 Far Hills, or whether it could be built along the property line so that 1313 Far Hills could accommodate the construction of a new home. Mr. Klopsch explained that the design engineers selected the diagonal route based on the location of other existing utilities, but that he would ask them to take another look at the route along the property line.
 - Hydraulic Model for Water System: Mr. Klopsch reported that engineers at Fishbeck have begun building the hydraulic model. Work should be done late this year. The model will be used to develop a long range plan for water system improvements.
 - GIS System: Mr. Klopsch reported that staff continues work on building the GIS system and recently contracted with the city of Kettering for technical assistance.

- Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - LED Street Lights: Mr. Klopsch commented on the decision to use 2700 Kelvin LED street light fixtures for most residential areas in Oakwood, rather than the brighter 3000 Kelvin fixtures.
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Sister City Association, Mrs. Hilton
 - October Event: Mr. Klopsch reported on planning underway for the fall event in Oakwood. It will include presentation of a proclamation recognizing Charles and Ann Simms for their work 50 years ago in establishing the Sister City relationship with Le Vésinet, France. Staff is also exploring the possibility of coordinating a luncheon at Hawthorn Hill for visitors from Le Vésinet and Outremont.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Proclamations for The Oakwood Club and Hart family: Mr. Klopsch noted that the August 1 council meeting agenda will include presentation of a proclamation recognizing The Oakwood Club and Stewart family for 60 years of business in Oakwood, and a proclamation recognizing the Hart family for organizing the American flag project along Shafor Boulevard.
 - New Resident Breakfast: Mr. Klopsch reported that this year's event is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 5.
 - Comprehensive Plan Goals & Objectives: Mr. Klopsch commented on the draft paper shared with City Council last Friday that provides a long list of accomplishments over the past 20+ years towards the Goals and Objectives in the city Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Klopsch plans to continue working on the paper over the next few weeks and to share a more comprehensive version with the BRC, Planning Commission and BZA in September. Mr. Jacques recommended seeking a formal endorsement of the paper by the Planning Commission and City Council, followed by a statement that the Comprehensive Plan remains valid and should be retained as a guiding document for the city.
 - Gas and Electricity Purchasing in Ohio: Mr. Klopsch commented on the white paper recently distributed to City Council addressing natural gas and electricity purchasing in Ohio. Mr. Klopsch is participating in discussions with other area managers regarding the merits of community aggregation programs.

At 7:24 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and Council moved to regular session.



 Mayor

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