

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 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 platform.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan 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	ABSENT

Officers of the City present were the following:

- Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
- Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
- Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director
- Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director
- Mr. Douglas Spitler, Engineering and Public Works Director
- Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following in-person visitors registered:

- Mr. Christopher Mackey, 214 Peach Orchard Avenue
- Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Debbi Riley, 401 E. Schantz Avenue
- Mrs. Wendy Boucuvalas, 721 Acorn Drive
- Ms. Jean Erskine, 210 Greenmount Boulevard
- Mr. Ron Dornbusch, 205 Greenmount Boulevard
- Mr. and Mrs. William and Donna Meyer, 400 Lonsdale Avenue
- Mr. Joe Fulford, Wright Library
- Ms. Jacqui Taylor, Wright Library
- The Box Family, 335 East Drive
- Ms. Lauren Hinkle, 306 Triangle Avenue
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Julie Biddle, 331 E. Schantz Avenue

There were no Zoom visitors in attendance.

It was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the absence of Mrs. Turben be excused. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the August 1, 2022 regular session, work session & executive session, August 15, 2022 work session & executive session and September 12 work session and executive 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 September as “National Library Card Month” – Mayor Duncan read and presented a Proclamation to recognize September as National Library Card Month. Wright Library Board President Joe Fulford, Youth Services Coordinator Jacqui Taylor, and two elementary school students that serve as library ambassadors accepted the proclamation on behalf of Wright Memorial Library.

VISITORS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami Valley, Chris Mackey – Mr. Mackey briefly discussed how the community can get involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami Valley. The mission of the organization is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and

promise of youth. The vision of the organization is to help all youth achieve their full potential. They are able to do this through two programs, community-based matching and school-based matching. Community-based matching is typically when the Big and the Little meet one-on-one to do various activities to build a connection. School-based matching involves pairing a Big and a Little through school. The Big can be a high school student paired with a younger Little.

There are currently 31 waiting to be matched with their Big Brother or Sister. Several children have been waiting two years for a big brother or sister. Mr. Mackey encouraged people to consider becoming a mentor, a volunteer, or a donor.

For more information, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami Valley at 937-220-6855 or cmackey@bbbsmiamivalley.org.

Mr. Stephens asked why there is a two year wait for a child to get a Big Brother or Sister.

Mr. Mackey explained that some of the reason is due to the pandemic, but there have always been a number of children on the wait list. The organization tries to make long-lasting matches based on compatibility, and sometimes that takes a long time.

Mrs. Hilton asked how a child gets into the program.

Mr. Mackey shared that this free service is available to families and kids. There are a variety of ways to get into the program, such as referrals through the justice system, school counselor, professional counselor, and/or by parents.

Mayor Duncan thanked Mr. Mackey for his presentation to raise awareness for the Big Brother Big Sisters of Miami Valley.

2022 July and August Beautification Award Winners – Mayor Duncan explained that a video will be shown highlighting all the winners and then he will present certificates to those who are at the meeting. He was assisted by Chuck Ellis, Property Maintenance Board Chair. The following were shown in the video and recognized by Mayor Duncan: Ernest Scott Riling & Lisa Cermele, 230 Haver Road; James & Julie Biddle, 331 E. Schantz Avenue; Gary and Joyce Boens, 197 Lookout Drive; Scott Pfahler, 295 Hathaway Road; Richard & Jena Daprato, 150 Lonsdale Avenue; Andrew & Jamie Lewandowski, 20 Telford Avenue; Andrew & Anne Jones, 241 Monteray Avenue; Doug & Ellie Hammer, 1916 Far Hills Avenue; Michelle Owen, 25 Triangle Avenue; Nicholas Klimkowski, 422 East Drive; Jean Erskine, 210 Greenmount Boulevard; Burton & Linda Mayhew, 2222 Coolidge Drive; Tracey Schumann, 2415 Roanoke Avenue; Stephan & Carolyn Harmon, 95 Forrer Road; Kevin & Deborah Riley, 401 E. Schantz Avenue; James & Alicia Dunlap, 226 Collingwood Avenue; John & Wendy Boucuvalas, 721 Acorn Drive; Bill & Donna Meyer, 400 Lonsdale Avenue; Stephen & Linda Sue Charleton, 335 Aberdeen Avenue; Anne Case, 241 E. Peach Orchard Avenue; Joe & Diane Scott, 249 Claranna Avenue; Eric & Courtney Deutsch, 106 Spirea Drive; Scott & Barbara Rife, 138 Greenmount Boulevard; Kurt & Lisa Sanford, 120 Park Road; Stefan & Sharon Neumeister, 2415 Hillview Avenue; Jim & Carrie Lennart, 125 Wisteria Drive; Zach & Lauren Woessner, 819 Harman Avenue; and Pat & Jen Prikkel, 930 Harman Avenue.

Mayor Duncan thanked the citizens for keeping Oakwood beautiful.

LEGISLATION

A RESOLUTION
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 1898
ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX
LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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 each tax year, the Montgomery County Budget Commission is required to certify its determination of the millage rates and amounts the city will receive from its existing property tax levies. For 2022 – 2023, the Budget Commission has determined that Oakwood will receive \$1,267,660 from inside-millage and \$1,550,806 from outside-millage tax levies. These figures are consistent with the city's projections.

This is the annual resolution to accept the county's determination.

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 BYINGTON.....YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA

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

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4961
TO AMEND SECTION I, 2022 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
NO. 4947, AND ANY EXISTING SUPPLEMENTS THERETO, TO
PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF:

- 1. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$120,000 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR ENGINEERING COSTS RELATED TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM EVALUATION AND MASTER PLAN PROJECT.

FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

A copy of the ordinance, 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 supplemental appropriation ordinance related to traffic signal system engineering. The city has 17 signalized intersections, each of which is a critical component of the city’s transportation infrastructure and must be maintained and upgraded from time to time.

This year’s budget included an objective to develop a multi-year plan for rebuilding Oakwood’s traffic signal system. In evaluating the city’s needs, the city manager determined that it would be prudent to maximize federal and state grant funding to assist with implementing a multi-year plan to rebuild the signal system. In order to accomplish this, he has recommended that the city engage professional traffic engineering consultants with experience and expertise in evaluating existing traffic signal systems, designing new systems and pursuing grant funding.

This supplemental appropriation will authorize an additional amount of \$120,000 to be expended from the Capital Improvement Fund for these engineering services.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the second reading be waived and that the ordinance be passed tonight.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA

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

A RESOLUTION
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 1899
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THREE-YEAR
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE FRATERNAL
ORDER OF POLICE, OAKWOOD LODGE NO. 107, REPRESENTING
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND LIEUTENANTS.

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 the current collective bargaining agreement covering Oakwood Public Safety Officers expires on October 26, 2022, and the current agreement for the Public Safety Lieutenants expires on November 3, 2022.

Labor negotiations are often lengthy and sometimes costly, but during this bargaining cycle, the parties were able to come to terms for new 3-year agreements for both the Public Safety Officers and the Public Safety Lieutenants. Council is pleased to report that this occurred through a series of productive and thoughtful discussions without the need for formal processes, resulting in an agreement that is beneficial to the city, to the Public Safety Officers and Lieutenants, and to the residents and businesses.

Mayor Duncan and Vice Mayor Byington have reviewed the new agreements as members of Council’s Finance Committee, and this resolution will authorize the City Manager to sign them. Council commended Chief Alan Hill for his efforts on the city’s behalf, and also the Public Safety employees for their help in coming to these agreements.

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

Mayor Duncan added that Chief Hill deserves an enormous amount of credit, along with Command Staff and Lieutenants. Oakwood has the finest group of officers in the state.

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

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
- MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA

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

A RESOLUTION
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 1900
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A THREE-YEAR
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO
PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE
PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS.

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 the current collective bargaining agreement covering the Public Safety Dispatchers expires on November 3, 2022.

As with the Officers and Lieutenants, the city entered into informal discussions with the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association, which is the union representative for Oakwood’s Public Safety Dispatchers. Council is pleased to report that these discussions were just as productive, and the city has come to terms for a new 3-year agreement without the need for formal processes, benefitting the city, the Safety Department, and Oakwood residents and businesses.

Mayor Duncan and Vice Mayor Byington have reviewed this agreement as members of Council’s Finance Committee, and this resolution will authorize the City Manager to implement it. Again, Council commends Chief Alan Hill for his efforts on the city’s behalf, and also the Public Safety Dispatchers for their help in coming to a reasonable agreement.

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

Mayor Duncan added that the dispatchers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He commended the dispatchers for their service to the Oakwood community.

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

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
- MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA

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

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Department Presentation: Mr. Doug Spitler, Engineering and Public Works Director referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on various Public Works projects and operations.

A map was displayed depicting the 2022 Asphalt Street Resurfacing Project. The work took place on W. Schantz Avenue, Dell Park Avenue, Beverly Place, Katharine Terrace, Park Road, Little Woods Road, Creager Field parking lot, and also on the alleys in the southeast section of Oakwood at a cost of at a cost of \$434,903.

The 2022 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project will take place on about half of the west side of the City. The project did not receive any formal sealed bids, so city staff contracted with R.A. Miller Construction Co. using the informal process. Construction work began on August 29. The estimated cost of the project is \$264,788.

The new Recycling Facility grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration took place at the end of November 2021 and the facility continues to be heavily used. It accommodates the 24/7 drop-off of yard debris, co-mingled recyclables, cardboard and seasonal items such as holiday string lights and Styrofoam. There are two security cameras at the Recycling and Yard Debris Drop-off Facility.

CenterPoint (formerly Vectren) began a major gas line replacement project in 2010. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2023. At the end of 2023, all of the underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in Oakwood will be renewed. Mr. Spitler presented the CenterPoint project maps.

In addition to the Asphalt Street Resurfacing Project and the Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project, the Public Works Department will also be working on the following: Annual Pavement Marking; Traffic Signal Conflict Monitor Testing; Asphalt Pavement Rejuvenation; Far Hills Stormwater Inlet Repairs; Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction and Public Works Storage Facility.

There are several large equipment purchases this year. Several pieces of equipment were purchased last year, but have not been delivered. The purchases already made or planned include: Refuse Packer Truck: \$275,307; Dump Truck: \$140,819; Pickup Truck - Streets: \$40,740; Sidewalk Tractor: \$20,500; Pavement Roller: \$27,572; Floor Sweeper/Scrubber: \$40,000 (budget); Front End Loader: \$83,955; Refuse Scooters (2 units): \$44,800; Packer Refurbishment: \$60,000 (budget); Pickup Truck - Water: \$32,095; Well #6 Fence Replacement: \$30,000 (budget); Springhouse Overhead Door: \$15,600; Wellhouse Roof Repairs: \$18,000 (budget); Backhoe: \$102,500; and Leaf Vacuum: \$75,000 (budget.)

The annual leaf collection program begins on Monday, October 10. As in previous years, the program will provide bi-weekly leaf pickups of all areas throughout the city. The City is divided into ten sections with each being collected on a 2-week interval. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 16, but will be shortened or extended if conditions warrant. Mr. Spitler advised residents to place leaves in the street gutter, ideally just a day or two before the pick-up. Leaves must be unbagged and spread out along property frontages so that traffic flow is not impeded. The City will not provide special pick-up service during the ten week leaf collection season. The last day to schedule a special pick-up is on Friday, October 7.

Mr. Spitler displayed a line graph showing refuse collection and cardboard collection trends over the past six years. The line graph showed a substantial increase in refuse collection beginning in March 2020. This increase follows COVID-19, suggesting that many property owners disposed of more household debris during the pandemic. The 2022 refuse collection data appears to be trending back to normal. The line graph showed that cardboard collection is continuing to trend upward. Starting in January 2022, the city of Oakwood delivers cardboard to Rumpke for market-based revenue. The amount received through August is \$9,938.50.

The next Oakwood Rotary hazardous waste pick up event is on Saturday, October 22. Citizens desiring a pick up simply call (937) 296-5155 before noon on Friday, October 22 and leave their name and address.

From December 2021 to March 2022, the Public Works Department used 639 tons of salt through the winter season, compared to 822 tons in 2021. There is approximately 1,000 tons of salt in storage. The cost of salt this year is \$83.98 per ton, compared to \$54.98 per ton last year.

Mr. Spitler shared several personnel changes in the Public Works Department. Levi McMonigle and Grant Morton departed over the summer. The Public Works Department welcomed Cade Wallace to the part-time ground crew on July 18. The department is currently recruiting for General Service Workers.

Mr. Stephens asked if the Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron project is on schedule.

Mr. Spitler said that the project is going well.

Mr. Stephens asked if the CenterPoint gas line work along Far Hills Avenue will continue into Kettering.

Mr. Spitler said that he is not aware of CenterPoint's project plans once they are done in Oakwood.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

In City Manager Norbert Klopsch's absence, Ms. Collins thanked Mr. Spitler and the Public Works Department for the fine services they provide to the Oakwood community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Byington shared that the annual shred event is scheduled from 8 – 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, at the Public Works Center.

Mayor Duncan recognized Code Enforcement Officer Ethan Kroger for his service to the Oakwood community. He noted that many areas are experiencing delays in processing permits due to being short staffed. A contractor in Oakwood recently shared that Ethan is one of the few inspectors around that calls people back, answers questions, and works with people to get them what they need.

The public meeting concluded at 8:35 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL