

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
NOVEMBER 1, 2021

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session and executive 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.com platform.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking 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
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

There were no in-person or Zoom visitors in attendance.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the October 4, 2021 regular session, work session and executive session, and October 25, 2021 executive session. Mrs. Hilton reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved as written 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

Public Safety Officer Jesse Schaffer Funeral Procession – Mayor Duncan thanked the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, the Dayton Fire Department and Centerville Dispatchers for volunteering to provide public safety services to the Oakwood community during the funeral services for Public Safety Officer Jesse Schaffer so the Oakwood Public Safety Department could attend. Mayor Duncan then presented a video of Oakwood Public Safety Officer Jesse Schaffer’s funeral procession along Park Avenue.

Major General Charles D. Metcalf – Mayor Duncan shared that General Charles D. Metcalf passed away last week. General Metcalf retired from the United States Air Force in the early 1990’s. Following active duty, General Metcalf served as the Director of the National Museum of the United States Air Force. He also served as a member of Oakwood City Council from January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1999. Mayor Duncan extended condolences to General Metcalf’s family and friends.

VISITORS

Scarecrow Row Award Winners – Mayor Duncan recognized the following 2021 Scarecrow Row Award winners. Third Place – “Mothra vs. The Scarecrow” by the Smith/Callahan Families; Second Place – “Pumpkinrot” by Mr. Strapple Goes to Oakwood; First Place – “Scare-Us-Wheel” by Scout Troop 193; Mayor’s Award – “Trick or Tree – What do you see?” by the Oakwood Beautification Committee.

Mayor Duncan thanked the 26 groups of scarecrow builders and the judges for their participation in the event.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE
BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4945
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES
TO THE OAKWOOD TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that each year, Council passes an annual house-keeping ordinance to align Oakwood’s local traffic and criminal ordinances with changes that have been made at the state level. This ordinance will adopt the 2021 replacement pages for the Traffic Code and the General Offenses Code.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4946

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION I, 2021 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 4925, AND ANY EXISTING SUPPLEMENTS THERETO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF:

1. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$260,000 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A STORAGE BUILDING AT THE FOELL PUBLIC WORKS CENTER; AND
2. AN AMOUNT OF \$260,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND;

FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

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 to construct a steel storage building at the Public Works Center, primarily for use by the Leisure Services Department. The Leisure Services Department currently stores vehicles, mowers, and other equipment in part of the main garage at the Public Works Center. But over time, its needs have outgrown the available space, which is needed for operations of the Public Works Department.

The City had planned to build this steel storage outbuilding in 2021, but deferred the project to 2022 given anticipated delays in receiving necessary project materials, namely the outbuilding itself. Recently, staff determined that the materials could be ordered now for delivery in early 2022. Due to well-publicized supply chain and delivery challenges, as well as the likelihood of continuing price increases, city staff has recommended to proceed with the project now. Money originally budgeted for this project has been used to address cost escalation on other 2021 capital projects resulting from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, hence the need for this additional appropriation.

This supplemental appropriation will transfer \$260,000 from the City’s General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund, and then authorizes that \$260,000 to be expended from the Capital Improvement Fund to construct the storage building.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Hilton 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. STEPHENS.....YEA
- MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....YEA
- MRS. LEIGH TURBEN.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

STAFF REPORT

Leisure Services Report: Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director, referenced a PowerPoint and reviewed the following information:

Gardner Pool finished the 2021 season with 490 family pool memberships purchased, 44 single memberships and 76 senior memberships. Family memberships were up from last year by 202, single memberships were up by 14, and senior memberships were up by 31 from the 2020 season.

The 12th annual Dog Splash was a lot of fun. There were 45 dogs and nine vendors that participated in this 2021 event.

This year's Scarecrow Row and the Family Fall Festival was held on Sunday, October 14. The weather was beautiful for this great community event.

The Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Project began in 1976 in an effort to support Oakwood's commitment to urban forestry and the environment. To date, this program has been responsible for planting over 3,100 trees. The highlights of the program include: the cost of the selected species are discounted 50% to Oakwood residents and trees must be planted in the City right-of-way; species of trees will be 1 3/4" in diameter and are excellent for planting; the most needy areas of Oakwood, as determined by the City, will be given first priority; tree species selected are well-suited for planting and most are resistant to disease; and, the trees will be guaranteed for one growing season by the nursery that plants them. Ms. Collins displayed pictures of the different trees offered in 2021.

Ms. Collins reviewed the following upcoming events: Oakwood's 6th Annual Pro-am Art & Photography Exhibitions on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14; the Candy Cane Hunt in Shafor Park on Saturday, December 4 from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.; and Lighting Up Oakwood/Holiday of Lights on Sunday, December 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Shafor Park.

Mrs. Hilton asked about the poinsettia sale.

Ms. Collins shared that the Friends of Smith Gardens is currently doing a poinsettia fundraiser. Poinsettias can be ordered through the end of this week. The poinsettias will be delivered all around Oakwood the week of December 6. All the proceeds go directly to the care and maintenance of Smith Gardens.

Mr. Stephens asked about the trees along Shroyer Road.

Ms. Collins said that she is happy with the four variety of trees that were selected for Shroyer Road. The trees have all had growth and have done well.

Mayor Duncan commented that the trees along Shroyer Road improve the streetscape. He then thanked Ms. Collins and the Leisure Services department for their good work.

Ms. Collins shared that she is very fortunate to have a wonderful staff.

AN OAKWOOD MOMENT

Mrs. Hilton recognized the American flags displayed throughout Oakwood.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Klopsch thanked Ms. Collins and the Leisure Services Department for all they do to enhance the Oakwood community ambience. He commented on the beautiful canna lilies along the perimeter of the OCC parking lot, and noted that they were one of his mother's favorite flowers.

The 35-member citizen Budget Review Committee met last month to discuss projects and the proposed 2022 Budget. The 2022 Budget will be presented at the December 13 council meeting. This will be the fourth year in a row that a balanced budget will be presented.

Leaf collection season is in full swing. Property owners are encouraged to view the bi-weekly yard debris collection map and to place leaves into the roadway gutter a day or two before their scheduled pick-up day. The leaf collection schedule is available on the City website and in the *Oakwood Scene* newsletter.

The relocation of the recycling facility to the entrance of the Public Works Center is on schedule and will open in late November or early December. The new facility is an improved area for citizens to drop-off of green waste, cardboard, and co-mingled recyclables.

Mr. Klopsch closed his comments by sharing that there was a large turnout of trick-or-treaters in the 200 block of Volusia Avenue last Sunday.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Turben reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day. The polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. She encouraged everyone to vote.

Mrs. Hilton shared that polling locations are available on the City website.

Mr. Stephens noted that there were well over 200 kids trick-or-treating in his neighborhood on Sunday. It was a wonderful time for all the kids to come out and enjoy Halloween. Mr. Stephens noted that City Council was elected to represent the citizens of Oakwood. He encouraged citizen participation and open communication.

Vice Mayor Byington recited a quote by Abraham Lincoln that was shared with him a few years ago before an election by his good friend, Bill Clark, who recently passed away. "Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters." Vice Mayor Byington encouraged everyone to vote.

Mayor Duncan commented on his granddaughter trick-or-treating around Oakwood. He noted that Oakwood residents will be presented with candidate selections for the Oakwood School Board and Oakwood City Council, as well as a 2.72 mill property tax levy renewal and the Human Services levy renewal. Mayor Duncan shared that Oakwood historically has the highest pass rate for the human services levy of any community in Montgomery County. He closed his comments by encouraging everyone to vote in favor of the two levies.

The public meeting concluded at 8:13 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL