

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JUNE 6, 2022

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, June 6, 2022 in the conference 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. Also attending for a portion of the meeting was Chief Alan Hill.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began the work session with a discussion about city/school security. Chief Hill explained how the Oakwood Public Safety Department works with the Oakwood Schools to address security issues.

At 7:00 p.m., Chief Hill departed the meeting. Mayor Duncan continued the work session by reviewing 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 Kate Halpin to the Budget Review Committee.
 - Electricity Rates: Mr. Klopsch noted that Mr. Jacques will comment on electricity costs and alternative electricity suppliers.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for presentation at the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance to continue prohibiting the use of fireworks, Mrs. Hilton
 - An Ordinance to adopt an updated Chapter 551 (Landscape Management) of the General Offenses Code, Mr. Stephens
- **STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Klopsch noted that Leisure Services Director Carol Collins will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening.
- **AN OAKWOOD MOMENT:** Vice Mayor Byington shared that he will present the “An Oakwood Moment” at the regular session after Status Reports, recognizing the Oakwood Academic Decathlon Team winning their 10th straight Division III national title.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - HB 677 Tax Transparency Act: Mr. Jacques explained that if passed, HB 677 would require county auditors to provide voters with detailed notices 60 days prior to the election about proposed property or income tax ballot issues within the county. The cost of the notices would be paid by the taxing jurisdiction.
 - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - City/School Security: This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- Planning Commission, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Insomnia Cookies: Mr. Klopsch reported that Insomnia Cookies filed a full appeal document on June 2. City Council will hold a public hearing and decide the matter at the August 1 council meeting.
- Sister City Association, Mrs. Hilton
 - Le Vésinet Trip: Mr. Klopsch confirmed that Councilmember Turben and her husband Dan will leave for France on June 22 to represent Oakwood for the 50th anniversary of the twinning between Oakwood and Le Vésinet.

- MISCELLANEOUS

- KMO Chamber: Mr. Klopsch noted that he will schedule a representative from the KMO Chamber to attend an upcoming work session to discuss services provided by the chamber.
- Energy Aggregation: Mr. Klopsch commented on a May 29 *Dayton Daily News* article about electricity rates. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel is quoted in the article saying that consumers generally save money by enrolling with their utility provider's standard offer as opposed to purchasing from a third party energy marketer.
- June 20 Work Session: Mr. Klopsch noted that the June 20 work session is currently scheduled on the Juneteenth holiday. He suggested cancelling the work session. Council concurred.
- December Council Meeting: Mr. Klopsch explained the history behind conducting the December council meeting on the second Monday of December, rather than the first Monday. The manner in which City Council now adopts the annual budget makes it possible to conduct that December meeting on the first Monday, consistent with most other council meetings. Beginning this December, the year-end meeting will be held on the first Monday.

At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Duncan opened an executive session for property matters. At 7:24 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and Council moved to regular session.



Mayor

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Clerk of Council