

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, September 12, 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. Also attending for a portion of the meeting were Leisure Services Director Carol Collins; Personnel and Properties Director Jennifer Wilder; Engineering and Public Works Director Doug Spitler; Staff Engineer Chris Kuzma; and Dr. Kirsten Halling, President of the Oakwood Sister City Association.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and invited Dr. Halling to share information about the October 20-24 Sister City celebration events. Dr. Halling reviewed the calendar of events for the 50th (Le Vésinet) and 46th (Outremont) anniversary celebrations. Ms. Collins addressed planning underway for the October 21 Mayor's Reception and Welcome at the city building, and the luncheon that day at Hawthorn Hill.

Mrs. Halling departed the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Duncan then led a discussion on the following work session items:

- Recycling Containers: Mr. Klopsch commented about a recent post on the Green Oakwood Facebook page requesting that the city install recycling collection containers in the Far Hill Avenue business district. This is a topic that City Council discussed in a previous work session. Ms. Collins mentioned that the cost to purchase decorative and long-lasting recycling containers matching the existing trash containers was approximately \$10,000 each. Much less expensive containers are available, but would negatively impact the business district appearance. Mr. Klopsch commented on concerns that recycling containers in these public settings are often used for disposal of non-recyclable materials, thus contaminating the recycling stream. Staff will continue to study this matter to see if a cost effective and practicable solution can be found.
- Debris in Roadway: Mr. Klopsch reported that there will be information in the next two editions of the *Oakwood Scene* newsletter about how the city will begin imposing a \$150 fee for the removal of illegally dumped materials beginning on January 1, 2023. Mrs. Wilder reviewed the proposed procedure for addressing violations, including making notification of the violation, giving property owners time to correct the violation, and steps to be taken when the violation is ignored.
- RTA Bus Wraps: Mrs. Wilder shared that RTA has a program called "Proudly Serving" where they install wraps on buses representing the cities around Montgomery County that they serve. City staff will be working with the RTA design team to create an Oakwood bus wrap. Mrs. Turben suggested that Tom Morrow be involved in designing the Oakwood wrap. Mr. Morrow is heavily involved with the Oakwood Historical Society and has an extensive knowledge of Oakwood history. Mrs. Wilder will contact Mr. Morrow to inquire of his interest in assisting.

- LED Street Lights: Mr. Klopsch shared that the city has a proposal from Miami Valley Lighting to replace all of the residential High Pressure Sodium (HPS) street lights with 2700K LED fixtures. There are 503 fixtures included in this proposal. Mrs. Wilder explained the project scope in more detail, including the \$5,200 upfront cost, and minor increase in monthly full service lighting charge. If approved, the project could begin in the spring of 2023 and be completed by late 2023.
- Solar Panels: Mr. Jacques explained that the city is seeing an uptick in the installation of solar panels on residential properties. He recently addressed a neighborhood dispute where one property owner was concerned about the proposed planting of neighboring trees that could partially block sunlight from reaching solar panels that might be installed in the future.
- Gardner Pool: Ms. Collins reported that Gardner Pool was drained last week after another good season. She commented on the \$320,000 project that just began. The project includes replacement of the entire pool deck, along with installation of a fence around the perimeter of the children's wading pool, and installation of new lifeguard stands and diving boards.

At 6:35 p.m., Council moved to executive session for property matters.

At 7:10 p.m., Council concluded the executive sessions and moved back to work session.

Mayor Duncan continued the meeting by discussing the following work session items:

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Klopsch shared that the Goals and Objectives in the Comprehensive Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission and BZA in a joint meeting on Wednesday, October 5. The PC will formally vote on: 1) acknowledging and accepting the documented accomplishments towards the Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives; and 2) making a determination that the current Comprehensive Plan remains valid for Oakwood as the official policy guide for physical development addressing use of land, the movement of vehicles and pedestrians, the protection of community character, and the provision of parks, schools, and other public facilities. The BZA members will attend for informational purposes.
 - Solar Panels: Discussed above.
- Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
 - Gardner Pool: Discussed above.
 - Recycling Containers: Discussed above.
- Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project: Mr. Klopsch reported on the status of the project and on an application recently submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission District 4 Integrating Committee charged with evaluating grant and loan applications for infrastructure improvements in Montgomery County. The city requested \$492,500 in grant money and \$492,500 in a zero interest 30-year loan. Mr. Klopsch shared that the city will need to obtain utility easements from four property owners along the alignment of the new sewer to complete the installation.

- Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Electric Police Cars: Mr. Klopsch commented on the presentation that Chief Hill will give to the Budget Review Committee tomorrow evening. He anticipates a lively discussion.
 - Far Hills Crossing Guards: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that the Oakwood Schools have found a person to staff the Park Avenue and Far Hills crossing.
 - LED Street Lights: Discussed above.
 - Debris in Roadway: Discussed above.
- Community Relations/Promotion/Appointments, Mayor Duncan
 - RTA Bus Wraps: Discussed above.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Mr. Klopsch
 - September Event at Wright Library: Mr. Klopsch spoke about the redlining exhibit at Wright Library and concerns about the “police violence” display, which is unrelated to redlining and provides limited information.
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Board of Health, Mayor Duncan
 - Efficiency and Effectiveness Study: Mr. Klopsch reported that staff is still waiting for the Ohio Department of Health to publish requirements for the state-mandated study.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Maxwell Leadership Foundation – Next Steps for Transformation in the Greater Dayton Area: Mr. Stephens discussed his experiences participating in this program.
 - Natural Gas and Electricity Purchasing in Ohio: Mr. Klopsch shared staff continues to monitor the work of MVCC in exploring energy aggregation programs for its member cities.

At 7:50 p.m., Council moved to executive session for personnel matters.

At 8:10 p.m., Council concluded the executive session and Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session.



 Mayor

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