

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
JANUARY 9, 2023

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the conference 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 Acting Clerk, Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, 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.....PRESENT

Officers of the City present were the following:
 Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
 Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
 Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, Personnel & Properties Director

The following in-person visitors registered:
 Greg and Janet Schnittger, 404 Wiltshire Boulevard
 Mr. Kirk Tucker, 126 Lookout Drive
 Mr. Bahar Masoudi (Bahar & Reza), 2308 Far Hills Avenue
 Mrs. Nancy Drozd, 237 Telford Avenue
 Elizabeth and Ward Barrentine, 420 E. Peach Orchard Avenue
 Ellen and Rick Quinttus, 521 Oakwood Avenue
 Andrew & Rebekah Lewis, 30 Forrer Blvd
 Mari Jo Vazzo, 2730 Fairmont Avenue

There were no Zoom visitors in attendance.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the December 5, 2022 regular session and work 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

Council Committee Assignments – Mayor Duncan explained that City Council members are assigned to several committees of Council that consist of two members that meet as needed to discuss various topics. Mayor Duncan indicated that Council decided to leave the committee assignments the same as last year. The committee assignments are as follows:

2023 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

	William Duncan, Mayor	Steve Byington, Vice Mayor
Court Liaison		Anne Hilton, Chair Leigh Turben
Finance		Steve Byington, Chair William Duncan
Law and Minutes		Anne Hilton, Chair Steve Byington
Planning and Zoning		Steve Byington, Chair Leigh Turben
Public Properties		Leigh Turben, Chair Rob Stephens
Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer		Leigh Turben, Chair Rob Stephens
Safety and Traffic		Rob Stephens, Chair Anne Hilton
Streets and Alleys		Rob Stephens, Chair Anne Hilton
Community Relations/Promotion & Appointments		William Duncan, Chair Steve Byington

Regional Agencies - Council Representation

Miami Valley Communications Council	Rob Stephens Leigh Turben, Alternate
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Committee	Steve Byington William Duncan, Alternate
EMA Regional Advisory Council	William Duncan Norbert Klopsch, Alternate
First Suburbs Consortium	Steve Byington Norbert Klopsch Leigh Turben, Alternate
South Suburban Coalition	Alan Hill William Duncan, Alternate

Boards, Commissions and Citizen Ad Hoc Committees

Planning Commission	Steve Byington
Beautification Committee	Rob Stephens
Sister City	Anne Hilton
Historical Society	Leigh Turben

Note: The Mayor also serves as ex-officio member of each Council committee.

Council Policy Updates – Mayor Duncan explained that there are proposed updates to the existing council policies. Council policies do not carry the same binding legal effect as laws, but have been used historically by Council to provide policy guidance to city staff and residents on various matters. Policy updates are considered procedural in nature and are adopted by motion rather than legislative action. City staff recently completed a review of the existing Council policies. Several were determined to be obsolete for a variety of reasons including: outdated technology; superseded by ordinances, resolutions, or other regulations adopted after the original policy; or addressing matters that address city management rather than Council concern. The policies that were not considered obsolete were updated to ensure that they remain current and relevant. City Council had the opportunity to review the updates prior to the meeting.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the policy updates be approved. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

VISITORS

2022 Holiday Decorating Award Winners – Mayor Duncan presented certificates to the 2022 holiday decorating contest winners. Awards are presented based upon use of natural materials, lighting and curb appeal. Although several were not in attendance, all of the following winners were recognized:

DAYTIME WINNERS

- Area 1 – Kirk & Shannon Tucker, 126 Lookout Drive
- Area 2 – Michael Whalen, 143 Wisteria Drive
- Area 3 – Gregory Schnittger, 404 Wiltshire Blvd.
- Area 4 – Robert Ballinger & Elizabeth Dickerson, 257 Monterey Avenue
- Area 5 – Jeffrey Sellers, 2730 Fairmont Avenue
- Area 6 – Ellen Quinttus, 521 Oakwood Avenue
- Business – Blue Turtle Toys, 2314 Far Hills Avenue

NIGHTTIME WINNERS

- Area 1 – Emily & Kendell Thompson, 430 Acorn Drive
- Area 2 – Mitchell Detrick, 330 Patterson Road
- Area 3 – Andrew & Rebekah Lewis, 30 Forrer Blvd
- Area 4 – Ward & Elizabeth Barrentine, 420 E. Peach Orchard Avenue
- Area 5 – John & Katherine Hemmert, 205 Dell Park Avenue
- Area 6 – David Stackhouse, 51 Forrer Road
- Business – Bahar-Reza, 2308 Far Hills Avenue

LEGISLATION**A RESOLUTION****BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON****NO 1902**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A THREE YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF OAKWOOD CHAPTER OF THE OHIO COUNCIL 8, DAYTON PUBLIC SERVICE UNION, LOCAL 101, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFL-CIO).

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 Works employees expired on December 31, 2022. The city entered into negotiations with the DPSU, which is the union representative for the Public Works employees, and has agreed to terms for a new three (3) year agreement. The new agreement includes responsible wage increases as well as incentives for employees to obtain certain licenses that are critically important to the operation of Oakwood’s utility services. These provisions will ensure that the Public Works pay scale remains competitive in an increasingly difficult labor market.

Mayor Duncan and Vice Mayor Byington have reviewed the agreement as members of Council’s Finance Committee, and this resolution will authorize the City Manager to implement it. Council commends Director of Personnel Jennifer Wilder for her efforts on the city’s behalf, and also the Public Works employees for their help in coming to a reasonable agreement.

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

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

AN OAKWOOD MOMENT

Mayor Duncan recognized the December 11, 2022 Holiday of Lights event and shared a few photos. He thanked Leisure Services Director Carol Collins and her staff for coordinating the outstanding event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Turben wished everyone a happy new year. She shared that the Oakwood Historical Society is offering a new program of providing a “Century Home Marker” to homes that are 100 years or older.

Vice Mayor Byington said, “Go Frogs!”

Mayor Duncan thanked the Oakwood Rotary for delivering dinners to the Oakwood Public Safety Officers that were working on Christmas Eve.

The public meeting concluded at 7:51 p.m.



 MAYOR

ATTEST:



 CLERK OF COUNCIL