

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JULY 17, 2023**

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, July 17, 2023 in the second-floor meeting 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 Law Director Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and moved that Council go to executive session for property matters. Vice Mayor Byington seconded the motion. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed. At 6:58 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and Council entered work session. Oakwood resident Michele Wilson joined the work session.

Mayor Duncan then reviewed the agenda for the regular session this evening. Thereafter, he led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS:** Mayor Duncan noted that there are no scheduled status reports for the regular session this evening.
- **VISITORS:**
2023 May and June Beautification Award Winners: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will recognize recipients of the 2023 May and June Beautification Awards.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following items of legislation and the public hearing scheduled for the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance to place the 3.75 mill renewal tax levy on the November 7, 2023 ballot, Vice Mayor Byington
 - An Ordinance amending the process for appointing members to the Board of Dayton Regional Energy Special Improvement District, Vice Mayor Byington
 - A Resolution and public hearing to participate on an opt-in basis in a municipal electric supply aggregation program, Mrs. Turben
 - A Resolution to authorize and direct the Director of Finance to certify certain delinquent charges for cutting noxious weeds and nuisance plant material to the County Auditor for collection, Mr. Stephens
- **STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Klopsch noted that Public Safety Director Alan Hill will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening.
- **AN OAKWOOD MOMENT:** Vice Mayor Byington shared that he will present the “Oakwood Moment” at the regular session highlighting sustainability measures in Oakwood.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Fence Code: Mr. Klopsch commented on a request from an Oakwood property owner to allow for construction of a fence exceeding code height limits. Mr. Jacques explained that the 2000 update to the Zoning Code eliminated variances for fence heights. Staff would recommend against changing the code to again provide a procedure to request approval for a height variance.

- REGIONAL AGENCIES

- First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington

- August 9 Networking Event: Mr. Klopsch reminded Council of this event. All Council members are invited to attend.

At 7:24 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and Council moved to regular session.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council

