

MAY 1, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

City Council met in public session on May 1, 2023. Here are the highlights.

Council meeting minutes were approved for the April 3, 2023 regular session and work session, and April 17, 2023 work session and executive session.

STATUS REPORT

Proclamation – Mayor Duncan read a proclamation designating the month of May as “National Tennis Month.”

VISITORS

Oakwood resident Christine Robinson, 36 Telford Avenue, shared concerns about the safety of pedestrians, especially children, traveling near Smith Elementary School due to the congestion, traffic and illegal parking on the south side of the street.

LEGISLATION

Oakwood City Council approved the following legislation:

- An Ordinance to levy special assessments for the 2024 Street Lighting, Mr. Stephens
- An Ordinance adopting the 2024 tax budget, Vice Mayor Byington
- An Ordinance to provide a supplemental appropriation for the Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project, traffic signal study engineering costs and a replacement scooter, Vice Mayor Byington
- An Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of four storm sewer easements, Vice Mayor Byington

STAFF REPORT

- Finance Department Presentation: Finance Director Cindy Stafford updated Council on the following topics: 2022 year-end finances and 2023 financials through March 31.

AN OAKWOOD MOMENT

- Councilmember Leigh Turben highlighted the trees and flowers blooming in Oakwood.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS: City Manager Norbert Klopsch provided the following report:

- He recognized Leisure Services Director Carol Collins, Horticulturist Brian Caldwell, Engineering and Public Works Director Doug Spittler, Staff Engineer Chris Kuzma, Clerk of Council Lori Stacel and Law Director Rob Jacques for their involvement with various tasks and projects.
- The construction of a roundabout is seriously being considered in lieu of a traditional traffic light at the Five Points intersection. The city will conduct three open house events in the Great Room at the Oakwood Community Center from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, Thursday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 11 to present information about the traffic signal system study. A decision will not be made on the Five Points intersection design until a thorough analysis is completed, and until city leaders receive feedback from the citizens of Oakwood and the general public.
- He commented on different recycling related activities or events that were conducted at the Public Works Center last Saturday.
- There will be a uniquely special entry in the May 20 ‘That Day in May’ parade near the front just behind City Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Leigh Turben thanked everyone for attending the Wright at Home event.
- Councilmember Anne Hilton thanked Mayor Duncan for recognizing National Tennis Month. She shared that the Hollinger courts are the best clay courts she has ever played on. She encouraged people to join Hollinger by using the new online registration system.

- Vice Mayor Byington encouraged everyone to attend the “That Day in May” events on Saturday, May 20, and the May 22 golf outing. He congratulated the Oakwood Academic Decathlon Team for winning their 11th straight Division III National Championship title.
- Mayor Bill Duncan shared that his first tennis racket was autographed by Bobby Riggs.

The public meeting concluded at 8:28 p.m.