

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, September 18, 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 p.m. and Council entered executive session for personnel matters and for property matters. At 6:52 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and Council entered 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:** Council discussed the following status reports that are scheduled for the regular session this evening:
 - Proclamation recognizing September 17-23 as “Constitution Week:” Mayor Duncan shared that he will read the proclamation.
 - Auditor of State Award: Mayor Duncan noted that he will recognize Cindy Stafford, CPA, for once again completing a successful financial audit and receiving the Auditor of State Award.
 - Electricity Aggregation Program: Mr. Jacques shared that he will give an update on the MVCC program and the methods by which Oakwood electricity customers can now enroll in the program.
 - Staffing Changes: Mr. Klopsch said that he will comment on the promotion of Ethan Kroger to Planning & Zoning Manager and the appointment of Sangita Anand to Human Resources Manager.

- **VISITORS:**
 - Oakwood Teen Court Advisor Chris Conard: Mayor Duncan mentioned that Teen Court Advisor Chris Conard will provide a brief update on the operation of the Oakwood Teen Court.
 - July and August Beautification Award Winners: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will recognize recipients of the 2023 July and August Beautification Awards.

- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following items of legislation scheduled for the regular session this evening:
 - A Resolution appointing the Oakwood Law Director to the Board of Dayton Regional Energy Special Improvement District, Vice Mayor Byington
 - A Resolution to approve existing Property Tax Amounts and Rates, Vice Mayor Byington

- **AN OAKWOOD MOMENT:** Mrs. Turben shared that she will present the “Oakwood Moment” at the regular session highlighting Oakwood Community Center Blood Drive.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- Finance, Vice Mayor Byington

- September 12 BRC Meeting: Mr. Klopsch commented on the September 12 BRC meeting and mentioned that staff is moving forward with budgeting 2024 capital projects and equipment as presented to the BRC. Staff is also moving forward with water and sanitary sewer rate increases as presented to the committee.

- Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington

- 1313 Far Hills: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that the new storm sewer constructed across the property at 1313 Far Hills will be located along the southern edge of the property such that the buildable envelope on the lot could accommodate construction of a single-family home, similar to the home that had previously existed.

- Public Properties, Mrs. Turben

- Gardner Pool: Mr. Klopsch noted that an Oakwood business owner recently contacted Mayor Duncan inquiring if the city would permit business owners to purchase memberships to Gardner Pool. Currently, membership is limited to Oakwood residents. Mr. Jacques explained that staff could not find any legal reason why business owners are prohibited from purchasing memberships, but that it has been a long-standing practice. Mr. Klopsch mentioned that he spoke with Leisure Services Director Carol Collins about this matter and that Ms. Collins is evaluating the request.

- Hollinger Tennis Center: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that Mr. Charles Simms is no longer pursuing a project to make major capital improvements to the tennis facility. The Hollinger Tennis Center is now a 501(c)(3) organization and is focusing efforts on building membership.

- Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben

- Water System Annual Report: Mr. Klopsch reported that staff will soon finish work on the 2022 Water Production Annual Report and will post it to the city website.

- Water and Sewer Agreements: Mr. Jacques delivered a presentation on agreements in place for purchasing water and wastewater treatment from Dayton and Montgomery County.

- Water and Sewer Rates: Mr. Klopsch confirmed again that staff is proceeding with proposed 2024 water and sanitary sewer rate increases.

- MISCELLANEOUS

- October 16 Work Session: Mr. Klopsch noted that Council will meet in work session on October 16. Most of that meeting will be dedicated to a discussion about the water distribution system.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and Council moved to regular session.



Mayor

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Clerk of Council