



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Roll Call

William Snavelly Mayor	Chantel Raghu Vice Mayor
Jason Bracken	Amber Franklin
Alex French	Glenn Ellerbe
David Prytherch	

A work session meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor William Snavelly on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were David Prytherch, Alex French, Jason Bracken, Chantel Raghu, and Glenn Ellerbe. Amber Franklin arrived at 6:32 pm.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Ben Mazer, Assistant Law Director; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. Geoff Robinson, Police Lieutenant; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

Motion to Approve the Agenda.

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Mr. Prytherch

AYE #6

NAY #0

ABS # 0

Presentation- Draft Housing Approach

Ms. Greene presented the Draft Housing Approach, which included information on the following:

- Work toward increasing the capacity of affordable housing.
- Prevention and work to keep people housed.
- Work to protect the unhoused and find sustainable solutions.

Ms. Greene addressed questions and comments from Council members. Mayor Snively thanked Ms. Greene and City Staff for the presentation.

(Slides included)

Discussion – Uptown Business Discussion

Mr. Perry spoke about property maintenance, zoning, and a possible business registry. Ms. Greene spoke about special assessment districts. Ms. Greene and Mr. Perry addressed questions and comments from Council members. Mayor Snively thanked Ms. Greene and Mr. Perry for their presentations.

Adjournment

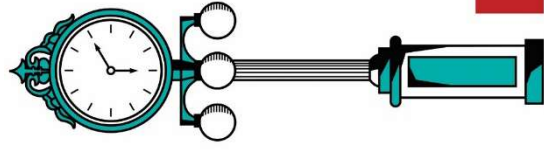
Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. Raghu

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DRAFT Housing Approach



What We've Heard:

- Work toward increasing capacity of affordable housing.
- Don't forget prevention and work to keep people housed.
- Work to protect the unhoused and find sustainable solutions.



What We've Been Doing:

- Attending classes on affordable housing and increasing capacity
- Research- reading articles and looking for evidenced based models
- Talking with other cities-what is working, what is not, lessons learned
- Interviewing nonprofits- what are their models? What do they do best with? What do they do best success with? Capacity to serve Oxford?
- Drafting ideas that include sustainable models.



What Do We Recommend?



Homeless Prevention:

- Continue to work with the Family Resource Center on their prevention efforts.
- They work to ***keep people housed*** through rental, utility and eviction remediation assistance.
 - City contribution: \$48,600/yr
 - STR estimated contribution: \$20K/yr (*donated \$25K from 2022 while we wait for this fund to build*)
 - This could be pivoted to another housing response if necessary.

Goal: Help XXXXX individuals/families remain housed.



Homeless Response-Short Term

2022-2023

\$50K from ARPA for housing case management

- 4 months- operate hotel as cold shelter
- 8 months of working with local and county resources to help homeless find housing.

Note: Must be able to address staffing challenges at FRC or find a nonprofit partner to manage.

Community groups to raise additional \$50K for sheltering costs a

Goal: Help XXXXX individuals/families who are homeless have shelter.



Homeless Response-Longer Term

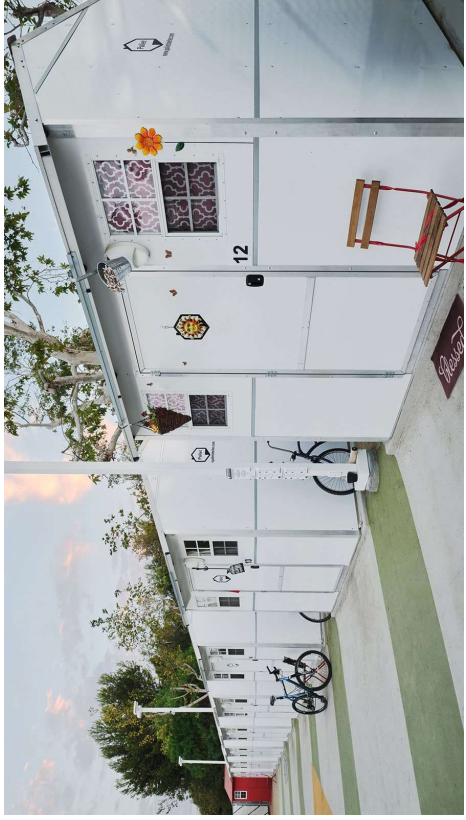
2023 and beyond

- \$50K from General Fund (trade a CIP project to be offset with C grant). Annually for 5 years for case management.
- Apply for grant to build our own **Permanent Supportive Housing**. Suggested: 6 micro units at an estimated cost of \$300K
 - Each person/family is assigned to case manager who checks regularly for ongoing support.
 - When individuals are stabilized, case manager helps them move into independent affordable housing

Goal: Develop permanent supportive housing program to serve XXXX individuals/families who are homeless.



Pallet Homes Concept



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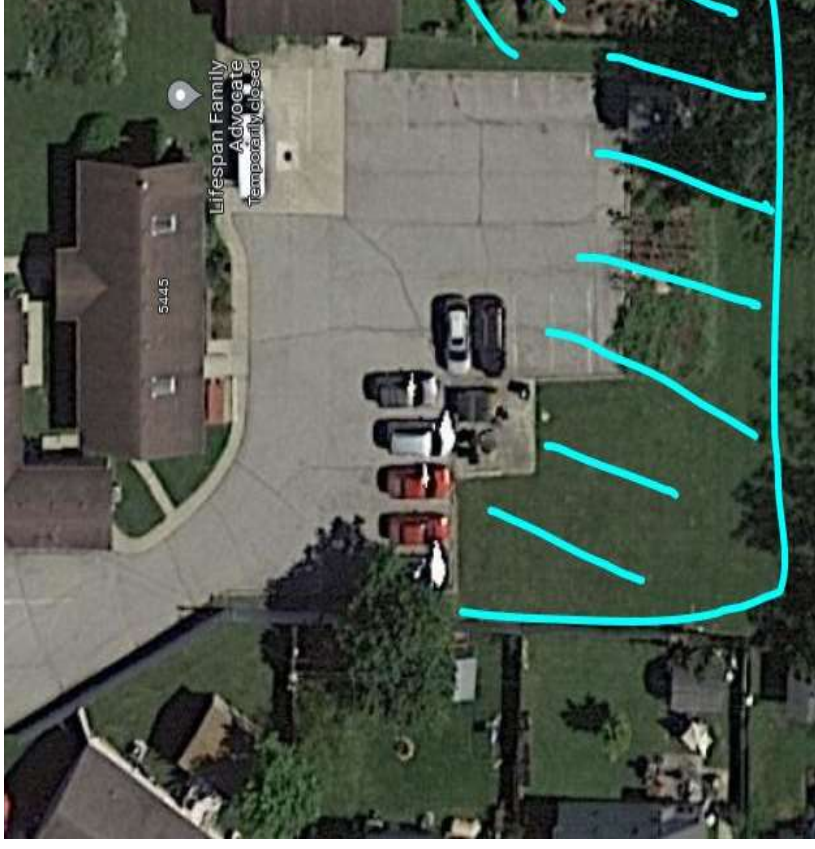
- Need cost estimates for construction and utilities.
- Need nonprofit to lead case management and manage facility.



Possible Location:

Need FRC permission to build here.

Close proximity to food and case management supports.



Affordable Housing:

- Encourage mixed income developments by acquiring land and modern code to allow for increased density.
 - This action item is in the draft comp plan as well.
- Leverage dollars through public-private-nonprofit partnerships.
 - City can leverage affordable housing by providing free land (CLT) that a non profit or developer then gets financing for and develops.
 - Need to use ARPA funds by 2026- construction will be hard by then.

Goal: Create 100 new units of affordable housing for individuals/families u



Recommendations:

- Purchase 2+ acre parcels around town with most of remaining ARPA funds dedicated to housing.
- Modernize zoning code to increase density in certain parts of town for city lead and private developments.
- Work with new non profit partner to seek funding and partnership to develop parcels of land that the city acquires or already owns as ***mixed income developments***.
- Hold off on approved site plan for 47 acres and instead go directly to RFP for mixed income development when we're ready.
- Pivot Hester Road Project to higher density-donate a portion of ARPA for their site and site preparations.
- Ask Habitat for Humanity to consider high density projects.



Change zoning on certain parcels to allow for:



Other density ideas:





Reality:

- This will be challenging and take political will. Some residents have strong concerns.
- These projects will take a lot of time. This may limit progress in sectors.
- Before going much further on these projects, staff want to assure support of Council.

