



**MINUTES
OXFORD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
COURTHOUSE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 AT 6:45 PM**

1. Roll Call.

A work session meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Snavelly on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. Members in attendance were Amber Franklin, Michael Smith, Jason Bracken, Chantel Raghu, and David Prytherch, who arrived at 7:06 p.m. Alex French was excused.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Douglas R. Elliott, Jr., City Manager; Mr. Michael Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Ms. Heidi Ridenour, Finance Director; Ms. Reena Murphy, Sustainability Coordinator; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

2. Topic

A. Discussion of Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling

Ms. Murphy began her presentation by sharing that by June 2025 Staff and the Environmental Commission will be reviewing the recycling mandate legislation for multi-family and commercial properties and will make a recommendation to the City Council. Ms. Murphy reviewed current conditions and concerns, addressed location issues, and presented commercial, mixed-use, and multifamily approaches. Ms. Murphy and Mr. Elliott addressed questions and comments from the Council (slides included in minutes). Ms. Murphy was given guidance for the next steps of this project. Mayor Snavelly thanked Ms. Murphy for her presentation.

Public Comment - Ms. LeAnn Shoker, a township resident who owns a business in one of the commercial buildings uptown, mentioned that her building is currently a shared space. She

expressed her interest in participating in the pilot program and will lobby with the owner to secure a spot. Ms. Shoker believes she's in a high-traffic area and a high-visibility area.

Public Comment - Mr. Jim Vinch, 85 Lantern Ridge Road - Mr. Vinch, speaking as an Environmental Commission member and resident of Oxford, fully supports pursuing option #1. Mr. Vinch stated that recycling alone won't solve the world's problems, but it provides a good entry point.

Public Comment - Ms. Peggy Branstrator, 18 Meadow Circle - Ms. Branstrator agreed with Mr. Vinch's comment about seeing this as a starting point.

Public Comment - Mr. Glenn Ellerbe, 158 Silver Leaf Drive - Mr. Ellerbe personally likes the tiered approach and the community-led approach. Mr. Ellerbe mentioned that creating incentives might help get buy-in to get the program started. Mr. Ellerbe mentioned fraternities may have a vested interest in recycling, but have variance issues.

3. Adjourn.

Motion – To Adjourn at 7:20 p.m.
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin
AYE # 6
NAY # 0
ABS # 0