



**MINUTES
OXFORD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
COURTHOUSE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 AT 6:30 PM**

1. Roll Call.

Motion – To Enter Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(4) To prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and O.R.C. 121.22(G)(6) To discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. French 2nd Mr. Snavelly

AYE # 7

Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Ms. Ornelas, Mr. Snavelly, Mr. Vinch, Mr. Bracken, and Mayor Smith.

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Motion – To Return from Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(4) To prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and O.R.C. 121.22(G)(6) To discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office.

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. French 2nd Mr. Snavelly

AYE # 7

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

A work session meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Smith on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:35 p.m. Members in attendance were Amber Franklin, William Snavelly, Jason Bracken, Jim Vinch, Alex Fench, and Roxanne Ornelas.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Douglas R. Elliott, Jr., City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Michael Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Geoff Robinson, Police Lieutenant; Ms. Heidi Ridenour, Finance Director; Mr. Chad Smith, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Ben Mazer, Assistant Law Director; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

2. Topic

A. Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Priority Corridors Map

Mr. Perry presented an update and sought Council direction on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, emphasizing the need for feedback before beginning engineering work (slides included in minutes). The primary focus of the work session was an update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Staff presented background on the project, noting its alignment with the 2023 Comprehensive Plan, prior Complete Streets efforts, and a Federal Transit Administration grant partnership with BCRTA. Public engagement included surveys, targeted outreach, and a September open house, with respondents prioritizing protected bike lanes and separate multi-use paths. Staff recommended advancing a Phase 1 route plan map identifying Chestnut Street, College Avenue, Campus Avenue, and Sycamore Street for schematic design and cost estimation, emphasizing the use of existing right-of-way and separated multi-use paths approximately 10 feet wide. Phase 2 corridors and the Locust Street corridor were identified for future consideration due to funding and complexity. Council discussed maintenance responsibilities, public notification, coordination with Miami University, tree impacts, and intersection safety concerns. Council expressed general support for the proposed Phase 1 route plan and directed staff to return with legislation for formal adoption, allowing engineering work and future grant applications to proceed.

B. Annual City Streets Pavement Condition Map

This topic was moved to the January 6, 2026, work session.

3. Adjourn.

Motion – To Adjourn at 7:10 pm.
(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Snavelly 2nd Ms. french
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