



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Roll Call.

William Snavely, Mayor, Chantel Raghu, Vice-Mayor, Amber Franklin, Jason Bracken, Alex French, Glenn Ellerbe, David Prytherch

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor William Snavely on Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were, Amber Franklin, Alex French, Jason Bracken, Glenn Ellerbe, Chantel Raghu, and David Prytherch.

Staff members in attendance were: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Police Lieutenant; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

Approval of Agenda.

Ms. Raghu moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Franklin seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Public Participation.

Proclamation – “Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day”

Mayor Snavelly read the "Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day" Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Fran Jackson a member of the Oxford NAACP. Ms. Jackson accepted and thanked the Council for the Proclamation and their service to the City of Oxford.

Presentation – ASPIRE – Randi Thomas

Mr. Randi Thomas thanked Council for their service to the City. Mr. Thomas presented an update on the College@Elm project. Mr. Thomas gave highlights on partnerships, basic floor layouts and a tentative timeline. Slides can be found in the minutes.

Notice of Legislative Authority- Transfer of permits D5 and D6 to Firefly Hospitality Group LLC
DBA Circle 15 E High St. 1st FL Rear & BSMT PO Box 378 Oxford, Ohio 45056

Mr. Bracken moved to proceed without comment. Ms. Raghu seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Notice of Legislative Authority- Transfer of permits D5 and D6 to Firefly Hospitality Group LLC
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Ms. Raghu moved to proceed without comment. Ms. Franklin seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Public Comments.

Mr. Mike Everett from McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital gave a brief COVID update. Mr. Everett thanked Council for their leadership for the hard decisions Council has had to make and will continue to make during this pandemic with the best interests of the Community in mind. Mr. Everett noted that this is the fourth surge or wave and McCullough-Hyde has been stretched these last two weeks. Mr. Everett shared that the Northern states are starting to see a decline in the number of cases. Mr. Everett feels this trend will soon come our way.

Mr. Everett advised the hospital has seen what they had anticipated and have managed through. Mr. Everett offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Prytherch asked what percentage of beds or hospital traffic during the regular semester is Miami related, for reasons other than COVID.

Mr. Everett mentioned McCullough-Hyde sees very few Miami University student admissions, most coming from the Urgent Care or the Emergency Department. Mr. Everett noted most hospitalizations come from non-student adults.

Mr. Ellerbe asked if McCullough-Hyde was currently considering the suspension of elective surgery at this time.

Mr. Everett mentioned that suspension is part of the plan if the hospital gets to that point. Mr. Everett noted the Tri Health Team has jumped in to manage so the hospital hasn't had to suspend elective surgery since elective surgery is not elective for that patient.

Ms. Peggy Branstrator 18 Meadow Circle - Ms. Branstrator addressed Council on the City's current carbon-neutral plan. Ms. Branstrator noted the kickoff in November 2021, with a good turn out and lots of good ideas. Ms. Branstrator mentioned a few ideas such as a recognition program, people and households pledging to lower their carbon footprint, rental property energy rating system, solar panels on business rooftops and residential buildings, and possibly hosting an electric car show.

Consent Agenda.

Minutes of the January 4, 2022 City Council Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council)

Report regarding the December 28, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the January 5, 2022 Environmental Commission Meeting (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Ms. Raghu moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Prytherch seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Resolutions.

Face Mask Resolution

A Resolution Encouraging and Recommending All Individuals within the City of Oxford to be Fully Vaccinated and Wear Face Masks in Public Indoor Settings. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott drafted this resolution encouraging and recommending all individuals within the City of Oxford to be fully vaccinated including a booster shot and to wear face masks in public indoor settings.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Ellerbe mentioned the discussions from the last Council meeting regarding asking citizens to do something rather than forcing them.

Mayor Snively added this is not an either-or situation. Mayor Snively mentioned that the Resolution does something the Ordinance does not do, and that encourages people to be vaccinated.

Mr. Prytherch mentioned as a Resolution this is more of a statement of values. Mr. Prytherch noted his appreciation of the recognition of the vaccines.

Ms. Franklin mentioned an audience member who had emailed the Council expressing the benefits of a Resolution. Ms. Franklin shared her gratitude that it is not an either-or situation.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 7369. Mayor Snively seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Worldwide Industries Resolution

A Resolution Accepting the bid and Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Worldwide Industries Corp. for Applying a New Coating to the Elevated Water Reservoir at a Cost Not to Exceed \$198,642.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach asked for a friendly amendment of the amount not to exceed \$243,506.20. Mr. Dreisbach noted \$25,000.00 to allow the purchase of structural materials if to be necessary, as well as a 10% contingency amount of \$19,864.20, therefore making the total amount not to exceed \$243,506.20. Mr. Dreisbach explained the importance of routine maintenance, and the last time the elevated water storage reservoir was last recoated was in 2000. Dr. Dreisbach advised a coating usually will last about 20-25 years.

Mr. Dreisbach stated customers on the pressure zone served by this tank should not notice a difference in pressure or volume. Mr. Dreisbach offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Prytherch asked if the status or utility of this project would change given our potential future changes in the water supply.

Mr. Dreisbach answered that the coatings are dictated by the Ohio EPA, softened water or hard water would not have an impact on choice.

Ms. Raghu moved to adopt Resolution No. 7370. Ms. Franklin seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Montrose Auto Group Resolution

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Montrose Auto Group for the Purchase of Three Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles with Specified Options at State Contract Pricing at a Cost Not to Exceed \$109,106.00. (Lt. Geoffrey Robinson, Police Division)

Lt. Robinson advised the 2022 Capital Improvement budget includes \$141,595 in Capital Equipment Fund for the purchase of police vehicles and equipment necessary to maintain the operating integrity of the Police Department. Lt. Robinson noted the planned capital purchases are for one marked Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle and two unmarked Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles. Lt. Robinson stated the three new vehicles would be replacing three older vehicles currently in the Oxford Police Division Fleet, and offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Franklin asked what the remaining \$32,000 would be used for.

Lt. Robinson answered that the \$32,000 would be used for the outfitting of the vehicles with computers, seatbelt systems for the rear seats, lights, and other equipment that makes it a police vehicle.

Mr. Prytherch commended the Police Division for helping to support the goals of the Council by purchasing hybrid vehicles.

Ms. French asked why Montrose Ford since that dealership is in Akron Ohio.

Lt. Robinson said the police did look at other dealerships however the other dealerships were not able to beat the state contract pricing.

Ms. Raghu moved to adopt Resolution No. 7371. Mr. Franklin seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Ordinances.

First Reading.

Face Mask Ordinance

An Ordinance Requiring Face Masks Inside Any Public Space Within the City of Oxford, Ohio, to Limit the Spread of COVID-19, and Declaring an Emergency. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott reported the revisions that have been requested at the last Council meeting such as eliminating the references of "face coverings" to "face masks" and defining face masks as a three-ply surgical mask, KN95 mask, or N95 mask. Mr. Elliott reminded the Council that an emergency ordinance requires 3/4 (6) of all members elected to the Council for passage. Mr. Elliott offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Chris Skoglund - 211 Ryan Drive - Mr. Skoglund asked the Council to think about enforcement plans if the Mask Ordinance is passed. Mr. Skoglund mentioned concern for other Ordinances if this is not enforced what impact will have on new and existing Ordinances.

Ms. Ann Kamphaus - 590 Honor Lane and Church St. Social 107 E Church St. - Ms. Kamphaus noted she is in favor of health and safety and feels like the Resolution that just passed is sufficient. Ms. Kamphaus stated this mask mandate will have a negative impact on the Oxford Business Community.

Mr. Ron Siliko - 6244 Hester Road - Mr. Siliko suggested looking at a world view if citizens/residents are asked to show vaccination records before entering a business. Mr. Siliko noted the lack of discussion regarding natural immunity. Mr. Siliko asked the Council to consider making mask-wearing optional.

Mr. Steven Snell - 6 Old Stone Court - Mr. Snell mentioned we are all in this together and the division is between those who have had COVID and those who have not. Mr. Snell noted risk management the Resolution and the Ordinance both address the likelihood of the occurrence, but do nothing to mitigate the severity of the outcome. Mr. Snell asked the Council to consider all aspects before making this decision.

Mr. Prytherch noted being in sync with major institutional partners like Miami and Talawanda to create a town-wide culture and expectations. Mr. Prytherch would like to propose an amendment to include cloth masks.

Mr. Bracken agreed that an amendment to include cloth masks would be a good addition.

Ms. Franklin thanked Ms. Kamphaus for speaking. Ms. Franklin mentioned her first City Council meeting was a week before the previous Mask Mandate was set to expire. Ms. Franklin stated she wished she would have known how challenging it would be to start over, she might have asked for an amendment to the Agenda to discuss and perhaps extend the deadline. Ms. Franklin recalled the rapid change after the Mask Mandate had expired. Ms. Franklin had asked Mr. Elliott at the last Council meeting to remove the fourth Whereas statement regarding the return of Miami students from the previous Mask Mandate. Ms. Franklin shared that this is not about the students returning to campus, COVID cases in the Community have been rising in the absence of the students who are highly vaccinated. Ms. Franklin mentioned receiving emails from residents who were not in attendance who did not feel comfortable coming to a public meeting because they have young children who cannot be vaccinated. Ms. Franklin shared these parents feel like they have been forgotten, and hopefully, the March 1st expiration date will take us through this waiver. Ms. Franklin noted just because the City cannot do everything does not mean the City should do nothing.

Ms. Raghu agreed with Mr. Prytherch regarding the addition of cloth masks. Ms. Raghu noted an equity aspect and not everyone has access to the best masks.

Ms. French noted the timing is truly unfortunate with students returning to campus. Ms. French wanted to echo what Ms. Franklin said regarding the expiration of the previous Mask Mandate and wished Council would have just extended the expiration date before it had expired. Ms. French would like to protect the student and keep them here. Ms. French shared Miami's policy now states if a student lives within a 150 mile radius of Oxford and that student contracts COVID they need to leave campus. Ms. French mentioned students cannot go uptown if they are not here. Ms. French asked Mr. Elliott if a sundown provision could be put in place, maybe with the wastewater testing.

Mr. Elliott would not suggest that because the City typically only gets the report when cases go up and the numbers may not be a true reading. Mr. Elliott noted this is a useful indicator, but would not tie this report to the sundown date.

Ms. Raghu commented that part of the sundowning of the Mask Mandate would be to look at what's happening globally. Ms. Raghu noted we saw trends in other countries and the southern states.

Mr. Ellerbe proposed an amendment adding an exemption for fully vaccinated individuals. Mr. Ellerbe noted this was the same amendment he proposed back in August. Mr. Ellerbe mentioned this appears to be a discriminatory act, based on timing it targets a group. Mr. Ellerbe added the City is not incentivizing vaccines. Mr. Ellerbe suggested letting the individual business decide, citing the policies from Brick Street and Chipotle, noting compliance.

Mr. Bracken shared he did not do this because the students are returning to campus, it is because of Omicron.

Mr. Bracken noted the previous Mask Mandate never should have expired, and he should have asked to extend the expiration date. Mr. Bracken suggested that any time you quadruple the population density during a communicable disease outbreak that is a good reason to reinstate the Mask Mandate.

Mayor Snively commented the reason behind the type of acceptable masks being changed is based on the CDC's recommendation.

Mr. Prytherch mentioned some communities are using American Recovery Act funds to purchase KN95 masks for lower-income residents.

Mr. Prytherch proposed an amendment to section #4 to read For the purpose of this Ordinance, "face mask" means three-ply surgical mask, KN95 masks, N95 masks, adding or not fully recommended a cloth mask. Ms. Raghu seconded. The motion passed 6-1-0.

Mayor Snively commented that this Ordinance was not in any way caused by the students returning to campus and the expiration date of March 1, 2022 was chosen because we have a Council meeting that day. Mayor Snively urges the public to have realistic expectations some will not follow the Ordinance and some will, but overall it is unenforceable.

Mr. Prytherch thanked everyone who has reached out to Council with their thoughts. Mr. Prytherch noted there is no perfect answer and this has been difficult for everyone.

Mr. Ellerbe expressed appreciation and mentioned he has the best interest of the City in mind. Mr. Ellerbe noted receiving several emails from the students, realizing this feels discriminatory like Winter DORA. Mr. Ellerbe shared the student's frustration on inclusivity.

Mr. Prytherch moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3657. Mr. Bracken seconded. The motion passed with the following roll call.

AYE: Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mayor Snively (6)

NAY: Mr. Ellerbe (1)

ABS: None (0)

Sidewalk Easement

An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Easement Agreement as set forth in Exhibit "A" Attached Hereto with Prestige Oxfordwide, LLC. and Accepting said Easement as set forth on Exhibits "B" and "C" attached Hereto to allow the Construction of a Public Sidewalk. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach noted that Prestige Oxfordwide, LLC. is redeveloping the site at 135 Lynn Avenue (previously utilized for a Pizza Hut restaurant), and will be installing a 5' wide sidewalk to parallel Lynn Ave. Mr. Dreisbach mentioned as there previously was no sidewalk on this parcel, a public access easement is required by the City for construction. Mr. Dreisbach offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Prytherch gave two thumbs up.

Releasing Easement Talawanda

An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Addendum Agreement with the Board of Education of the Talawanda School District for the Purpose of Releasing and Terminating a Permanent Roadway and Utility Easement and Temporary Construction Easement, Situated in Part of Lot #3772. (Sam Perry Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry explained that both Talawanda and City Staff have been working on this for a few months now, as a result of a change in operations for Talawanda to move the bus storage from Chestnut Fields location to the High School site. Mr. Perry advised this is the first Ordinance in the pair to release the old easement and offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Prytherch mentioned it is great function of our Parking and Transportation Advisory Board to have, it highlights the spirit of transportation plans.

Accept New Easement Talawanda

An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Permanent Roadway and Utility Easement and Temporary Construction Easement, Situated in Lot #3772 From the Board of Education of the Talawanda School District A Permanent Roadway. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry noted this is the second Ordinance is to accept the new Easement and offered to answer questions.

Mr. Conard mentioned Exhibit "B" might need to be updated. Mr. Conard noted this was a complex series of tasks since this is a partial release that includes two original recordings of easements that we did not want to release. Mr. Conard and Mr. Perry will update the Exhibits before the second reading.

There were no comments from the public.

Second Reading

Owl's Landing Preliminary Subdivision & Development

An Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Approving the Preliminary Subdivision and Preliminary Planned Development Applications for Owl's Landing Located Along Brookville Road in the City of Oxford With Conditions. (Sam Perry,)

Mr. Perry reported no changes since the first reading and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Todd Hall of Todd Homes LLC. - thanked the Council for their commitment tonight and offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Franklin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3658. Mr. Prytherch seconded. The motion passed with the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Mayor Snively (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Oxford Court Village Preliminary Subdivision & Development

An Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Approving the Preliminary Subdivision and Preliminary Planned Development Applications for Oxford Court Village (Episcopal Retirement Services) With Conditions. (Sam Perry,)

Mr. Perry reported no changes since the first reading and offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Snavelly recused himself and left the table.

Mr. Prytherch will propose an amendment based on street size and who will be paying for the street.

Mr. Elliott noted from the first reading Mr. Dreisbach had reported tapering from Dana Drive to match Melissa Drive. Mr. Elliott mentioned the City would not be paying for the entire street.

Mr. Perry mentioned the traffic analysis and the volume was low from a pedestrian and bicycle standpoint. Mr. Perry also mentioned Mr. Dreisbach's idea of tapering and to take an overall look at the City's Subdivision Code would be wise.

Mayor Snavelly - speaking as a citizen and resident of Dana Drive who rides a bike several times weekly. Mayor Snavelly expressed his thoughts on a wider street being safer because if cars are parked on the street it would be dangerous for bikers.

Mr. Prytherch noted the width correlates with the speed and worries about over-designing the street.

Mr. Chris Skoglund - 211 Ryan Drive - Mr. Skoglund commented that Dana Drive has two ends and the existing street is at that width, with the option for people that live in the area to use the existing street instead of the new street. Mr. Skoglund noted the existing street will also connect to the trails.

Mr. Bill Levenderis - 6066 Contreras Road- Mr. Levenderis noted the great opportunity the City has with this affordable housing development, being a huge step forward for the City Council. Mr. Levenderis urged us to keep the progress moving to not get caught up in the small details and to be creative this is Oxford, let this project be the cornerstone.

Mr. Prytherch moved to amend Condition 11 the roadway be designed as a local street proportional to the existing Melissa Drive in accordance with the City's Complete Street Policy and to provide a direct multi-modal connection to the Oxford City Trails. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1.

Ms. Raghu moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3659. Ms. French seconded. The motion passed with the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: Mayor Snavelly (1)

Oxford Codified Ordinance Updates

An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the Oxford Codified Ordinances. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott presented a brief overview answering Ms. Raghu's question from the last meeting regarding changes to the cruelty to companion animal Ordinance. Mr. Elliott noted the change being in the distribution of fine monies. Mr. Elliott offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Raghu moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3660. Ms. Franklin seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call.

AYE: Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mayor Snavelly (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Supplemental Budget #1

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3654 Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 1 to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin went over the as before mentioned adjustment of the general fund and offered to answer any questions. Details can be found on page 245 of Councils packet.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3661. Ms. Raghu seconded. The motion passed with the following roll call.

AYE: Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Mayor Snavelly (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

A. Announcements & Communications.

Remarks from City Council and City staff. The comments expressed by individual members of Council or City staff during this portion of a City Council meeting do not necessarily reflect the views of the City of Oxford, The Oxford City Council, or the City staff.

Mr. Elliott mentioned serving on the Butler County 911 planning committee, this is a one-year rotating position between the cities of Middletown, Fairfield, and Oxford. Mr. Elliott explained that the Committee is responsible for updating and maintaining the county-wide 911 Plan, and appointing members to the 911 Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Elliott noted the contract with the Butler County Sheriff's Office for the handling of the City of Oxford's 911 calls effective December 2015, in January 2021 Fire and EMS Dispatch was added. Mr. Elliott is hopeful the City might see a slight reduction in the annual fee. Mr. Elliott mentioned the Resolution for Milford Township EMS Contract that Council adopted at the last meeting and has been signed by both parties. Mr. Elliott remarked on the expanded polystyrene ban that was adopted and City Staff will be notifying businesses about the ban being in place and giving them time to adjust.

Chief Jones mentioned on February 7, 2022 OPD will be holding the annual Citizens Police

Academy, this is a 10-week course on Monday nights held at the Courthouse. Chief Jones noted participants can meet the OPD Officers and learn about the Division. Chief Jones advised to be aware of tax season fraud and the OPD will be posting tips on Facebook.

Ms. Greene welcomed Ms. Ashley Keeton to the City Manager's Office, Ashley is the part-time communications specialist and will be focusing on the website content and social media. Ms. Greene thanked Oxford Parks and Recreation, Enjoy Oxford, Oxford Community Arts Center, and the Chamber of Commerce for executing the Chocolate Meltdown. Ms. Greene noted this is not an easy time to host events and she was impressed with the management of both the indoor and outdoor events. Ms. Greene explained that the City Manager's Office will be working to get the communications of the Mask Ordinance and Polystyrene Ban out to the community as quickly as possible. Ms. Greene advised of upcoming boards and commissions meetings that have been rescheduled and information can be found on the City's Website.

Ms. French welcomed Ms. Keeton and is looking forward to seeing the new City social media posts. Ms. French expressed her thoughts to the Staff members who are out sick.

Mr. Bracken urged everyone to get vaccinated, boosted, and wear a mask when you can and stay safe.

Mr. Prytherch mentioned the Climate Action Steering Committee has been approached about City-owned land and naturalization. Mr. Prytherch would like to explore the feasibility of creating an opportunity to provide a naturalized landscape to offset carbon emissions. Mr. Prytherch mentioned his planning class might be able to help with this project and would like confirmation to go ahead with this planning process.

Adjourn.

Ms. Raghu moved to adjourn at 10:15 pm. Ms. French seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Public Comment to Council Form

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Submitted by: Liz Kiel Luebbe

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



* **First Name**

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Kiel Luebbe

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* **I am a...**

☐ **Visitor**

☒ **Resident**

☐ **Business Manager**

☐ **Business Owner**

☒ **Employee in Oxford**

☐ **Student**

☐ **Other**

* **Comment(s)**

Hello City Council, I have appreciated all the efforts the City of Oxford has made to keep the risk of COVID low for its residents. I would politely request that the Council consider re-instating a mask mandate while the Omicron variant is surging. I am worried for business owners and employees who would not have the authority to protect themselves. I am also concerned that the mask mandate is expiring in the elementary schools on Jan. 10th. Action by the city would also help the schools. Thank you for your consideration and your service, Liz Kiel Luebbe

Make a public comment for review by City Council

Public Comment to Council Form

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Submitted by: Martha Castaneda

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



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*** Comment(s)**

As a member of the Oxford community, I want to urge the city council to vote for a mask requirement. The mask requirement is a simple and low technology way to protect all citizens including vulnerable citizens. I am going through chemotherapy and I must be extremely careful to not get sick. A mask requirement makes it so that I can venture out a few times a month to essential areas such as the grocery store. Moreover, I am a parent of an elementary student in the Talawanda school district and I feel the community can help keep schools open with mask requirements that limit the community spread.

Make a public comment for review by City Council

Request has been sucessfully updated.

Public Comment to Council Form

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Submitted by: Rita Ross

Status: Acknowledged

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



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* **Comment(s)**

I hope that you will consider reinstating the mask ordinance very soon. My husband and I have not eaten at a restaurant in town since the ordinance was ended - just in time for the omicron surge! - and we will not return to dining out until it is reinstated or the Covid situation improves drastically. Please keep the health and safety of the citizens in mind, as well as the finite capacities of our local medical facilities and practitioners. Thank you.

Make a public comment for review by City Council

Request has been sucessfully updated.

Public Comment to Council Form

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Submitted by: Nicholas Perry

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Attachments

- [Screenshot from 2022-01-16 14-46-29.png](#) - 2022-01-16 02:46:22 pm

Public Comment To Council



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*** Comment(s)**

I am here writing because I cannot be in person until the 21st and I still choose to make my voice heard. The mask ordinance that you are considering passing is downright ridiculous and borderline psychotic. Miami Students are vaccinated at a rate of about 93+% while the

general public is vaccinated at a rate of about 45+%. This means that Miami students are completely safer than typical residents. Yet you, as city council only decide to set the first ordinance to expire after students leave, then re-implement it once we come back. If you cared about protecting your full time residents (who are vaccinated at less than half the rate of Miami students) the ordinance would not have expired after we have left. The fact that you think students are the problem is asinine. Additionally, we should speak to the success of this previous mask mandate. Both Oxford Police Department AND Miami University Police Department outright refused to enforce this mandate, with severe backlash of the ordinance coming from rank-and-file police officers. Even if this mandate were to be imposed, there will be nobody to enforce it, and it will again make city council look silly. As far as we know, ZERO tickets for ordinance non-compliance were issued. Miami has re-instituted mask wearing for this semester, however they did not eliminate cloth masks as a viable option. With 20,000 students returning to campus and being told that off-campus businesses require N95s or Surgical masks, we can expect panic buying and a shortage of city compliant face coverings, which would force people not to patronize businesses in Oxford. Our local businesses are hurting enough. There's no reason to metaphorically execute them too. Finally, I wish to call into question the legitimacy of Councillor Jason Bracken. With the introduction of the last mandate, Bracken decided to make a public post on his Facebook account, stating that he was "not swayed by public opinion." The very nature of Bracken's position is to REPRESENT the opinions of the public, and therefore by not being at least impacted in a minor way, Mr. Bracken is unfit to serve. He honestly is a detriment to this town and I can only hope that he finally gets his degree after failing once so he can leave this godforsaken town so that we all may actually live.

Make a public comment for review by City Council



Jason Bracken

August 30, 2021 · 🌐



I'm not moved by public opinion. I'm moved by public benefit.
Take your medicine. This one saves you and others.

Request has been sucessfully updated.

Public Comment to Council Form

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Submitted by: Nicole Thesz

Status: Acknowledged

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



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☐ Other

*** Comment(s)**

Dear All, I'm writing in support of reinstating a mask mandate in the City of Oxford. With the current Omicron wave, schools are close to the breaking point (as are hospitals in many areas of the country), and a mask mandate is the best way to keep schools open and support the teachers, school board, and superintendent in enforcing this rule. Moreover, Miami students are about to return to town; the influx of cases, and the increased numbers of people & student activities will increase the spread, endangering older and vulnerable citizens as well as in-person learning. Finally, given Omicron's transmissibility despite vaccinations and boosters, masks are the only way to realistically support public health. Thank you for your work on behalf of Oxford - all the best for the new year!

Make a public comment for review by City Council

Request has been sucessfully updated.

Public Comment to Council Form

Print

Submitted by: Thomas Garcia

Status: Acknowledged

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Heather Barbour

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



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- ☒ Resident
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- ☐ Student
- ☐ Other

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A new mask mandate is crucial to stop the circulation of the Coronavirus in Oxford. Students come back this week, leaving us completely vulnerable to a new wave of Covid. Masks, besides vaccination, are the tools to contain that.

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Request has been sucessfully updated.

Public Comment to Council Form

Print

Submitted by: Regina Garcia

Status: Acknowledged

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Jessica Greene

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



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* **Comment(s)**

Reinstating the mask mandate in Oxford is an imperative measure to stop the circulation and consequent replication of the Coronavirus. With students coming back this week we are totally vulnerable to a new wave of Covid, not to mention the Flu and even Flurona. Oxford could be an example to the state of Ohio but we need a mask mandate for that.

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Request has been sucessfully updated.

Public Comment to Council Form

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Submitted by: Juliana Garcia

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



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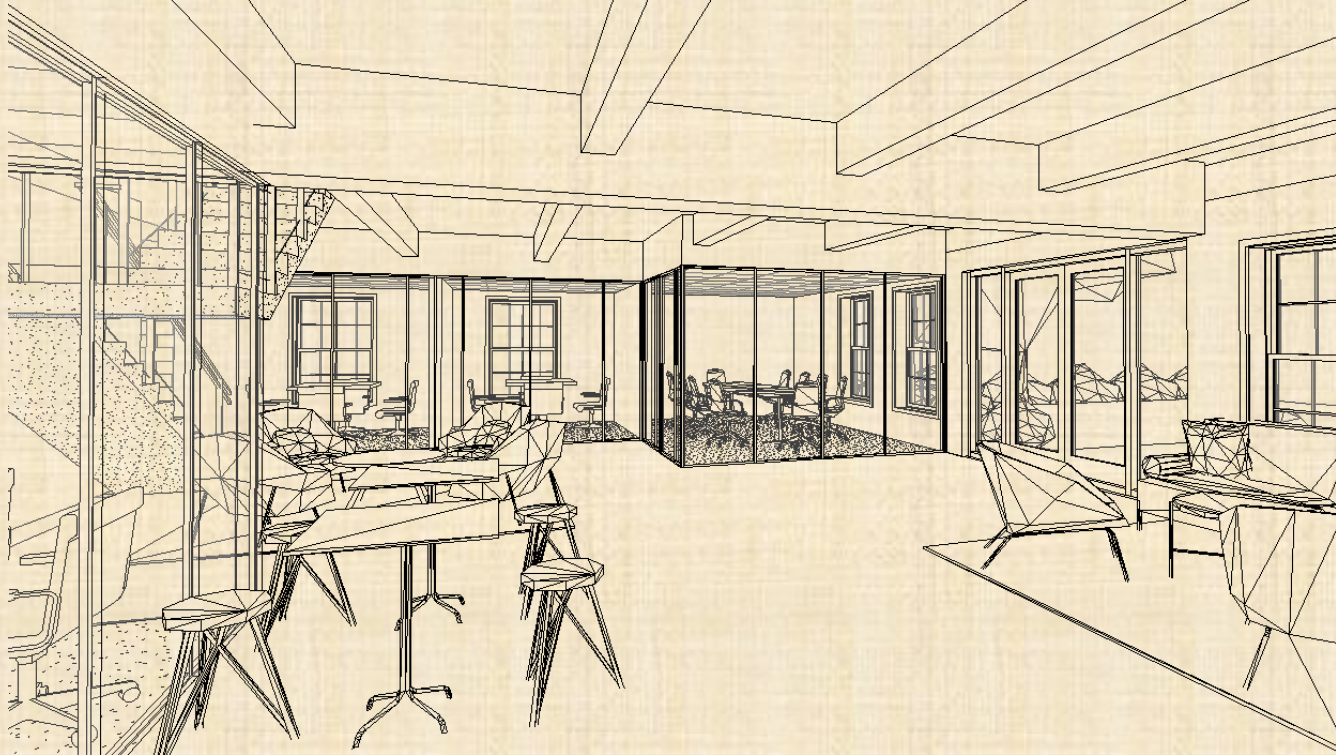
*** Comment(s)**

Please reinstate the mask mandate! It's disgusting - revolting, actually, to see all those unmasked people at all businesses in town. BTW, businesses MUST reinforce the mandatory use of masks. Enough is enough. I'm tired of seeing business owners and managers turning a blind eye to unmasked people coming in.

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College@Elm

Innovation and Workforce Development Center



Advancing Strategy

- Will track all high-level strategic initiatives across all campuses – Miami RISE, Boldly Creative, research awards, corporate partnerships, etc. – and will regularly report to the Board of Trustees using robust scorecards to demonstrate the university's measurable progress.

Partnerships

- Will promote and coordinate the University's external private sector and community engagement interactions across the many offices and constituencies on our campuses.

Institutional Relations

- Will develop, promote, and track opportunities for all University constituencies to advocate for Miami University and higher education at all levels of government and to connect with our local communities.

Economy

- Will establish the University as a leader in working with others to grow the economies that support the quality of life in the communities where we live, work, educate, and serve.

Elm St Building



Elm St Building



Transform a 39K SF Building:

- Create a hub of art & science, creativity & innovation, & imagination & design
- Provide Workforce & Small Business Development Space & Assist
- Recruit/Develop Manufacturing & Tech Small Businesses/Start-ups

Tenants/Partners:

- Miami University, The Fischer Group, 1809 Project, City of Oxford
- Oxford Community Improvement Corp, SBDAC, & SCORE

Local & Regional Payroll & Jobs Impact:

Organization	Payroll	Jobs
Fischer Group	\$2,063,000	51
Start-Ups	\$900,000	15
Miami University	\$856,000	10
Related Business	\$100,000	2
Oxford	\$60,000	1

TOTAL

\$3,979,000

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College@Elm Location



Bldg #2
Workforce
Training,
Innovation
& E-Ship



Elm St.

Nature, Park-like
Green Space

Amphitheatre



W. High St.

Bldg #1
Oxford Community
Arts Center



S. College Ave

New
Construction

Oxford
Municipal
Building



Provide Relief to People, Small Businesses, & Industries Hit Hardest By COVID-19

- Workforce Training Programs
- Small Business Development
- Idea/Prototype/Manufacture
- Diversify Oxford Industry
- 12-Month Oxford Economy
- At Least 3 Startups Per Year



Leverage – Work + Program



Students

Part-Time Salary (24 hrs/wk)

Tuition Remission (\$5250)

4-Year Resume

Companies

Long Term Employee

Audition Future Leaders

Grow Responsibility (Retain)



*The
Fischer
Group*



Governor Mike DeWine signed
Work+ into Law HB 614

Leverage Excellence in Entrepreneurship College@Elm



Infrastructure

Co-Major (117 Majors)
Nearly 20% Students
New Department Launch

Excellence

Top 10 Ranking (13 years)
NASDAQ Award
B-Plan Competition

Our Graduates' Success

35 Companies Started 2020

250 Companies Formed Last Decade

Attracted >\$10 B

8 Companies Market Valuation \$1 B

Selected Partners

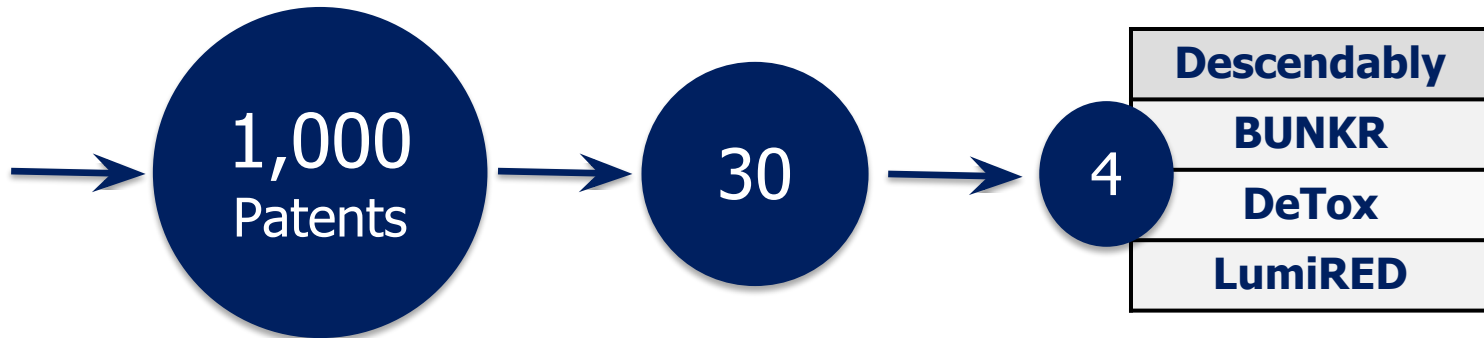
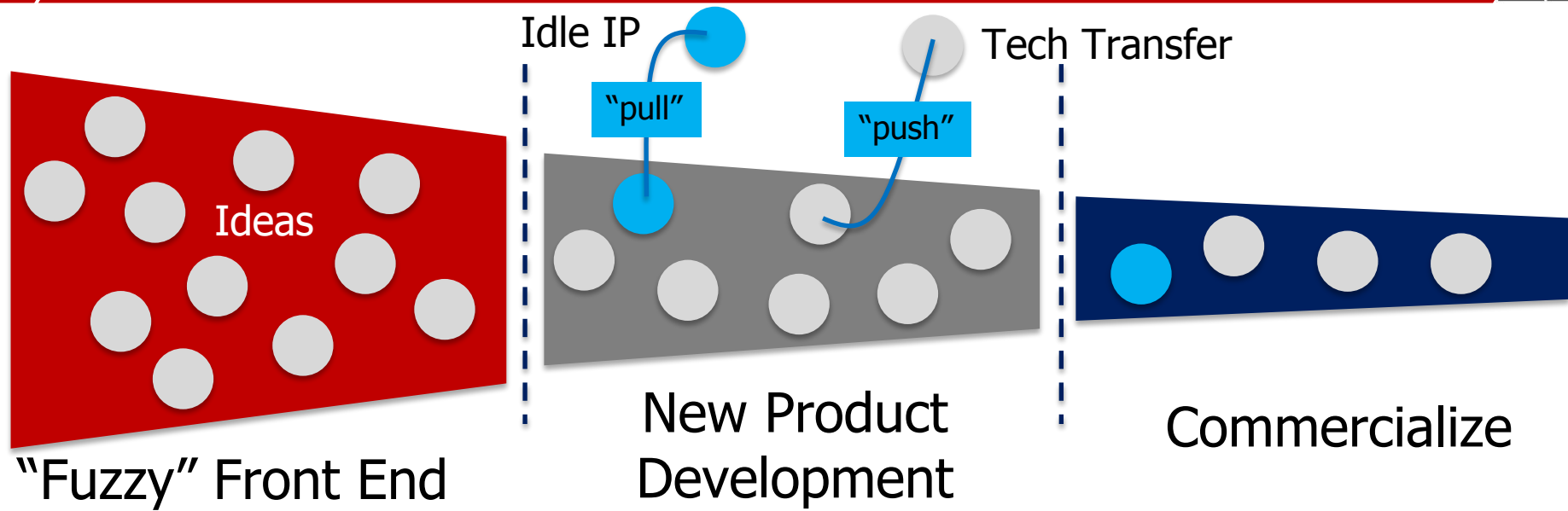
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>> Leverage – IP “Pull” Strategy



>> Leverage – MU Open for Business “Join Us!”



"Miami University is open for business – your business. We are a public institution with international reach and global ambition that advances research and teaching in emerging areas of clinical health, data and analytics, robotics and innovation. We seek partners who share our values of innovation, creativity, and inclusion; our mission to impact the world for sustainable good; and our conviction that no challenge is too big, no problem unsurmountable. Join us!" – **Gregory P. Crawford**



Cleveland Clinic



**CINCINNATI/NORTHERN KENTUCKY
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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University Support – Anchor Tenant



Prototyping Facility



Secure Office Space



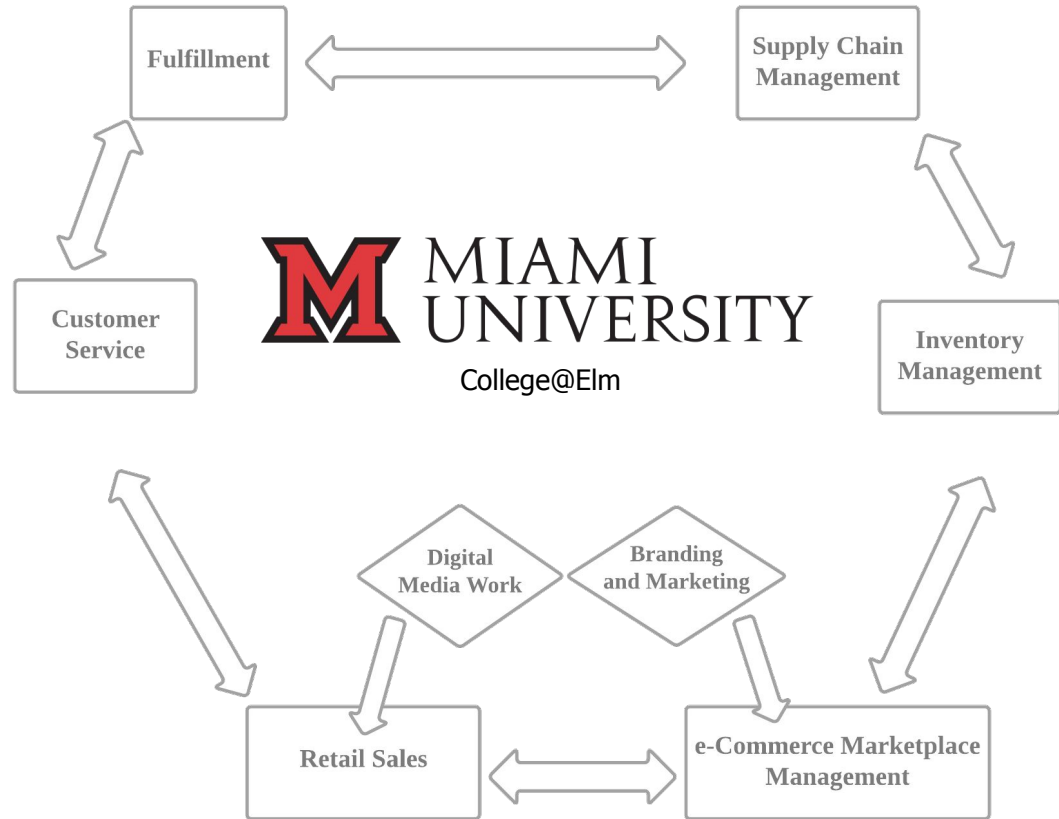
As an anchor tenant Miami University will:

- Offer related job searching skills: resume development, interviewing skills,& employment searches
- Offer the Miami University Work+ Program
- Support 25 high-quality jobs
- Infuse \$1,756,000 into Oxford/Butler County economy
- Retain 3 spin-offs a year to reside in Oxford/Butler County
In 2019-20, 152 students launched 35 start-up companies
- Attract external investments & provide opportunities for small Cos & recent graduates to locate in Butler County
- Leverage University investments in areas of County need
\$96M Clinical Health Science & Wellness Building

The Fischer Group—Anchor Tenant



- ✓ Operate & manage an innovation extension program as an expansion of current operations.
- ✓ Support 53 new high-quality jobs.
- ✓ \$2,000,000 annual payroll after 5 year build out
- ✓ Create high-impact experiential learning opportunities for Miami students
- ✓ Moving a complete Supply Chain model to Miami through the College@Elm.
- ✓ Attract new investment to Oxford.



SBDC Support – Anchor Tenant



- Supports College@Elm Innovation & Workforce Development Center
- Operate a workforce training center in partnership with other tenants
- Operate a business start up center in partnership with other tenants
- Offer a variety of classroom learning courses led by qualified Subject-matter experts (SMEs) in various fields



City Support – Anchor Tenant



- Supports College@Elm Innovation & Workforce Development Center
- Operate a workforce training center in partnership with other tenants
- Operate a business start up center in partnership with other tenants
- Committed to the expansion of a sewer & fiber line
- Retain 1 job



Refined Budget \$15M Project Financing

- \$1M received – State Capital Budget
- \$1.5M received – JobsOhio, Vibrant Community Grant
- \$1M received – Miami University Alumni
- Requesting \$10M from County
- Remaining \$1.5M



Construction Schedule

- Renovations to begin in Spring of 2022
- 14 – 18 months to complete renovations
- Miami annually manages \$300M in construction, design & planning projects



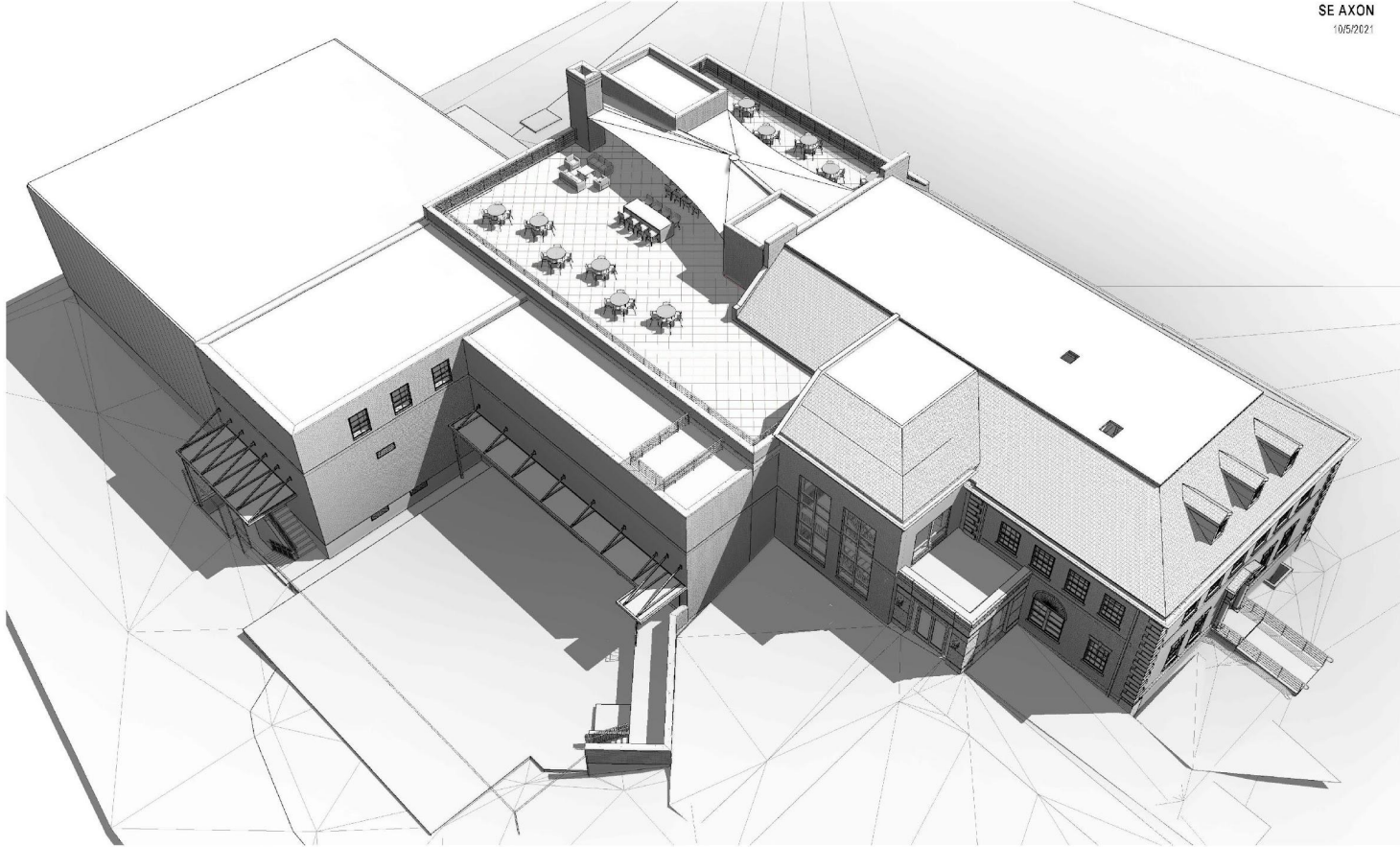
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MIAMI UNIVERSITY | COLLEGE @ ELM BUILDING RENOVATION | SCHEMATIC DESIGN REPORT
10 SEPT 2021



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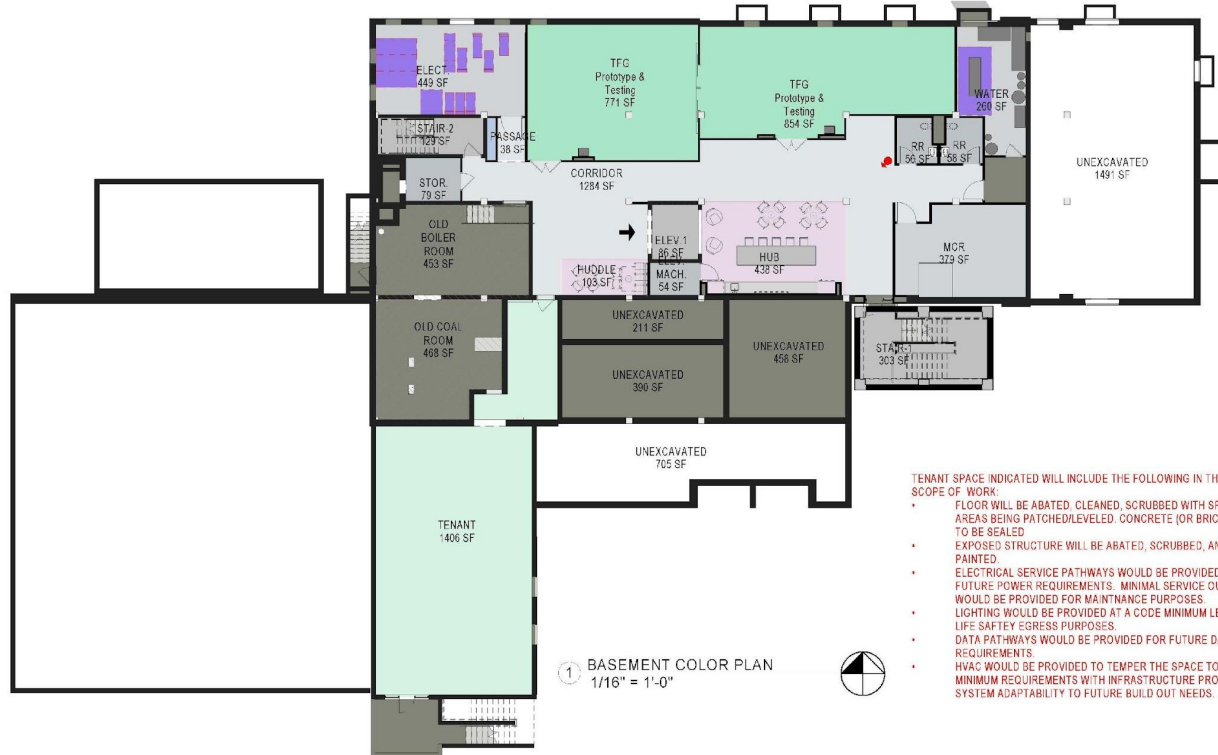
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OPTION 2 BASEMENT LEVEL

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TENANT SPACE INDICATED WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN THE BASE SCOPE OF WORK:

- FLOOR WILL BE ABATED, CLEANED, SCRUBBED WITH SPALLING AREAS BEING PATCHED/LEVELLED. CONCRETE (OR BRICK) FINISH TO BE SEALED.
- EXPOSED STRUCTURE WILL BE ABATED, SCRUBBED, AND PAINTED.
- ELECTRICAL SERVICE PATHWAYS WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR FUTURE POWER REQUIREMENTS. MINIMAL SERVICE OUTLETS WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR MAINTNANCE PURPOSES.
- LIGHTING WOULD BE PROVIDED AT A CODE MINIMUM LEVEL FOR LIFE SAFTEY EGRESS PURPOSES.
- DATA PATHWAYS WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR FUTURE DATA REQUIREMENTS.
- HVAC WOULD BE PROVIDED TO TEMPER THE SPACE TO CODE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS WITH INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDE FOR SYSTEM ADAPTABILITY TO FUTURE BUILD OUT NEEDS.

Project Renderings



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OPTION 2 1ST LEVEL

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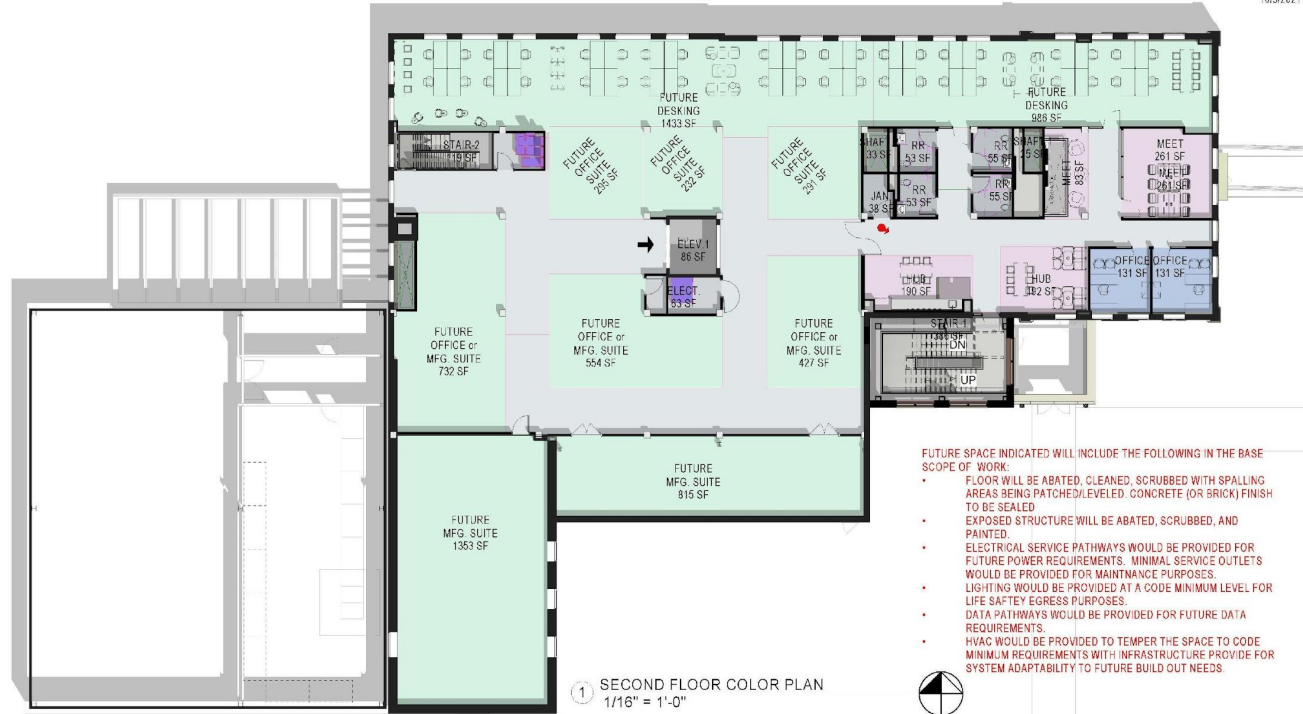
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OPTION 2 2ND LEVEL

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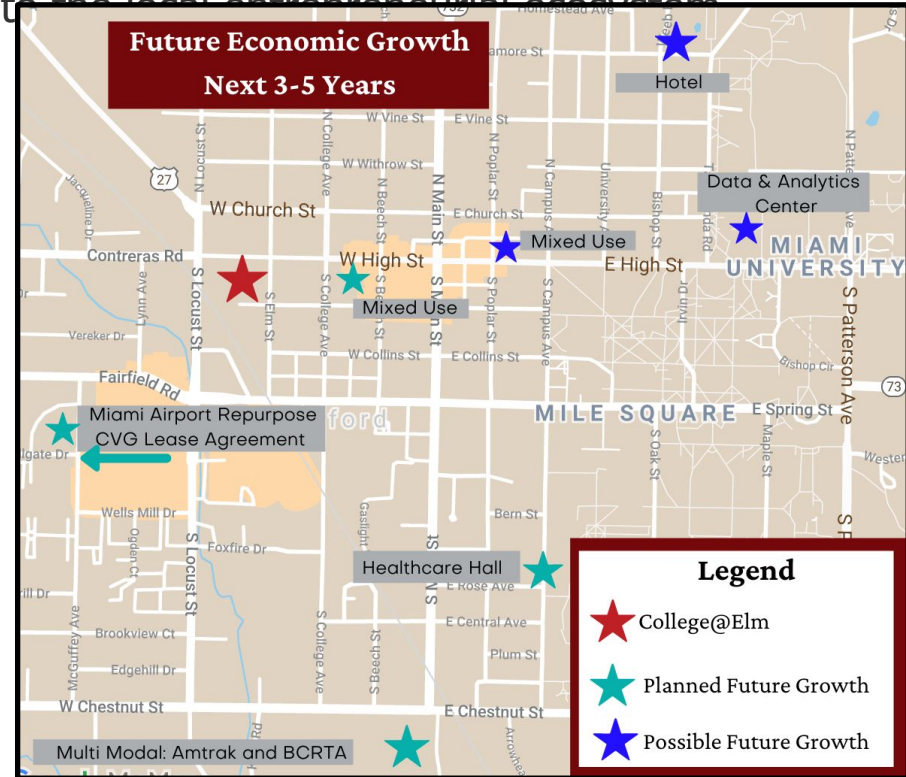
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Project Catalytic Impact



- Transform the Oxford economy from an 8 month to 12
- Serve as a rural model for infusing students into the local entrepreneurial ecosystem
- Leverage College@Elm to garner additional economic development support
- Recruit new businesses to locate in BC by leveraging Miami's expertise in STEM, Data Analytics, Health Sciences, Gerontology



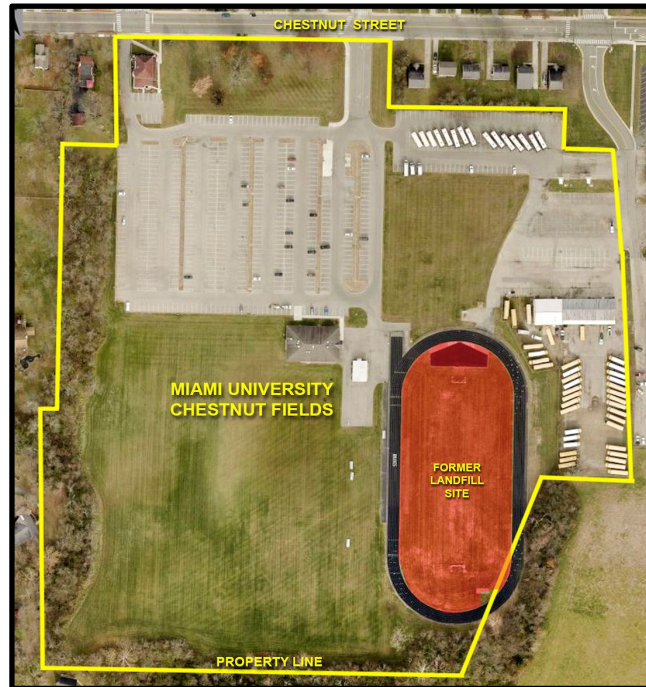
CVG-Miami Partnership

- Partner: CVG
- Identifying reuse opportunities for airport to leverage existing under utilized asset
- Possible areas of development include advancing maintenance, operational, or other economic airport efficiency measures



Chestnut Fields Development

- Partners: BCRTA, Oxford, Talawanda School District, Amtrak
- Building a multimodal transportation hub & exploring creation of a solar park
- Hub features a park-in-ride with shuttles to campus & uptown, an Amtrak station, vehicle depot & maintenance bays for Miami, BCRTA, & Talawanda School District buses & large vehicles



Economic Development Initiatives

- Clinical Health & Wellness Building
- McVey Data Science Building
- Possible Marcum Conference Center development
- Possible senior living facility



Closing Remarks

