A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor, Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Those members present were Steve Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, David Prytherch, Chantel Raghu, Mike Smith and Edna Southard.

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Ms. Amy Blankenship, City Attorney and Ms. Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rousmaniere requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dana moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PRESENTATION
ENJOY OXFORD – JESSICA GREENE

Ms. Jessica Greene, Executive Director, Enjoy Oxford, introduced staff members, Kim Daggy, Operations Manager and Taylor Meredith, Communications Specialist. Ms. Greene provided a recap of Enjoy Oxford's 2018 Annual Report which included their Vision, Mission, Organizational Values and Strategic Plan. Ms. Greene detailed items within the Strategic Plan which included Destination Development, Marketing and Promotion and Visitor Engagement. Ms. Greene discussed how Enjoy Oxford did on their 2018 action items under each category of the Strategic Plan and where they were going with the action items in 2019. Ms. Greene then shared a video of some of the events and activities that occurred in Oxford during 2018.

Councilors thanked Ms. Greene and her staff for all of their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Brown, Butler County Auditor's Office, noted he represented the Butler County Auditor, Roger Reynolds and would provide a quarterly report. Mr. Brown advised it was always a pleasure to be in Oxford. Mr. Brown noted tax bills were due February 28 and advised the Butler County Treasurer's Office mails those bills and collects the payments. Mr. Brown noted tax bills could be viewed online at butlercountytreasurer.org. Mr. Brown advised a lot of local governments receive an advance tax payment from the Auditor's Office when settlements are done and noted those would be mailed this week. Mr. Brown advised fuel quality testing continues throughout the county and partnerships were being formed to strengthen that effort. Mr. Brown encouraged anyone with questions about their tax bill or property value to contact the Board of Revision noting the deadline for this year's tax season was April 1, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 5, 2019 City Council Meeting (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORT

Report regarding the February 6, 2019 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
SURPLUS PROPERTY

A Resolution No. 7042 declaring certain seized property as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto no longer of value to the City as surplus and authorizing the donation of same to the Dove House in Hamilton, Ohio, for charitable use. (John Jones, Police Chief)

RESOLUTION
AGREEMENT WITH
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA

A Resolution No. 7043 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Canon Solutions America, Inc. as approved by the City Attorney for a 60-month lease of two (2) Canon Imagerunner Advance C5535i II color copiers through the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA) contract pricing. (John Jones, Police Chief)

RESOLUTION
AGREEMENT WITH
PASSPORT, INC.

A Resolution No. 7044 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Passport, Inc. for the annual software subscription and parking enforcement app for mobile devices at a cost not to exceed $32,576.00 for 2019 with option years continuing at a 5% increase annually. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Mr. Dana moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE

A Resolution No. 7045 authorizing the release of a Performance Bond consisting of liens on Northridge III Subdivision Lot #3550 and Lot #3551 recorded in Volume 7920, Pages 2247 and 2248 of the records of the Butler County Ohio, Recorder's Office for Northridge III Subdivision, and acceptance of a cash bond in the amount of twenty eight thousand and 00/100 dollars ($28,000.00). (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised in 2004 the Northridge III Subdivision was being constructed and the developers installed all of the required water, waste-water, storm-water, curb, gutter and sidewalk that was required. Mr. Dreisbach noted in 2007 the $1,300,000 Performance Bond was reduced to $100,000 and advised the City accepted liens on two parcels valued at $50,000 each at the end of Honor Lane. Mr. Dreisbach noted the developers have a buyer for one of the lots and would like to have the liens released on the properties. Mr. Dreisbach advised staff has calculated outstanding items that need to be completed at a value of $28,000. Mr. Dreisbach noted the developers were willing to provide a $28,000 cash bond for the City to hold and release the liens on the two lots at the northern terminus of Honor Lane. Mr. Dreisbach advised he or the petitioner, Mr. Coe Potter, would answer any questions.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Dana inquired if there was an estimated timeline for new construction. Mr. Dreisbach advised he was unclear on the annexation aspect and noted a hammerhead turn-around would be built this summer.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired what the outstanding items were for which the $28,000 cash bond would cover. Mr. Dreisbach advised a few segments of sidewalk, a few street trees and the construction of a hammerhead turn-around.

Mr. Prytherch inquired how long it would be until a resident of Northridge could anticipate being able to use a continuous sidewalk. Mr. Dreisbach advised the $28,000 cash bond would be held until the sidewalk system was in place. Mr. Dreisbach noted he would expect to see most of it accomplished during this construction season and Mr. Potter agreed.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 7045. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE TREE
MANAGEMENT PLAN

A Resolution No. 7046 amending Resolution No. 3142 by removing trees of the genus *Phellodendron amurense* also known as Amur Corktree and Chinese Corktree from the approved tree list and reclassifying these trees as "Trees Not Allowed" in the Urban Tree Management Plan. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised this tree was currently allowed to be planted in the right-of-way noting the Environmental Commission has found that the Ohio Invasive Plant Council is asking cities to remove this tree and eventually ban its sale. Mr. Dreisbach advised this plant has been classified as invasive and it is out competing hardwood trees in the hard wood forests. Mr. Dreisbach noted the Environmental Commission recommends the tree be removed from the allowed tree list in the Urban Tree Management Plan.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Dreisbach noted staff was not aware of any of these trees currently being in the City.

Mayor Rousmaniere thanked the Environmental Commission and David Treleaven for keeping up on this issue.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution No. 7046. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
FINAL SUBDIVISION APPROVAL

An Ordinance Approving The Final Subdivision Application And Plat For Rolling Meadows Subdivision, Section One. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry advised Council had in front of them an 11 x 17" copy of the Preliminary Plat that was approved for Rolling Meadows Subdivision in 2006. Mr. Perry noted the proposed Final Plat was a section of the Preliminary Plat. Mr. Perry advised there was a request from Bayer Becker on behalf of Calista Enterprises, LLC to transfer a portion of the area (15acres) for Section One of the subdivision. Mr. Perry noted since a Preliminary Plat was approved no land can be transferred from it until a Final Plat is approved. Mr. Perry advised this type of request is not required to go before the Planning Commission for recommendations to Council. Mr. Perry noted the proposal is to Final Plat 15 acres which is a portion of the industrially zoned area which will allow the developer to transfer the land. Mr. Perry advised no public improvements were proposed as part of the Final Plat approval. Mr. Perry provided PowerPoint slides of the entire 73.5 acres showing the 15 acre section that is proposed to be split off to be sold for a potential business which is permitted by the zoning code. Mr. Perry noted staff did not know what the potential business might be and advised it was not part of Council's review this evening as it was only to enable the land to be transferred. Mr. Perry noted until the transfer occurs a building permit application can not be submitted. Mr. Perry advised once the Final Plat is approved it can be signed and recorded so the land can be transferred. Mr. Perry noted staff reviewed the proposal and found it substantially conforms to the approved Preliminary Plat and advised since no public improvements are required there is no need for a performance bond or construction drawings. Mr. Perry noted University Park Blvd. would provide access to the land in question.

Mr. Prytherch advised the Preliminary Plat was approved under a prior version of the subdivision chapter of the Zoning Code and noted whatever the requirements were of that code apply to the Final Plat approval. Mr. Prytherch noted the Final Plat was in substantial conformance with the Preliminary and advised he felt the new version of the code might ask for more information on the site. Mr. Prytherch noted a Planned Development for the site would come before Council for review and advised this proposal would have to conform to the parking and other site development regulations for the OI District.

Mr. Dana inquired if a Planned Development may come forward in the future.

Ms. Etta Reed, Bayer Becker, 110 S. College Avenue, noted Brian Johnson, the Surveyor who prepared the plat in question was also in attendance. Ms. Reed advised the intended buyer of the plat in question was interested in developing the property under the OI zoning regulations noting they were not interested in proposing a Planned Development.

Mr. Dana noted the Preliminary Plat was approved in 2006 and inquired why it has been quite a few years since there has been any activity with the land in question. Ms. Reed advised the owner (Calists Enterprises, LLC) has not had a lot of interest from anyone wanting to develop the property and noted they now had someone interested in purchasing and developing 15 acres.

Mr. Prytherch noted if a planned development was not going to occur the development would be built by right under the OI zoning regulations. Mr. Prytherch advised there were a lot of ways to lay out 15 acres that would conform more or less with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Prytherch noted this was a large piece of property at a key intersection and he felt its design one way or another could get the City closer to the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired what would happen next. Ms. Reed advised once the Final Plat was approved it would be recorded and noted Calista Enterprises, LLC could then sell the 15 acres to the end user. Ms. Reed advised at that point the end user could begin the engineering and design process.

Mr. Kyger noted during the staff retreat he mentioned the three potential Tech Parks that were laid out and advised this was the first one that came into the City in roughly 1989. Mr. Kyger pointed out that all three areas the City had zoned OI were large pieces of property with no individual lots on them because the end user was unknown at the time.

Mr. Ellerbe inquired if there was a maximum height for structures in the OI District and Mr. Perry advised 45 feet.

Mr. Prytherch noted 27 South was an important gateway to the City and he felt Council was enthused for the proposed development noting his hope it would fit well with the Comprehensive Plan.

ORDINANCE
SOUTHPOINTE ROADWAY
PROJECT BONDS

An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed $2,600,000.00 Southpointe Roadway Project Bonds For The Purpose Of Paying Part Of The Cost Of Constructing The Southpointe Roadway Project, Including Roadway, Pavement, Drainage, Erosion Control, Water, Sewer, Lighting, Traffic Control And Other Miscellaneous Improvements, Together With All Necessary Appurtenances Thereto, And Declaring An Emergency. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin referred to his staff report on page 49 of Council's packet and read the following into the record: "This is the final action item resulting from the agreement entered into by the City with 4-Leaf Development LLC and OXO1 Ltd. on May 23, 2006. On May 16, 2017, the City adopted legislation resulting in five TIF Districts being formed (1 TIF and 4 Residential Improvement Districts). These five districts will bring in $328,128.06 per year based on the City receiving 75% of the total property taxes based on the increased value due to the construction of the ANNEX project. The remaining 25% will be distributed to all the taxing entitles based on the effective millage rate just as it normally would.

The not to exceed value of $2,600,000 is based on a preliminary estimated interest rate environment. The final value may vary but will be based on our annual TIF revenue being sufficient to cover the yearly debt service. These payments will take into account the issuance cost, and reimbursement of the $200,000 advance for engineering costs paid by the City prior to construction. The left over bond revenue will be the basis of how much construction of the improvements can be completed.

The City is being diligent to insure that there is no short fall in revenue to pay off the bonds, since in the original 4-Leaf Development LLC and OXO1 Ltd. agreement made the City responsible for any shortages."

Mr. Newlin offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Dana inquired if volatility was factored into the estimated interest rate environment.

Mr. Newlin advised the City would know that once the bonds are priced. Mr. Newlin noted since this was first looked in December the interest rates have gone down.

Mr. Prytherch referred to the next two Ordinances and noted the City was going to issue 2 bonds and then consolidate them and inquired if they were still two separate issuances. Mr. Prytherch inquired how they would be paid off since there were two different revenue streams.

Mr. Elliott advised the bonds were being consolidated to obtain a better interest rate. Mr. Elliott noted there were a number of bonds on each one. Mr. Newlin advised there were different coupons on each bond that are in $5,000 increments or more. Mr. Newlin noted there would only be one issuance not to exceed 7.4 million dollars.

ORDINANCE
AQUATIC CENTER BONDS

An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed $4,800,000.00 Aquatic Center Bonds For The Purpose Of Constructing And Equipping An Aquatic Center, Together With All Necessary Appurtenances, And Declaring An Emergency. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin referred to page 61 of Council's packet and read his staff report into the record as follows: "This bond issue is the result of the City, with Council's authorization on May 15, 2018, issuing $4,800,000 of Bond Anticipation Notes to commence the construction of a new Aquatic Center. We will come in a bit lower since we sold the notes at a premium and have had interest income for the account holding the note proceeds. We also have received donations to help offset the costs and costs are coming in lower than anticipated.

By the Bond pricing date we will have a firm estimate of the amount we will issue. The City is being diligent to insure that we issue only the amount necessary to complete the Aquatic Center on time for the May 25th opening."

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted the Ordinance was being declared an emergency. Mr. Newlin advised that was very common with bond issuance because something may happen within that time frame that the bonds may have to be issued sooner depending on what is going on in the market. Mayor Rousmaniere advised the ordinances would become effective immediately following the second reading.

Mr. Elliott advised a super majority (6) affirmative votes were needed at the next meeting to adopt the Ordinances as emergencies.

ORDINANCE
CONSOLIDATING TWO BOND ISSUES

An Ordinance Consolidating Two Bond Issues Of The City Of Oxford, Ohio, And Declaring An Emergency. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised this final action will consolidate the $2,600,000 Southpointe Roadway Project with the $4,800,000 Aquatic Center bonds. Mr. Newlin noted the consolidation will improve the marketability of the Bond issue due to the increased size of the issuance.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Prytherch noted the two issuances were combined in terms of financing but as projects they remain separate. Mr. Newlin advised the means of paying them off would be separate due to the revenue stream from the TIF's for the Southpointe project and property tax values for the Aquatic Center.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

An Ordinance No. 3511 Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment To Establish A Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District In A R-1A (Single Family Low Density Residential) District For Parcels located Within The Heritage Vineyard Subdivision In The City Of Oxford, Ohio. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry reminded everyone this subdivision has not yet had any houses built within it and noted the developer promised to create an overlay district for the parcels. Mr. Perry advised there would be a total of 50 lots when the subdivision is completely built out.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Dana advised he felt an overlay district in a subdivision such as this contributes to the attractiveness of Oxford.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if any construction was occurring in the subdivision. Mr. Perry advised utility construction was nearing completion for the first phase in the Heritage Vineyard subdivision.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3511. Mr. Smith seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Smith, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana
Mayor Rousmaniere (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

An Ordinance No. 3512 Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment To Establish A Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District In The MU (Miami University) District For 10 Parcels Located On Chestnut Street And On Oak Street In The City Of Oxford, Ohio. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry advised this was the smallest overlay district to be proposed noting it did meet all of the thresholds as far as code requirements. Mr. Perry advised there were no changes since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Prytherch advised he felt the proposed overlay goes along with the Cedar Drive and Silvoor Lane overlay districts which Council wanted to target as overlay districts when the language for Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Districts was created.

Ms. Raghu inquired about litigation in other cities with regard to overlay districts. Mr. Perry advised there was litigation on the definition of "family" as it pertains to rental property but not as it pertains to overlay districts in Bowling Green, Ohio. Mr. Perry noted staff was tracking the Bowling Green case.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3512. Mr. Dana seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Smith, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe
Mayor Rousmaniere (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

An Ordinance No. 3513 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 1145 Entitled Planned Developments, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 1145 Entitled Planned Developments To Update The Application Requirements And To Clarify The Comprehensive Plan Goals For Housing Type Diversity And Affordability. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry advised the proposed language originated with the Housing Advisory Commission and was reviewed by the Planning Commission for addressing some of the goals in a more detailed way to lay the groundwork for future amendments regarding housing affordability and diversity. Mr. Perry noted when an application is received for a Planned Development there will be a higher standard expected for it as to how the plan will address the goals. Mr. Perry advised staff also suggested some updates on the application submittal requirements to better align with what is happening in the design field.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Dana noted one of the ways the proposed amendment is beneficial and effective is that it is rooted in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dana applauded what the Housing Advisory Commission has proposed and noted Council was glad to consider the amendments.

Ms. Southard noted she felt a lot of work has gone into this proposal and advised she felt it was excellent and deserved to be applauded.

Mr. Prytherch noted if something in the Comprehensive Plan was not operationalized in the zoning code it was just a lot of words on a page. Mr. Prytherch advised he felt this tied the goals of the Comprehensive Plan to the mechanics of the zoning code.

Mr. Prytherch thanked staff and the Housing Advisory Commission for their efforts.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3513. Ms. Southard seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Raghu, Mr. Smith, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Prytherch Mayor Rousmaniere (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance No. 3514 Amending Ordinance No. 3493. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 2 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin referred to page 137 of Council's packet and addressed two changes since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public or from Council and there were none.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3514. Mr. Dana seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Smith, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu Mayor Rousmaniere (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliot advised the City was in the midst of major capital improvements noting 2 years ago the City purchased the former Lane Library and finished the renovations for the new Municipal Building last year. Mr. Elliott advised the old City Hall was currently being renovated for the Police Division. Mr. Elliott noted all three projects were funded with reserves so the City did not have to issue debt for those projects. Mr. Elliott advised the City's debt has declined each year and noted recently two Ohio Water Development Authority loans have been paid off completely. Mr. Elliott noted the amount of outstanding debt right now is just with the twenty year bond that will be paid off completely this year for the Community Park and the Uptown Parks. Mr. Elliott advised the City will be issuing two bonds noting the TIF bond had its own source of revenue and the aquatic center bond will be paid off with general fund reserves.

Mr. Elliott noted the City's plan was to wait until the twenty year bond was paid off and then issue new debt noting his hope the annual debt service payment will not increase.

Mr. Elliott noted improving communications was discussed at the recent Council retreat and advised last week the Friday Reports from Department Heads were posted on the City's website.

Mr. Elliott advised Oxford's Sister City representatives would visit Oxford March 21-24 noting he and Mayor Rousmaniere were creating a schedule for them. Mr. Elliott advised Miami University was providing accommodations for the visitors. Mr. Elliott advised he has enjoyed the City's relationship with Differdange and noted he looked forward to hosting the visitors in March.

Ms. Raghu noted she was excited about the pilot food composting program scheduled to begin in April. Ms. Raghu offered to volunteer or help in any way with the project. Mr. Elliott advised the pilot program was scheduled to begin April 6, 2019.

Ms. Raghu advised the Environmental Commission sub-committee that looked at recycling available to commercial properties and apartments concluded it would not be able to be worked into the Rumpke contract for the upcoming year. Ms. Raghu noted she felt that put more importance on what Council can do from a legislative perspective to try to make recycling accessible for apartment buildings and commercial properties.

Ms. Raghu referred to the proposed language for Tree Preservation and Protection and inquired what the status of it was with respect to coming before Council for consideration.

Ms. Raghu noted there seemed to be concern in the community about the City's Electric Aggregation Program and inquired if that was true. Mr. Elliott advised he was not aware of any issues and noted the contract is valid for another year and a half to two years at a fixed rate. Mr. Elliott advised he has cautioned residents with all electric heat that during the winter heating season the City's rate may not be cheaper than Duke Energy's standard service offer.

Ms. Raghu inquired if Council would have another Work Session on the proposed tree ordinance that the Planning Commission reviewed a year ago. Mr. Elliott advised he did not think another Work Session was necessary. Mayor Rousmaniere suggested moving the language forward to Council.

Mr. Dana advised two State Legislators have sponsored HB54 which would increase the proportion of State Tax revenues allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.53% beginning July 1, 2019. Mr. Dana noted he felt there was no reason the City of Oxford could not applaud their efforts by writing to them to thank them and encourage them. Mayor Rousmaniere suggested that Mr. Dana compose an email that Council could forward to Oxford's local representatives.

Mr. Smith advised the lobby at the new Police Station looked great as well as the replacement windows which the HAPC was initially very concerned about.

Ms. Southard advised Councilors had been taking turns attending the Oxford Township Trustee meetings noting she attended on February 11th. Ms. Southard advised Mr. Brown from the Auditor's Office provided an update to them that evening. Ms. Southard noted Chief Jones was also in attendance. Ms. Southard advised the trustees discussed the purchase of a new safe as well as a police car. Ms. Southard noted the trustees also discussed a credit card policy.

Ms. Southard advised she was very involved with the Public Arts Commission of Oxford (PACO) which was a fairly new commission. Ms. Southard noted the commission was working on finding the best way to proceed in terms of encouraging public art for new projects such as the Aquatic Center.

Mr. Prytherch referred to the Final Plat approval on this evening's agenda for 15 acres noting it could be approved with little dialog. Mr. Prytherch noted he wondered if Council might want to think about the code welcoming this type of development but with a little more review.

Mr. Prytherch advised it was announced in the Miami University President's Weekly Bulletin that sustainability was a major priority of President Crawford. Mr. Prytherch noted it was also a major priority of Council. Mr. Prytherch advised President Crawford has charged his Sustainability Committee to report back to him on June 1st with regard to how to make Miami University one of the top leading schools in terms of sustainability. Mr. Prytherch noted a Sub-Committee was looking at whether he should sign the President's Climate Commitment. Mr. Prytherch advised a Professional Service Project Presentation from Miami University students would take place at the next Council meeting regarding the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and an update on their Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Mr. Prytherch inquired if an invitation should be extended to President Crawford to link the university and City efforts together with regard to sustainability. Mr. Prytherch offered to draft a letter to President Crawford for Council's review on March 5th.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised President and Doctor Crawford are hosting their 6th annual Love. Honor. Care. Women's Basketball game this weekend. Mayor Rousmaniere noted the tickets were complimentary and all the benefits from the event will go to Luna Cares which raises funds for local cancer patients.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised a book by Wil Haygood entitled Tigerland: 1968-1969: A City Divided, a Nation Torn Apart, and a Magical Season of Healing was the summer reading book for first year students at Miami University. Mayor Rousmaniere noted it was a story about an all black Columbus, Ohio high school's State Championship Basketball and Baseball Teams. Mayor Rousmaniere advised the Lane Library was holding a community read of this book noting on Monday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. Jim Tobin from the Journalism Department at Miami would lead a discussion about the book. Mayor Rousmaniere advised on Tuesday, March 5 Wil Haygood will speak at the Lane Library at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.