

Council Minutes

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Also present were Doug Elliott, City Manager and Finance Director Candidate, Joseph Newlin.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bogard moved to adjourn to executive session at 8:00 a.m. in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) for the purpose of discussing (1) Personnel – Finance Director employment. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Fischer, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Currie, Ms. Dana (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Currie moved to return from Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. Mr. Bogard seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Fischer, Ms. Currie, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Dana (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ADJOURN

Mr. Bogard moved to adjourn at 9:16 a.m. Mr. Keebler seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Prue Dana on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Those members present were Ken Bogard, Doug Ross Kate Currie, Richard Keebler, Alysia Fischer, and Greig Rutherford.

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Steve Schwein, Police Chief; Mr. Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Mr. Steve McHugh, Law Director and Ms. Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council.

**ADJOURN TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Keebler moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G) for the purpose of discussing (1) Appointments to Boards and Commissions and (3) Pending litigation. Ms. Currie seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Currie, Ms. Fischer, Mr. Keebler, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dana (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Fischer moved to return from Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. Ms. Currie seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Fischer, Mr. Ross, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Currie, Mr. Bogard, Ms. Dana (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dana requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bogard moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Kathleen Zien, 6060 Joseph Dr., noted her appreciation of Ms. Fischer's January 15th request that citizens no longer have to wait until the end of a meeting for answers to questions asked during public comments. Ms. Zien noted requested information often was not provided until the following meeting. Ms. Zien stated there was no other venue for public comment where all Council members heard the same comments at the same time. Ms. Zien referred to the Clawson settlement on page 17 of the agenda. Ms. Zien explained the accessory building's foundation and pending construction was caught with inspection of the main house. Ms. Zien noted the accessory building was 400 square feet in size, two stories, peaked, with a stand-up second floor. Ms. Zien stated the placement of the building was in violation of the code, and no building permit was obtained nor plans submitted until after construction. Ms. Zien noted some of the projects the property owner had built throughout Oxford.

Mayor Dana asked Mr. McHugh if the review of a legal case in public comment was appropriate.

Mr. McHugh stated Ms. Zien was welcome to express her thoughts on it. Mr. McHugh noted there were limits as to what he could say as legal counsel, and he must adhere to ethical requirements.

Mayor Dana invited Ms. Zien to continue. Mayor Dana noted she hoped this did not become a forum for pointing out inequities.

Ms. Zien explained she attended the BZA meeting. Ms. Zien noted no Council members were in attendance at that particular BZA meeting.

Mr. Keebler stated Council was provided and read a complete transcript of the meeting.

Ms. Zien noted the property owner was a local high profile builder and developer, his mother was a realtor and his agent was a local architect. Ms. Zien stated they were all very familiar with the Oxford code and requirements. Ms. Zien noted a discrepancy in acreage for the property between the auditor records and the application presented to BZA. Ms. Zien stated she inquired about the discrepancy at the BZA meeting, but was never given an answer as to which was correct. Ms. Zien asked who determined the amount of settlement listed in the agenda. Ms. Zien stated after years of attending BZA, Planning, HAPC, Council and Civil Service meetings, she did not feel legal representation had been particularly stellar. Ms. Zien referred to the ongoing matter regarding the former Wendy's property.

Mayor Dana reminded Ms. Zien of time limitations.

Ms. Zien noted she was the only citizen speaking in public comments, and stated she had spent a lot of time in preparation.

Mayor Dana noted the agenda along with a work session following the Council meeting. Mayor Dana invited Ms. Zien to finish as quickly as possible.

Ms. Zien requested Council have a closed-door session with Council members only present to discuss attorney selection. Ms. Zien addressed the annual funds budgeted for legal representation. Ms. Zien stated the public and multiple Council members asked a question concerning First Amendment rights at the podium in April, August, December '06 and January '07, with Ms. Fischer following up at the July 18, 2006 meeting regarding First Amendment. Mr. McHugh stated during staff comments on July 18, 2006 that he had just turned his research in that day to the City Manager. Ms. Zien noted content was limited when comments or questions concern public officials. Ms. Zien noted the importance of protected speech under the First Amendment as well as the constitutional right to be frank and candid. Ms. Zien stated the City has established a precedent that it was cheaper to settle than require compliance.

PRESENTATION

ANIMAL FRIENDS HUMANE SOCIETY

Mr. Leland Gordon, introduced Chief Julie Holmes, Butler County Chief Dog Warden who accompanied him. Mr. Gordon stated he was contacted by the City to speak after his articles appeared in the newspaper regarding euthanizing pit bulls. Mr. Gordon introduced a random pit bull he brought with him, Bailey, who was currently up for adoption and has been in the shelter for approximately a month. Mr. Gordon noted there was a very selective process for the adoption of pit bulls. Mr. Gordon stated the SPCA Cincinnati housed approximately 50 to 60 pit bulls or pit bull mixes in the shelter, and almost every one of them was euthanized. Mr. Gordon noted all pit bulls and pit bull mixes in both Warren County and Dayton were euthanized; none were placed up for adoption. Mr. Gordon explained the problem of the stereotype image of a pit bull. Mr. Gordon noted the most common "biting" type dogs were the small breeds. Mr. Gordon stated that while the majority of pit bull owners were irresponsible, there were good responsible people who owned pit bulls. Mr. Gordon referred to Ohio State law regarding pit bulls. Mr. Gordon stated the City could ban pit bulls and take good pit bulls out of homes and euthanize them.

Mr. Gordon suggested legislation requiring the spaying or neutering of pit bulls. Mr. Gordon noted this would reduce the pit bull population naturally. Mr. Gordon outlined the development of the Middletown dog laws regarding pit bulls. Mr. Gordon explained the proposal that all pit bulls over six months of age had to be spayed or neutered. Mr. Gordon stated the Humane Society would spay or neuter any dog for reasonable fees in accordance with income level.

Ms. Fischer asked how many animals had to be euthanized and Mr. Gordon stated there was a very small number of an animal coming out of Oxford.

Mr. Bogard asked if a lot of feral cats had to be euthanized and Mr. Gordon noted the large number of cats that were euthanized. Mr. Gordon stated there was a feral cat program at the shelter where cats were neutered for \$25.

Chief Holmes stated Mr. Gordon could offer information regarding controlling the feral cat population. Chief Holmes noted as a 20-year veteran in dealing with animals, pit bulls were a huge problem. Chief Holmes stated it was similar to handguns, if you banned handguns, then only the criminals were going to have them. Chief Holmes noted that was being seen with pit bulls. Chief Holmes noted she didn't personally believe in breed specific legislation. Chief Holmes stated people were attracted to the "bad boy" stigma, which fueled their interest in having a pit bull. Chief Holmes noted once they were told their pit bull had to be spayed or neutered; they lost interest in having the dog. Chief Holmes encouraged responsible pet ownership.

Mr. Gordon addressed animal confinement. Mr. Gordon suggested chained dogs over time became aggressive according to numerous studies. Mr. Gordon outlined some negative results surrounding chaining a dog for long periods of time. Mr. Gordon stated it was not only a public safety issue, but quality of life issue as well. Mr. Gordon stated Middletown had passed some of the most progressive animal laws, which were fully researched. Mr. Gordon noted Middletown did not allow tethering of dogs at all. Mr. Gordon suggested dogs could be chained for three hours in a 24-hour period. Mr. Gordon highlighted some aspects of the Middletown animal laws.

Mr. Bogard asked about electric fences and Mr. Gordon noted the Humane Society supported electric fences, and noted coupons were available at the shelter.

Chief Holmes noted all animals that were considered dangerous and vicious should be required to be spayed or neutered, not just pit bulls.

Mr. Gordon addressed the issue of dogs running at large. Mr. Gordon explained the Middletown animal laws required if a dog was picked up twice running loose in the community within a one-year period, it had to be spayed or neutered. Mr. Gordon noted many areas throughout the nation who were creating spay and neuter laws to deal with excessive pet populations. Mr. Gordon addressed cats. Mr. Gordon stated only 19 people came to retrieve their stray cats from the shelter last year. Mr. Gordon noted the shelter took in approximately 20 to 50 animals a day, 7,000 to 8,000 a year, and euthanize 4,000 to 5,000 animals. Mr. Gordon encouraged Council to enact progressive animal laws.

Chief Holmes noted currently there were no state laws regarding cats. Chief Holmes outlined policies and procedures regarding cats.

Mayor Dana thanked Mr. Gordon and Chief Holmes and encouraged future advice from Chief Schwein regarding this issue.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Ms. Fischer moved to amend the agenda to add appointments to boards and commissions.
Mr. Bogard seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

**UPTOWN REVITALIZATION
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Keebler moved to appoint Mr. Jay Bennett to the Uptown Revitalization Committee.
Ms. Currie seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Fischer requested removal of item B. Minutes.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 26, 2008 City Council Special Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the March 6, 2008 City Council Work Session. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the February 27, 2008 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Report regarding the March 5, 2008 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION
WAIVING FEES**

A Resolution No. 4337 authorizing the City Manager to waive the fees adopted in the Fee Ordinance for the Street Closings for the Visitors and Convention Bureau for the 2008 annual summer Music Festival. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 4, 2008 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council and Janice Grill)

Ms. Fischer requested a clarification to the minutes on page 8 of the agenda and an addition to page 17 to add 'after a previous incorrect story'.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the minutes to reflect Ms. Fischer's comments. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION **SETTLEMENTS**

A Resolution No. 4338 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to settle Case No. 2006-01-0139 and Case No. 2006-01-0141, and to deposit additional funds in the amount of \$ _____ with the Butler County Clerk of Courts in connection with that settlement. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mayor Dana noted a substitution for the Resolution due to the insertion of the numbers into the Resolution as it appeared in the agenda, and referred to page 28. Mayor Dana noted copies of the substitute Resolution were available from the Clerk.

Mr. Bogard stated the amended figures in the Resolution were as follows: in Section II, the amount was \$26,624.00; Section IV, Council hereby authorizes a deposit of additional funds with the Butler County Clerk of Courts in the amount of \$26,624.00 bringing the total settlement with William and Gladys Phillips to the sum of \$65,000 and with JRJ Investments LLC to the sum of \$8,887.00.

Mr. Bogard moved to substitute the new Resolution 4338 authorizing the City Manger to enter into an agreement to settle Case Number 2006-01-0139 and Case Number 2006-01-0141, and deposit additional funds in the amount of \$26, 624.00 with the Butler County Clerk of Courts in connection with that settlement. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Dreisbach stated there were originally approximately 72 parcels involved in the US 27 North improvements. Mr. Dreisbach thanked Mr. McHugh and his office for their hard work in reaching a satisfactory resolution in this matter for all parties involved. Mr. Dreisbach stated the City would enjoy a substantial savings due to this settlement. Mr. Dreisbach noted in addition to the amount deposited with the Clerk of Courts, there would be some minor work to make the properties useful again to address minor parking and paving improvements and a small concrete pad for a waste receptacle. Mr. Dreisbach stated upon approval of this settlement, only three cases would remain for phase two.

Mr. Bogard moved to adopt Resolution 4338 as substituted. Ms. Fischer seconded. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Currie, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Fischer, Ms. Dana, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Ross (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING

None.

ORDINANCE
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
ANNEXATION

An Ordinance No. 2998 Accepting The Annexation Petition Submitted By Annabelle And Harry Paulin For 54.577 Acres Of Land Abutting Fairfield And Contreras Roads, In The Township Of Oxford, Ohio And Accepting Said Territory To Be Annexed. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen noted the length of time for this process and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Paulin as well as Mr. Myers for their patience. Mr. Chen stated this was the last step of the annexation process. Mr. Chen noted the County Commissioners approved the annexation request and it was before Council for final acceptance of the territory within the City. Mr. Chen invited Mr. Dreisbach to address the costs associated with the sewer connection. Mr. Chen offered to address any other questions or comments.

Mr. Dreisbach noted the memo to Council addressing the agreement at paragraphs five and seven. Mr. Dreisbach explained the City's exposure for water utilities would be approximately \$6,000 and sewer service would be approximately \$4,000.

Ms. Kathleen Zien, 6060 Joseph Dr., referred to page nine of the minutes from the last meeting where Ms. Fischer remarked the City did not currently have an agricultural zoning designation. Ms. Zien asked if the current comprehensive plan was addressing this matter.

Mayor Dana stated she believed it was and noted it was possible that some properties would want to annex into the City and remain agricultural.

Mr. Tim Myers, 5020 College Corner Pike, thanked Council and Mr. Chen for their patience during this process. Mr. Myers noted as a past council member, rural property had always been annexed into the City with whatever zone had remained in the rural zoning when it was annexed. Mr. Myers stated zoning was changed upon request of the property owner. Mr. Myers offered to address any questions Council might have for him.

Mr. Bogard asked Mr. Myers when his project was expected to start and Mr. Myers stated he would like to start immediately.

Ms. Fischer stated as Council considered annexations, part of the question had to be what benefits the City might receive from such an annexation. Ms. Fischer noted her appreciation of the R1B zoning designation. Ms. Fischer referred to the annexation agreement on page 35, where the City was going to get a road built to City standards connecting Contreras and Fairfield as well as a dedicated bike trail and path. Ms. Fischer noted her support of the annexation.

Mr. Myers stated the installation of the bike path would allow the City to qualify for other grants to install bicycle paths within the City.

Mr. Bogard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2998. Ms. Currie seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Ross, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Bogard, Ms. Dana, Ms. Fischer, Mr. Keebler,
Ms. Currie (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott noted he felt the work session held prior to the Council meeting was very successful and informative.

Mr. Elliott noted the brief work session scheduled following the Council meeting. Mr. Elliott noted the importance of determining the location of the Family Aquatic Center location prior to soliciting funds.

Mr. Elliott stated he would be meeting with Chief Schwein regarding the presentation by the Humane Society concerning animal law legislation.

Mayor Dana thanked Chief Schwein for the green beer statistics he provided Council.

Mr. McHugh noted the last page of the judge's decision regarding the Wendy's property specifically stated the City was to take no action to demolish the building until the Court had a further hearing, which was scheduled for this coming fall. Mr. McHugh stated the City would be in contempt of court should they proceed.

Mr. Ross stated citizens should be allowed to bring forth questions germane to business of the evening regardless of time limits. Mr. Ross noted one or two minutes of bringing new ideas might save time and money. Mr. Ross stated not allowing a person to speak freely would result in the loss of faith in elected officials.

Mr. Rutherford thanked everyone who attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting, and encouraged future attendance.

Mr. Bogard suggested any animal law legislation should consider the possibility of dog parks.

Ms. Fischer stated she and Ms. Currie met with two members of the school board prior to their meeting last night. Ms. Fischer noted she was provided with a statement to read regarding a headline and article entitled "District Residents Favor No Facility Action" from the March 14, 2008 Oxford Press. Ms. Fischer read the statement. Ms. Fischer referred to the meeting minutes received regarding the Oxford Bus Feasibility Work Group. Ms. Fischer expressed concern regarding the formation of the group.

Mayor Dana stated the Bus Feasibility Work Group had just been named that in the last couple of days and was a group of citizens coming out of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board who realized citizens would like alternative forms of transportation addressed. Mayor Dana noted many of the people involved were also on the Parking and Transportation Board. Mayor Dana stated there had been three meetings, at which point it was decided to attempt to make the group official.

Ms. Fischer asked if it was a City committee with staff support.

Mayor Dana stated staff support had been provided by Bob Holzworth under transportation. Mayor Dana explained transportation under the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board was transportation in general and encompassed alternative transportation.

Ms. Fischer referred to the original resolution forming the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board and suggested alternative transportation may be outside the scope of that board.

Ms. Fischer expressed concern that maybe the boundaries had been crossed and perhaps this was something that should have come to Council first for its creation.

Mr. Keebler suggested since this involved possible funding, it might not be something the City wanted to move forward with.

Ms. Fischer noted her concerns for the record with how the committee was formed.

Mayor Dana stated she would take the concerns under advisement and would take them back to the committee. Mayor Dana noted members of the committee had not been appointed officially.

Mayor Dana thanked Vice Mayor Bogard and Council for their participation during her absence.

Mayor Dana noted the possible work session schedules and invited questions regarding topics and suggestions.

Mayor Dana stated she had received a comment from a senior citizen regarding the mandatory tax filing. Mayor Dana noted the citizen's son had questioned her regarding the mailing being a possible scam targeting senior citizens.

Mayor Dana noted the public meeting held on the 2010 campaign for active transportation. Mayor Dana stated this was another committee that might possibly come forward for organization.

Mayor Dana expressed condolences to the family of Alexandra Faura who passed away this past weekend after suffering injuries in a car accident.

ADJOURN

Mr. Ross moved to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Rutherford seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

A work session of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Prue Dana on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. Those Council members present were, Ken Bogard, Doug Ross, Alysia Fischer, Kate Currie, Richard Keebler, and Greig Rutherford.

Staff members present: Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Steve McHugh, Law Director and Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council.

APPROVAL
OF AGENDA

Mr. Bogard moved approval of the Agenda. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The purpose of the Work Session was for Council to discuss their expectations regarding Code Enforcement and to exchange information with National Inspection Corporation.

Council re-capped the complaints received from citizens and their own observations which included: litter in general, litter in shrubs, litter in alleys, over-grown shrubs, trashcans left outside too long, furniture left outside, cars in front yards, and lack of snow removal.

Ms. Fischer noted walking patrols would help and change what was being seen by code enforcement personnel. Ms. Fischer stated she would like to see the process be less complaint driven. Ms. Fischer noted Council had asked for peeling paint and gutter inspections to be performed. Ms. Fischer noted the previous Code Enforcement Officer sent letters to residents regarding overgrown shrubs.

Mr. Ross noted his hope that citizens were being called back with regard to complaints.

Mr. Rutherford inquired how much the City was spending on Code Enforcement and how much citation revenue was being collected.

Mr. Bogard advised he would like an inventory of the problems as well as a listing of who enforced each type of complaint.

Some discussion took place regarding landlord responsibility and the 'three strike' policy.

Mr. Chen advised NIC had initiated foot patrols which included knocking on doors before Spring Break to gain code compliance. Mr. Chen noted the 'Three Strike' policy was a directive from Council in 2006. Mr. Chen advised NIC identified 150 peeling paint issues and 120 of those had been corrected.

Mr. Andrew McKenzie, National Inspection Corporation, addressed Council noting their directive was to gain compliance. Mr. McKenzie advised NIC did not always issue a citation as if occupants were at home they were given an opportunity to bring their properties into compliance. Mr. McKenzie reiterated that NIC had introduced additional foot patrols and were initiating inspections on second shift. Mr. McKenzie inquired if trash and litter issues were still Council's highest priority and noted he appreciated Council's feedback.

Ms. Lisa Colwell, National Inspection Corporation, addressed litter and trash in bushes and shrubs noting NIC had gone door to door to explain lot lines to occupants and educate them on placement of trashcans.

Mr. Ross requested Mr. McKenzie's and Ms. Colwell's phone numbers which were 937-307-4507 and 937-307-4364. Mr. Ross stated he did not like the yellow flashing lights on NIC vehicles and Mr. McKenzie advised they used the lights for safety purposes as well as 'advertising' to encourage compliance.

Ms. Currie inquired if additional trashcans in right-of-ways would be helpful and Ms. Colwell advised her feeling they would except that many times they get turned over defeating the purpose.

Ms. Fischer requested an updated flowchart outlining NIC's three step process for building issues.

Mayor Dana discussed the 'Walkabouts' which had been helpful in educating residents noting it was a joint initiative with Council, staff, and Miami University staff and students participating in the effort.

Council requested a follow-up discussion in June and directed staff to have a progress report and updated flow chart available at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ross moved to adjourn at 7:14 P.M.

Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion carried
7-0-0.

A work session of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Prue Dana on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 8:50 P.M. Those Council members present were, Ken Bogard, Doug Ross, Alysia Fischer, Kate Currie, Richard Keebler, and Greig Rutherford.

Staff members present: Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Gail Brahier, Parks and Recreation Director and Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Mr. Bogard moved approval of the Agenda. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The purpose of the Work Session was for Council to discuss a potential location for a Family Aquatic Center.

Mr. Elliott advised staff needed a clear idea of where a new aquatic center would be built noting he didn't feel funding efforts would be successful without making this decision.

Ms. Brahier recognized Holli Morrish and Mike Rudolph who were in attendance.

Ms. Holli Morrish, Recreation Board member, advised the Recreation Board had been discussing this issue for two years and were very much in favor of it. Ms. Morrish noted her hope Council would make a decision on the location.

Mr. Mike Rudolph, advised the Oxford Community Park attracted events to the area and noted he would like to see the new aquatic center located there. Mr. Rudolph advised he would support a transportation system to the Community Park.

Ms Brahier distributed handouts to Council and noted with the extension of Ray Rench Drive there were now three entrances to the Park and there was plenty of parking. Ms. Brahier advised the Tri property was not owned by the City and the Tri Board supported the pool facilities being moved to the Community Park.

Ms. Brahier noted having activities, revenue, and concessions in one location would be beneficial for the City.

Mr. Keebler, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Ross and Ms. Fischer felt making a decision this evening was premature. Mayor Dana and Mr. Bogard disagreed and Mr. Bogard advised the Tri Board wanted to expand gymnasium space on the Tri property. Ms. Currie noted she was leaning toward choosing the Community Park although she did not feel tonight was the time to decide the location.

Mr. Rutherford suggested contacting the YMCA and possibly other groups to discuss funding.

Ms. Fischer noted she would like members of the Tri Board available to answer questions at a future meeting.

Mr. Rudolph advised he was in favor of accessibility for all residents and noted his feeling the Tri property would limit the size of a new aquatic center.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fischer moved to adjourn at 9:32 P.M.
Mr. Bogard seconded. The motion carried
7-0-0.

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Also present were Doug Elliott, City Manager and Finance Director Candidate, William Feldman.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bogard moved to adjourn to executive session at 8:00 a.m. in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) for the purpose of discussing (1) Personnel – Finance Director employment. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Fischer, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Currie, Mr. Rutherford, Ms. Dana (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Fischer moved to return from Executive Session at 9:10 a.m. Mr. Bogard seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Fischer, Ms. Currie, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Dana (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ADJOURN

Mr. Bogard moved to adjourn at 9:11 a.m. Mr. Keebler seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

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A special meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Prue Dana on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. Those Council members present were Ken Bogard, Alysia Fischer, Kate Currie, and Richard Keebler.

Also present were Doug Elliott, City Manager and Finance Director Candidate, Martha Balyeat.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bogard moved to adjourn to executive session at 1:30 p.m. in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) for the purpose of discussing (1) Personnel – Finance Director employment. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Fischer, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Currie, Ms. Dana (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Ms. Dana excused herself early.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Currie moved to return from Executive Session at 2:50 p.m. Mr. Bogard seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Fischer, Ms. Currie, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Keebler (4)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ADJOURN

Mr. Bogard moved to adjourn at 2:51 p.m. Mr. Keebler seconded. The motion passed 4-0-0.