A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Richard Keebler on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Those members present were Ken Bogard, Bob Blackburn, John Harman, Kevin McKeehan, Kate Rousmaniere and Steve Snyder.

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Bob Holzworth, Police Chief; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Ms. Gail Brahier, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Mr. Steve McHugh, Law Director, and Ms. Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McKeehan moved to adjourn to Executive Session immediately in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of discussing Appointments to Boards and Commissions, Section 121.22(G)(2) for the purpose of discussing property acquisition and 121.22(G)(3) to discuss imminent court action. Mr. Harman seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Bogard, Mr. Harman, Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn Mr. Keebler (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McKeehan moved to return from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Snyder seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Keebler requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keebler requested that Resolution number 1. regarding the Butler County Regional Water Rescue Task Force be removed from the agenda since Chief Detherage was not present.

Mr. Snyder moved to amend the agenda by removing item 5. 1. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Bogard moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Harman seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Mr. Bogard noted the rationale for the following motion was to adjust the term for current members of Boards and Commissions to bring their term ending dates in line with the proper rotation sequence. Mr. Bogard noted this would ensure that too many vacancies would not occur at the same time.

Mr. Bogard moved to adjust Mike Pavloff's term on the Civil Service Commission to end on June 30, 2015, John Barnhart's term on the Board of Zoning Appeals to end on June 30, 2015, Kevin Armitage's term on the Environmental Commission to end on June 30, 2014, Kelly Church's term on the Environmental Commission to end on June 30, 2016 and Vincent Hand's term on the Environmental Commission to end on June 30, 2015. Mr. Snyder seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 5, 2013 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

RESOLUTION
SALVAGED VEHICLES

A Resolution No. 4730 authorizing the sale of salvaged, junk and/or abandoned motor vehicles. (Bob Holzworth, Police Chief)

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE

A Resolution No. 4731 accepting the insurance bid of Insurance Specialist Group, Inc. DBA Love Insurance Partners for the City's property and casualty insurance coverage for 2013. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised the proposed Resolution was for the City's annual renewal of general liability and property insurance. Mr. Newlin noted the City had some bad experience over the last two years and two insurance companies did not want to submit a quote and two others weren't interested unless the price would be at least $150,000.

Mr. Newlin advised staff met with the City's insurance agent and was able to decrease their initial quote by $4,094 by adjusting deductibles and dropping two vehicles that were no longer in service.

Mr. McKeehan inquired if the carrier would remain the same and Mr. Newlin advised yes.

Mr. McKeehan moved to adopt Resolution No. 4731. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 5

A Resolution No. 4732 opposing the passage of HB 5 by the Ohio General Assembly. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised he had shared information about HB 5 with Council in the past and staff had been monitoring the progression of the bill very closely. Mr. Elliott noted HB 5 as drafted and introduced contained language that was detrimental to the financial stability of municipalities, would reduce revenue for all municipalities in Ohio, would increase the administrative burden for all municipalities, would remove already existing uniformity, and it included unfunded mandates which would limit the ability for municipalities to provide basic services to residents and resident businesses. Mr. Elliott noted the recent reduction in the Local Government Fund, the elimination of the Estate Tax, and the repeal of the Tangible Personal Property Tax had already resulted in a loss of approximately $750,000 per year in revenue for the City of Oxford. Mr. Elliott advised the proposals in HB 5 would result in an additional estimated loss of revenue of $100,000 or more for the City of Oxford.

Mr. Elliott noted last summer Council adopted a Resolution supporting 21 uniformity principals put forth by the Dayton Region Mayors and City Managers which provided for tax uniformity and the principals were revenue neutral. Mr. Elliott advised staff would urge the General Assembly to consider those principals in a new version of the bill. Mr. Elliott advised the City needed to fight to protect its single largest revenue source (income tax) which provided 70% of the City's General Fund Revenue and 65% of revenues for the Fire & EMS Fund. Mr. Elliott noted these funds allowed the City to provide essential municipal services to promote the quality of life for residents and businesses, and any forced reductions would have a negative impact and would create an environment that was detrimental to retaining and attracting businesses in Ohio. Mr. Elliott urged Council to adopt the proposed Resolution, and noted if adopted, he would forward it to State Representative, Tim Derickson. Mr. Elliott advised he would also meet with Mr. Derickson and share with him why the City opposed HB 5.

Mr. Snyder inquired if Mr. Elliott knew of any concerted efforts by the Ohio Municipal League, City Managers or City Councils to personally go to Columbus to lobby the legislators regarding HB 5. Mr. Elliott advised about one and a half weeks ago the Northeast Ohio Mayors and Managers held a press conference regarding HB 5 and shortly after that the Dayton area Mayors and Managers held a press conference. Mr. Elliott noted opponent hearings had not been scheduled yet for this legislation.

Mr. Snyder inquired if Mr. Elliott thought people would go to Columbus to testify once the opponent hearings were scheduled and Mr. Elliott advised yes. Mr. Elliott noted he shared with Mr. Derickson his opposition to HB 5 and sent him the 21 revenue neutral items a lot of people would like to see adopted. Mr. Elliott advised Mr. Derickson forwarded that information to the chairman of the committee scheduling the hearings.

Mr. Snyder inquired if HB 5 was part of the attempt to decrease taxes in the State of Ohio and Mr. Elliott noted he felt it was more an issue of tax reduction than of uniformity. Mr. Snyder inquired if the City would have to appoint a new official if HB 5 was adopted and Mr. Elliott advised yes. Mr. Elliott noted he wasn't sure if the Problem/Resolution Officer would be a part-time or full-time position.

Ms. Rousmaniere thanked Mr. Elliott for his leadership and for educating Council members on this issue. Ms. Rousmaniere noted the Oxford League of Women Voters which was a non-partisan civic organization was going to interview state legislators in the next few weeks and would ask about HB 5 as a local question. Ms. Rousmaniere advised Mr. Elliott provided a lot of information about the loss of up to $750,000 in the reduction Local Government Funding, the loss of estate tax, the loss of tangible personal property tax and with HB 5 an additional loss of $100,000 or more. Ms. Rousmaniere inquired if Mr. Elliott had a sense of how the state representatives viewed the proposed bill and Mr. Elliott advised no. Mr. Elliott noted his hope the state representatives would work with municipalities to develop a revenue neutral bill that would achieve municipal income tax uniformity.

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adopt Resolution No. 4732. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTIONS
1141.01, 1141.02 & 1141.04

An Ordinance No. 3204 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Sections 1141.01, Accessory Regulations, 1141.02, Temporary Regulations, And 1141.04, Environmental Regulations, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Sections 1141.01, Accessory Regulations, 1141.02, Temporary Regulations, and 1141.04, Environmental Regulations. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen noted the proposed Ordinance would remove any inconsistencies between Chapter 1141 and other provisions of the Codified Ordinances which Mr. Kyger would address later this evening. Mr. Chen advised the changes for Council's consideration were shown on pages 59 and 60 of the agenda packet.

Mr. Bogard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3204. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Harman, Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bogard Mayor Keebler (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 1143.10

An Ordinance No. 3205 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1143.10 Entitled Uptown District, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1143.10 Entitled Uptown District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the proposed Ordinance would clarify the intent of the sidewalk use permit in the Uptown District. Mr. Chen noted the changes were shown on page 65 of the agenda packet for Council's consideration.

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3205. Mr. Harman seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Harman Mayor Keebler (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW CHAPTER 1137

An Ordinance No. 3206 Repealing Oxford Codified Chapter 1137 Entitled Nonconformities, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 1137 Entitled Nonconformities. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised he had no new information to discuss since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Chen noted he provided Council with a memo showing the evolution of the zoning code regulations related to nonconforming uses. Mr. Chen offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Peter McCarthy, 5990 Contreras Road, noted there had been a tremendous transition of the nonconforming regulations over the past 10 years and they had gotten more and more restrictive on the business of being a landlord in Oxford. Mr. McCarthy advised the 2007 regulation called for a 20% reduction in occupancy and the proposed language called for a 30% reduction in occupancy.

Mr. McCarthy noted it was difficult to predict how to run a business if in 10 years the regulations would be changed. Mr. McCarthy inquired if Council members would recommend to any of their friends to invest their retirement money in a nonconforming piece of property in Oxford. Mr. McCarthy noted 70% of the property in the Mile Square was nonconforming and Council should support the majority of the property owners not attack them. Mr. McCarthy respectively asked Council to turn down the proposed legislation.

Mr. Snyder asked for input from the Planning Commission representatives with regard to the evolution of 20%, 25% and the proposed 30% reduction in occupancy and inquired what discussions had taken place over the past year during the Planning Commission meetings.

Mayor Keebler noted Ms. Rousmaniere served on the sub-committee that recommended the proposed language and asked her to address Mr. Snyder's inquiry.

Ms. Rousmaniere thanked Mr. Chen for providing the summary of changes to the non-conforming regulations. Ms. Rousmaniere advised in 2003 there was no way to change a nonconforming structure without complying 100% with the underlying zoning district. Ms. Rousmaniere noted in 2007 that was changed to allow a structure to be rebuilt with a 20% reduction in occupancy. Ms. Rousmaniere advised the purpose of the sub-committee was to find ways to encourage the redevelopment of nonconforming structures and to streamline the process whereby that could happen. Ms. Rousmaniere noted the subcommittee created 3 categories for making improvements to nonconforming structures: Renovation, Reconfiguration and Reconstruction. Ms. Rousmaniere advised renovation could occur without changes to the rental permit and reconfiguration required a 30% reduction in the approved rental occupancy. Ms. Rousmaniere noted reconstruction required full compliance with the regulations of the underlying zoning district. Ms. Rousmaniere advised the subcommittee tried to find ways to encourage the rebuilding of nonconforming structures and at the same time deal with the issue of density in certain parts of the City. Ms. Rousmaniere noted she reviewed the Comprehensive Plan which stated in 1998 and in 2008 that citizens asked for ways to improve the housing conditions within the Mile Square, that the large presence of rental housing be addressed, and that deteriorated houses and daily concern with Code Enforcement be addressed. Ms. Rousmaniere advised as a Council member her concern was to follow the Comprehensive Plan's interest in clarifying and lessening the density of housing in certain parts of the City. Ms. Rousmaniere noted the 30% reduction in occupancy would lower the permanent occupancy of a house and the subcommittee took into account that a large number of apartments and houses were already at 50% occupancy due to market forces and due to increased housing options within the City. Ms. Rousmaniere advised there were a lot of empty houses and there were a lot of houses with high occupancy permits and the goal was to change that.

Mayor Keebler noted the recommendation for a 30% reduction in occupancy came from the subcommittee and he wasn't sure if it made a difference if the reduction was 25% or 30%. Mayor Keebler advised he felt the reduction should be more than 20%. Mayor Keebler noted as Ms. Rousmaniere discussed, the effective occupancy was not what the permitted occupancy was in most instances. Mayor Keebler advised the effective occupancy today was approximately half of the permitted occupancy on the larger denser properties and he felt a 25% or 30% reduction in occupancy would not make much of a difference. Mayor Keebler noted the option of applying for a variance permit though the BZA for certain types of improvements.

Mr. Snyder advised an objective of the Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission last year was to streamline processes and inquired if the proposed legislation was an outcome of that Work Session and Mr. Chen advised yes. Mr. Chen noted the proposed language would eliminate the need to go before the BZA to make improvements in most cases. Mr. Snyder noted the proposed legislation would streamline processes and would meet some objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. McKeehan noted he concurred with Mayor Keebler's comments. Mr. McKeehan advised there was only one landlord in attendance speaking to the issue which was a strong statement in his opinion. Mr. McKeehan noted he felt this was a step in in right direction and if it became problematic Council could address the issue again.

Mr. Blackburn inquired how many properties were permitted for 14-18 tenants and noted these were the properties being targeted in the Mile Square. Mr. Chen advised the proposed language dealt with nonconforming uses in general and there were more than 70 lodging houses in the Mile Square. Mr. Blackburn advised tenants wanted larger bedrooms, kitchens and living rooms and the occupancy would be reduced by the landlord in making those improvements. Mr. Blackburn suggested using a 20% reduction factor with a maximum reduction of 2 occupants. Mr. Blackburn noted this would reduce density and the landlord/property owner would not be extremely penalized. Mr. Blackburn advised he felt this would help the landlord/property owner afford to make improvements and not take away from the property value. Mr. Blackburn noted he felt a reduction of 4-6 tenants would prevent the landlord/property owner from making any improvements to these properties. Mr. Blackburn advised against making reconfiguration too difficult for landlords/property owners.

Mayor Keebler advised he felt it went both ways and that reconfiguration could result in additional occupancy. Mayor Keebler noted he felt the proposed language would increase the effective occupancy somewhat as opposed to reducing the permitted occupancy.

<u>Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3206. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:</u>

AYE: Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Harman, Mr. McKeehan
Mayor Keebler (6)

NAY: Mr. Blackburn (1)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
AMENDING SECTION
1159.10 & 1159.19

An Ordinance No. 3207 Amending Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1159.10, Definitions (Beginning With The Letter "I") And Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1159.19, Definitions (Beginning With The Letter "R"). (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the definitions for Reconfiguration, Reconstruction, Renovation and Intensity needed to be added to the Definition Chapter of the Zoning Code.

There were no comments from the public or from Council.

Mr. Harman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3207. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Harman, Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere Mayor Keebler (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 1143.12

An Ordinance No. 3208 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1143.12 Entitled GB General Business District, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1143.12 Entitled GB General Business District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the proposed amendments as shown on pages 101 and 102 of the agenda packet would remove inconsistencies and clarify the intent with regard to Site Development Regulations and Supplementary Regulations in the General Business District. Mr. Chen noted the proposed language included some flexibility with regard to building design element issues.

There were no comments from the public or from Council.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3208. Mr. Bogard seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Harman, Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Snyder Mayor Keebler (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 1151.05

An Ordinance No. 3209 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1151.05 Entitled Permanent Signs, and Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1151.05 Entitled Permanent Signs. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the proposed amendments would address signage regulations for single and multi-tenant sites.

Mr. Snyder inquired if the Oxford Chamber of Commerce had input on the proposed amendments and Mr. Chen advised yes.

Mr. McKeehan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3209. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Bogard, Mr. Harman, Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn Mayor Keebler (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
AMENDING SECTION 351.17

An Ordinance No. 3210 Amending Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 351.17 Entitled Vendor Parking. (Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director)

Mr. Kyger advised the proposed amendment would eliminate the reference to zoning districts that no longer existed and added a reference to municipal property with regard to vendor parking.

There were no comments from the public or from Council.

Mr. McKeehan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3210. Mr. Snyder seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Harman, Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bogard Mayor Keebler (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
AMENDING SECTION 729.05

An Ordinance No. 3211 Amending Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 729.05 Entitled Sales On Certain Municipal Property Prohibited. (Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director)

Mr. Kyger advised the proposed language defined that persons could sell items on municipal property for non-profit charitable community events with permission from the City Manager's Office. Mr. Kyger noted requests for serving alcohol in any manner on municipal property would require approval by City Council.

Mr. Snyder noted in the past it was a practice to bring requests for the use of alcohol on municipal property to Council for approval and now it was being codified.

Mayor Keebler advised the way the code was currently written anyone wishing to sell anything on municipal property had to get Council's approval and this would allow non-profit organizations to get approval from the City Manager's Office.

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3211. Mr. Harman seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Harman Mayor Keebler (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 931.12

An Ordinance No. 3212 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 931.12 Entitled Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Service, And 931.13 Entitled Charges, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 931.12 Entitled Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Service, And 931.13 Entitled Charges. (Alan Kyger Economic Development Director)

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded.

Mr. Kyger advised the ordinance always allowed for trash compactor use but it did not allow for shared trash compactor use. Mr. Kyger noted the Uptown District was a trash congested area and there were at least 2 entities that would like to share compactors among different merchants. Mr. Kyger advised at the last meeting there was concern that persons redeveloping properties or constructing new properties would not provide the required area for trash collection and the proposed Ordinance was amended since the first reading to address that issue.

Mr. Snyder withdrew his motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Rousmaniere withdrew her second.

Mayor Keebler advised he appreciated the changes and noted the Planning Commission would make recommendations in the near future regarding requirements for trash collection facilities.

Mayor Keebler noted all fee amounts had been removed from the proposed Ordinance as they were out of date. Mayor Keebler advised Section 931.13 referred to the current City of Oxford Fee Ordinance for all fees and charges.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3212 as amended and presented in the March 19, 2013 City Council agenda. Mr. Harman seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bogard, Mr. Harman, Mr. McKeehan Mayor Keebler (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott advised the City was approached by representatives of a property owner regarding a parcel of land on the corner of US 27 North and Todd Road. Mr. Elliott noted the property owner wished to obtain water and sewer service from the City which would require the parcel to be annexed according to the City's annexation policy. Mr. Elliott advised the tract of land was vacant and consisted of just less than 14 acres and the City was planning to include two other parcels of land in the annexation. Mr. Elliott noted the other parcels were owned by Koenig Equipment and Gillman's and the property owners had previously signed annexation agreements with the City. Mr. Elliott advised he had recently met with both property owners. Mr. Elliott noted he anticipated that the annexation would occur under the Expedited Type II process and that the petition would be submitted to the Butler County Commissioners in early April. Mr. Elliott advised he planned to serve as the agent for the petitioners.

Mr. Elliott noted he had been in communication with the owner of the Princess Theatre to let her know the City was still interested in the property. Mr. Elliott advised he had no new information to report at this time.

Ms. Brahier noted tomorrow was the fist day of spring. Ms. Brahier advised the Easter egg hunts would take place next Thursday evening at 9:30 p.m. on the Tri grounds for 4th to 6th graders and on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Park for 1st to 3rd graders. Ms. Brahier advised the Parks and Recreation staff had been stuffing 5,000 eggs and thanked all of the local businesses for providing gift certificates and other donations for the Easter egg hunts.

Mr. Kyger noted TJ Maxx workers were struggling to get a 40 year old waterline to hold pressure and commended the Service Department and the Community Development Department for working together at the last minute to provide a solution for this problem.

Mr. Blackburn advised the Miami hockey team had a good weekend and would be going to the play-offs. Mr. Blackburn noted he felt Oxford was fortunate to have a hockey team of their caliber and wished them well in the play-offs.

Mr. Blackburn noted a Relay for Life fundraiser would take place Saturday morning at LaRosa's from 7-11 a.m. and French toast would be served. Mr. Blackburn noted the Reily Fire & EMS Axillary would hold its annual Fish Fry on Friday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Rousmaniere noted this Saturday, March 23 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. was designated as 'Earth Hour' and everyone was encouraged to turn off their lights for 1 hour as a commitment to protect the planet. Ms. Rousmaniere advised April 20, 2013 was 'EarthFest Day' which would include a public service project of litter collection. Ms. Rousmaniere noted she would provide more information on the event at a later date.

Ms. Rousmaniere advised the Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA) was partnering with Miami University starting in August and the Miami Metro buses would be replaced with BCRTA buses. Ms. Rousmaniere noted the bus routes would be expanded into various parts of the City and a representative from BCRTA would make a presentation to Council on April 16 regarding the new routes. Ms. Rousmaniere advised people could view the proposed routes at miamiohio.edu/parkingnewtransitroutes and they could provide comments as well.

Mr. McKeehan advised he provided Council members with the Annual Report from Supports to Encourage Low-income Families (SELF). Mr. McKeehan noted he served as the City's representative on the SELF Board and advised they did a lot of good in Butler County including Oxford.

Mayor Keebler advised Council's Annual Retreat would take place the second or third week in June and more information would follow.

Mayor Keebler noted the Council meetings on November 5th and November 19th would conflict with Miami's home football games and advised he would like to reschedule the meetings for November 4th and November 18th.

ADJOURN

Mr. Bogard moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.