A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor, Steve Dana on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Those members present were, Glenn Ellerbe, David Prytherch, Chantel Raghu, Mike Smith and Edna Southard. Mayor Rousmaniere was excused.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Dana requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Southard moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION 'EDUCATION & SHARING DAY OXFORD'

Vice Mayor Dana read the Proclamation and presented it to Rabbi Yossi Greenberg.

Rabbi Greenberg, thanked Vice Mayor Dana and Councilors for the Proclamation noting Education and Sharing Day is a tradition dating back to 1978 when President Carter was the first President to dedicate this day to the Rebbe. Rabbi Greenberg advised 40 years later over 30 states and hundreds of cities throughout the nation recognize Education and Sharing Day. Rabbi Greenberg noted the Proclamation honors the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson one of the foremost Jewish leaders of the 20th century who ran from Nazi Germany in 1941 and came to the U.S. with a mission. Rabbi Greenberg advised the Rebbe started a network of educational centers which today is in the thousands spanning over 100 countries and all 50 states. Rabbi Greenberg noted the Rebbe was a great man and this was a great cause.

Vice Mayor Dana thanked Rabbi Greenberg and thanked him for the education provided to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Prue Dana, 131 W. Collins Street, updated Council and the public on a new Habitat for Humanity house being built at 704 Carter Court noting volunteers were needed on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Ms. Dana advised this was the 9th of 10 houses on Carter Court.

Vice Mayor Dana thanked Ms. Dana for bringing the Habitat home to everyone's attention.

Ms. Carla Blackmar, 400 W. Vine Street, advised she was the founding member of an improvised Facebook group called "Take 3 Oxford" that is a citizen led initiative for everyone to pick up three pieces of trash per day. Ms. Blackmar noted the initiative was organized over social media and they get a lot of interesting feedback from people about areas of trouble and concern where refuse is involved in Oxford. Ms. Blackmar advised there was noise on social media about the general state of the alleys and streets in the Mile Square. Ms. Blackmar noted there was a lot of debris year round not just on green beer day. Ms. Blackmar advised her concern was plastic pollution because it never biodegrades but breaks down into tiny pieces that flow into the water system and ultimately into the ocean which has problematic consequences for human health and for environmental health. Ms. Blackmar encouraged a more proactive approach on the part of the City of Oxford to managing this problem noting some potential ideas included changing from the red open recycling bins to the lidded trolleys and making sure they are taken out on trash day and removed the day after so they don't fall over and spill rubbish into the street. Ms. Blackmar noted she felt enforcement of the existing code and fines could be more proactive because it was everyone's responsibility. Ms. Blackmar advised there was also a lot of conversation about whether it is possible to ban throwing ads and phone books into yards where they are scattered about and never picked up.

Mr. Bill Snavely, Dana Drive, noted he was representing the Environmental Commission and advised they were looking into the issue of ads and phonebooks. Mr. Snavely noted the Environmental Commission was also looking into electrical charging stations for vehicles and contacted Tesla Corporation who would provide the charging stations at no cost to the City except for the electricity. Mr. Snavely advised the Tesla chargers could charge other electric vehicles as well. Mr. Snavely noted the Environmental Commission felt this was moving in positive ways for the environment and they hoped for Council's support. Mr. Snavely advised members of the Tesla Corporation would be in Oxford at a time to be determined in the near future to meet with the Mayor and others to identify locations that are amenable to the City and staff for the charging stations. Mr. Snavely noted the chargers would also be available for the hotels or other businesses that would like to have one. Mr. Snavely noted the Environmental Commission needed guidance from Council on how to proceed with this initiative.

Mr. Snavely advised from his days on Council he was very proud of the Uptown Park and he felt it was developing beautifully. Mr. Snavely noted he was there recently and noticed corrosion at the base of the tables and the benches and advised it was a lot less expensive to maintain these features than to replace them.

Mr. Dana advised he felt the electric charging stations were very appropriate and Ms. Southard noted her support as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 6, 2018 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the February 21, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the March 7, 2018 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Smith moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Raghu seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
AGREEMENT WITH
BOBCAT ENTERPRISES, INC.

A Resolution No. 6065 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Bobcat Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase of a 2018 Bobcat Excavator E-45 and specified equipment at state contract pricing at a cost not to exceed $59,764.30. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the proposed equipment was budgeted for and it was a planned expense for the Water Distribution Division of the Service Department. Mr. Dreisbach noted this was a critical machine that was used on a daily bases and it would replace the existing machine that is 9 years old.

Mr. Smith noted the discount from the Department of Administrative Services was very good at 30%.

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

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 6065. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
R.A. MILLER

A Resolution No. 6066 accepting the bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with R.A. Miller Construction Co. for the installation of sidewalk handicap ramps as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto at a cost of $109,254.00 plus a contingency amount of 5% of the contract price or $5,462.70 for a total cost not to exceed $114,716.70. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the City continued the tradition of utilizing CDBG funds to remove architectural barriers for those with disabilities and the focus with this program is the north Mile Square in advance of where the City intends to resurface roads in the future. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff identified 81 different corners that will receive new ramps with this funding.

Mr. Dreisbach advised the City received 5 very competitive bids and R.A. Miller Construction Co. provided the lowest and best bid and they have an excellent work record with the City.

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

Ms. Southard referred to the Walking Audit she participated in a few weeks ago where the participants walked from Kramer School down Sycamore Street and discovered a few handicap ramps that were not quite aligned. Ms. Southard noted this would not make it possible for a person with disabilities to cross the street safely and inquired what measures were being taken to make sure this does not happen again. Mr. Dreisbach advised after resurfacing, road markings are placed back on the roadway and they will be placed in alignment with the ramps that are installed. Ms. Southard suggested the ramps should be monitored so they are appropriately placed and aligned with the cross street. Mr. Dreisbach advised that was staff's practice where possible. Mr. Elliott noted the resurfacing project was not complete when the Walking Audit took place. Mr. Dreisbach advised there were some intersections in town that were off-set or had irregular angles and those were difficult to correct such as at Brown Road and Sycamore Street.

Ms. Raghu inquired what made the R.A. Miller bid the best bid of the five received and Mr. Dreisbach advised it was the lowest priced bid .

Mr. Smith referred to the Alternates on page 26 of Council's packet and inquired if they would be constructed and Mr. Dreisbach advised yes.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 6066. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
BARRETT PAVING

A Resolution No. 6067 accepting the bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the 2018 street resurfacing and maintenance work at a cost of $378,591.20 plus a contingency amount of 5.65% of the agreement price or $21,400.00 for a total cost not to exceed $399,991.20. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised staff identified streets and prioritized them in need of resurfacing and advertised for bids. Mr. Dreisbach noted two bids were received with the Barrett Paving bid being the best and lowest bid. Mr. Dreisbach referred to Exhibit "A" on page 30 of Council's packet which listed all of the streets to be repaved. Mr. Dreisbach offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Dana referred to the *Corridor Safety Improvement Plan* mentioned on page 28 of Council's packet and inquired how long it had been in existence and how up to date it was. Mr. Dreisbach advised it was originally known as *Shifting Gears* written in 2014, a masters level study of how the City could improve pedestrian and bicycling safety and opportunity in Oxford. Mr. Dreisbach noted when resurfacing or when major construction projects occur, staff looks to see what could be incorporated from the study.

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

Mr. Smith referred to Alternate #1 for Vine Street on page 30 of Council's packet and inquired if it would be resurfaced and Mr. Dreisbach advised there was not enough funding for it.

Mr. Prytherch advised he felt Sycamore Street was not as pedestrian friendly as it could be and inquired if there would be any changes or improvements to crosswalk markings on Sycamore Street. Mr. Dreisbach advised all of the intersections would have marked crosswalks and new and improved school zone safety measures would be added around Kramer Elementary School on Locust Street and on Sycamore Street. Mr. Dreisbach noted some missing segments of sidewalk would be connected on Brown Road. Mr. Prytherch noted there had been talk about how to accommodate bicycles on this corridor and at one time an 8 foot sidewalk was discussed as opposed to a 5 foot sidewalk. Mr. Dreisbach advised the sidewalks would be 5 feet in width which he felt most people find to be adequate. Mr. Prytherch noted he presumed any solution for bicycles on Sycamore would have to be on street. Mr. Dreisbach advised it would be a major assessment to property owners to increase the width of the sidewalk on Sycamore Street.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 6067. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

A Resolution No. 6068 declaring that it is necessary to improve those portions of certain properties as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto in the City of Oxford, Ohio, by repaving, re-curbing, and repairing the sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised this was the first step of legislation to have a curb, gutter and sidewalk assessment program for 2018. Mr. Dreisbach referred to pages 34-35 of Council's packet which lists all of the properties involved and advised the City will make notice to all property owners of the deficiencies and they will be expected to repair their defective curb, gutter and sidewalks. Mr. Dreisbach noted if the property owners do not make the repairs, the City will contract for the repairs and eventually submit another Ordinance to Council to access the cost to the property owners. Mr. Dreisbach advised the repairs needed to be made prior to the summer repaving project.

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

Mr. Ellerbe noted this was a standard annual event.

Mr. Prytherch inquired if there were provisions to accommodate bicycles on Sycamore Street and Mr. Dreisbach advised not with the existing parking configuration. Mr. Prytherch noted he felt when major projects were being considered it was the time to discuss how to accommodate all modes of transportation.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 6068. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
REDTREE INVESTMENT GROUP

A Resolution No. 6069 authorizing the City Manager and the Finance Director to contract with RedTree Investment Group Services for the management of the City's investable funds. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised in 2013 the City issued a RFP for Investment Advisors and received 8-10 proposals. Mr. Newlin noted the City chose Baird Investment Advisors beginning in April of 2013 and entered into a contract for 3 years with two additional one year term extensions. Mr. Newlin advised in 2014 the investment team purchased all of the client contracts from Baird and formed RedTree Investment Group. Mr. Newlin advised the original contract is set to expire April 25, 2018 and the proposed new contract is for one year and it allows for annual extensions each April. Mr. Newlin noted the City has a very good relationship with RedTree, their monthly fee is computed on eight basis points and they will continue to pay the City's custodial fee to US Bank which is a savings of approximately $4,000 annually.

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

Council was supportive of renewing the contract with RedTree.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution 6069. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3449. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 2 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2018. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin referred to page 38 of Council's packet and discussed the necessary adjustments to the budget to accommodate a contribution made to the Parks and Recreation Department and to accommodate the improvements to be made to the current Municipal facility.

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

Mr. Prytherch clarified that part of the proposed Supplemental Budget was for the renovation of the historic Municipal Building for use by the Police Division. Mr. Elliott advised that was correct and noted a Resolution would come forward at the next meeting for Council to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Empire Building of Cincinnati for the renovation of the Municipal Building. Mr. Elliott answered additional questions regarding the funding for the Municipal Building renovations.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE DESIGN GUIDELINES
FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS

An Ordinance No. 3465 Accepting The Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission's Recommendation And Amending The Design Guidelines For The City Of Oxford's Historic Districts To Incorporate The New Uptown Historic District Inventory. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised he had no new information since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance and acknowledged several people for their efforts in completing the new Historic District Inventory project including Mike Kohus, the current Chair of the HAPC, Robert Benson who authored the inventory's architecture style and members of the HAPC. Mr. Chen advised Mr. Kohus would share with Council the HAPC's work plan for the rest of this year.

Mr. Mike Kohus, advised the HAPC held a Work Session on March 7, 2018 to discuss the Historic Inventory and to discuss future work plans which include the following topics:

1. Review existing Demolition Codes and requirements.
2. Set up a Work Session with the Planning Commission.
3. Expand the Historic Inventory.
4. Community Awareness.
5. Community Engagement.
6. Inventory maintenance.
7. Signage for entering into the Uptown Historic District.

Mr. Kohus noted this seemed like an aggressive schedule although the HAPC felt it was doable and some sub-committees were formed to move forward on these initiatives for 2018.

Mr. Bob Benson, 6090 Contreras Road, noted he was formerly a member of the Planning Commission and of the HAPC and some of these initiatives began when he was on those commissions. Mr. Benson advised he was delighted to see what has come out of the last few years of work. Mr. Benson noted the new Uptown Historic District Inventory is the most comprehensive and accurate analysis of the Uptown Historic District that Oxford has ever had. Mr. Benson advised designations have been corrected and buildings have been re-thought and much work has gone into a very diligent effort of the part of HAPC to provide the high quality that this particular inventory gives evidence of. Mr. Benson noted continuing research will lead to additions and modifications over time because the inventory is a work in progress. Mr. Benson advised he believed there were at least three benefits of having the new inventory and that they were interlocked. Mr. Benson noted first, identifying and celebrating the historic architecture of Oxford emphasizes the fact that these buildings sustain our identity as a community, they are our visible connection to the past, they help us know who we are because we know where our history has taken place and in this way they engender pride of place. Mr. Benson advised secondly, this new inventory articulates better than ever before the choices about what can or ought to be changed and what ought not to be altered in our architectural environment and what ought to be preserved, restored and even adaptively reused.

Mr. Benson noted buildings are often viewed as purely a matter of short-term pragmatic financial value yet a historic district that is understood, preserved, and celebrated inevitably increases the economic value of the very buildings that populate it and a well documented and carefully studied historic district can motivate civic government, public institutions, and both local and regional businesses to envision a vibrant present and future supported by the values of tradition, identity, and sense of place. Mr. Benson advised thirdly, understanding the historic inventory means that we recognize Oxford's single most valuable resource, its historic architecture which opens an opportunity that has not been exploited here yet: "Heritage Tourism". Mr. Benson noted this means the architectural environment of the historic district and what it contains can become a destination for tourists and visitors and it means an acknowledged and celebrated history of place not only matters to us personally and socially but has positive, developable economic value. Mr. Benson urged Council to accept and embrace the new Uptown Historic District Inventory and to vote to incorporate it into the Design Guidelines of the Uptown District as Council would be doing a huge favor for us now and for the generations that follow us in the future.

Vice Mayor Dana thanked Mr. Benson for his excellent work on this project and for the vision it contains.

Ms. Southard advised one of the HAPC's goals is for public knowledge of this inventory and they were aiming to get the public to know about it. Ms. Southard noted Valerie Elliott of the Smith Library would like the inventory to be available at the Smith Library so the general public can access it. Ms. Southard advised Jessica Greene of Enjoy Oxford has agreed that the goal of Heritage Tourism is very important and more tours of the Uptown District were planned. Ms. Southard noted Steve Gordon is very engaged in the idea of showing the historic houses as is Councilor Smith. Ms. Southard advised the HAPC was trying to engage the community so they know about the work that has been done and so the public will be engaged in preserving the buildings.

Mr. Kohus noted there was a lot of enthusiasm on the part of the HAPC for these initiatives.

Mr. Prytherch advised he was pleased to hear the HAPC had an aggressive agenda because Oxford's historic fabric was its heritage.

Ms. Southard noted the HAPC welcomed everyone's ideas about how to publicize the inventory and how to engage the community regarding it.

<u>Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3465. Ms. Southard seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:</u>

AYE: Mr. Smith, Ms. Southard, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Dana (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABSL None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW CHAPTER 1331

An Ordinance No. 3466 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 1331 Entitled Historic and Architectural Preservation, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 1331 Entitled Historic And Architectural Preservation. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the revised language will ensure the terminology is consistent between the Codified Ordinance and the new inventory and asked for Council's approval of the proposed legislation.

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

Ms. Southard noted it was clear that the proposed changes do clarify matters and are a good move.

Mr. Smith advised the proposed changes clean up the Ordinance so they match the language in the inventory and vice-versa when they reference each other.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3466. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Southard, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dana (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott advised staff received bids on March 9, 2018 for the Oxford Police Station Renovation Project at City Hall and 4 bids were received. Mr. Elliott noted the lowest bid received was from Empire Building of Cincinnati with a base bid of $3,589,000. Mr. Elliott noted the bid included 4 Alternates some of which may or may not be necessary. Mr. Elliott advised that was the reason for the supplemental appropriation on this evening's agenda since staff now knows what the contract price will be. Mr. Elliott noted at the next meeting staff will ask Council to adopt the supplemental appropriation after it's second reading and pass a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Empire Building.

Mr. Elliott recapped a meeting he and Chief Detherage attended with David Creamer, Vice President for Finance and Business Services at Miami University and some of their staff to discuss ways to reduce false or nuisance fire alarms on Miami's campus. Mr. Elliott noted in 2014 the City Fire/EMS Division responded to 375 false alarms and in 2017 that number jumped to 634 although all of those were not on the campus. Mr. Elliott advised Chief Detherage presented information on a device that attaches to the side of a microwave and when the device detects smoke from burning food, the power is shut off to the microwave which may avoid setting off the fire alarm.

Mr. Elliott noted the City needed to work with the university to reduce the number of false alarms because that type of increase is not sustainable for the City's Fire/EMS operation.

Chief Jones thanked Council for the appropriation to renovate the Municipal Building for use by the Police Division noting his staff was very excited to have a larger space.

Chief Jones referred to the comments made by Ms. Blackmar this evening and advised OPD supported any efforts to help with litter control. Chief Jones noted OPD does address party litter and issues a lot of citations for party litter.

Chief Jones advised Green Beer Day was for the most part uneventful for OPD noting he felt the mitigation efforts with other agencies was very positive.

Chief Jones referred to the weather forecast for this evening and reminded everyone of the parking restrictions on snow routes and of the property owner's obligation to keep their sidewalks free from snow and ice.

Mr. Wooddell displayed pictures of the new mural painted on the walls at the Tri Building by Mr. Joe Prescher who is part of a proposed Public Arts Commission Oxford.

Mr. Wooddell advised the Parks and Recreation Department was coordinating the 2018 Park Clean Up Day in partnership with Miami University and the Coalition for a Health Community. Mr. Wooddell noted on April 7th from 9 a.m. to noon volunteers were welcome at the Leonard Hall Park to participate in the clean up efforts.

Mr. Wooddell noted McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital/TriHealth has agreed to donate and pay for a new playground structure for the Leonard Hall Park and a Resolution would be forthcoming to accept the donation.

Mr. Wooddell updated everyone on the Request for Proposals for the new aquatic center.

Mr. Kyger noted his support for the HAPC's gateway initiative and advised the Uptown Historic District was also the Uptown Business District and he felt it would be great to coordinate the gateways together.

Mr. Kyger advised he attended the Royal 24 Gym ribbon cutting earlier this evening noting the transformation of the facility on S. College Avenue was marvelous.

Mr. Kyger noted there had been 7 new business openings year to date and announced that Seaview Outfitters would be closing at the end of May. Mr. Kyger noted his hope another retailer would lease their space.

Mr. Kyger advised a Restaurant and Retailer Work Session would take place next Wednesday hosted by Enjoy Oxford, the Chamber of Commerce and the City. Mr. Kyger noted Mayor Rousmaniere and the Cincinnati Chinese Chamber of Commerce were hosting a luncheon for Asian owned businesses in town and advised there were 18 active Asian owned businesses in town right now with 4 more due to open.

Ms. Raghu noted the most profound conversation she had this week was with a local farmer who used to sell his products to Miami University for the cafeteria and he advised her that now they have decided to try to move away from a-la-carte and towards possibly the meals being produced in Cincinnati, frozen and then sold here. Ms. Raghu advised she felt cheapest was not always better and she felt there were other values that go into play when Council decides to give money to other companies in terms of maybe what wages they provide employees or what benefits. Ms. Raghu noted she was curious about the other bids and how they treat their employees and maybe there was a reason they might be a little bit more.

Mr. Ellerbe congratulated OPD for having an uneventful Green Beer Day noting he took a short trip around Oxford to check things out. Mr. Ellerbe noted he remembered times where it would get very wild in certain places and it was quite calm this year.

Mr. Smith thanked Officers Carlson and Lindner for taking him along from 5 a.m. until noon last Thursday on what he was happy to say was the most uneventful Green Beer Day he could remember in the last 20 years.

Ms. Southard advised a public information session took place last week regarding the OATS Trail which was well presented by Jessica Greene and Councilor Prytherch at the Oxford Community Arts Center.

Ms. Southard advised she attended a worthwhile program at the LCNB last week hosted by a local group called Defending Democracy regarding Nuclear Proliferation.

Ms. Southard thanked OPD for their excellent work on Green Beer Day.

Mr. Prytherch thanked Ms. Blackmar for speaking to Council this evening noting she lead the effort called "Take 3 Oxford" which was an incredible effort with people picking up trash voluntarily. Mr. Prytherch advised the group focused on the Mile Square this past week and he would like Council to think about ways to support the residents who venture to invest and live in the Mile Square. Mr. Prytherch noted the alleys in the Mile Square were not Council's vision of what the City should look like between the litter and the property maintenance issues. Mr. Prytherch advised an enhanced presence might be needed although he was aware of staffing issues. Mr. Prytherch suggested coordinating a Mayor's Walk About in the Mile Square to see the issues, talk to residents, and set an agenda for the future.

Mr. Elliott advised trash and recycling was everyone's business and noted staff might look into requiring the lidded recycle bins for single-family residences in the Mile Square. Mr. Elliott suggested residents call to stop unwanted ads and phone books from being thrown in their yards. Mr. Elliott reiterated it was everyone's business and noted everyone needed to work together to combat the litter issues.

Vice Mayor Dana advised he would speak to the topic of growth management and noted he felt one of the greatest opportunities Oxford had was how to manage its growth that we know is coming and that is here now. Vice Mayor Dana advised the opportunity that he refers to is coordination between the City and the university and in particular on US 27 South. Vice Mayor Dana noted on February 6, 2018 the Planning Commission met with Council to try to address the issue of what growth management means.

Vice Mayor Dana advised there would be pressure on US27 South and he would like to see a collaborative effort between the university and the City in addressing this issue. Vice Mayor Dana noted there were 4 different zoning districts approaching Oxford from US 27 South and suggested a sub-committee of the Planning Commission would look at the creation of a mini comprehensive plan for what the City can do in bringing to US 27 a coordinated plan to manage the growth and to make it a desirable place to live that lives up to the comprehensive plan of the kind of intimacy that is treasured in the Mile Square. Vice Mayor Dana urged members of the public, Council members or Planning Commission members to pursue this discussion with him.

ADJOURN

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.