A work session of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Prue Dana on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 6:02 P.M. Those Council members present were, Ken Bogard, Doug Ross, Richard Keebler, and Greig Rutherford.

Staff members present: Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Kathy Dale, Planner; Steve McHugh, Law Director and Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council.

Also present were Oxford Township Trustees Jim McDonough, Gary Salmon and Larry Frimerman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Keebler moved approval of the Agenda. Mr. Ross seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Ms. Fischer and Ms. Currie arrived at 6:06 p.m.

The purpose of the Work Session was to clarify annexation processes.

Mr. McHugh outlined the process for the most common types of annexation noting in all cases a petition was filed by an agent for the owner/owners with the Board of the County Commissioners. Mr. McHugh advised notice of the annexation petition would be sent by the Commissioners office to the municipal clerk and township clerk and a hearing date would be set. Mr. McHugh noted after the appropriate date the municipal corporation would adopt a statement of services resolution describing the services it would provide to the territory being annexed. Mr. McHugh noted the statement of services resolution was not considered an approval of annexation as that would be considered at a later date by a ordinance.

Mr. Bogard noted early notification would be beneficial and Mr. McDonough advised in the past land was annexed without the township being notified at all.

Ms. Fischer inquired when annexation agreements should be negotiated and Mr. McHugh advised as soon as the annexation was requested.

Mr. Keebler requested a written outline of typical annexation processes from the Law Director which included timelines. Mr. Keebler noted the outline could be provided to developers as well.

Mr. Elliott advised he and Mr. McHugh would work together to provide the requested information.

Mr. McDonough noted the township was facing some real financial difficulties and encouraged Council to work with them on any and all annexation agreements.

Mr. Bogard noted the county was in favor of joint planning ventures.

Mr. Frimerman encouraged the city and township to look at mutual goals and inquired how the annexation on the table should be handled. Mr. Rutherford suggested the township could look at the pros and cons of the Colwell annexation and report back to Council.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Ross moved to adjourn at 7:03 P.M. Mr. Rutherford seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Prue Dana on Tuesday, April 1, 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; Ms. Kathy Dale, City Planner; Ms. Kim Newton, Assistant to the City Manager; 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 7:05 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. Fischer 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

Mr. Bogard 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 ALLEGIENCE

Mayor Dana requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>

<u>Mr. Keebler moved to reorder the agenda to place items 3B, C, and D ahead of item 3A. Mr. Ross seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.</u>

<u>Mr. Bogard moved to reorder the agenda to place item 3E ahead of items 3B, C, and D. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.</u>

<u>Mr. Bogard moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.</u>

**<u>SWEARING IN
POLICE SERGEANT</u>**

Chief Schwein introduced Pete Reising and noted his 22 years of service with the Oxford Police Department. Chief Schwein outlined the many positions Officer Reising has held with the Oxford Police Department, including his service as the first K-9 officer. Chief Schwein commended Officer Reising on his recent work in the mobile home park. Chief Schwein explained Council allowed the Police Department to promote in advance of retirements to negate any gap in supervision. Chief Schwein congratulated Officer Reising and invited his family to join him during the swearing in.

Mr. McHugh performed the swearing in of Peter Reising and members of Council congratulated Sergeant Reising on his promotion.

**<u>PRESENTATION
STUDENT COMMUNITY
RELATIONS COMMITTEE</u>**

<u>Ms. Carole Katz</u>, 214, W. Withrow, Mile Square Representative, Student Community Relations Committee Co-Chair. Ms. Katz thanked Council for allowing SCRC to make a presentation. Ms. Katz stated the purposes in coming before Council were to outline the history of SCRC and to request certain changes reflecting the structure and scope of work performed by SCRC.

<u>Ms. Jen House</u>, stated Council had received documents concerning the history of the SCRC in their Friday packet. Ms. House explained the SCRC was formed in 1985 in order to deal with concerns regarding such things as noise, vandalism or alcohol. Ms. House noted in conversations with Ms. Bobbe Burke, she learned the committee started to grow. Ms. House commented on the cohesive working relationship between the University and community. Ms. House outlined valid input the SCRC had in previous legislative issues. Ms. House noted the desire of the SCRC to ensure the present relationship with Council continues. Ms. House then invited Ms. Katz to explain the proposed changes to the committee.

Ms. Katz stated the SCRC is the only organization where community members, business owners, students, University administrators, police officers and City representatives meet on a regular basis on equal footing to discuss relevant issues. Ms. Katz noted the biweekly interaction is useful in building relationships, problem solving and creates various groups to work together. Ms. Katz noted SCRC works very closely with Ms. Bobbe Burke and the Office of Off-Campus Affairs as well as the Associated Student Government. Ms. Katz noted the importance of information sharing that takes place within SCRC. Ms. Katz stated while SCRC functions in a fairly casual manner, the results have been favorable. Ms. Katz noted the desire to formalize and strengthen the advisory capacity and better represent various parts of the community. Ms. Katz referred to the information contained in Council's packet regarding the proposed changes to City of Oxford Ordinance 2502. Ms. Katz noted there are four changes recommended: changing the name to the Student Community Relations Commission; change the membership structure as outlined in the information provided; require biweekly meetings during the academic year; and amend the purpose of the commission to include in part, "the purpose of the commission shall be to identify and explore any and all matters that the commission determines are related to student community relations and serve in an advisory capacity to City Council. The commission shall report and recommend to City Council as the commission or City Council deems necessary." Ms. Katz commended Ms. Fischer as an exceptional Council liaison. Ms. Katz noted she hoped the presentation would serve to make the general public aware of the existence of the Student Community Relations Committee. Ms. Katz offered to address any questions or comments.

Mr. Bogard noted the list of proposed ex officio members includes a representative from the Oxford Police Department. Mr. Bogard asked if the University Police Department is represented through Ms. Bobbe Burke's office.

Ms. Katz noted members of MUPD are often present at meetings. Ms. Katz stated they are one of many groups that could be added.

Ms. House suggested certain city or university staff may have possible conflicts of interest when voting, thereby explaining the proposed positions as ex officio members.

Mr. Bogard stated as long as the lines of communication and advice is open, it should be satisfactory.

Mayor Dana asked about attendance, and who attends, and if there is usually a quorum.

Ms. House noted there was a day where there was inclement weather, but there was still a quorum. Ms. House stated most of the business is reporting and communicating.

Mayor Dana asked about meeting times and location.

Ms. Katz noted the meetings are held on Fridays at noon in the LCNB Community Room. Ms. Katz stated meetings generally last 60 to 90 minutes.

Ms. House stated there are usually community members as well as students who attend the meetings.

Ms. Katz added representatives from NIC attended the meetings and staff from the University depending on what issues are on the agenda.

Mr. Keebler moved that legislation be brought forward regarding the Student Community Relations Committee at the next Council meeting. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. McHugh noted the legislation would be presented in the form of an ordinance.

PROCLAMATION
'GREEN TEA DAY'

Mayor Dana read the Proclamation and advised it would be presented at a later date.

PROCLAMATION
'NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY DAY'

Mayor Dana read the Proclamation and advised it would be presented at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jen House, 209 Homestead, noted the person who would be elected to serve in her position next year would be selected at the next student government meeting, next Tuesday at six p.m. in Harrison 204. Ms. House noted next week would include Spectrum Awareness Week, Progressive Week and Conservative Week at Miami University. Ms. House noted the following week is Get Together Week. Ms. House noted several other dates of interest. Ms. House addressed upcoming elections for off-campus senators on April 24th. Ms. House noted Kids Fest this coming weekend and described the event known as Kid Fair where children in the community are paired up with a Miami University student to participate in playing games and other various activities.

Ms. Kristin Conatti, 108 S. Beech St., stated she is representing the student organization On Campus for Cancer Awareness who is sponsoring the Miami Relay for Life, scheduled for this coming weekend. Ms. Conatti extended an invitation to anyone wishing to participate. Ms. Conatti noted the event begins at six p.m. at Cook Field on Friday and ends at noon on Saturday. Ms. Conatti outlined the various activities anticipated. Ms. Conatti stated a letter informing neighboring residents of the activities was sent, and offered a copy to Council.

Mr. Matt Forest, 208 Scott Hall, noted he is the newly elected Secretary for On-Campus Affairs for next year. Mr. Forest explained a new event known as the Red Hawk Hunt. Mr. Forest stated the event is a 24-hour scavenger hunt.

Mr. Forest noted there are currently 43 teams ranging from eight to 12 students per team. Mr. Forest stated the teams would be supplied clues based significantly on Miami and Oxford history. Mr. Forest explained each team would be taking various photographs. Mr. Forest explained the students have signed a waiver acknowledging they would not drink alcohol, vandalize property or consume illegal drugs and are expected to obey all laws during the event. Mr. Forest thanked those involved in providing clues for the teams.

Mr. Ross asked if the teams would be using automobiles during the event.

Mr. Forest stated students are not allowed in cars during the event.

Ms. Currie noted her enthusiasm for the event.

Ms. Fischer stated each team would be wearing clear and visible t-shirts during the event.

Mr. Rutherford asked if all 24 hours were needed to complete the hunt.

Mr. Forest stated the teams should not be able to complete the hunt; however, the team with the most points at the end would win. Mr. Forest noted he was introduced to the idea at a conference he attended during the summer. Mr. Forest stated students spent the night at the ASG office in anticipation of signing up for the event.

Mr. Rutherford asked for the list of items following the event.

Mr. Forest stated there are currently 500 clues.

Ms. Connie Elliott, 5201 College Corner Pike, stated they have received approval for a $1500 grant. Ms. Elliott noted a gift card donated by the Oxford Wal-Mart had been stolen this past weekend.

Mr. Bogard noted the $1500 grant was granted by the Oxford Community Foundation through a petition submitted by the Family Resource Center in support of Ms. Elliott's project.

Ms. Elliott noted the six dollars left on the gift card could have purchased batteries, a smoke alarm or perhaps a first aid kit. Ms. Elliott expressed her distress with the theft of the gift card.

Mayor Dana thanked Ms. Elliott for her participation in this project.

Ms. Elliott noted she is scheduled to make a presentation on May 7th.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 17, 2008 City Council Special Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the March 18, 2008 City Council Work Session. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the March 18, 2008 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council and Janice Grill)

Minutes of the March 18, 2008 City Council Work Session. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the March 19, 2008 City Council Special Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the March 19, 2008 City Council Special Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the March 20, 2008 City Council Special Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the March 11, 2008 Planning Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the March 12, 2008 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
SALVAGED VEHICLES

A Resolution No. 4339 authorizing the sale of salvaged motor vehicles. (Steve Schwein, Police Chief)

RESOLUTION
AGREEMENT WITH
32 FORD INC.

A Resolution No. 4340 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with 32 Ford Inc. for the purchase of a 2008 F350 and specified options with 30 day tag at a price below state contract pricing at a cost not to exceed $44,484.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
FARMERS MARKET

A Resolution No. 4341 authorizing the City Manager to close Lot 52 on Saturdays, from 5:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from May 3, 2008 through November 1, 2008, to permit the operation of the Farmers Market within Lot 52 during said time. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Rutherford asked what was necessary to secure a spot in the Farmers Market and Mr. Bogard suggested anyone interested in participating in the Farmers Market should contact Larry Slocum.

Ms. Fischer stated representatives of the Farmers Market usually present a check to Council at the end of the season. Ms. Fischer noted the Farmers Market is a wonderful event in Oxford and she would like to see them use those funds to further their efforts.

Mayor Dana noted her support, and recognized the good faith effort on the part of the Farmers Market.

Mr. Rutherford asked if the construction of Bella Place would have any impact on the Farmers Market.

Mr. Elliott stated nothing had been brought to his attention, although he would expect any construction site to be secure and proper safety measures taken. Mr. Elliott stated the City receives an occasional request from the contractor to utilize Lot 52.

Mr. Ross asked if the closure time is later than it has been in years past.

Mayor Dana noted it is a later time. Mayor Dana stated it is her understanding they would close at 12:00, but need a half hour for clean up.

Mr. Ross asked if the area businesses and Chamber of Commerce had been advised of the change in time.

Mr. Ross moved to table the Resolution until the next Council meeting. Mr. Keebler seconded. The motion failed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Ross, Mr. Keebler (2)

NAY: Mr. Bogard, Ms. Fischer, Ms. Currie, Mr. Rutherford, Ms. Dana (5)

ABS: None (0)

Mayor Dana invited comments from Mr. Alan Kyger as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Alan Kyger, 6164 Contreras Road, noted the general philosophy of the Chamber of Commerce is in favor of commerce Uptown. Mr. Kyger stated the Farmers Market tends to bring people uptown, who then shop in the Uptown. Mr. Kyger noted that while the Chamber has not taken an official view on the issue, it would not be opposed to a half hour extension.

Ms. Fischer noted on a personal level, the extra half hour could possibly mean more visits to the Farmers Market for her family.

Mr. Keebler moved to amend the Resolution to read from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Mr. Rutherford seconded. The motion failed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Keebler, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Ross (3)

NAY: Ms. Dana, Ms. Currie, Ms. Fischer, Mr. Bogard (4)

ABS: None (0)

Mr. Bogard moved to adopt Resolution No. 4341. Ms. Fischer seconded. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: Mr. Ross (1)

ABS: None (0)

RESOLUTION
BUS FEASIBILITY
WORK GROUP

A Resolution establishing the Oxford Bus Feasibility Work Group to assess the need for public transportation within the City of Oxford. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott stated due to the fact this issue was brought forward at the last Council meeting, the resolution was prepared.

Mayor Dana stated in her review of the parking proposals and presentations, in May of 2007, when the proposal for the Department of Parking Services was made, one of the bullet points of the current missed opportunities had to do with development of programs and policies to help mitigate the demand for parking by creating greater utilization of alternative systems and approaches.

Mayor Dana invited public comments.

Mr. Don Pestana, 6313 Big Wood Circle, commended Council for addressing public transportation and thanked them for their efforts.

Ms. Joan Potter-Sommer, Executive Director, Oxford Senior Center, noted the Senior Center supports the formation of the work group. Ms. Summer stated among other services, the Senior Center does provide senior transportation, which operates Monday through Friday on limited daytime hours. Ms. Summer stated in 2007, the Senior Center provided 5400 trips to 222 un-duplicated clients.

Ms. Alice Laatsch, 407 Sandra, stated her youngest son is 31 years old and handicapped. Ms. Laatsch noted he would never be capable of driving an automobile which limits where he can live. Ms. Laatsch stated that while he lives close to his employment, he has difficulty getting to the grocery store and other locations. Ms. Laatsch noted the lack of transportation even for hire in the community.

Ms. Diane Ruther-Vierling, Executive Director, Family Resource Center, College Corner Pike, stated many of their clients don't have transportation. Ms. Ruther-Vierling stated she has seen one of their handicapped clients traveling along the road in a wheelchair. Ms. Ruther-Vierling encouraged providing some form of transportation for those clients.

Ms. Connie Elliott, 5201 College Corner Pike, stated many in the mobile home park have difficulty getting around due to a lack of transportation. Ms. Elliott encouraged Council to pass the resolution.

Mr. Ed Devillez, 5166 Westgate Drive, noted there had been an informal committee for over four months that has consisted of diverse community representation. Mr. Devillez encouraged Council to formalize the committee.

Mr. Tim McGowan, 616 Winding Brook Drive, noted as the Executive Director of the Knolls of Oxford, it was pointed out to him by a resident who had temporarily lost her license that if Oxford is the fourth greatest place in the country to retire, you can't go anywhere unless you have a car. Mr. McGowan stated the Knolls provided some limited transportation. Mr. McGowan urged from both a professional and personal standpoint the formalization of the work group.

Mayor Dana pointed out the resolution read to assess the need for public transportation within the City, listen to concerns of business owners and property owners, as well as investigate funding options.

Mr. Rutherford noted were a representative of Peterman, Ltd. to participate in the group, under law, they would not be allowed to participate or be a vendor for the transportation system.

Mr. Bogard suggested for their protection, they should be removed from the group.

Mr. McHugh explained service on a panel in an advisory capacity only would not be deemed to be a conflict.

Ms. Fischer referred to section two, addressing the purpose of the group. Ms. Fischer stated that while she understands many members of the community stress there is a need for more public transportation, budgetary concerns have not been addressed. Ms. Fischer noted even were the study to determine there was a need for public transportation, the cost would be prohibitive. Ms. Fischer stated she would like to see the group form similar to the OATS group. Ms. Fischer stated she could not support the use of City resources for the study group.

Mr. Keebler noted the committee appears to be a group of people who already feel there is a need for public transportation. Mr. Keebler stated the City of Hamilton tried to run a public transportation system for several years, but had to cease due to budgetary concerns. Mr. Keebler outlined the creation of the Miami bus system and his involvement.

Mr. Rutherford stated he realizes there is a need within the community for some form of public transportation. Mr. Rutherford stated he feels what is presently before Council suggests the need for bus transportation. Mr. Rutherford suggested the Transportation and Parking Advisory Board that is presently in place could perform the study. Mr. Rutherford stated he would like further justification from the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board requiring the formation of this work group. Mr. Rutherford stated he fully supports both public and alternative forms of transportation, but he would like to see the necessary prerequisite work completed.

Mr. Ross noted his support of the resolution. Mr. Ross discouraged utilizing a representative of Peterman, Ltd.

Mr. Bogard noted his service on the Butler County Regional Transit Authority. Mr. Bogard stated there had been at least two referendums that have been turned down by Butler County to provide public transportation.

Mr. Bogard stated Middletown continues a bus service, while Hamilton ceased their bus service several years ago. Mr. Bogard outlined the Transportation Alliance and their purpose in coordinating services for those in need. Mr. Bogard noted his agreement with Ms. Fischer that the committee might best be formed similar to the Oxford Area Trails System.

Ms. Currie acknowledged the deep need expressed through several of the public comments for some form of transportation system. Ms. Currie encouraged creativity in addressing the need. Ms. Currie expressed concern in disbanding a committee that has been meeting for several months.

Ms. Fischer suggested instead of using funds toward a survey to assess transportation needs, the funds might be better spent improving what transportation currently exists.

Mayor Dana noted the whole idea arose out of the Parking and Transportation meeting. Mayor Dana stated the group has recognized that they could not move forward without survey work to assess need. Mayor Dana noted the group has been in contact with the Transportation Alliance. Mayor Dana stated the work group could function as a wing of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board. Mayor Dana noted the high cost of fuel. Mayor Dana stated the group is made up of people who are anxious to serve and explore the many options open and available to the City.

Mr. Rutherford expressed concern with the title of the resolution, and suggested it read, "A resolution establishing the Oxford Public Transportation Feasibility Work Group."
Mr. Rutherford suggested a rewritten resolution be brought forward at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Keebler concurred with Mr. Rutherford. Mr. Keebler suggested exploring alternative forms of public transportation as opposed to just bus transportation. Mr. Keebler proposed the work group operate as a subcommittee of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board.

Mr. McHugh advised the legislation would have to be revised to fold this subcommittee into the Parking Advisory Board. Mr. McHugh suggested the legislation as presented would not work based on Council's discussion.

Mr. Ross stated he did not see any harm in moving forward with the study group as presented.

<u>Mr. Bogard moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Currie seconded. The motion failed by the following roll call:</u>

AYE: Ms. Dana, Mr. Ross (2)

NAY: Mr. Bogard, Ms. Fischer, Ms. Currie, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Keebler (5)

ABS: None (0)

RESOLUTION
PAVING CONTRACT

A Resolution No. 4342 accepting the bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with John R. Jurgenson Co. for resurfacing and maintenance work at a cost of $316,604.00 plus a contingency amount of 2.65% of the contract or $8,396.00 for a total cost not to exceed $325,000.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach noted the operating budget allocation of $325,000 for street and alley improvement. Mr. Dreisbach referred to Exhibit A included in the agenda, which outlines the list of proposed streets. Mr. Dreisbach stated the City received four bids in response to their advertisement. Mr. Dreisbach noted this work is in addition to several other ongoing projects. Mr. Dreisbach offered to address any questions or comments.

Mr. Keebler noted the amount of work performed on High Street between Patterson and Campus every five years due to the sinking of the right-hand lane.

Mr. Dreisbach stated Miami is going to replace approximately 3,000 feet of curb and gutter to try to manage the drainage issue. Mr. Dreisbach described the amount of work necessary to totally address the problem and the costs.

Mr. Keebler expressed concern with how frequently Contreras Road has to be repaired and paved.

Mr. Dreisbach stated 100 tons of berm aggregate was included in the contract for sections of Contreras Road to attempt to stabilize the edge of the pavement.

<u>Mr. Bogard moved to adopt Resolution No. 4342. Ms. Fischer seconded. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call:</u>

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RESOLUTION
PROPERTY & CASUALTY
INSURANCE FOR 2008

A Resolution No. 4343 accepting the insurance bid of Insurance Specialist Group, Inc. DBA Love Insurance Partners for the City’s property and casualty insurance coverage for 2008. (Heidi Hill, Acting Finance Director)

Ms. Hill stated the City retained a consultant to assist in analyzing bids for property and casualty insurance. Ms. Hill stated the recommendation of the consultant was to continue to use Love Insurance based on the bid. Ms. Hill stated the consultant had high regard for Love Insurance. Ms. Hill explained the insurance expired March 31, with binders in place pending review.

Mr. Bogard moved to substitute language which read "for a cost of $125,098." Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Ross asked the location of Love Insurance.

Ms. Hill stated it is located in northern Ohio.

Mr. Keebler commended the City for utilizing a consultant in the bid process.

Ms. Hill noted the consultant recommended appraisals be performed on City property.

Ms. Currie moved to adopt Resolution No. 4343. Ms. Fischer seconded. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
ZONING MAP
AMENDMENT

An Ordinance Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment For 3.26 Acres Of Land Located On The Northeast Corner Of U.S. 27 S. And Southpointe Parkway Oxford, Ohio And Rezoning The Property From R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) To GB (General Business) District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Ms. Dale noted the Southpointe development was approved through the Butler County Planning Commission and subsequently annexed into the City, and finalized last year. Ms. Dale stated based on the development with the City, the zoning classifications would be changed to the most equivalent City zoning classifications. Ms. Dale noted the corner out lot of the site was inadvertently overlooked in the process. Ms. Dale noted the previous designation of B-PUD.

Ms. Dale stated in order to honor the development agreement; the appropriate zoning classification of General Business should be assigned.

Mr. Keebler noted this was previously reviewed at the Planning Commission and was merely an oversight. Mr. Keebler stated he visited the site earlier and it has no access to US 27 and it is 3.26 acres.

Ms. Fischer addressed the development agreement. Ms. Fischer pointed out that actions of Council are not in agreement with the development agreement. Ms. Fischer referred to the sidewalk that was supposed to have been installed last summer, which is now slated for 2012. Ms. Fischer referred to the General Business district designation and noted permitted uses include restaurants, but conditional uses include bars. Ms. Fischer stated there is no definition of a bar in the Code. Ms. Fischer asked either the police chief or law director if there were any bars in Oxford or if everything was classified as a restaurant.

Mr. McHugh stated most establishments are restaurants that serve alcohol.

Mr. Scott Webb, stated there are various kinds of liquor licenses based on percentages of alcohol served versus percentage of food served.

Ms. Fischer noted her concern regarding the development agreement and its presentation. Ms. Fischer stated the exhibits were not attached for review.

Mr. Ross discussed his participation with the Comprehensive Plan and the opposition to a commercial zoning designation in that area.

Mr. Rutherford agreed with Mr. Ross that opposition was voiced to commercial growth in that area. Mr. Rutherford stated the City has a development agreement in place and should honor it.

Mr. Alan Kyger, asked if the Planning Commission reviewed the original agreement with the County to see if any restrictions were transferred.

Mr. Scott Webb noted the restrictions were a 50-foot perimeter buffer around the entire development. Mr. Webb stated the 50-foot perimeter buffer has been deeded and recorded.

Ms. Fischer requested a copy of the agreement for review.

ORDINANCE
SECOND READING

None.

ANNOUNCMENTS

Mr. Elliott noted the institution of the Granicus system. Mr. Elliott noted Council, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings would all be available via webcast. Mr. Elliott thanked his assistant, Kim, as well as all those involved in bringing the system forward.

Mr. Elliott stated he attended the Southwest Ohio Leadership Briefing meeting. Mr. Elliott noted Governor Strickland has put forth a Building Ohio Jobs proposal. Mr. Elliott stated upon passage, it could be a source of funding for the community.

Ms. Hill noted RITA would be available at the courthouse April 7th from four p.m. to eight p.m. and April 8th from nine a.m. to one p.m. to offer assistance with filing tax forms for anyone who might need it.

Ms. Dale stated there was an excellent Comprehensive Plan public session on March 10th. Ms. Dale noted the desire to schedule a joint elected officials work session. Ms. Dale stated there are plans for an open house sometime in the middle of June.

Mr. McHugh noted a report on snow, which was provided, and offered to address any questions or concerns.

Mr. Ross commended the police department concerning a recent personal situation.

Mr. Rutherford noted he recently met with the Senior Citizens Board of Trustees and stated they are very interested in undertaking various fundraising activities.

Mr. Bogard stated Oxford Township is seeking public input for their comprehensive plan draft on April 3rd from seven to nine p.m. at the middle school.

Mr. Bogard stated there would be a public information session regarding the Oxford connector project on April 10th from four to seven p.m. at Marshall Elementary School.

Ms. Fischer suggested asking the Planning Commission to review a possible agricultural zoning designation.

<u>Ms. Fischer moved to request the Planning Commission to investigate agricultural and/or conservation zoning for the City of Oxford. Ms. Currie seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.</u>

Mr. Keebler noted the Uptown Revitalization Committee has had two very productive meetings with another one scheduled next Monday. Mr. Keebler stated the Committee is a good representation of people with good ideas. Mr. Keebler advised the Committee should have a presentation ready for Council in May.

Ms. Currie suggested not all community meetings be held at the newest and nicest school so that the community members might appreciate the needs of the school system. Ms. Currie noted Miami's baseball team is starting its home game season. Ms. Currie stated the City's bicentennial would be celebrated in 2010 and invited any suggestions or comments concerning events.
Ms. Currie described the grade school contest to design the logo for the bicentennial celebration.

Mayor Dana noted she handed out information regarding "Recycle to Win" which describes the recycling contest. Mayor Dana noted the yard waste pick up from one to four p.m. this coming Saturday. Mayor Dana referred to the meetings noted in the agenda. Mayor Dana offered condolences on the passing of Phil Macklin and Sue Summers.

Ms. Fischer noted Mr. Macklin's work with proportional voting.

ADJOURN

Mr. Fischer moved to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. Mr. Bogard seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.