



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2022
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Roll Call **TIME** 00:00

William Snavelly Mayor	Chantel Raghu Vice Mayor
Jason Bracken	Amber Franklin
Alex French	Glenn Ellerbe
David Prytherch	

Motion – Enter Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. R.C. 121.22(G)(4) For the purpose of collective bargaining.

(Roll Call) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Mr. Bracken

AYE # 6

Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Mayor Snavelly

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Motion – To return from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. R.C. 121.22(G)(4) For the purpose of collective bargaining.

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE # 7

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor William Snively on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Alex French, Glenn Ellerbe, Chantel Raghu, Jason Bracken, David Prytherch, and Amber Franklin arrived at 7:10pm

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

Approval of the Agenda [TIME 00:26](#)

Motion – To remove the “Sister City Day” Proclamation and otherwise approve the Agenda.

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE #7

NAY #0

ABS #0

Public Participation [TIME 01:00](#)

Proclamation– “Sister City Day” Page 5 of the Agenda Packet Removed due to travel issues the Differdange delegation faced this week.

Proclamation– “Education Sharing Day” Page 6 of the Agenda Packet Rabbi Yossi Greenberg gratefully accepted.

Proclamation – “Earth Day” Page 7 of the Agenda Packet Mike Dreisbach accepted on behalf of the Environmental Commission.

Presentation– Deer impacts and management in Miami University Natural Areas, by David Gorchov, Chair, Miami University Natural Areas Committee. Slides can be found in minutes.

Public Comments

The purpose of the Public Comments Section is for members of the Public to speak to the City Council on any subject not scheduled on the Agenda, except Consent Agenda items. City Council values your comments, and Council rules limit public comments to five minutes for each person.

Presentations are not to be in the form of public debate, personal attacks on Council, City staff or other members of the public and Council shall not act except to direct the City Manager to take action or schedule the matter for discussion at a later date.

Resident Name Address Resident Comment / Request

Consent Agenda [TIME 27:37](#)

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any City Council member may, however, remove an item from consent by request. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Minutes of the, March 11, 2022 City Council Retreat Work Session (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 8 of the Agenda Packet**
- B. Minutes of the, March 15, 2022 City Council Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 10 of the Agenda Packet**
- C. Report regarding the March 8, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting (Sam Perry, Community Development Director) **Page 26 of the Agenda Packet**

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE # 7
NAY #0
ABS #0

Resolutions

Resolution No. 7387 [TIME 28:05](#)

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1. A Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Jackson Construction Co. for the Construction and Replacement of Designated Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Per Project Specifications at a Cost of \$125,271.00 Plus a Contingency in the Amount of \$24,729.00 for a Total not to Exceed \$150,000.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7387

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE # 7

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Resolution No. 7388 [TIME 32:43](#)

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2. A Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Jackson Construction Co. for the Installation of Handicap Ramps with Tactile Dome Mats as set forth on Exhibit “A” and “B” Attached hereto at a Cost of \$105,880.80 Plus a Contingency in the Amount of \$2,791.20 for a Total Cost not to Exceed \$108,672.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7388

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE # 7

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Resolution No. 7389 [TIME 35:27](#)

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3. A Resolution of Council Directing Staff to Advertise A Request for Bids to Complete the Installation of Sidewalk Ramps throughout the City Using American Rescue Plan Funds. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7389

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE # 7

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Resolution No. 7390 [TIME 37:22](#)

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4. A Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. For the 2022 Street Resurfacing and Maintenance work at a Cost of \$422,263.50 Plus a Contingency in the Amount of \$12,736.50 for a Total Cost not to Exceed \$435,000.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7390

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE # 7

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Resolution No. 7391 [TIME 42:02](#)

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5. A Resolution Accepting the Insurance Bid of Insurance Specialist Group, Inc., DBA Love Insurance Partners for the City's Property and Casualty Insurance Coverage for 2022.
(Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7391

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE # 7

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Resolution No. 7392 [TIME 46:34](#)

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6. A Resolution Accepting the Priorities, Vision & Values, and 2022 Measurable Goals.
(Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

Comments from the Public –

Amy Shaiman 11 Heather Ridge Court– Ms. Shaiman expressed appreciation for the efforts being taken to have an accessible city. Ms. Shaiman asked where diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) falls in the Council's Vision & Values.

Ann Fuehrer 1345 Dana Drive– Ms. Fuehrer asked if the information from the comprehensive plan will be used to create goals for this year.

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7392

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Mr. Bracken

AYE # 7

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Ordinances

Ordinances are adopted using a two-step procedure. First reading introduces the Ordinance and provides an opportunity for public input on the subject as well as allowing Council to request more information as needed. Second reading is to provide Council with the opportunity to consider new information and to deliberate.

First Reading

Ordinance No. 3676 [TIME 01:04:33](#)

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1. An Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use Permit Application to allow for the Re-Establishment of a Fraternity use located at 406 East Withrow Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056 With Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Comments from the Public – Scott Webb, architect- Mr. Webb spoke on behalf of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Mr. Webb noted the Kappa Sigma have been on campus since the '60s, and are looking forward to returning to their original home.

Second Reading - None

Announcements & Communications

Remarks from City Council and City Staff [TIME 01:11:21](#)

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Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:58 p.m. [TIME 01:26:52](#)

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Mr. Ellerbe

AYE # 7

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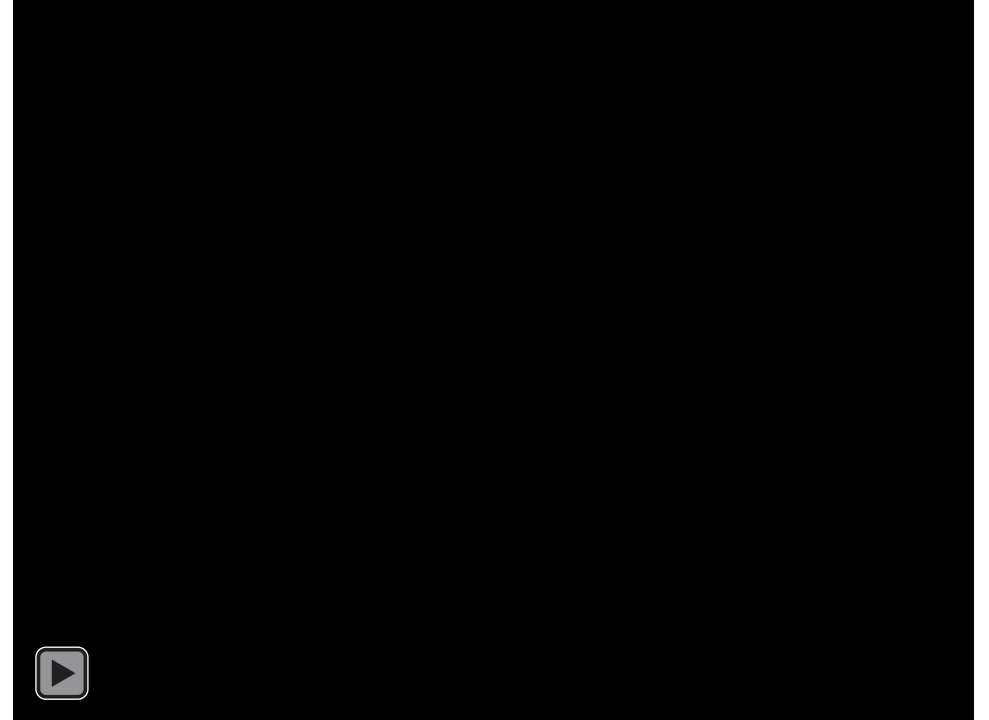
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Deer impacts & management in Miami University Natural Areas

Dave Gorchov

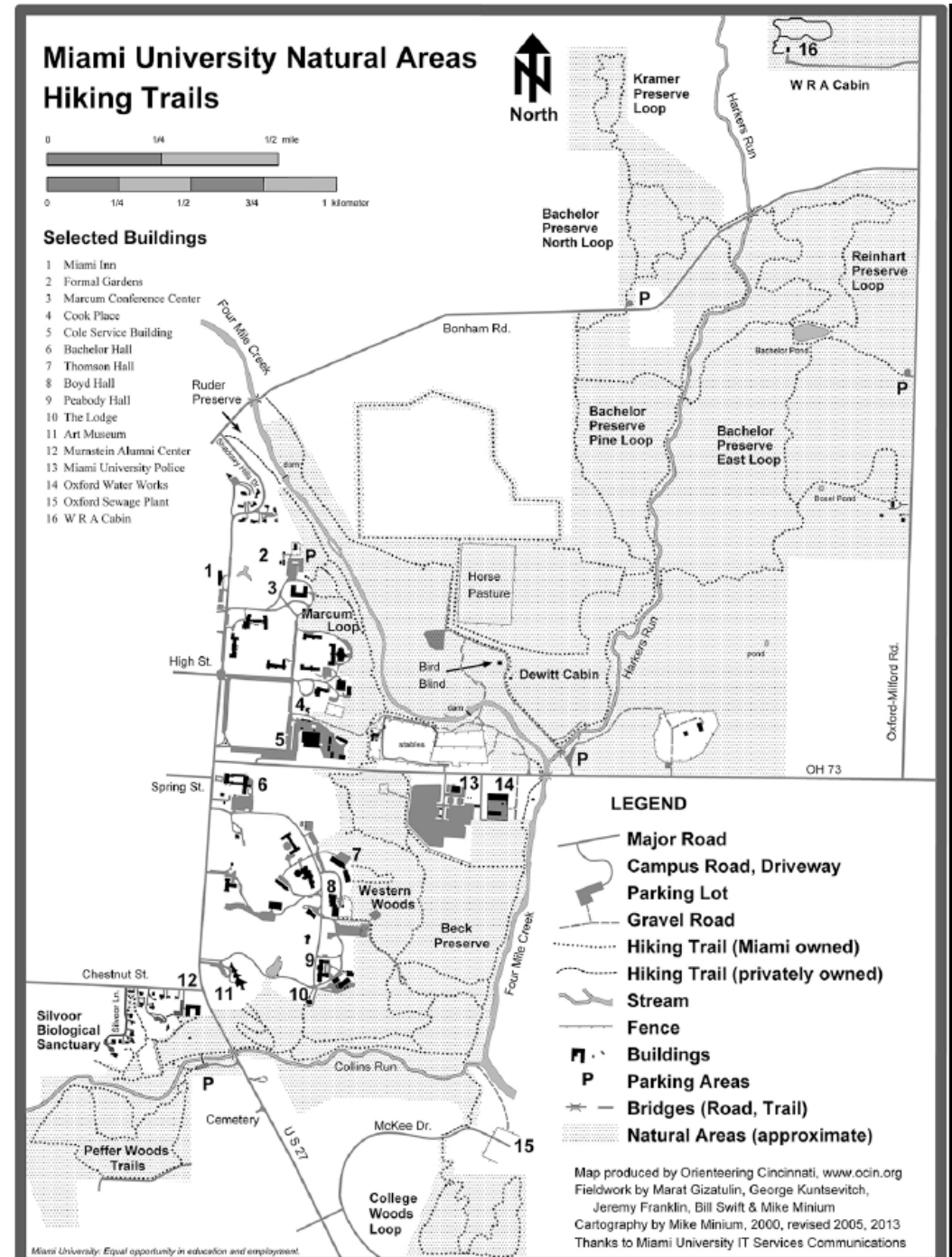
Professor, Dept of Biology

Chair, Miami U Natural Areas Committee



Miami U Natural Areas

> 1000 acres





White-tailed Deer

Large increase in density in North America since mid 1800's

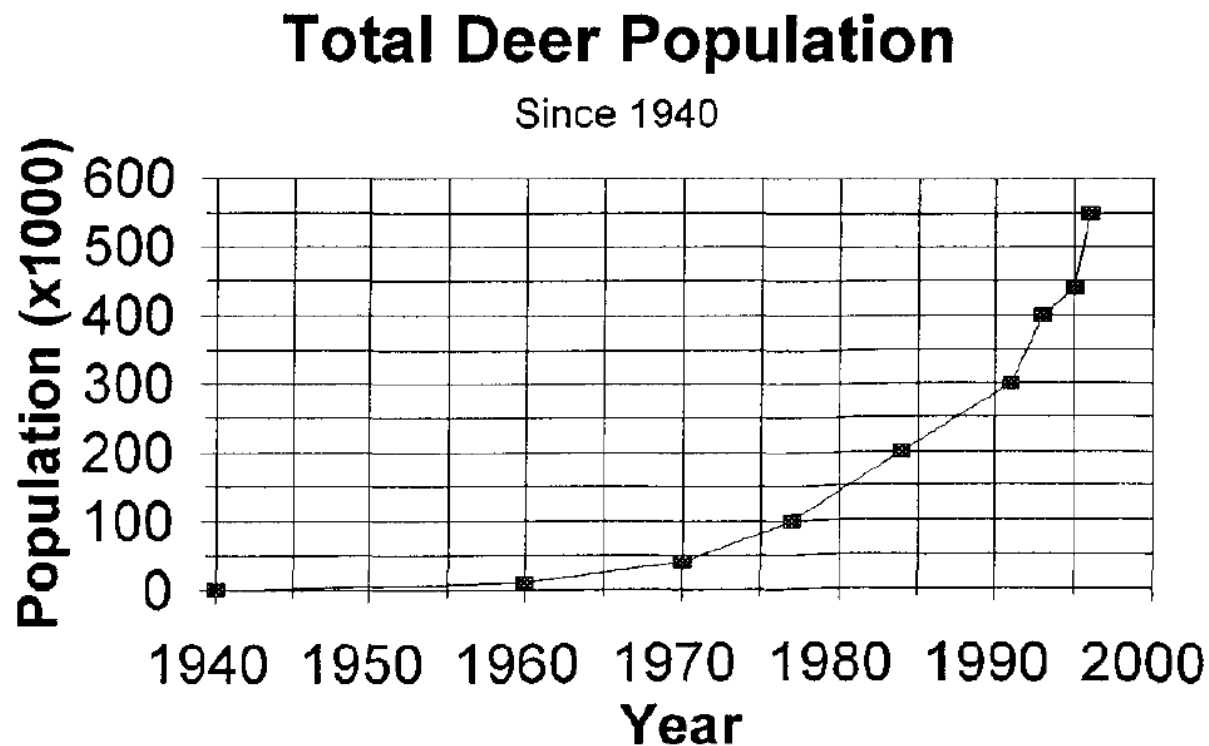


FIGURE 1. Estimated trends in deer populations in Ohio, 1940-1996.

Iverson and Iverson. 1999. Ohio. J. Sci. 99



Deer reduce tree seedlings, which impairs forest regeneration & causes ‘trophic ricochet’



Top-down effects on forest vegetation

Mammalian predators/
Population management

Ungulate
herbivores

Tree communities
(regeneration) → (forest canopy)

Bottom-up effects of altered forest vegetation

Avian
predators

Insect
herbivores

Trophic level

Secondary consumers/
Primary carnivores

Primary consumers

Primary producers

Nuttle, Yerger, Stoleson, & Ristau
(2011) Ecosphere

Browsed buckeye seedling, Bachelor Reserve

Estimated deer density in Miami U Natural Areas (MU) & Hueston Woods (HW) in 2017 (T. Peterson MS thesis)

Site	Site Location	Spring Estimated Density (deer km ⁻²)	Summer Estimated Density (deer km ⁻²)
1	Kramer Preserve (MU)	6.0	4.2
2	Reinhart Preserve (MU)	7.9	7.8
3	Bachelor Preserve (MU)	18.2	9.5
4	Western Woods (MU)	13.6	8.8
5	College Woods (MU)	8.0	5.0
6	Cemetery (HW)	4.8	3.3
7	Horse Trail (HW)	7.0	6.4
8	Big Woods (HW)	0	0



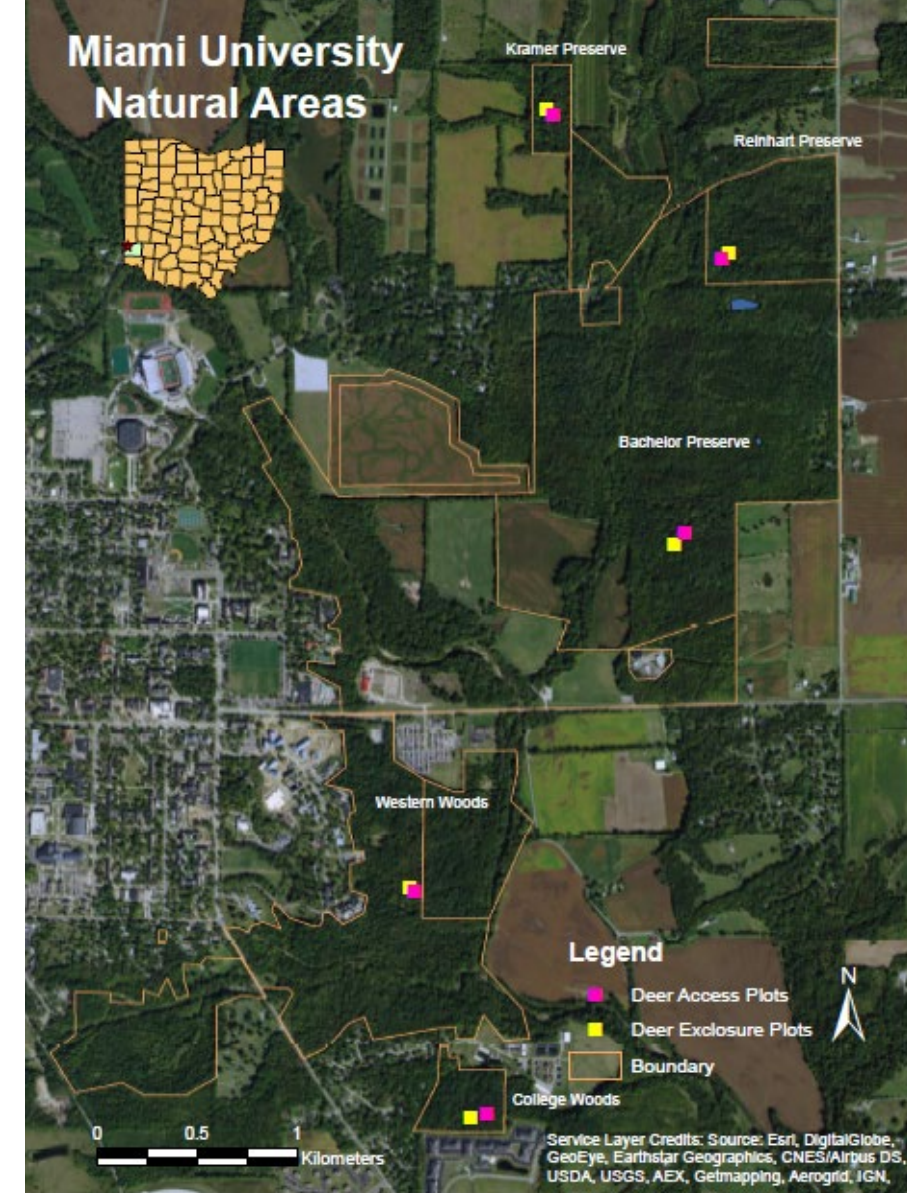
5 deer exclosures, MU Natural Areas

2010

20 x 20 meters

Paired w deer access plots

Honeysuckle removed from half of ea plot

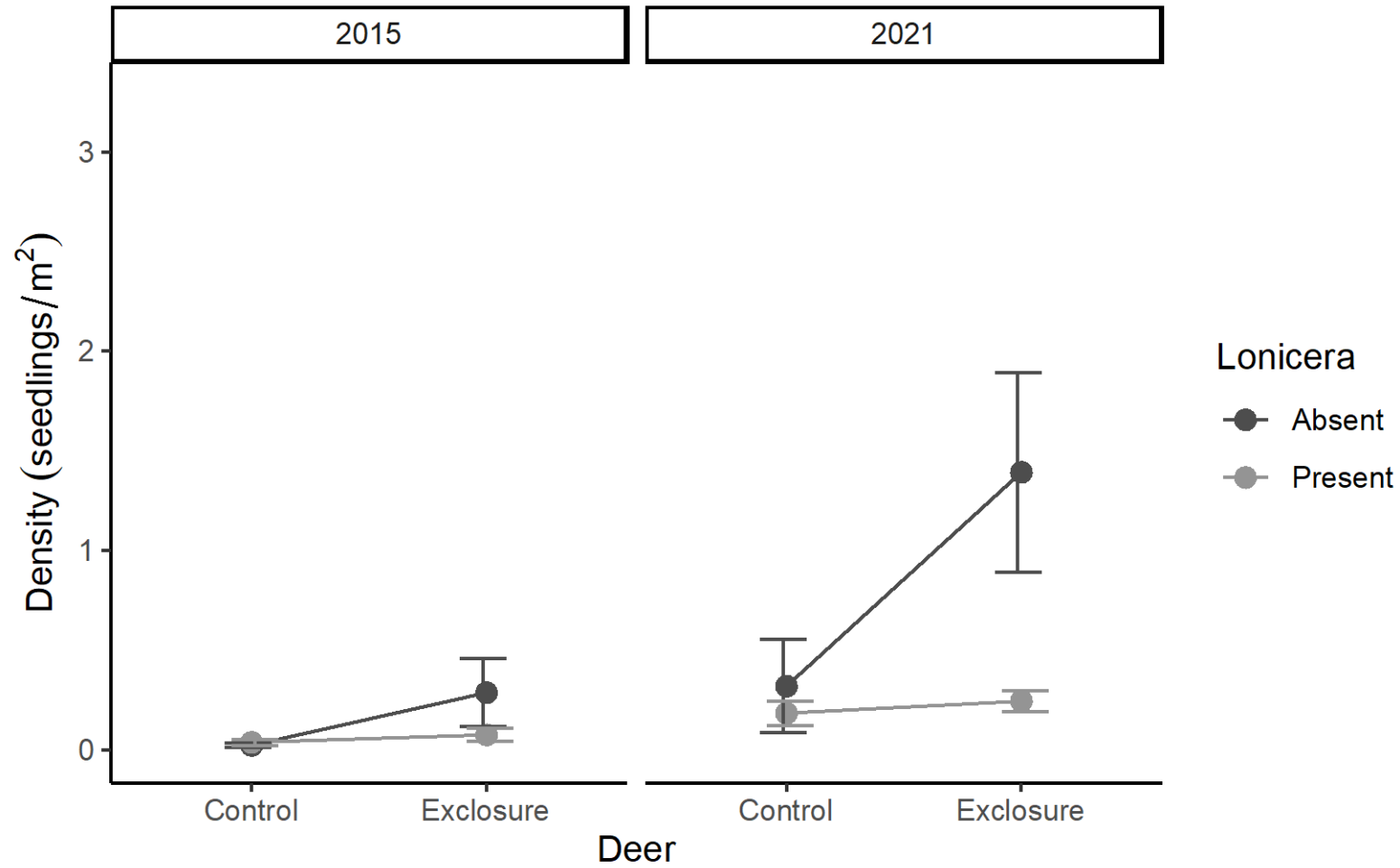


Density of tree seedlings very low except where deer excluded

0.3 – 2 m tall

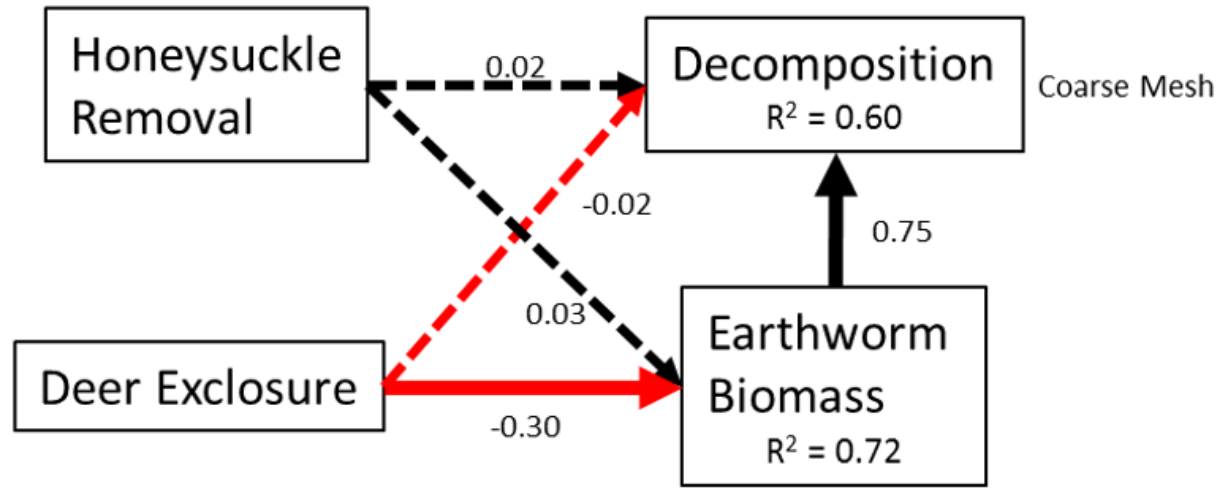


Christina Haffey

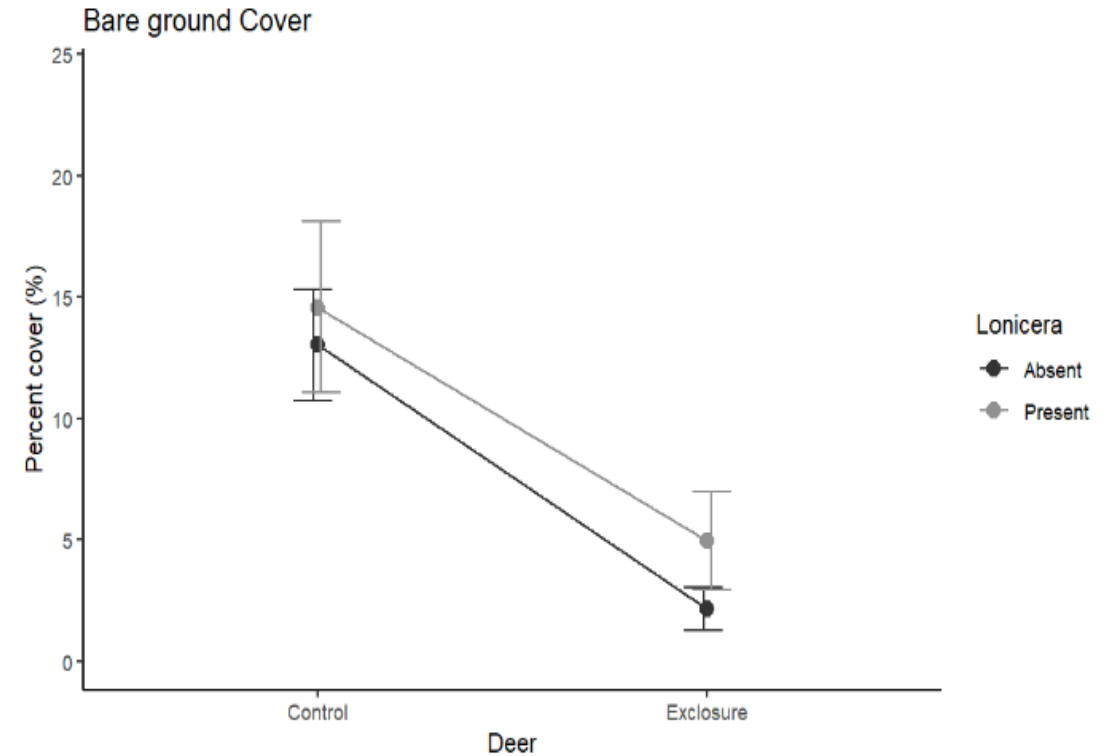


Marco Donoso

Deer promote invasive earthworms, bare ground, & invasive annual & biennial plants



Mahon et al. (2020)



Hanna Leonard

City of Oxford deer mgt

- 2009-present
- Bow hunting
- 133 deer harvested

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NEWS

Deer me! Oxford hunters feed the hungry



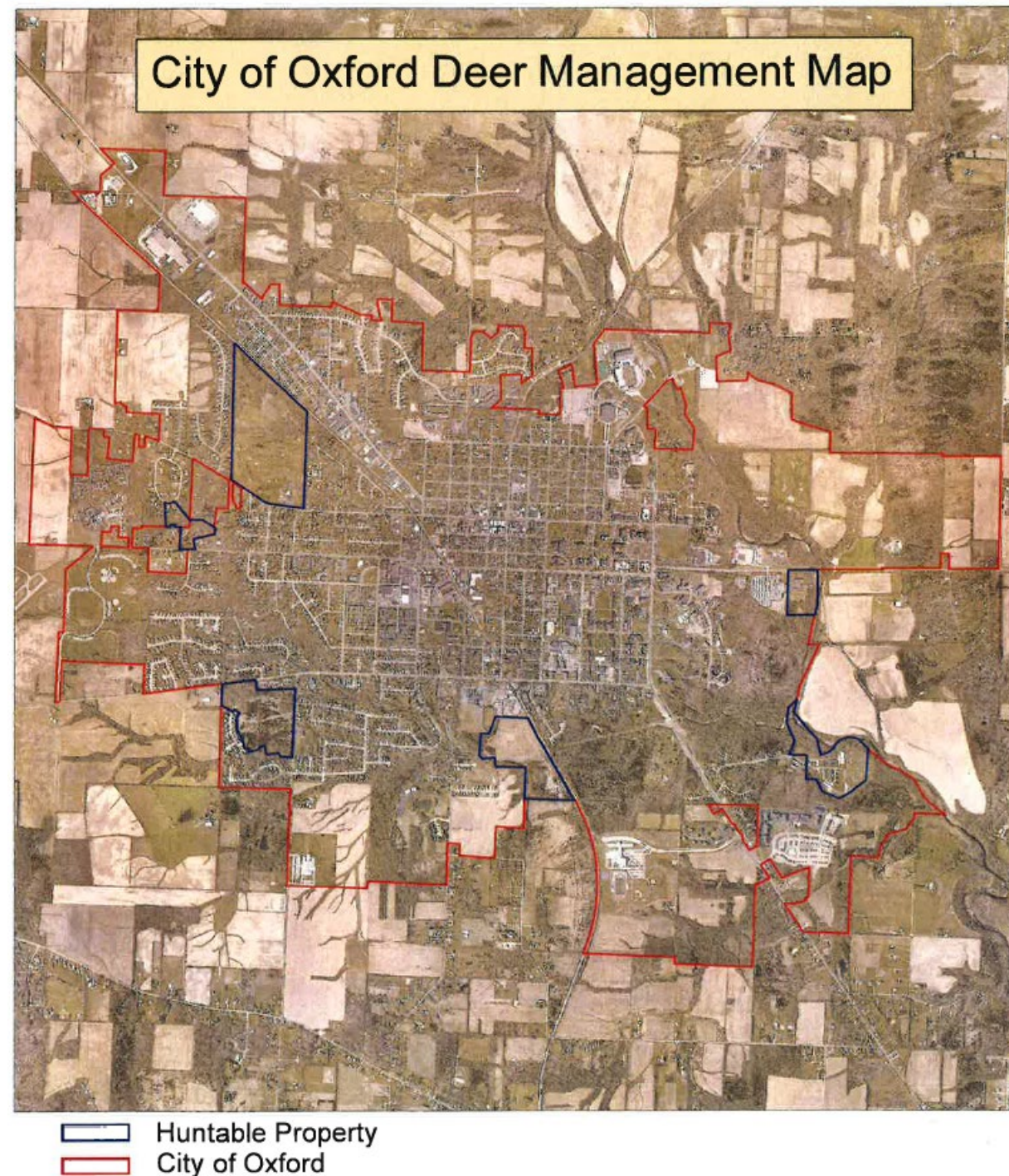
Trending

Miami student charges

By Rachel Berry | 10/

ASG senator is Islamophobic

By Erin Glynn | 10/22

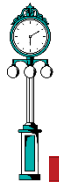


Miami University Natural Areas Committee

- Drafting a deer management plan for MU Natural Areas
 - Bow hunting
 - winter
- Coordinate with City of Oxford, Oxford Township, adjacent property owners
- Seek input & feedback from Oxford & Miami U communities
 - May 5, 7 pm Zoom meeting

naturalareas@miamioh.edu

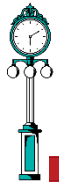




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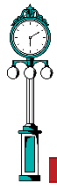
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Recommitted to top 3 Priority Areas

Climate Sustainability

Economic Development

Housing for Everyone



2022 *Vision and Values*

Sense of Place:

Oxford is proud of what makes us unique and engages the community to celebrate and expand our strengths.

- Creative Placemaking
- Historic Preservation
- Public Art

Quality of Life:

The City of Oxford is a safe, welcoming, and attractive place to live; and strives to provide equal access to high-quality city programs and services.

- Education
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Housing
- Public Safety
- Recreation
- Transportation

Stewardship:

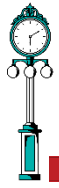
Efforts to build an Oxford for future generations.

- Climate Sustainability
- Economic Development
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Health and Equity
- Town and Gown Relationships

Service Excellence:

The City hires professional staff, values transparency in its processes, and provides high-quality core services.

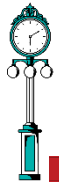
- Infrastructure:
 - Water
 - Waste Water
 - Streets and Maintenance
 - City Grounds
- Communications and Public Access efforts
- Human Resources



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2022 Measureable Goals



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2023 Goals & Objectives

0:00:00.0 Mayor Snavelly: Motion to adjourn from executive session.

0:00:02.6 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:00:03.2 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved and seconded to adjourn from executive session at 7:30 PM.

0:00:09.8 Ms. French: Second.

0:00:10.8 Mayor Snavelly: All those in favor please say "Aye".

0:00:14.3 Group: Aye.

0:00:15.3 Mayor Snavelly: All those opposed? Thank you. Next is the approval of the agenda and I think.

0:00:21.5 Ms. Raghu: I would move to remove item A for the proclamation for the Sister City Day.

0:00:28.2 Mayor Snavelly: Okay and otherwise approve the agenda?

0:00:30.6 Ms. Raghu: I move to remove item A, and otherwise approve the agenda.

0:00:33.4 Ms. Franklin: Second.

0:00:33.9 Mayor Snavelly: It's moved and seconded. We're taking off the first proclamation since our since our sister city delegation was unable to make it here thanks to JFK Airport. All those in favor of approving the agenda as amended indicate by saying "Aye".

0:00:53.0 Group: Aye.

0:00:54.0 Mayor Snavelly: All opposed? So we'll move to proclamations. First one; Whereas excellence in education is vital to the success of our city and in Oxford we seek to instill each child and adolescent with a good education, and whereas, by preparing our students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, education develops the intellect through lessons on literacy, math and science, and whereas the Rebbe Menachem Schneerson dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind and tirelessly advocated for a better education for all Americans, and whereas the Rebbe taught that education should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, but also on character building with emphasis on the universal, moral and ethical values are the basis any peaceful, civilized society.

0:01:57.8 Mayor Snavelly: And whereas the United States Congress has established Education and Sharing Day USA as an annual national day to commemorate the Rebbe's achievements and the lessons and the vision he set forth, are relevant to us all today. Now therefore I, William B Snavelly, Mayor of the city of Oxford, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 as Education and Sharing Day in the city of Oxford and call upon educators, volunteers and citizens to reach out to young people, and work to create a better, brighter and more hopeful future for all. And I would

invite the Rabbi to come and accept this and maybe you may say a few words if you would like.

0:02:52.0 Rabbi Yossi Greenberg: Thank you. I'm Yossi Greenberg I'm the local Rabbi in town and I wanna thank the Mayor, I want to thank the Council, I want to thank Heather. It's an honor and privilege to come here every year around this time for the Education Day and for the Education Day Proclamation. I had a meeting today with the superintendent and I'm happy to share that we are in talks to actually bring this theme past just the Chabad in the Jewish Community here in town but to implement and get some ideas going for our youth here in the community, so we're excited about that. I wanna start because it's Education and Sharing Day with a pushke, a charity box, I brought from my house and start with an act of goodness. I want to take just one minute of your time and talk about the Rebbe. This year we're celebrating 120 years.

0:03:47.9 Rabbi Yossi Greenberg: The Rebbe was born 120 years ago, in a city called Nykolaiv in Ukraine. They changed the N to the M and that's the name hearing on the media, you're hearing on the news. It's called Mykolaiv today. The Rebbe eventually moved to a city called Dnipro, your hearing that name in the news as well. In 1941, the Rebbe came to America and established his court and Chabad headquarters in New York and the rest is history. There's Chabad centers all over the world, including right here in Oxford. And myself and my family and the community, we are happy to be here for the last 9 years, and we're very thankful to the Oxford Community, so welcoming to us, Chabad and the Jewish Community here, and I really appreciate it. Thank you so much.

0:04:34.3 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Okay, our next proclamation. Whereas on April 22, 1970, United States Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin and Denis Hayes organized the first nationwide day devoted to environmental awareness and education, that was celebrated by an estimated 20 million Americans. And whereas this day of environmental awareness and education is celebrated worldwide in some 180 countries with the participation of over 4000 separate organizations. And whereas individuals and institutions have a mutual responsibility to seek ecological, economical, and ethical choices that enable the world as well as our individual communities to establish and maintain sustainable societies. Now therefore, I William B. Snavelly, Mayor of the city of Oxford, Ohio, do hereby proclaim that on Thursday, April 22, 2022, the city of Oxford will recognize and participate in the national and international celebration of Earth Day. I urge all citizens to celebrate Earth Day and remind each person of their right and responsibility to the wise use of this global home to heal, preserve and improve the Earth, and the quality of life, for this and future generations, and to approach every day as Earth Day. And I don't believe anyone from the Environmental Commission is here accept this so Mr. Dreisbach will do so.

0:06:17.7 Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you sir, I do appreciate it.

0:06:27.8 Mr. Prytherch: Can I just say one little word on that.

0:06:29.4 Mayor Snavelly: Please.

0:06:29.4 Mr. Prytherch: Just that later we'll be talking about our council priorities, and I think it's notable that one of our top three is climate and sustainability. I think more than proclamations we were really serious about it, and a recent New York Times headline was stopping climate change is doable, but time is short. So I believe we are as serious as we can hope to be so yeah we have a proclamation and we're doing more.

0:06:55.7 Mayor Snavely: We are doing more. And I was going to mention that, and I've also appreciated the number of people who have stopped me recently in our neighborhood to say, "Hey, how are those solar panels working on your house? I see those solar panels. I went to get to got my bill today from Duke Energy and it was \$17.

0:07:17.6 Mr. Prytherch: You're kicking butt this sunny spring weather.

0:07:20.8 Mayor Snavely: So that that's great. Next, we have a presentation on deer impact with by David Gorchov chair of the Miami university Natural Areas committee. Welcome.

0:07:40.0 Mr. Dave Gorchov: Thank you. Thank you Mayor, and thank you Council for giving me this opportunity. My name is Dave Gorchov. I know a lot of you, I'm a 30-year resident of Oxford. And today, I'm coming to you as the chair of the Miami University Natural Areas Committee, and I just wanna introduce the idea of the University has of managing the deer population on University's natural areas. We have about 1000 acres of natural areas on the Miami campus. A lot of paved trails that are used by city residents as well as Miami students, the recently paved Oxford area trail that goes from Pepper Park through Western Woods and is connecting on the other side of route 73 past the DeWitt Cabin to Bottom road. Virtually all of that is Miami university natural areas, and the extension that'll go from Pepper Park up to the high school, almost all of that is Miami natural area, so it's a resource for the city as well as for the university. Whitetail deer are native throughout much of North America, but they have been increasing a great deal.

0:09:12.3 Mr. Dave Gorchov: This is sort of a reconstructed population estimate for the State of Ohio, where they were virtually extinct in the middle of the 20th century, they've continued to become more abundant since the years on this particular graph, I show this picture to show a browse line, that the deer in a lot of areas are so abundant, they are just sort of eating everything they can, and the vegetation that's left is what is not edible to them or not reachable. So a lot of reasons we're concerned about this in the natural areas is the main one that I'm gonna focus on is the effect of deer eating the seedlings of trees, the fewer the seedlings are, the fewer that can potentially replace large trees when they eventually fall. And that's when where forest generation is impaired, and in some cases, this can even cause what's called a trophic ricochet. So the idea is, we've lost the natural predators of the deer, of so the deer are here as ungulate herbivores, they become abundant, we lose the tree seedlings, which means there's gonna be fewer larger trees, we have fewer herbivores like insects, and that can affect insect eating birds, and so this has been documented elsewhere, we haven't documented this part in the Miami natural areas, but we're concerned about it.

0:10:43.5 Mr. Dave Gorchov: This picture is a seedling of a Buckeye tree with a blue notebook behind it, and it's just really stunted it's been browsed so many times it keeps re-sprouting and branching and getting browsed back. It's probably a pretty old tree, but it's very small, so this is an example of this, sort of high deer pressure, my colleague Tom Chris is now the chair of the Biology Department, has supervised some graduate students that have done estimates of the abundance of deer in different natural areas. These are five of our different natural areas, compared them to the three parts of Hueston Woods State Park. The method actually involves counting deer fecal pellet piles and doing some calculations from those... So there's a lot of numbers here.

0:11:35.7 Mr. Dave Gorchov: The number we're comparing to is eight deer per square kilometer,

which is 20 deer per square mile, above that is generally considered a problem too many deer that are causing negative effects, and in a lot of other natural areas it's above that, and in our biggest natural area, Bachelor Preserve, it's well above that. So this makes us think that deer are too abundant. Back in 2010 Tom and I set up a series of deer exclosures, These are fenced areas, some of them, actually all of them are visible from Miami University Natural Areas trails, there are 20 meters on the side, about 65 ft field on the side and each one is paired with a plot that started out being very, very similar in location and vegetation but we have not fenced, so that's our deer access plot. And so the yellow dots here are the locations and the natural areas, here's Western Woods, here's the Bachelor preserve.

0:12:38.5 Mr. Dave Gorchov: The yellow are deer exclosure locations and the purple are deer access plots. We're also interested in effect of Bush Honeysuckle, so in half of each plot we removed Honeysuckle, we've gotten a lot of scientific papers out looking at the effects, I'm just gonna show you a couple of things. This is a graph of tree seedlings, and by tree seedlings, we're talking about trees that are between 0.3 and 2 meters tall, so between about 1 foot and about six and half feet tall. And I don't have data from 2010 when we set this up, but in 2015, Christina Haffey an honor student census them, and we started to see more seedlings where deer were excluded and we'd removed the honeysuckle, but it was still quite low overall, and my masters student Marco Donoso last summer, we censused all of these, and the numbers of tree seedlings is recovering wherever we've excluded deer, particularly where we've also removed Honeysuckle. And it's still very low where the deer still have access.

0:13:51.6 Mr. Dave Gorchov: Deer affects lots of other things. I'm only gonna show you one other effect 'cause it's kind of a cascading effect. Deer, it turns out promote non-native earthworms and most of our earthworms here are Eurasian earthworms and they're good for gardens, but in the forests, they create this bare ground, they eat the fallen leaves and the ground is bare early in the summer, and this makes it easy for garlic, mustard, and other invasive annuals and biennials to germinate and grow. And my current honor student Hannah Leonard has documented that where deer have access, you have a lot more bare ground, than where the deer are excluded. So there's other effects, but this is just to show you why we're concerned, these natural areas we are trying to keep them relatively useful, functioning ecological system, and the deer are greatly impairing that.

0:14:53.4 Mr. Dave Gorchov: As I imagine all of you know, City of Oxford has had a very successful Deer Management Program since 2009, using bow hunting in designated areas, and David Treleaven, who's been monitoring that, managing that, he's been on an ad hoc committee at the Natural Areas, has had to look into what we can do on campus, and he's been very helpful, and a lot of what we're thinking of doing is modeled on what the City of Oxford is doing. So the Natural Areas Committee at this point, we're drafting a deer management plan for the natural areas. We wanna include bow hunting for the same reason the city has used bow hunting. We would do this in the winter, the archery season is actually late September to early February. We're thinking late November to early February, there's not much use of the trails at that time. We would obviously coordinate with the city, and my being here today is the first step in that. We would need to coordinate with Oxford Township, 'cause it turns out some of our natural areas are actually in Oxford Township, so that's on my agenda.

0:16:11.0 Mr. Dave Gorchov: We're gonna reach out to the property owners who border the natural areas and let them know what we're doing, and give them an opportunity to give us feedback. And we're gonna have public meetings, we're gonna have one scheduled for May 5th,

that's a Thursday evening. We'll do it online through Zoom. We will be inviting members of the Oxford City Community, and I guess Oxford Township, and so I may talk to Jessica about ways to reach out to city residents, as well as Miami students and staff and faculty members, on how the meeting will represent our management ideas and get input that we will consider before we finalize any plan. This email will come to me and come to Nancy Feakes, who's standing over here, she's the manager for the Miami Natural Areas. So if anyone has questions about the natural areas geo-related or not, they can just email that and we will both see that, so I'm glad to answer any questions you have at this time. And to let you know, we will be reaching out to the citizens of Oxford and Oxford Township about this. Thank you.

0:17:32.1 Mayor Snavelly: Anyone here have questions? Jason.

0:17:34.5 Mr. Bracken: Not sure if I understood, did you mention whether we know whether they're stable populations growing currently?

0:17:40.9 Mr. Dave Gorchov: Did you ask whether the deer population is stable currently?

0:17:48.0 Mr. Bracken: Yes.

0:17:49.6 Mr. Dave Gorchov: We have estimates from 2014 and from 2017. There the only two estimates, and they're pretty similar, so it's probably over that period and currently it's pretty stable. I think it's much more than it was 30 years ago when I came and much more than it was probably 15 years ago, but we don't have hard data on that.

0:18:14.4 Mr. Bracken: Thanks.

0:18:14.4 Mr. Prytherch: Yeah, I wanna thank you. I know that I've been really grateful that the city has been doing this, and I think it has made a big difference. I was recently shown a video of a herd of deer in Amber's neighborhood they were probably 16 deer, or 18 deer, so I think it's good. I wonder whether we're doing enough because I love the deer, but I really worry for our forests, so I think this is a great first step. I hope we can coordinate, have you looked at other options other than the model of bow hunting other communities use other professional management. So is this the last strategy you're looking at right now, or there are other things you would potentially consider?

0:18:52.4 Mr. Dave Gorchov: Yeah. I mean there's a lot of park systems and so on that have dealt with this problem, we've looked very carefully at Hamilton County Parks plan. The City of Cincinnati park system, they do deer management, they both do bow hunting... There's a few other college campuses, we've got their plans, Binghamton is the one who comes to mind, they do bow hunting...

0:19:22.4 Mr. Dave Gorchov: Sharpshooters have been used in some cases. The Hamilton County Parks, if I recall correctly, initially started with that and quickly switched to bow hunting. Any kind of gun hunting, whether it's sharpshooters or individual hunters raises concerns about gunshots in the city limits, and people are concerned. Bow hunting is a lot safer, a bow does not travel as far as a stray bullet. We probably will have the hunters in fixed locations and stands, so if they miss, the arrows go into the ground, so it's very safe. One thing that the city of Cincinnati is doing in a couple of the very small, very urban parks is a sterilization program, which is extremely expensive. It's very tricky. You need to capture and euthanize the deer, you need veterinarians, you need

surgical setup, and then those deer wander out and other non-sterilized those wander in. So we did some thought about other management at this point, we're focused on bow hunting.

0:20:48.0 Ms. Raghu: NPR recently covered this... Covered deer population, and in terms of life-saving measures because of the amount of car accidents that happen. And they were looking at places that were national parks like Yellowstone and what they did compared to a populated place like the state of Wisconsin, and they had estimated in Wisconsin, what they were doing was allowing wolves to come back in, this is harder in a campus-type situation. [laughter] But it was really fascinating, 'cause they were talking about how the different policies the different states and their estimation of how many lives it saves, that we can reduce the amount of accidents that happen and state saving about \$11 million a year. So I think it's really interesting, and there was a friend who taught me about permaculture and that there's never too much of anything, if anything, there's too little of something else. So because... And I know I'm preaching to the choir here, [chuckle] but because we have gotten rid of all their natural predators, we now have this problem, so much of it is self-manifested that, you know, how can we try to return to a more natural balance? And the story also covered that the average age of hunters is they're middle age, so there's a dynamic that could be changing as generations go by.

0:22:07.9 Mr. Dave Gorchov: Yeah, those are really good points. The Wisconsin situation is interesting, because wolves had been moving on their own from Canada into Minnesota and Wisconsin and are expanding on their own without any sort of active promotion by any wildlife agencies, and there's a lot of researchers kinda following what's happening to the ecosystems as the wolves re-establish. But you're right, not only have we eradicated the natural predators here, we provide corn and soy beans, ad lib, and the deer are in a lot of places are major crop pests, and so in late summer and early fall...

0:22:49.6 Mayor Snavelly: In my yard. [chuckle]

0:22:50.5 Dave Gorchov: They have a lot of food. We plant our gardens and they have food from...

0:22:54.3 Mayor Snavelly: It's like a buffet.

0:22:57.7 Mr. Dave Gorchov: We have a lot of edge habitat and deer thrive with edge habitat. So we've enhanced the food supply. And then the issue of hunters in addition to the demographic point you made, in general, there's, you know, no hunting in city limits, there's no hunting in residential areas, so there's a lot of areas, even if they were interested hunters, where deer have sanctuary and aren't hunted. So one of the things that we're looking at, because a lot of our natural areas are adjacent to some of these areas the city has already designated as hunting areas, so sort of coordinating selecting our specific hunting spots wisely, so that they reinforce what the city is attempting to do. And we'll be monitoring... So we'll be not only counting how many deer are taken but are we seeing better survival of tree seedlings, are we seeing fewer deer fecal pellet piles and so on to see if we're having an effect?

0:24:00.6 Mayor Snavelly: Will there be signage and...

0:24:03.0 Mr. Dave Gorchov: Yes.

0:24:03.4 Mayor Snavelly: To warn people off that this is a hunting season?

0:24:06.8 Mr. Dave Gorchov: There will be signage of some sort. We may or may not want to close trails, that's one thing to be decided, we may or may not wanna say, "This week there is a hunter on this trail." That may be in the end undesirable to do that. So there will be a general signage up during these states, "There is hunting but..." The other thing is we would make sure there was no... That the stands were not close to the trails, and we already are telling people to stay on the trails, so that'll help.

0:24:48.3 Mayor Snavelly: We do that with Western Knowles, for example, the tree stands are pointing away from the residential areas for that very reason. I also, maybe two years ago, I read an article, a research article, about that was done on Yellowstone and reintroduction of the wolves in Yellowstone and amazing kinds of impacts that they didn't anticipate, but as it folds down effect over effect over effect and the entire ecosystem was enhanced by that. And I was turned on to that by a former Oxford resident who now lives in Montana, who follows the wolves in Yellowstone, so I don't think we're gonna reintroduce wolves in Oxford, although I heard a rumor there was a bear... I don't know about that. But I do think that these kinds of programs are very important. And so I think you have councils.

0:25:48.1 Mr. Prytherch: And I would ask that we continue to collaborate. I think you're already doing so.

0:25:53.6 Mayor Snavelly: Collaboration is important.

0:25:58.1 Mr. Prytherch: I would love to see increased harvest rates within the city. I think... I don't know what the number that we aim at is for a healthy deer population. But I think we can collaborate and aim towards that number together. And whatever it takes in terms of hunter recruitment I think we can do more in the city. And I hope we do that way.

0:26:12.4 Ms. Raghu: From a policy perspective, maybe not reintroducing wolves per say, but thinking about ways to educate people that maybe wolves aren't such a bad thing. Or if we had different policies that maybe like in Arizona, they pay people to have wolves if they have proof of wolves on their property, so they can change the way they manage their land. And if you need veterinarians, if you do go into the sterilization, I know some people...

[laughter]

0:26:40.6 Ms. Raghu: That have tranquilizers, so I think we can make that happen.

0:26:46.9 Mayor Snavelly: Do coyotes?

0:26:48.9 Mr. Prytherch: We also have coywolves.

0:26:50.0 Mayor Snavelly: They don't take they don't take them down. That's too bad 'cause we have coyotes. All right, thank you very much Dave.

0:26:56.4 Mr. Dave Gorchov: Okay. Thank you very much.

0:26:57.3 Ms. Franklin: Thank you.

0:27:06.3 Mayor Snavelly: Okay, at this time, we will entertain public comments. So anyone wishing to address council about items not on the agenda, or on the Consent Agenda, please come forward now and state your name and address for the record. And we'll give you up to 15... Up to five minutes.

[laughter]

0:27:22.8 Mayor Snavelly: Almost said 15. I was giving him 15. I will give you up to five minutes to talk our ears off. Seeing no takers. We will move to the consent agenda. Can we have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda?

0:27:37.8 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:27:39.1 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved by vice Mayor Chantel Rhagu.

0:27:40.3 Ms. French: Second.

0:27:40.5 Mayor Snavelly: And seconded by Councilor French. Are there any items to be removed? Okay, all those in favor of approving the consent agenda as presented indicate by saying Aye.

0:27:57.1 Group: Aye.

0:28:00.1 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed? Thank you. I will move into resolutions. And you may read the first one.

0:28:06.7 Ms. Barbour: A resolution accepting the bid and authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Jackson Construction Company for the construction and replacement of designated curb, gutter, and sidewalk pre-project specifications at a cost of \$125,271 plus a contingency in the amount of \$24,729 for a total not to exceed \$150,000.

0:28:38.9 Mayor Snavelly: May we have a motion to adopt the resolution?

0:28:41.1 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:28:41.6 Ms. French: Second.

0:28:43.1 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved and seconded. And Mike, we're happy to have you back.

0:28:50.1 Mr. Dreisbach: Good evening. Thank you. This is the second of four pieces of legislation that is required for this curb gutter sidewalk assessment program so in February council approved a resolution of necessity which allowed us to send certified letters to property owners to have work completed. And this resolution is for a construction contract to get the work done. The work will be completed hopefully by July. So we need to get this done in advance of our road resurfacing program. So this resolution is somewhat similar to the next one as they both involve the

lowest and best bid by Jackson Construction. And they both involve concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk, and handicap ramps. So we've worked with Jackson Construction before on several contracts and they do a good job for us. And they gave us a very good pricing. You'll see we only received two bids while normally we would expect five, six, seven, or eight bids for this type of work. So contractors are busy. Some of the good ones other than Jackson may not be able to meet our deadline. They're already committed on other jobs. So the market is tight for this type of work. We recommend approval of this contract and be I would be glad to answer any questions.

0:30:19.8 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Mike. Is there anyone from the public who would like to address this resolution? Seeing none, council discussion.

0:30:29.8 Ms. Franklin: I had a few questions, so just curious when you see such a big difference between two bids what accounts for that? Why the difference.

0:30:39.4 Mr. Dreisbach: I can speculate if you'd like my personal opinion.

0:30:44.2 Ms. Franklin: Yeah.

0:30:44.3 Mr. Dreisbach: As far as speaking for Prus, they're a wonderful contractor. They're very large, they're very busy. They are the contractor for the main street reconstruction project that will be going on this summer. And I suspect that they put in this bid hoping maybe that there weren't any others. And they would have a very, very profitable contract while they're already in town. So I believe that's why that price might be higher.

0:31:14.7 Ms. Franklin: Okay.

0:31:15.5 Mr. Dreisbach: Our bid tabs for that company are typically lower, our unit pricing is lower than what was submitted for this one.

0:31:22.2 Ms. Franklin: Okay. And then the other question I had is that the contingency is 19.7%. And then when I looked at the contingencies for the other resolutions we have coming up, they're much lower, how do you decide what the contingency is gonna be project by project?

0:31:37.0 Mr. Dreisbach: So typically, we asked for 10% for unforeseen conditions in a job, especially when there's underground work involved. In this case, we're asking for the full budget line item amount, so that we can improve not only the property owners for the street paving program but also go after our complaint file where property owners with dangerous sidewalk sections have not improved their work. And so this extra money will be used to repair those areas, and assess the property owners for the charges.

0:32:15.9 Ms. Franklin: Thank you.

0:32:20.6 Mayor Snavelly: Good question. Anyone else? Hearing none, all those in favor of the resolution indicate by saying aye.

0:32:29.8 Group: Aye.

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0:32:30.5 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed. Resolution is adopted. And we can have the second one read when you're ready.

0:32:38.9 Ms. Barbour: A resolution accepting the bid and authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Jackson construction company for the installation of handicap ramps with tactile dome mats set forth on exhibit A and B attached hereto at a cost of \$105,880.80 plus a contingency amount of \$2791.20 for a total cost not to exceed \$108,672.

0:33:11.3 Mayor Snavelly: Is there a motion to adopt this resolution?

0:33:16.5 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:33:16.9 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved by the Vice Mayor. Second?

0:33:20.8 Ms. French: Second.

0:33:21.2 Mayor Snavelly: Seconded by Councilor French.

0:33:24.9 Mr. Dreisbach: So over a year ago, the City Council authorized us to apply for this community development block grant, and this is for 2021 program dollars from housing and urban development, so this for HUD to approve this money generally comes later in the year, and that's why we're following up in the following calendar year with a project. So this is for 2021 dollars. We've been doing this program for over a decade now, improving handicap ramps where there were none in the city sidewalk system. This particular contract will get us almost 1000 feet of new curb gutter, 3600 feet of new sidewalk square feet and 31 new dome mats with the new handicap ramps. So again, this is the lowest and best bid from Jackson construction, and in this case, the bid almost met the line item amount, so we only have a better 2% contingency with this contract, but we wanna spend every HUD dollar that's available. So that's why we're asking for the full amount in this case.

0:34:43.0 Mayor Snavelly: And how close are we to completing the handicap program, I mean, ramp program?

0:34:48.4 Mr. Dreisbach: So there will be another agenda item tonight, and with about \$200,000, we can finish the rest of the ramps in the city.

0:35:00.6 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

0:35:00.7 Mr. Dreisbach: So we'll be asking your approval for that later this evening.

0:35:02.9 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Is there anyone from the public who would like to address this item? Seeing none. Council any discussion. Okay. All those in favor indicate by saying Aye.

0:35:17.9 Group: Aye.

0:35:19.2 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed. This resolution is adopted. You may read the third.

0:35:25.3 Ms. Barbour: A resolution of council directing staff to advertise a request for bids to

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complete the installation of sidewalk ramps throughout the city using American rescue plan funds.

0:35:39.3 Mr. Dreisbach: So council has authorized...

0:35:39.4 Mayor Snavelly: I need a motion... Just, I need a motion to adopt.

0:35:40.4 Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you.

0:35:41.6 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:35:42.6 Ms. French: Second.

0:35:43.4 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved and seconded.

0:35:46.5 Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you.

0:35:48.0 Mayor Snavelly: Now, to you. Yeah.

0:35:48.2 Mr. Dreisbach: The city council approve staff to apply for 2022 CDBG dollars and the target project for that is the College@Elm project, so that application has been submitted, we're still waiting to hear back to get the approval for that, but I'm sure that's forthcoming. At the time when we decided to do that application, it was discussed using the American rescue plan Act funds available to the city to complete the entire city network and get all of the improvements done in one project, we would likely get better unit pricing for that because it'll be a larger contract, but really, this resolution is to affirm that council desires to use those funds in this manner, and if so, we will develop the final spec package and get that out to bid, hopefully that work would be done during the summer period when there's a lot less traffic and students in town.

0:36:58.7 Mayor Snavelly: Good idea.

0:37:00.0 Mr. Dreisbach: I'm glad to answer any questions.

0:37:01.1 Mayor Snavelly: Okay, is there anyone from public who would like to address this? There isn't. So anyone from council? Seeing none. All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

0:37:13.4 Group: Aye.

0:37:14.8 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed? Resolution is adopted. Move to resolution four.

0:37:20.9 Ms. Barbour: A resolution accepting the bid and authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with Barrett paving Materials Incorporated for the 2022 Street resurfacing and maintenance work at a cost of \$422,263.50 plus contingency in the amount of \$12736.50 for a total cost not to exceed \$435,000.

0:37:52.4 Mayor Snavelly: Is there a motion to adopt the resolution?

0:37:57.0 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:37:57.2 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved and...

0:37:58.2 Ms. French: Second.

0:37:58.7 Mayor Snavelly: Seconded by councilor French. Mike?

0:38:05.5 Mr. Dreisbach: This is our annual street maintenance project that includes Street re-surfacing maintenance bike and pedestrian safety and new traffic control markings throughout the city. We advertised for bids, and I received three bids for this project with Barrett being the low bidder we've worked with Barrett on numerous contracts in the past, they're an excellent contractor and very pleased to have them submit the low bid... We did look at the streets that we're paving to see if any could be improved to be more compliant with our complete streets policy, and we will be installing permanent thermoplastic markings on McGuffey Avenue which are already painted for bike lanes, but we will be installing permanent thermoplastic markings on that street. We were disappointed with the unit cost on the contract, with the price of oil, paving is very dependent on oil for asphalt and transportation, and we saw prices rise 32% just over last year's unit pricing. So in this case, we're able to do all of our streets listed on exhibit A, but we are not able to do the alternates just as a matter of limited funding.

0:39:37.0 Mr. Dreisbach: In this case we do ask for a small contingency, there's about 3% left in the budget line item after the base contract. So we ask for your approval for this contract with Barrett Paving.

0:39:51.4 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much. Is there anyone from the public who would like to address this resolution? Seeing none, councilors?

0:40:00.4 Mr. Prytherch: Just one question for you, Mike. You're gonna finish up that section of Contreras that there was the... A lot of work has happened on that Contreras road Lynn to Locust. How long do you anticipate there'll be a closure there? We're sensitive to... Because we only have so many of those...

0:40:18.5 Mr. Dreisbach: I'm not sure. We'll do our best to maintain traffic on that, so I don't know that there'll be a closure. If there is it will be brief.

0:40:28.1 Mr. Prytherch: Okay. And then just to follow up on that, I know what the parking transportation advisory board will recognize that for alternative modes, those few crossings are also important, and it was limited in the right of way, but I think that... I can't remember what the exact recommendation was, that some form of at least shared road signage or markings on the streets, so to indicate... Do you have an idea of how you might be able to accommodate the alternative modes in that segment there?

0:40:51.8 Mr. Dreisbach: I think, typically, we'll do that later in the year when we see how our budget lands and what funds are available, and we'll re-stock on marking paint and signage, and I know we have one pair of rapid flash beacons in stock, we will evaluate where we can most impactfully place those devices.

0:41:15.8 Mr. Prytherch: Okay, so those are budgeted separately as opposed to, for example, like the thermoplastic from McGuffey is coming out of the paving budget versus the alternative, or does

it come, where is...

0:41:25.3 Mr. Dreisbach: So we're using three line items to complete this contract. The street resurfacing line, bike and pedestrian safety and crack sealing for pavement maintenance.

0:41:37.0 Mr. Prytherch: Okay. I think whatever happens on completing it would most probably be like a shared use, if some signage, but I just didn't know where the money would come from...

0:41:45.1 Mr. Dreisbach: I'm sure we can do that, yes.

0:41:47.8 Mr. Prytherch: Okay. Thank you.

0:41:50.2 Mayor Snavelly: Any other discussion? All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

0:41:57.0 Group: Aye.

0:41:58.1 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed? Okay. The resolution is adopted. We'll move to number five.

0:42:03.9 Ms. Barbour: A resolution accepting the insurance bid of Insurance Specialist Group Incorporated, DBA Love Insurance Partners for the city's Property and Casualty Insurance coverage for 2022.

0:42:14.8 Mayor Snavelly: Okay, is there a motion to adopt?

0:42:17.4 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:42:20.3 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved.

0:42:20.4 Ms. Franklin: Second.

0:42:20.8 Mayor Snavelly: And seconded by Councilor Franklin. Joe, welcome.

0:42:25.8 Mr. Newlin: Thank you. This is our annual renewal for Property and Casualty Insurance, and the renewal came in at \$190,043 and this is an increase of \$21,647 over last year's cost of \$168,396 and two years ago, we signed up with Assetworks and they do... They visit, revisit our property listing every year, and they'll adjust it for inflation, and as you know, last year, the cost of building materials went sky high, so it's \$15,000 to the \$21,000 increase, which is about 69.7%, this has to do with the appraisal cost. And again, we signed up for a five-year, they'll do a reappraisal or a snapshot of the reappraisal for five years going. So if prices do go down, then that will be represented in years coming. And just to give you an idea, in 2017, we didn't have a rate increase, we had a 1% in 2018, a 3% premium decrease in 2019, in 2021 there was no increase at all, and in 2020 there was no increase at all, in 2021 it actually went down \$5,116. So if you back out the amount that the \$15,090 from the total of it went up, remainder is \$6,557, which is a 3.9% increase, which is, for the inflation rate, that's pretty good, but when you compare it to 2020, since we had a decrease in 2021, it's only \$1,441 more than it was in '19... Or 2020, excuse me. So inflation is affecting everything, and insurance is one of the culprits that's gonna be affected by inflation of these times.

0:44:57.0 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Joe. Would anyone from the public like to address this resolution? Seeing none, Councilors, any questions?

0:45:10.0 Mr. Prytherch: This is just unrelated exactly to insurance, but thinking about... We're looking at a number of things that are getting more expensive rapidly. Yet, the city is primarily... Our financial foundation is on income taxes and incomes have not gone up, or not going up as fast, so this means we're gonna be making some tough choices in order... This is just one evidence on it, but the paving contracts, everything. Yeah.

0:45:40.4 Mr. Newlin: Yeah, until things get straightened out and nothing... Since I've been doing this since 2001, we used to have ebb and flows in the spring, and now nothing is normal, so it's really hard to say. Especially after COVID, it's hard to say what's going on anymore, I don't... Even our investment income probably won't... It'll never probably see... At least as long as I work, what it was coming in at in the early 2000s, it was like 4% or 5% you could get on Return on Investment. So you can't even depend on that anymore.

0:46:17.1 Mr. Prytherch: Thank you.

0:46:19.3 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Joe. Anyone else? Okay, all those in favor indicate by saying aye.

0:46:25.1 Group: Aye.

0:46:26.2 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed? The resolution is adopted and we finally get to Number 6.

0:46:33.2 Ms. Barbour: A resolution accepting the priorities, vision and values of the 2022 measurable goals.

0:46:41.2 Mayor Snavelly: Is there a motion to adopt this resolution?

0:46:44.2 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:46:44.9 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved. Is there a second?

0:46:46.4 Mr. Bracken: Second.

0:46:49.3 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. And Jessica, we welcome you.

0:46:55.7 Ms. Greene: Good evening. My computer is taking a minute to wake up and I have a small presentation, I hope. Good evening. I wanted to follow up after our council retreat for the public to be aware of what we spoke about and also kinda just formally adopt some of our decisions during that council retreat. So I'm gonna do this pretty quickly, and then after tonight, I will post all of this as an article online for our public, but I wanted to do this in this format first.

0:47:47.1 Ms. Greene: So at the Council Retreat, Council indicated that they wanted to re-commit to their top three priority areas of climate sustainability, economic development, and housing for everyone. We also then spoke about a re-draft of visions and values because we as department staff realized that some of the things we work on didn't really have a place to live as a goal, and we

wanted to share our progress, what we were working on, but needed a kind of a reporting structure for that, things like, where do the Amtrak live, where did the trail live, you know, projects like that. So we came up with some new suggestions, one is sense of place. Oxford is proud of what makes us unique and engages in the community to celebrate and expand our strengths, and the goal areas under that would be creative place making, historic preservation and public art. We add to quality of life. Oxford is a safe and welcoming, attractive place to live, that strives to provide equal access to high quality city programs and services. This includes education, housing, public safety, recreation and transportation goals. Stewardship are efforts to build an Oxford for future generations. And under here you have categories of climate sustainability, economic development, fiscal responsibility, health and equity, and town and gun relationships.

0:49:47.2 Ms. Greene: Finally we have the category of service excellence, that the city hires professional staff, values transparency in our processes, and it provides high quality core services. And this includes infrastructure, communications and public access efforts and human resources. Then what we as staff did is we took all of the things that we work on and created measurable goals, and these were the things that we want to share with Council, and we will keep track of them quarterly. And what we did is then ask council, "What's missing, what do we need to add to this?" And there were a few items that Council kind of indicated during that retreat that they really wanted to see added to this list. So I'm gonna take a minute and show you the highlights reel, not the whole thing, 'cause it's really long. Give me just a minute to pull that up.

0:50:08.7 Ms. Greene: So this would be available to the public. And it is all of the measurable goals that we have created, and you could see here that they're structured by this new vision and value category, and then the goal area, the department which is responsible, we have the objective like, what are you trying to do? How are you going to do it? And what does success look like, and by when, and then our goal is to then report this to you each quarter. What I did is I... There's a lot here, and if you really... If you're like me and you get geeky, you could have this in front of you on your desk, it is so fun to look at, but what I did is I took the top three priority areas, and I showed what staff are going to be doing this year to try to really work toward those top priorities.

0:51:08.7 Ms. Greene: Under climate, you can see that we have these goals established, which is to create a climate action plan in line with the Global Covenant of Mayors. We will look at an EPA grant for electric vehicle charging stations. We're going to look at solar powered flare installation for passive methane at the closed landfill. We're going to look to identify initiatives to reduce our own carbon footprint in our own departments. We're going to look at some water production improvements and then continue on the design of the solar facility.

0:51:48.2 Ms. Greene: Under economic development, we have quite a few here, but we have things... I won't go through all of them, but we have things like encourage revolving loan fund use, explore workforce housing program, work to develop creative place-making activities. And these ones with the red stars below are the three that council asked us, I called it the pivot and squeeze. And so what we did as staff is we reviewed these and we felt, "Yeah, let's just go ahead and add these in". And so we have added these in, and I wanna make it clear, this doesn't mean these things are going to actually happen. What it means is that we're going to explore it and bring forward legislation for council to respond to and then see if it's actually what will work out.

0:52:31.5 Ms. Greene: Then under housing, we have objectives such as, continue to work on that community land trust, research and develop a partnership with a non-profit housing, excuse me, a

non-profit that works on housing, work with the community cottage project. And then, the one here we have that council wanted us to add in was to explore building height to encourage affordable housing, and so you'll see this year we're gonna really... That's a large project, but in this year, we feel that we can review public infrastructure feasibility to talk about, "Okay, if we wanted to go higher, what would it take?" So, those are just the top priority area goals, but if anyone's like me and really likes to look, the big long list will be made available to the public.

0:53:21.1 Ms. Greene: And then finally, just what... City Council talked about a lot of other things during that retreat. I have a whole summary here that I'll put on the website, but I didn't, there's a lot, so I didn't put it on this presentation tonight, but I wanted the public to be aware that what we're doing with those other ideas is we're in a state of research right now, and we will bring those forward for the budget season saying, "Okay, here's the ideas we heard from you, here's what we think the budget implication will be and then as we develop that budget process this summer, we'll build those ideas that you shared with us into that process." So coming soon summer 2022 will be those things that we talked about at your March retreat. I'm happy to answer any questions.

0:54:06.7 Mayor Snavelly: Okay, is there anyone from the public who would like to address this? And you have five minutes, please give us your name and address for the record, and we welcome you. Amy, you're first.

0:54:21.0 Ms. Amy Shaman: Thank you. Amy Shaiman, 11 Heather Ridge Court. I wanna say that I very much appreciate the efforts that are being taken to have an accessible community and sidewalks that are travelable for everybody, and it does make a difference. I wanted to comment on the goals, I very much appreciate them and I think that they are great goals. I especially appreciate the focus on the housing for everyone, climate, sustainability and economic development. However, I was really surprised as I read through the materials that I saw on the website that the goals do not mention... The vision, excuse me, does not mention that we strive to have a diverse, equitable community where all can feel like they belong. Diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging are critical for our community. I think we have seen this over the past number of years in a whole variety of ways, and I understand that that's something that is a bit hard to measure because we aren't 100% in control of who our population is in terms of who we are, however, I think that there... I invite council to convince the city to invite it, to consider adding it to the value statement. So that we can say who we are and that we really do look to have a community that's inclusive for everyone. Thank you.

0:55:39.4 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Amy. Welcome, Ann.

0:55:42.3 Ms. Ann Fuehrer: Ann Fuehrer, 1345 Dana Drive. I think my question probably reflects a lack of attention on my part to the process that you're going through now and the process involved with comprehensive planning, Oxford Tomorrow. But I'm interested in how the process that you're using now, for instance, the retreat and the discussion, the visioning, the goals, is gonna look similar to a process in the future. Is the process that you've gone through now, reflecting the previous comprehensive plan? Where is this kind of retreat and goal-setting and opportunity for public input in the process that you imagine for Oxford Tomorrow? Because there's been a wonderful laying out of the process over the last couple of years in putting Oxford Tomorrow together, but then to see what Jessica just reported and how it reflects a retreat. Where is that component of your planning in the future comprehensive plan and will there be an opportunity for public input in the same kind of way in that future comprehensive plan as it turns into the kinds of goals and the budgeting that

you're talking about?

0:57:11.2 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

0:57:12.4 Ms. Ann Fuehrer: Thanks.

0:57:14.8 Mayor Snavelly: Would anyone else like to address Council? Jessica, do you wanna respond to some of those?

0:57:24.1 Ms. Greene: Those are good questions and I wanna clarify first to Ms. Shaiman that I remember typing in "equity and inclusion" under Quality of Life and I don't know where it's at in this version, so my apologies.

0:57:37.6 Mayor Snavelly: We did.

0:57:37.9 Ms. Greene: We discussed that.

0:57:38.7 Mayor Snavelly: We did discuss that.

0:57:39.6 Ms. Greene: I did, we did talk about it, right? Okay, so my mistake, I'll make that edit.

0:57:43.1 Mr. Prytherch: I think equity was under stewardship also, so...

0:57:46.7 Ms. Greene: I will go back but I will find it.

0:57:48.5 Mayor Snavelly: You'll find it.

0:57:49.8 Ms. Greene: But I remember typing it. And then second, to Ms. Fuehrer's questions, I think the retreat was a little later this year because of COVID and so normally we would do a little bit more community input and council input before developing the goals. But by it being already in March, department heads were like, in the budget was already passed we are like, "You know what, this is what we're going to be proposing for this year." And then to kind of hopefully speed up their process a little bit, how it will fit into the comprehensive plan is, we will continue to have retreats and updates each year with council and staff to be like, what are our focus areas for like, right now? And then yes, the goal is, once we have this comprehensive plan is that everything then goes up to that larger comprehensive plan, which is a long range planning document.

0:58:41.8 Ms. Greene: So once that's created, we can almost see that each year, we would pull out that comprehensive plan and say, "These are the big goals, how are we taking these incremental steps to get there?" And then start to build these yearly action steps based on those long term big goals, that's how I envision it happening, we're just a little lopsided while we go through the Comprehensive Plan process.

0:59:04.5 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Is there any other discussion by council?

0:59:10.8 Ms. French: Yes. Oh, I was gonna say, Jessica, do you wanna put in a plug for the public participation for the comprehensive plan as well?

0:59:18.7 Ms. Greene: Well, yes I would, on April 18th, at 6:00 PM, all are invited to come to our second public input session and really respond to some draft goals and objectives that our consultant has created based on public input. And so this is a great opportunity to be like, yeah, I really agree with these, and let's take these steps or "Whoo, you got it wrong, you need to fix this." And so that's really that opportunity. Don't worry, if you can't make an in-person, we will have additional opportunities for you to respond to that content.

0:59:50.1 Ms. Franklin: And that's at Oxford Bible Fellowship?

0:59:52.0 Ms. Greene: It will be at the Oxford Bible Fellowship. Yes, thank you...

0:59:55.6 Mayor Snavelly: And you'll see publication and reminders, before we get there too...

1:00:01.7 Ms. Raghu: Just a few things to add on to what you had said, I think that where the public comment comes in is that I can guarantee every single one of the ideas Council put up there came from the public, from one way or another. So it was definitely things that all was that was kind of distillation of what we're hearing from the community as far as from the retreat part. And this retreat was the best retreat I've had so far being on council. So I feel like Jessica got the spotlight for that. I'm sure a lot of other people helped you. So thank you for a really, really great one that I really felt like we were heard.

1:00:36.4 Ms. Raghu: And then two, just detail things. I had a conversation with someone from the county this morning about childcare, and how we can have... Because I think childcare is in need across all socio-economic statuses, it doesn't matter who you are, you cannot get childcare. It's very limited. And so from the county perspective, they're saying there is a really big black hole in Oxford. Now for some reason, they're not really... The city is not... Not the city, but the people in Oxford is not reaching out to the county to get help and starting up, like a household family run daycares. So she was kind of surprised, like, how can we kind of open this gap? Or bridge that gap?

1:01:16.9 Ms. Raghu: And for startup costs because I asked her, "Where are the barriers?" She said, "A lot of this is a startup costs." And I asked her, "Well, what is that?" And I was shocked that it was only \$2,500. And that would be for a house to have up to 12 children. And so she was saying, if Oxford could have 12 of those daycares that would be a huge help. So just kind of thinking about that. And if this is something that we do end up doing grants or subsidies for, I would hope that we would make it a requirement that they have to accept vouchers, because this is not just to serve higher end families, but for everybody. And then that is also something that helps small businesses too, that what a great incubator, to have more daycares.

1:02:04.3 Ms. Raghu: And then the last thing is, I got... I am sure all of us have, have gotten calls and texts about buying our homes from local investors. And so the one that called me this past week got an earful. And I told him, "You are part of the reason why housing prices are going up and looking into what other communities are doing to add an extra hurdle so that you cannot have corporate investors coming in and buying up single family homes. There are models out there that other companies are doing. And so I would love to explore legislation here, so that we can try to protect the housing stock we currently have.

1:02:41.8 Mayor Snavelly: Maybe the housing Advisory Commission can look into that... Okay...

1:02:46.6 Mr. Prytherch: So can I...

1:02:47.7 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you

1:02:48.6 Mr. Prytherch: So yeah, I just wanted to thank Jessica and everybody who contributed to this and to Ms. Fuehrer... Just, I mean, I think we're... Kind of strategic planning is a thing, but it's also a process and this is a relatively new one for us. So at least in the time that I've been on council and so developing the procedures and the models is something we're kind of working our way into. Yeah, it's my hope in the long term that the comprehensive plan is really authored by the people. And that every year, we come back and we say, "What does the comprehensive plan say we should be working on this year?" And that we, as elected officials are channeling the vibe of what we're hearing around us and then maybe focus on objectives in a year and staff has its own kind of ideas. And so I'm hoping...

1:03:32.0 Mr. Prytherch: I mean, A, that people participate in the comprehensive plan, because while we will update it, I think over time, like now's the time to really shape the vision. But I hope that we can work into a process where like, I mean, if we have these kind of goals, how can the public chime in other than just like chatting with us, that we can have some kind of transparent process on an annual basis. But we're working at it and so I'm super glad of the progress that we're making, not only in doing things, we've always done things, but having this kind of model that's accountable and transparent because really, it's worth the time so that the public can see what we're doing and why...

1:04:10.8 Mayor Snavelly: Interesting, yeah. Anyone else? Are you ready to vote? All those in favor of the resolution, please indicate by saying aye.

1:04:23.8 Group: Aye.

1:04:24.2 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed? Resolution six is adopted and we will now go to ordinances first reading and we have one.

1:04:30.3 Ms. Barbour: An ordinance approving a conditional use permit application to allow for the reestablishment of a fraternity use located at 406 East Withrow Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056 with conditions.

1:04:47.9 Mayor Snavelly: Okay, thank you, Sam.

1:04:50.1 Mr. Perry: Good evening, mayor and council members. Good evening. I'm bringing a planning commission recommendation to you tonight. Actually it's a vacant building. That's been vacant for a couple years. 406, East Withrow Street. You may or may not remember the crossroads church that utilized the building when the fraternity no longer was using it. They were in there until the pandemic and then vacated the building. And so the fraternity wants to come back into the building and use their building like they originally were and because of that change of use, they're required to go through a process as if it's brand new, even though the building was built as a fraternity. So architect Scott Webb carried that application forward on their behalf and went through the process. Planning commission didn't actually focus that much on the details of the fraternity because it was an existing building but did focus on some of the smaller items, parking, which is not a small item to some people obviously.

1:05:49.7 Mr. Perry: And also signage. We don't have really detailed signage standards for fraternities. So that was discussed a fair bit based on their previous signage that they did have in the building, which that right was lost with the vacation of the building. And also the parking, there would be eight parking spaces required if it was a brand new building. Based on the number of occupants it was waived to be reduced to what's there now for the two the single wide drive with the condition that there will be a barrier put in to prevent the encroachment onto the lawn kinda keeping with the character, the mile square. So the other conditions were carried through as staff recommendation as the street trees and then the standard permitting items. So that's really the summary of it. And Scott is here tonight as well. So happy to answer any questions.

1:06:39.9 Mayor Snavelly: Super. Well, we have Scott and then we'll go to questions. Welcome Mr. Webb.

1:06:47.3 Mr. Scott Webb: Good evening, Mr. Mayor and members of the council. I would just like to thank staff and planning commission. We feel like we kinda hammered out the details there. I'm here representing the Kappa Sigma fraternity who has been at this university since the 60s, and is really looking forward to coming back into their original home. As we said, we appreciate the plannings, understanding the parking. If you're familiar with the building at all, the only place to put the parking would be in the front yard, which nobody really wanted to do. Of course my clients would like a little bit bigger sign. Staff, wanted a little bit smaller sign. I think we kinda met in the middle and so we're happy to proceed and would appreciate your recommendation and approval.

1:07:29.7 Mayor Snavelly: Super. Thank you. Any questions for either of our presenters staff or the... I think it's pretty straightforward.

1:07:41.3 Ms. Franklin: I do. I have a couple of questions actually. So that you've moved the occupancy from 38 to 18 individuals in that space, how is that monitored sort of policed to make sure that's maintained?

1:08:00.8 Mr. Perry: My understanding is that, that was the requested occupancy for the fraternity.

1:08:04.8 Ms. Franklin: Okay.

1:08:04.9 Mr. Perry: So once that is set, there could be a higher occupancy that would be allowed by code. So the monitoring of that actually in fraternities is done on a lot more regular basis than a typical off campus housing. And still city staff are in there three to five times a year when it's vacant and when it's occupied. So if there is a code standard, if it happens to be 18 as the maximum it would be much more likely that city staff would be able to monitor that than it would a non-fraternity building. But I'm sure that Scott could probably answer the actual code as to whether that's something that is under the new code that wasn't in effect at the time, or if that's just a preference of the of the fraternity.

1:08:45.6 Ms. Franklin: Okay.

1:08:46.1 Mayor Snavelly: Scott.

1:08:48.0 Scott Webb: So, thank you. It's a combination of the two. Fraternities are dealing with

the same thing that the rest of the university population is dealing with and the people don't really like to share bedrooms anymore. That house built in the sixties may at one time have had bunk beds and all these relatively small fraternity rooms. Those are really not... Don't really qualify as doubles under the modern code. So a combination of things. Some of the rooms have been removed in favor of fewer sleeping rooms and a couple more common spaces. So that reduced the occupancy, the code has reduced the occupancy, and then just simply the way that the fraternity expects these kids to live. So it was voluntary on all across the board.

1:09:33.9 Ms. Franklin: Thank you.

1:09:36.5 Mayor Snavelly: You may as well go...

1:09:40.3 Ms. Franklin: Okay. So what the question I have it's related to when it was used by crossroads actually before. So I know that churches don't pay property taxes, but when there's a combination of a residential and a house of worship, how does this tax structure work?

1:09:58.9 Mr. Perry: The ownership did not change. So the fraternity maintained the ownership. So from a property tax standpoint, I don't think there would've been any difference that would've been experienced by the public. Good question though.

1:10:09.6 Ms. Franklin: Okay. Thank you.

1:10:10.5 Mr. Perry: Mm-hmm.

1:10:13.4 Mr. Prytherch: I just wanna put a shout out to the fraternity, which is just the fraternity organization national voluntarily disbanded this unit because of behavioral issues. And as a result, they lost whatever was grandfathered in the size of the sign because they discontinued views voluntarily, and I think the planning commission saw that and this was historically a fraternity, they historically had a sign of a certain kind, and so the fact that the organization would self-police, even if it meant they had to come through all this process again, what was... I think we thought was kinda commendable and I think that are happy to see that structure occupied again, as it was intended. And so I appreciate the way staff and the way our process worked, I think produced a good compromise outcome.

1:11:02.1 Mayor Snavelly: Thanks, David. Any other comments or question? Okay, this will come back at our next meeting for a second reading and at that time, we'll have the motions and voting on it. There are no second readings, so we'll move to announcements and communications and will begin with city manager, Doug Elliot.

1:11:21.5 Doug Elliot: Thank you, your honor. I just have a few items I wanna share with you. The mayor and I requested that council pull the, reclamation the proclamation, excuse me, for our sister city. Because as we all know, our guests were unable to make it, as it was stated earlier, they were stranded at JFK airport Friday evening and were not able to secure a flight out. They look to try to rent a van, a large van, because they were six of them coming to Oxford with luggage and were unable to do that. So we were all disappointed with that. We wanted to celebrate the fact that we signed a sister city agreement with them in 2017, and to show the mayor, who has not been to Oxford, our community, for the first time. I'm not sure how well she's enjoyed her trip, since she spend it in the New York City, it's a beautiful city but there...

1:12:14.7 Mayor Snavely: She's seen JFK. [chuckle]

1:12:16.2 Doug Elliot: Yeah, that's right. Yeah, so anyway, and as I think everyone knows, the mayor and I have been invited to visit them in June for their Twin City celebration, and we plan to do that. So we'll make up for the fact that they were not able to come to Oxford, so that was unfortunate. Also, I wanted to let the city council know and the public that as was stated earlier during our retreat, one of the items that came up was to look at expanding the boundary for our DORA and making it year-round, and so Jessica, JJ, Seth and I met Thursday, excuse me, Tuesday, a week ago, to discuss our designated outdoor refreshment area. So basically, we talked about extending the DORA boundary. If you remember, the DORA boundary stops at Elm Street and or, excuse me, we wanted to look at extending it to Elm Street. And that would include not only Phan Shin, the Community Art Center, but also looking to include the Caroline Harrison building, so we're looking at that. And then we also discussed making it year-round.

1:13:36.7 Doug Elliot: In reviewing the statute and the rules, this would require us to submit... Would require the city manager to submit a new application to the city, like we did when we establish the first DORA because of the boundary change. So we talked about doing that this summer, which means then we would have to advertise, have a public hearing, and then we would present legislation to council to adopt the amended DORA. So we'll do that probably at the end of the summer. And the last thing that I wanted to share with city council is, I did talk to Mike Everett with the hospital today regarding COVID cases, and he said basically, they currently have one COVID patient and one possible one, neither one is from the Oxford zip code, 45056. Both were over 60 years old. He also stated that looking back to the past 14 days in our zip code, they provided 40 tests to community members, and they've had zero positive. So things are looking good for the hospital, as you know, 'cause I'm sure we all track that, maybe not so much as we did a month ago, but cases continue to go down in Ohio.

1:14:55.6 Doug Elliot: We now have, as of yesterday, 443 average new cases per day, and it was as high as I think 26,000 cases over nine, 10 weeks ago. So good news for us. And I also wanted to share with you that the hospital will be offering boosters for folks that are over 50 years old and have had their last booster at least four months ago. So the dates are April 12th from 8:00 AM to 11:45 AM, April 15th from 8:00 AM to 3:45 PM, April 19th from 8:00 AM to 3:45 PM, April 21st from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM. So you need to contact the hospital if you're interested to book a booster. Obviously, we all feel strongly, I believe, that that's the best way to avoid getting COVID, is to get a booster shot. So that's all I have this evening, unless you have some questions for me.

1:15:55.8 Ms. Raghu: Yeah, I do. I know CDC's guidance for people under the age of 50, who receive Johnson & Johnson, is also recommended to get a booster. Are they giving boosters to those people, too?

1:16:07.1 Doug Elliot: They're giving both Moderna and Pfizer at the hospital.

1:16:11.3 Ms. Raghu: That's it, to the Johnson & Johnson people?

1:16:12.5 Mayor Snavely: To anybody.

1:16:13.1 Ms. Raghu: Yeah.

1:16:13.9 Doug Elliot: Yes, yes.

1:16:17.3 Mayor Snavelly: You can find that online.

1:16:19.4 Doug Elliot: Yes, I believe so.

1:16:20.3 Doug Elliot: And you can... Also CVS any other pharmacies are also participating.

1:16:24.7 Mr. Bracken: Walmart and other places, there's no fee for that.

1:16:27.3 Doug Elliot: Yeah. I believe.

1:16:29.0 Mayor Snavelly: Okay, thank you. Mike?

1:16:38.6 Mr. Dreisbach: Nothing tonight, thank you.

1:16:39.5 Mayor Snavelly: Chief?

1:16:39.6 Chief Jones: Nothing, thank you.

1:16:39.7 Mayor Snavelly: Joe.

1:16:39.8 Mr. Newlin: Nothing tonight, thank you.

1:16:39.9 Mayor Snavelly: Chief Detherage?

1:16:40.6 Chief Detherage: Nothing...

1:16:40.9 Mayor Snavelly: Casey?

1:16:41.6 Mr. Wooddell: I'll follow suit.

[chuckle]

1:16:43.3 Mayor Snavelly: We appreciate it. Jessica?

1:16:46.3 Ms. Greene: Nothing, thank you.

1:16:46.4 Mayor Snavelly: Sam. I finally got a taker.

[chuckle]

1:16:52.7 Mr. Perry: I just wanted to thank you for appointing the Building Board of Appeals members. We had our first training tonight. The board hasn't met in 10 years, so getting the rust shaken off and getting our procedures and everything set up, so we have our first hearing April 20th. Another item I wanted to respond to Vice Mayor Rhagu's comments about childcare. A couple data points, we do have in the zoning code a threshold of when there's more than six being cared

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for, there's a special process for that. So the six and under, there would not be a separate process, just for general information. And also another data point, I do recall there was a childcare that was in operation up to the pandemic and then they actually closed, and what they informed city staff of, was they had trouble getting qualified staff. And so that's just kind of a general thing that we see in a smaller city, that's just an ongoing issue. And so that's just part of the long-range planning that we are continuously thinking about, is how to make sure there's qualified staff for every field that's in the area. So just thought I'd share that in response. Thanks.

1:18:02.0 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Heather?

1:18:04.6 Ms. Barbour: Nothing, thank you.

1:18:05.0 Mayor Snavelly: Okay, Chris?

1:18:07.0 Mr. Conard: Well, our legislature is back at it on this... Not today's issue, but on the Airbnb. Many of you've probably seen that the state wants to try and take over more home rule power by saying that municipalities cannot legislate or control Airbnb. There has been a request through the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association to have councils who are troubled by that legislation to pass something or adopt some measure to send to State House. So I guess my question to you is, would you like me to do that and bring it to the next meeting for your review and approval?

1:18:50.2 Mayor Snavelly: Yes. I have communicated with our local representative, I doubt that it had as much impact as a resolution might have, which is minimal, but let's do it anyway.

1:19:00.9 Mr. Conard: Well, the one thing I would say is that unlike some measures, that this one is so clearly violative of home rule powers because of the Supreme Court's decision in the early '30s that said, "Local municipalities have the right to zone, if it's a rational basis understanding," and if Airbnb doesn't relate to local zoning, I don't know what does.

1:19:20.6 Mayor Snavelly: And it creates an unequal playing field. All of our hotels and motels in this town play by that same set of rules, so we were not creating anything that was onerous by comparison to that, we were putting them on the same field, and I think we should have the right to do that. That's Bill's editorial for the day.

[chuckle]

1:19:42.7 Mr. Bracken: I was just gonna say, in addition, these are in residential areas where hotels are usually not, and so they have additional burdens.

1:19:49.7 Mr. Conard: Right.

1:19:50.1 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, appreciate that.

1:19:52.1 Mr. Conard: Not my pleasure.

[chuckle]

1:19:52.6 Mayor Snavelly: Councilor Ellerbe?

1:19:53.6 Mr. Ellerbe: Nothing, thank you.

1:19:55.8 Mayor Snavelly: Councilor French?

1:19:58.1 Ms. French: Yeah, just a quick note. It was great to see... As unfortunate as it was to not be able to go to dinner with the Differdange delegation last night, it did mean that I was able to watch Sean Astin virtually. Shout out to Rudy or Samwise Gamgee or The Goonies, wherever you know him from. But I was really moved by his talk about being open with mental illness struggles and what he's experienced over time, and that coalesces with a recent loss of a member of the Miami University Community who was also very outspoken and very bravely so about her issues and her trauma and her struggles with mental health. So this is just kind of my plug; again, if you or anybody you know is struggling, please be brave, follow those examples of others who are open and vulnerable, talk about them, don't keep it to yourself. Ask questions and get help if you need help, there is zero shame in that. And spring can be a tough time of year, if you're a student, you're cruising towards finals, and if you're not a student, the weather being 70 degrees one day and 30 and snowing the next day is tough. So yeah, just be open, get help if you need it, again, no shame in that. Otherwise, that's all I got.

1:21:07.8 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Vice Mayor?

1:21:09.0 Ms. Raghu: A couple things. Thank you for bringing that up, Sam, 'cause I had a question if our zoning was maybe restricting daycares and certainly, so I would... Thank you, I would like to explore that further. And I spent the day in Columbus talking with state senators and meeting foreign AAPI, Asian American Pacific Islander Advocacy Day. And one of the ask was, to Ms. Shaiman's point, was to ask to teach world history in K-12. And one of the senators' response was, "Yeah, you know, I grew up here, I was taught US history and European history." He's like, "But if we give one group a unit, then we're gonna have to give everyone a unit" and it just blew my mind that that was the response. So let that sit in. If we are teaching our children about Europe and the US and nobody else, what a sad, incomplete picture of our world. So if anyone wants to write to their representatives to teach world history to K-12 students that would be great.

1:22:16.8 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

1:22:19.8 Ms. Franklin: I just wanna say how much I enjoyed the marker dedication to Maurice Rocco at the Woodside cemetery a couple of weekends ago, I wanna thank staff for installing it, and it's another wonderful spot on the Enjoy Oxford Black History Tour. So if you have some time when the weather is better, 'cause it was freezing that day... [chuckle]

1:22:39.5 Mayor Snavelly: It was so cold.

1:22:40.0 Ms. Franklin: It was so miserably cold. Go and visit it. It's worth visiting.

1:22:46.6 Mr. Bracken: I just wanted to lend support for Councilor French's comments on mental illness and also Councilor Raghu's concern over child care, which is also one of my priorities. So I'm just glad that's been brought up and talked about, and hopefully we can move forward on some of that.

1:22:58.4 Mayor Snavelly: Councilor Prytherch?

1:22:58.7 Ms. Prytherch: So not really anything tonight, but since you brought up Airbnb... Since I'm on the Miami Parents page, there's a very robust economy in short-term rentals in Oxford, and I'm just kind of curious, we spent a lot of time thinking about our ordinance, but I think that economy continues to grow, and I continue to see properties converted and people going into that business in contravention to our code. And so I'm not sure what our stance is going to be on that, I think that to be... It's tough, but yeah, I think given how tough the affordability is and how incredible money that's in that market, we may... What our enforcement stance is and then maybe make some unpopular decisions locally, but when it's the appropriate time to talk about it, whether we wanna lend our support to them. I'm sure it's not anything Sam's super anxious to tackle, but I think it's really important that we figure out how to make sure our code is being applied...

1:24:00.6 Mayor Snavelly: The Ohio Municipal League has also brought attention to this issue with their legislature, so there are a lot of people in the state talking about it. Couple of things; a number of people in town have been asking about, "Hey, did we forget about Amtrak?" No, we did not forget about Amtrak, and I wanted to let you know that we're working through the issues, we've got plans that have been laid, there's as yet, no major obstruction that we're aware of. We're getting a lot of cooperation. I want to give a shout out to Jessica for leading that effort and doing a really good job of it. So, we continue to meet with the powers that be and we hope that that will come to fruition. Secondly, I wanna remind people of a couple of community events, one of them is Kiwanis Pancake Day, and this is something, it's like a major opportunity to get together as a community and do something for Oxford's children. So if you know a member of the Kiwanis Club, you can get a ticket to Pancake Day, and it's a dollar cheaper than if you just show up on the day.

1:25:33.7 Mayor Snavelly: I wanna recognize the many corporate business, small business sponsors that we have in this community who have stepped up and supported this event. And so find a Kiwanis member, someone like me who has tickets, buy a ticket, go and meet your fellow Kiwani... Fellow Oxford citizens. And that is on April 23rd. So, that's coming right up. And something to mark on your calendars in May is, May 21st is the Wine and Craft Beer Festival is coming to town. So, that is coming back. And another it's opportunity to get together with people uptown. Finally, I was... I spent time listening to President Zelenskyy address the United Nations Security Council, and I've seen the footage as many and hopefully most of you have. What is going on in Ukraine could happen here. They had stable lives, they had everything going smoothly as we do here, and now it's all in ruin. And I just think that we need to say an extra prayer for the people of Ukraine, and I stand with Ukraine and I hope that my colleagues and fellow citizens do as well. With that sad note, I would ask for a motion to adjourn.

1:26:52.1 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

1:26:56.3 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved.

1:26:56.4 Mr. Ellerbe: Second.

1:26:56.5 Mayor Snavelly: And seconded. All those in favor, indicate by saying, "Aye."

1:27:00.3 Group: Aye.

1:27:00.6 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.