



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 21, 2022
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Roll Call [TIME 00:53](#)

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

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Vice- Mayor Chantel Raghu on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Bracken, David Prytherch, and Alex French. Glenn Ellerbe, Amber Franklin, and Mayor Snavelly were excused.

Staff Members in Attendance

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

Pledge of Allegiance [TIME 00:25](#)

Approval of the Agenda [TIME 01:08](#)

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

AYE #4

NAY #0

ABS #0

Public Participation [TIME 01:30](#)

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 01:38](#)

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 June 7, 2022 City Council Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council)
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- B. Minutes of the June 7, 2022 City Council Work Session (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 13 of the Agenda Packet**
- C. Report regarding the May 13, Recreation Board Meeting (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director) **Page 43 of the Agenda Packet**
- D. Report regarding the June 2, 2022 Environmental Commission Meeting (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director) **Page 44 of the Agenda Packet**

- E. A Resolution declaring certain City property no longer needed for any municipal purpose as surplus and authorizing its advertisement and sale to the highest bidder on Govdeals.com (John Detherage, Fire Chief) **Page 48 of the Agenda Packet**

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. French 2nd Mr. Prytherch

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Resolutions

Resolution No. 7414 [TIME 01:59](#)

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1. A Resolution to hire a full-time preschool teacher in the Parks and Recreation Department (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7414

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

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Resolution No. 7415 [TIME 04:02](#)

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2. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement of cooperation with Butler County, Ohio, Pursuant to the Provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
(Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Comments from the Public – Ms. Amy Shaiman *11 Heather Ridge Ct.* Ms. Shaiman expressed appreciation for the City's potential partnership with the County. Ms. Shaiman thanked the Council for continuing to keep the needs of the housing insecure in mind.

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7415

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

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Resolution No. 7416 [TIME 06:10](#)

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3. A Resolution waiving the penalty for nonpayment of the short-term rental tax section 183.10 for a period of one year after implementation.
(Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7416

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

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Resolution No. 7417 [TIME 11:31](#)

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4. A Resolution urging State and Federal Government to DO SOMETHING to confront epidemic gun violence by enacting common sense gun laws. (David Prytherch, Councilor; William Snavelly, Mayor)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7417

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

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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 [TIME 16:44](#)

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1. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3654 Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 5 to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 3680 [TIME 18:03](#)

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1. An Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of Planning Commission and Approving the Conditional Use for a Major Change to the 2009 Talawanda High School Conditional Use to Add a Bus Garage/Maintenance Facility in the City of Oxford with Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3680

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

AYE #4

Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Mr. Bracken, and Vice-Mayor Raghu

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Ordinance No. 3681 [TIME 19:30](#)

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2. An Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use Permit Application to allow for a new hotel to be located at 5470 College Corner Pike, Oxford, Ohio 45056 with Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3681

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. French 2nd Mr. Prytherch

AYE #4

Mr. Prytherch, Mr. Bracken, Ms. French, and Vice-Mayor Raghu

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Ordinance No. 3682 [TIME 20:43](#)

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3. An Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Approving the Final Planned Development for Owl's Landing Along Brookville Road in the City of Oxford with Conditions.
(Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3682

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

AYE #4

Mr. Bracken, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, and Vice-Mayor Raghu

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Announcements & Communications

Remarks from City Council and City Staff [TIME 22:13](#)

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Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:05 p.m. [TIME 32:03](#)

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

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[background conversation]

0:00:18.8 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Alright. Let me call the meeting to order. We'll start with the pledge of allegiance.

0:00:41.0 Group: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

0:00:46.5 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Okay. Can we have a motion to approve the agenda?

0:00:47.1 Clerk: Would you like to have a roll call?

0:00:49.7 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Oh, yes.

0:00:50.2 Clerk: Ms. French.

0:00:51.5 Ms. French: Here.

0:00:51.9 Clerk: Mr. Prytherch.

0:00:52.9 Mr. Prytherch: Here.

0:00:53.6 Clerk: Mr. Bracken.

0:00:56.2 Mr. Bracken: Here.

0:00:56.8 Clerk: Mr. Ellerbe

0:00:58.6 Clerk: Vice-Mayor Raghu.

0:01:00.7 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Here.

0:01:01.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Okay. May we a motion to approve the agenda?

0:01:05.8 Mr. Prytherch: It's so moved.

0:01:07.2 Ms. French: Second.

0:01:09.2 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Okay. Agenda is approved.

0:01:11.8 Mr. Prytherch: You need a vote on...

0:01:13.0 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Oh my gosh.

[laughter]

0:01:15.7 Vice – Mayor Raghu: My script does not dummy proof, I'll play back. Okay. Alright. So

can we... All in favor?

0:01:19.3 Councilors: Aye.

0:01:23.2 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Opposed? Now, it passes. And then we'll move on to public participation. So we have no presentations. Are there any public comments, anyone would like to make? Seeing none. We'll move on to the consent agenda. May we move the motion to approve the consent agenda?

0:01:40.7 Ms. French: So moved.

0:01:41.7 Mr. Prytherch: Second.

0:01:41.9 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Are there any items to be removed? All in favor of approving consent agenda.

0:01:49.5 Councilors: Aye.

0:01:49.5 Vice – Mayor Raghu: All opposed? Okay. So it passes. So we'll move on to the first resolution. Heather, can you read that?

0:01:58.1 Clerk: Sure. A resolution to hire a full-time preschool teacher in the Parks and Recreation Department.

0:02:04.0 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Alright. And then we have, Casey, to comment on it.

0:02:11.2 Mr. Wooddell: Good evening. So this is a resolution to take an existing part-time pre-school position that we've had for many, many years of parks and rec and turn that into a full-time position. And the driving force behind that is, we took the pre-school program itself last academic year and turned it from a part-time program into a full-time program. So we could offer at least during the academic year, a full-time pre-school, and childcare for working families that have that, at least during the academic year. But with a part-time teacher, We couldn't continue that through the summer. So the full time position will allow us to provide year-round childcare and education rather than just having to stop that in the summertime.

0:02:52.7 Vice – Mayor Raghu: That's awesome. And then did I skip the motion?

0:02:55.5 Clerk: Yeah, but its okay.

0:02:56.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Okay. Okay.

[laughter]

0:02:56.8 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Can we do that now?

0:02:57.9 Clerk: Yeah.

0:02:58.1 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Okay. Can we have a motion to adopt?

0:03:02.6 Mr. Prytherch: Moved.

0:03:03.2 Ms. French: Seconded. [laughter]

0:03:04.2 Mr. Wooddell: Do I have to say it again?

0:03:05.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Yes. You can say that in verbatim please. [laughter]

0:03:08.8 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Are there any public comments? Seeing none. Council discussion.

0:03:16.0 Mr. Prytherch: Well, I've been hearing a lot about the need for childcare in the fact that the city runs a pre-school program and I think for people with full-time program is really crucial so, from working people, so this is awesome that we within the city are able to budget for this and take this on. So you have with the sense of this demand. There was a demand for this last year, and so you're creating demand out there.

0:03:40.4 Mr. Wooddell: Yeah.

0:03:40.5 Mr. Wooddell: Yeah, our program was full almost the whole academic year last year, and I think 12 over 14 spots for the fall, a full as of right now, so...

0:03:49.5 Mr. Prytherch: That's awesome.

0:03:50.5 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Yeah, thank you so much.

0:03:51.7 Vice – Mayor Raghu: All in favor?

0:03:54.6 Councilors: Aye.

0:03:54.6 Vice – Mayor Raghu: All opposed? That resolution passes.

0:03:58.3 Mr. Wooddell: Thank you.

0:04:00.2 Vice – Mayor Raghu: And for the second resolution, Heather will read it.

0:04:01.9 Clerk: A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement of cooperation with Butler County Ohio pursuant to the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

0:04:21.7 Vice-Mayor Raghu: Motion?

0:04:22.0 Mr. Prytherch: So moved.

0:04:22.0 Ms. French: Second.

0:04:23.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Alright. What do you have, Sam?

0:04:24.8 Mr. Perry: Good evening. This is actually a fairly typical renewal that we've done for many years with the county. So with Oxford population, being under 50,000, we don't have a direct connection or contract with Housing Urban Development. So we're a sub-recipient under Butler County and so Butler County asked us to renew that this would actually be a renewable agreement. And so this would allow us to continue what we've been doing. It's around a hundred to a hundred and fifty thousand every year. And this would allow us to be able to utilize those funds for potentially different things in the future than what we have been doing. So it's just renewing that and we're just following what they would have asked us to do.

0:05:06.1 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Any public comments? Oh my gosh.

0:05:09.7 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Wait no, we already moved it, sorry.

0:05:12.9 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Carry on.

0:05:14.0 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Public comment?

0:05:15.8 Ms. Shaiman: Amy Shaiman, I live at 11 Heather Ridge Court, I appreciate that the city is doing this with the county and would love to see city as you continue to plan for that especially to help those who are housing insecure and other needs in our community. Thank you.

0:05:36.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Council discussion.

0:05:39.0 Mr. Prytherch: I think it's gonna be really exciting that we're going to be able to think of the variety of things that can be used with CDBG money, I mean, putting it to good use and completing the ramps which is a wonderful accessibility appointment. But when you look at the scope of that... You look at what our priorities are and you look at what the CDBG funding width is those things could really line up and we could do really interesting things.

0:06:01.9 Vice – Mayor Raghu: All in favor?

0:06:04.1 Councilors: Aye.

0:06:04.6 Vice – Mayor Raghu: All opposed? That passes. We move on to the third resolution.

0:06:09.0 Clerk: A resolution waiving the penalty, for non-payment of the short term, rental tax section 183-10 for a period of one year after implementation.

0:06:19.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: A motion adopt?

0:06:21.3 Mr. Prytherch: So moved.

0:06:22.2 Ms. French: Second.

0:06:23.8 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Alright, Joe.

0:06:25.2 Mr. Newlin: Thank you. Requesting the council approve a short-term rental penalty waiver resolution on August 3rd, 2021 Council approved the addition of short term rentals to

chapter 183 of the hotel and convention tax, after this different software solutions were studied and a suitable solution for tracking short term's software, rental properties and tax remittance. And then on February 15th of 2022, a resolution was passed by council authorizing the city manager into a contract with GovOS as our chosen software provider. And since the time we've been working with GovOS implementing a software solution at this time they're hopeful to go live sometime in July of 2022. And just as today, we're looking at July 29th as a go live date, as long as we get all the training in prior to that. And we're suggesting to waive the penalty for the late filing fees for one year, after we implement the GovOS system, since this is a fair and equitable request to the fact that this is a brand new process for affected property owners, and we wanna make sure there's this smooth transition as issues come up during the implementation of this type of process. Thank you.

0:07:44.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Any public comments, seeing none council discussion?

0:07:50.9 Mr. Bracken: I was wondering if it was possible to do it in six months, given that that's about when we'll be ready, potentially, just because I'm itching to get funds in our housing fund to put the revenue into use.

0:08:04.7 Mr. Prytherch: But this is just a waiver on the late fee, right?

0:08:06.4 Mr. Newlin: It's just a waiver on the late fee.

0:08:07.5 Mr. Bracken: But could we institute that just six months instead of a year, is what I'm saying?

0:08:14.4 Mr. Newlin: We can do whatever council requests, but I thought a year was very favorable.

0:08:18.7 Mr. Bracken: Sorry. Yeah, I didn't want it to be cosmetic.

0:08:19.5 Mr. Newlin: Just because it's a new process and people are gonna be coming on and...

0:08:25.0 Mr. Prytherch: So can you talk about when, is this an on an annual basis? So for example, this was enacted in late 2021. So basically people should be paying the tax since that date, or really is it five years? So it's like 2022. So this is just a delay on the penalty, but people are still responsible for paying.

0:08:43.5 Mr. Newlin: Yeah. They'll still be responsible for paying, but we didn't want 'em to start paying before we had a software solution in place, because we only have so many people and trying to go back and backtrack and trying to figure out who paid what, what was due.

0:09:01.2 Mr. Prytherch: So I guess it's yeah. So what is the effective date of the tax? I guess.

0:09:04.9 Ms. Greene: So if I could chime in.

0:09:05.9 Mr. Newlin: January 1st.

0:09:06.6 Ms. Greene: Yeah. January 1st is when the tax went into effect.

0:09:09.3 Mr. Prytherch: In 2022.

0:09:09.8 Ms. Greene: In 2022. So theoretically they should be already charging the tax and holding it. But in reality, not everyone knows about it and with going with GovOS we'll be sending letters out to everyone. You've been identified as a short term rental provider, by the way we have this estimated tax that you owe, but you can imagine if you didn't really know it was coming and you've had to have six months worth of tax and oh, it can be alarming, and what we're trying to do is this first year is kind of soften that message. Hey, if you're a short term rental provider, we're gonna be doing this tax, we're hoping to collect it quarterly not monthly so that Joe's team doesn't have to kind of track it down every month and then in our view, waiving the penalties for just a year allows us to have a smooth transition and then one year after implementation, then we would institute late fees for anyone not paying is the way we're thinking.

0:10:03.9 Mr. Prytherch: So people should be aware of the tax, they should be collecting it as part of the fees that they're charging.

0:10:09.8 Ms. Greene: Yes.

0:10:10.2 Mr. Prytherch: And they should be putting in Escrow. I mean, so they should be...

0:10:14.6 Ms. Greene: Yeah. So we have not done very much communication to inform them of this new law, we were hoping to be with GovOS sooner in the year, to be honest and it's just taken us a lot longer than we thought to get this new program ready. And so there are probably a fair amount of people who are doing a short term rental, who are not aware that they have this tax and they're gonna be taken by surprise, and so we wanna give them some time to get that ready to go.

0:10:39.5 Mr. Bracken: Okay. I think that was my confusion 'cause I knew we weren't actually really collecting yet or pushing that issue, and I knew there was sort of two sides and one is letting them know and giving them a fair chance. And then also on our side, are we ready to start collecting system.

0:10:52.8 Ms. Greene: Both. So I think there are people who are gonna be surprised, but that's what this whole new system is for, is it identifies them for us, it has a calendar tracking for us, it sends letters for us. So it's a really wonderful robust system, but it's taken us a very long time to get ready to implement it. But we're this close.

0:11:10.6 Mr. Prytherch: And the fee itself is not insignificant. It's like 10% plus an additional 1% so that part we're waiving.

0:11:17.5 Ms. Greene: Yes.

0:11:20.6 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Okay. All those in favor?

0:11:22.8 Councilors: Aye.

0:11:22.9 Vice- Mayor Raghu: All those opposed? That passes, so now we'll move on to the fourth resolution. Heather will read that.

0:11:31.6 Clerk: A resolution urging state and federal government to do something, to confront epidemic gun violence by enacting common sense gun laws.

0:11:40.8 Mr. Prytherch: So moved.

0:11:41.7 Ms. French: Seconded.

0:11:42.6 Vice- Mayor Raghu: And then David, you wanna take...

0:11:45.8 Mr. Prytherch: So, and this was just a response. I think many of us have felt great frustration and sadness in the parade of mass shootings that we've had in the United States, it's been numbing such that in Uvalde it was terrible but not shocking because it's not the worst. I mean, I think in Newtown we were blown away, such a thing could happen, and now we know such things are part of unfortunately the fabric of life in the United States. And so, and people, I think look to their local governments to say, "What can you do?" And unfortunately in Ohio, what local governments can do is really very little, at one level it makes sense because our local laws shouldn't conflict with general laws, such if you were a concealed carry permit holder, for example, moving between jurisdictions, it would be really confusing. So there's a certain logic, but I think that our state particular state government that also federal government in the fact that we're not able to act, we have to hope that they do. And I think that there's a lot of debate about this, but unfortunately the only policy solution I see, particularly from our state legislature is to add more guns to the system, make it easier for people to carry them...

0:13:08.2 Mr. Prytherch: Put them in schools with people who have had 24 hours of training. And it's one answer, I guess it has a certain logic to it. But in a country that's awash in guns, I think they say they're more guns than there are citizens in the United States now, or... It's only a part of the solution. So I wish that we locally and other states cities have enacted their own ordinances. They're able to take some local action but in lieu of that, I think we just have to ask and plead that our state and federal lawmakers do something. And if you're up from Ohio, the do-something resonates because it was in 2019 that I guess since Connor Betts shot 19 people in Dayton. Luckily he was killed relatively quickly, but he killed nine people and wounded, 17 others and again, that's just one data point in a sea of mass shootings. 250 mass shootings in the United States in 2022 alone, and it's only June 21st.

0:14:14.9 Mr. Prytherch: So anyway, this ordinance is basically just a plea. I'm no gun control expert and again, the mental health part of it and perhaps arming people in schools, that's... But I think that... I think common sense people look at assault style firearms and wonder. I think they look at the fact that 18 -year-olds can purchase assault style firearms, and they wonder, high capacity magazines, bump stocks, universal background checks, mental health checks with a required waiting period, a universal database and closing the loophole, so people could just can't sell guns to each other. It just makes common sense. It wouldn't solve all the problems, but it would do something. So I had just asked that and I think we asked our legislators to do something.

0:15:08.4 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Any public comments? Seeing none council discussion?

0:15:13.3 Ms. French: Yeah. I just wanted to say thank you to David and really great job. I opened it. And these are things that an organization that I work for advocate for and common sense is the word or the term that we keep coming back to. So I wished I had something to add, but you did a

great job. And so thank you for doing that. And thank you to city staff. I've noticed the last couple of weeks we've been communicating about where can we, and can't we set guidelines. So I appreciate all the work that's happening behind the scenes and for the person who submitted public comment about this for doing their research. And I got asked a lot when I was running for election because this is what I do. What can we do? And as councilor Prytherch pointed out, it's not much, but at least we've done something. So I appreciate it. So thank you, David.

0:16:00.4 Mr. Bracken: Yeah it has my support all these measures, as far as I've seen, and I've looked into this pretty deeply as a consensus of experts that support that this reduces gun violence deaths. What hasn't is arming teachers, which I only know of one study. And it did not say that that was positive that actually have the opposite correlation, which might be an issue of causality, or it could be because it's increased salient of the issue itself. So we do what we can here and we promote what would be effective policy as far as we can.

0:16:34.2 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Right. All those in favor.

0:16:35.4 S Councilors Aye.

0:16:37.4 Vice – Mayor Raghu: All those opposed? That passes, so we'll move on to ordinances. So for our... We have one first reading. Joe will take that. Heather will read it.

0:16:49.0 Clerk: An ordinance amending ordinance number 3654, supplemental budget ordinance number five to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022.

0:17:01.3 Mr. Newlin: Yes, this just goes along with the first...

0:17:03.0 Mr. Prytherch: So moved. Sorry.

0:17:03.9 Mr. Newlin: Resolution of the night. Increasing the salary and wages by 17,600 and fringe benefits by 9,630 for the full-time pre-school teacher position in the fall of 2022. And this is figuring it from August 1st through the end of the year.

0:17:26.4 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Any public comments? Seeing none... Can...

0:17:29.9 Ms. Greene: We need to have a motion and a second for the...

0:17:32.1 Mr. Prytherch: I move... Kinda jumped in.

0:17:33.4 Clerk: That's just the first reading.

0:17:34.7 Ms. Greene: Oh, it's the first reading?

0:17:35.9 Clerk: Yeah.

0:17:37.0 Mr. Prytherch: How is that a resolution now?

0:17:39.5 Clerk: No.

0:17:39.8 Vice – Mayor Raghu: It's a first reading.

0:17:41.7 Mr. Prytherch: Okay. I'm sorry. Thanks.

0:17:43.6 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Council discussion?

0:17:45.3 Ms. French: Sounds great.

0:17:45.9 Mr. Prytherch: We want a full time school head teacher. It needs to be paid for, so I'm glad that it was in the budget to...

0:17:54.9 Vice – Mayor Raghu: All right. Second reading, which does need motions and seconds. So Heather could read that one.

0:18:01.9 Clerk: Sure. An ordinance accepting the recommendation of the planning commission and approving a conditional use for a major change to the 2009 Talawanda high school conditional use to add a bus garage/maintenance facility in the city of Oxford with conditions.

0:18:20.0 Mr. Prytherch: So moved.

0:18:21.3 Ms. French: Seconded.

0:18:22.6 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Great, its Sam's show.

0:18:24.6 Mr. Perry: All right. I'm actually not gonna do a repeat presentation tonight. Since there hasn't been any changes either from staff or the applicant. No interior design changes to it. It's actually in process for building permit review as well. So they're wanting to move forward, so happy to answer any questions though.

0:18:44.0 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Any public comments? Seeing none council discussion.

0:18:49.9 Mr. Prytherch: Only just to add that, I hope that as we move forward with climate action, that the Talawanda school district, when there are opportunities to electrify their fleet, it would be good for their neighbor. They could do away with fuel storage and the noise and the fumes hopefully that could be sooner rather than later.

0:19:08.5 Mr. Bracken: I agree. And also reduce the cost of gas.

0:19:12.9 Clerk: Ready for the roll?

0:19:16.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Mm-hmm.

0:19:16.8 Clerk: Okay. Ms. French?

0:19:18.4 Ms. French: Yes.

0:19:19.4 Clerk: Mr. Prytherch?

0:19:20.0 David Prytherch: Yes.

0:19:21.2 Clerk: Mr. Bracken?

0:19:21.7 Mr. Bracken: Yes.

0:19:22.6 Clerk: Vice - Mayor Raghu?

0:19:24.1 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Yes.

0:19:24.5 Vice- Mayor Raghu: And that passes on, we'll move on to the second one, you could read that.

0:19:29.6 Clerk: An ordinance approving a conditional use permit application to allow for a new hotel to be located at 5470 College Corner Pike, Oxford, Ohio 45056 with conditions.

0:19:44.2 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Okay. A motion to approve this.

0:19:46.7 Ms. French: So moved.

0:19:47.3 Mr. Prytherch: Second.

0:19:48.1 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Okay. Sam you said nothing to add.

0:19:51.4 Mr. Perry: Nothing new to add. This is for the holiday inn express on college corner pike across from the Wild berry warehouse, just for location information for anyone watching.

0:20:00.3 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Any public comments, seeing none, council discussion.

0:20:05.8 Mr. Prytherch: Well, I just, I really appreciate the work, the app... The A that the applicants making the investment B that staff work with them so thoroughly on this and that there was resolution to all the issues. And so looking forward to them moving forward with this.

0:20:20.6 Mr. Bracken: Yeah. That's the only thing I was gonna say. We can just reaffirm that everything's good with their fire chief, right.

0:20:27.6 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Okay. Ready? We'll vote on that.

0:20:30.4 Clerk: Mr. Prytherch?

0:20:31.8 Mr. Prytherch: Yes.

0:20:32.1 Clerk: Mr. Bracken?

0:20:32.9 Mr. Bracken: Yes.

0:20:34.2 Clerk: Ms. French?

0:20:35.3 Ms. French: Yes.

0:20:36.6 Clerk: Vice - Mayor Raghu?

0:20:36.8 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Yes.

0:20:38.0 Vice- Mayor Raghu: And that passes we'll move on to our third and last second reading.

0:20:42.3 Clerk: An ordinance accepting the recommendation of the planning commission and approving the final plan development for Owl's Landing located along Brookville road in the city of Oxford with conditions.

0:20:54.9 Mr. Prytherch: So moved.

0:20:56.7 Ms. French: Second?

0:20:56.8 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Nothing to Add?

0:21:00.0 Mr. Perry: Just a tiny bit of explanation nothing, no changes to it. This is the 86 lot residential development near the Southern entrance to the community park on Brookville road. So this is nearly the final step to allow them to move forward. So the final plan development, there'll still be a subdivision plat coming as well.

0:21:17.1 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Any public comments, seeing none council discussion?

0:21:22.3 Mr. Prytherch: I just really, it turns out that our, this development is really going to help us with our Oxford area trail for reasons that are kind of beyond our control. The alignment that we were hoping for as a phase four and along Brookville road, the hope was is that we would be able to get all the way to the Southern entrance of the park, but because of landowner issues, that was kind of infeasible. So the fact that this developer was willing to work with us and dedicate easement so that the trail could connect is going to enable us to get the grant. So this has been, it's been a good applicant to work with in my impression, so, and this should be a good development.

0:21:58.4 Vice- Mayor Raghu: Okay. Roll call.

0:22:00.7 Clerk: Okay. Mr. Bracken?

0:22:02.9 Mr. Bracken: Yes.

0:22:05.0 Clerk: Ms. French?

0:22:05.1 Ms. French: Yes.

0:22:06.2 Clerk: Mr. Prytherch?

0:22:08.0 Mr. Prytherch: Yes.

0:22:08.7 Clerk: Vice - Mayor Raghu.

0:22:09.0 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Yes.

0:22:09.1 Vice – Mayor Raghu: And that passes and then we'll move on to announcements and communications, our assistant city manager, Jessica Greene.

0:22:16.9 Ms. Greene: Not many, Mayor Snavelly and city manager Elliott made it to Luxembourg safely, maybe minus some luggage at first, but they're [laughter] they are representing us with our sister city. So we hope they have a great time. Wanted to let you know that, we had a visit with OKI and ODOT, last week and began the first initial phases of planning for phase five of the Oxford trail that will travel from Talawanda high school to Talawanda middle school. I call this one, the big Kahuna, because of the railroad crossing, but it was a really great meeting, lots of questions, lots of driving around, looking at land and streams and crossings. And so that was an exciting visit. And we're hoping to do construction on that portion in 25, 26. So that was a great visit. Also wanted to let you know that staff are beginning to do our first and second quarter goals tracking.

0:23:11.1 Ms. Greene: So we hope to have a presentation for council at our next meeting to kind of let you know where we are here to date on the goals that we established for 2022. And then finally, we've asked our staff to begin preparing research for the items that you raised during the council retreat back in March to bring forward to you during the budget season. So you'll understand those budget implications that may or may not happen with those things that you've asked us to do. So we'll be bringing that forward to over the next couple of months. Thanks.

0:23:36.8 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Mike.

0:23:39.0 Mr. Dreisbach: Good evening. Just a quick update on main street reconstruction. We've got a great contractor, Prus construction they've made great progress. They're ahead of schedule. So with some continued good weather, we expect that to be finished before their contract date. Also, thanks to our other contractors that are working it's hot, brutal work to be doing, concrete removal and pouring concrete this time of the year but contractors are working hard. They're working on our, curb gutter sidewalk assessment program and our CDBG handicap ramp program and getting ready for the extension of the north Locust sidewalk. So lot's going on and thanks to them for working through this heat. So thank you.

0:24:31.9 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Chief. Do you have anything?

0:24:32.9 Chief Jones: Yes. Sorry. I don't wanna risk your personal record of finishing a meeting.

[laughter]

0:24:40.8 Chief Jones: So I'll hurry. But I just wanted to say, just over on the west side of the city, we've had a lot of car break-ins. So a lot of times in the summer we feel like we get, it's just nice and nothing's happening. And, but we have had a rash of car break-ins out Contreras, Country Club Drive area. So please lock your cars at night. These aren't forced entry these are, you know, cars that are left unlocked. So just keep that in mind and sometimes, since we have a tendency to have that increase over the summer and then I just wanted to put a plug in for our red brick Friday, since we won't have a council meeting July 1st, it'll be a little smaller footprint, but it's kind of gonna be a public safety themed. So a lot of kids activities with painting the cruiser and doing, you know, with

the finger paints and stuff like that. So come up and see us on that. And then Casey you'll probably talk about the, the next two days, which we'll follow up. Right? Yes.

0:25:44.4 Mr. Wooddell: I will now.

0:25:44.5 Ms. Greene: I need to add that at the red brick Friday, we are playing red light green light on the street with hippity hops. It's gonna be really fun and everyone should come.

0:25:57.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Exciting. Joe, do you have anything...

0:25:57.6 Mr. Newlin: No. Thank you.

0:26:00.5 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Casey?

[laughter]

0:26:01.1 Mr. Wooddell: I guess I have to talk now.

[laughter]

0:26:05.1 Mr. Wooddell: Yeah, so on Saturday, July 2nd, the parade is back in the uptown parks. We haven't had it in 2020 or 2021. So that will be back and there'll be a special music Fest that night as well. So the parade's at 6:30, the music Fest is at 7:00 and then on July 3rd, we'll do our big event out at the community park from 5:00 to 10:00, with the fireworks at 10 o'clock. So we'll have all the usual inflatables and games and everything, all the entertainment at the event is free. There is a \$5 per car fee to park within the park. But of course, riding your bike or walking in is no charge. So I think that's it. Thanks.

0:26:53.9 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Thank you. Sam. Do you have anything?

0:26:54.0 Mr. Perry: There hasn't been a whole lot said about the Oxford tomorrow comprehensive plan in several weeks, but rest assured it's still being worked on. There's been several back and forth conversations between staff and the consultant, MKSK. So for anyone who's interested in just catching up to speed on where it's at oxfordtomorrow.org, and then we hope to have a public meeting later on in August, which will present the draft plan for public feedback. And then there'll be a council adoption later on the year. Thank you.

0:27:22.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Thank you, Heather?

0:27:24.0 Clerk: Nothing. Thank you.

0:27:26.4 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Do you have anything?

0:27:27.3 Mr. Mazer: Nothing tonight. Thank you.

[laughter]

0:27:29.5 Vice – Mayor Raghu: All right, counselor?

0:27:31.1 Ms. French: Just that I'm looking forward to the Oxford Palooza of Red Brick Friday and then the parade on the 2nd and then the festival on the 3rd. And then we're back here on the 5th. So looking forward to seeing everybody after the 5th.

0:27:44.5 Mr. Bracken: Nothing for me today.

0:27:49.2 Mr. Prytherch: So not to dampen the overall warm mood, but I was just struck on not this past Monday, yesterday, but a week ago we had some pretty intense weather in Oxford, and it was come coincidental because council created a climate action steering committee and we signed on to something called the global covenant mayors which we've been focusing a lot on our climate action in terms of reducing our emissions, but you're required by that process to do vulnerability assessment and a resilience plan, which sometimes seems like, well, why should we do that because we're just trying to like tackle the problem? But why they make you do it is because the climate is changing and it will create vulnerabilities that cities will have to deal with. And we've been talking a lot in that. Like what are the main hazards looking at the science from the Midwest warmer temperatures, more intense precipitation events, more intense mesoscales, basically thunderstorms. And we were talking about these. This is what the models predict. And then last Monday we had, well last week as you know, we had record breaking dew points. We had a storm that really spared us locally in terms of power outages, but to cause a lot of damage, our city engineer's car was just barely spared.

0:29:02.6 Mr. Prytherch: So we lost big trees, but many people in the region had a one, two punch of losing their power, a terrible storm and then losing their power for days in some of the hottest weather. And so really unfortunately, what that was confirmation of this is the kind of stuff we're going to have to deal with because the incidents of these are that they're already warmer and more storms. But some predictions, we may have 20 to 30 days above 100 in the Midwest by the end of the century which is our children's lifetime. So I just wanted a little highlight that we've been doing a committee and it's the committee work, but I think ultimately it's gonna be really important. Like how do we, as a city be prepared to bounce back? Like if those kind of events happen more and more often, do we have cooling centers?

0:29:52.6 Mr. Prytherch: And I think that we're just beginning a conversation about now the city's been doing emergency management planning. But yeah, we had two inches of rain in a day. The water was up and over Locust Street again with like a year ago this time we had remarkable rain, incredible rain. So it's just something that I think the city we're gonna have to weave into what we do and how it fits in the comprehensive plan I'm not exactly sure, but I think cities are gonna have to help the communities navigate changing times. So that's just kind of update that that's going on. And I think that we're hoping to bring to council in October the mitigation plan and the resilience plan. So, you know maybe in September or October. Okay. So that's just give you an update on what's going on with the climate action steering committee.

0:30:39.1 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Thank you. And then I just wanna say that I previously said one of the most proud achievements our council has been our expenditure care responding. And recently I feel really proud about the way that y'all have responded towards childcare because it's something that I can't believe how like agile it's almost been. And I think that we have such a huge ability to make a big impact in families lives. And even if maybe attract more families, if we have more daycares for a very small amount of money. So I'm so excited about it. I'm really proud of having

the full time person. So I'm really excited about that. And I'm also the more we hear about PFAS and these forever chemicals. I am so excited about the water softening system, and I'm really excited that we're not making the pipeline because I think that this in the end is the more proactive, better choice as far as we might not have the big resilience with the greater water supply. But the fact that we will not have these chemicals in this town is so awesome. I mean, EPA's not even regulating it and they're coming out with more and more studies of how bad it is and how long it stays and the damage on the body. So I'm just really proud. And so I just wanna say, thank you for both those things. On that note, we will, do you have a motion to adjourn?

0:32:02.9 Mr. Prytherch: So moved.

0:32:04.2 Ms. French: Second.

0:32:04.5 Vice – Mayor Raghu: All right. All in favor?

0:32:06.9 Councilors: Aye.

0:32:09.3 Vice – Mayor Raghu: Alright. Adjourned.

Request has been sucessfully updated.

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Thank you for creating and considering the "Do Something" resolution imploring state and federal government to address gun violence by enacting common sense gun laws. I am very much in favor of the resolution. I was doing research a few weeks ago to determine if, in fact, municipalities such as Oxford could enact its own gun legislation because state and federal entities have declined to do anything meaningful; I was surprised to find that Ohio laws do not allow municipalities to set their own gun laws. This makes the proposed resolution the only course of action for cities and I hope that more cities and counties consider such resolutions. What I appreciate about the resolution is that it gives specific examples of legislation that should be enacted and that such legislation, if enacted at the state and federal level, would bring about meaningful change. Unfortunately our state legislature has taken contrary actions, most recently evidenced by the reduction in the number of hours of training required for school personnel to carry guns, if approved by individual school boards, from over 700 hours to 24 hours. In separate legislation they removed the requirement for training and licensing of those carrying concealed weapon . These state actions are not helpful, quite the contrary. I am very hopeful that you, the City Council, will pass this resolution on June 21st

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