A work session of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Ken Bogard on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. Those Council members present were, Alysia Fischer, Kate Currie, Richard Keebler, Doug Ross and Greig Rutherford. Mayor Dana was excused.

Staff members present: Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Steve Schwein, Police Chief; Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Steve McHugh, Law Director and Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council.

APPROVAL
OF AGENDA

Mr. Keebler moved approval of the Agenda. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The purpose of the Work Session was for Council to receive a historical review of the Northwest Butler County Transportation Study.

Mr. Elliott advised Mr. Kyger and Mr. Bailey would give a presentation and a question and answer period would follow.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Kyger provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation which covered the history of the Northwest Butler County Transportation Study which began in 2000. Mr. Kyger noted in 1997-1998 Council committed to trying to limit the number of trucks traveling through the City of Oxford and Miami’s campus. Mr. Kyger advised Council had passed 6 Resolutions since 2003 endorsing the Northwest Butler County Transportation projects and between 2003 and 2006 Miami and Oxford secured funding for projects.

Mr. Bailey discussed the status of several road improvement projects including SR 73 at SR 177, SR 73 at US 127, US 27 from McGonigle to Oxford, and the US 27/SR73 connector.

Mr. Ross inquired if trucks would be required to use a proposed connector and Mr. Elliott advised no.

Mr. Keebler noted his feeling the City could not pass up federal funding and something had to be done to alleviate the truck traffic.

Ms. Fischer thanked Mr. Kyger and Mr. Bailey for providing the PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Fischer requested updated statistics regarding truck traffic and additional information regarding a portable weigh station.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Keebler moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

A work session of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Prue Dana on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Those Council members present were, Alysia Fischer, Kate Currie, Richard Keebler, Doug Ross, Greig Rutherford and Ken Bogard.

Staff members present: Doug Elliott, City Manager; Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; and Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director.

Also present were Oxford Township Trustees; Jim McDonough, Gary Salmon, and Larry Frimerman. Jim Rubenstein, Committee Chair, Steve Snyder, Miami University, Bob Ison, Milford Township Trustee, Greg Wilkens, Butler County Engineer, Michael Juengling, Butler County Department of Development, and Dr. Fred Bartenstein, Facilitator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Keebler moved approval of the Agenda. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Joint Work Session was to work towards a compromise/consensus regarding the proposed US 27/SR 73 connector.

Dr. Fred Bartenstein, Facilitator, established ground rules for the Work Session.

INTRODUCTION

Each participant introduced themselves and stated which jurisdiction they represented followed by a brief expectation of what they hoped to accomplish this evening.

DISCUSSION

Each jurisdiction discussed their issues and concerns regarding the proposed connector and a comment queue was provided to allow each participant to comment.

After the discussion Dr. Bartenstein offered the following suggestions for moving forward:

1. Request the matter be tabled at the July 8, 2008 Butler County Planning Commission Meeting.
2. Oxford City Council should take a formal position on the County Thoroughfare Plan at a public meeting.
3. Schedule another meeting with all parties.
4. Report back to the Butler County Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Keebler moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Ken Bogard on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7:40 p.m. Those members present were Kate Currie, Richard Keebler, Alysia Fischer, Doug Ross and Greig Rutherford. Mayor Dana was excused.

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

ADJOURN TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Rutherford moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G) for the purpose of discussing (1) Appointments to Boards and Commissions and (3) Pending litigation . Mr. Ross seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bogard moved to return from Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Vice Mayor Bogard requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Fischer moved to remove Item 6.A.3. Preliminary Subdivision from the agenda and accept the applicant's request to withdraw the application. Mr. Ross seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

ORDINANCE
PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION

An Ordinance Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation To Deny The Preliminary Subdivision Application For A Residential Subdivision On South Campus Avenue In The R2MS (Single And Two-Family Mike Square Residential) District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Ms. Fischer moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Currie seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SWEARING IN

Mr. McHugh performed the Swearing-In of Police Sergeant John Jones. Mr. Jones thanked Council, the Police Chief, the Civil Service Commission, and his family for their support.

PRESENTATION
BUTLER COUNTY MRDD

Ms. Holly Boyd thanked Council for the opportunity to make a presentation on behalf of Butler County MRDD. Ms. Boyd discussed their various programs and Annual Action Plan and distributed information to Council as well as a poster for City Hall. Vice Mayor Bogard thanked Ms. Boyd and noted MRDD was a very important function within the County.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Keebler moved to reappoint Gary Meyer to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring June 30, 2011 and Daniel Haizman to the Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2012. Ms. Fischer seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PROCLAMATION
RELAY FOR LIFE

Vice Mayor Bogard read the Proclamation and advised he would present it at the Relay For Life event on Saturday, June 21, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARING
TAX BUDGET

Ms. Fischer moved to open the meeting for a Public Hearing regarding the Tax Budget at 7:43 p.m. Mr. Ross seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Newlin reiterated information discussed during the first reading of the Ordinance noting this was the first step in the budgeting process for 2009.

Vice Mayor Bogard inquired if there were any questions from the public and there were none. Ms. Fischer requested a model showing what percentage of taxes were allocated to the City and what percentages were allocated to other entities. Mr. Newlin advised that information would be fairly simple to produce.

Ms. Fischer moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m. Mr. Ross seconded. the motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jerome Conley, 625 Brookview Court, addressed Council regarding his support for the connector road on the east side of Oxford. Former Mayor Conley noted when he took the Oath of Office he was committed to ensure the safety of the citizens and visitors of Oxford. Mr. Conley noted letters had been received by Council members from residents outside the City limits opposing the connector and reminded Council that they over the years made a pledge not to annex any township property in a hostile manner and to negotiate revenue sharing initiatives with the township. Mr. Conley noted Council had a vision that they were going to ensure 60,000 daily pedestrian crossings would be safe and it was foolish to believe this was possible with trucks going to and fro. Mr. Conley encouraged Council not to forfeit monies allocated for the project and noted environmental studies had already been done.

Mr. Cal Conrad, 5226 Westgate Drive, noted he felt the Work Session this evening was superb and valuable. Mr. Conrad addressed Council regarding processes he felt were not being followed with regard to Historical and Architectural Preservation matters including property at 22 North College Avenue and on East High Street.

Mr. Larry Frimerman, 292 Ryan Drive, advised the Oxford Township Land Use Plan was presented to the Butler County Planning Commission on June 10th and was accepted with the exception of the transportation section. Mr. Frimerman noted the Butler County Planning Commission requested Oxford Township and the City of Oxford to reach a consensus regarding transportation issues before their July 8, 2008 meeting. Mr. Frimerman suggested a joint meeting between City Council and Oxford Township Trustees on June 23rd or June 30th. Vice Mayor Bogard suggested Mr. Frimerman work with Mr. Elliott to arrange the meeting.

Ms. Connie Elliott, 5201 College Corner Pike, updated Council on her Smoky and Tornado project.

Ms. Lisa Dankavich, 2207 Spruce Lane, addressed Council regarding the US 27 and SR 73 connector road. Ms. Dankavich advised Miami University was committed to supporting the project and had been involved financially as well. Ms. Dankavich noted Miami staff had devoted alot of man hours to the project. Ms. Dankavich noted her observation that while construction was taking place on High Street there were a lot less trucks on High Street and Patterson Avenue. Ms. Dankavich encouraged Council to do what was best for Oxford and Oxford Township residents as well as Miami students. Ms. Dankavich complimented staff for the excellent Work Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bogard requested removal of item D. Report.

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 3, 2008 City Council Work Session. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the June 3, 2008 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the June 4, 2008 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

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

REPORTS

Report regarding the June 4, 2008 Uptown Revitalization Committee Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Kyger advised the Uptown Revitalization Committee finished their recommendations and would like Council to receive their report and defer it to the Planning Commission for further evaluation and public hearings.

Mr. Rutherford noted concerns with corner properties in the Uptown District due to set-back issues and density issues. Mr. Kyger advised the committee was aware of those concerns and they could be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Keebler moved to accept the report and defer it to the Planning Commission for their action and return to Council. Mr. Rutherford seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
AGREEMENT WITH NEXTEL WEST CORP.

A Resolution No. 4363 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement with Nextel West Corp. (Steve Schwein, Police Chief)

Chief Schwein advised this action was required by law noting the need for frequency re-banding and advised there would be no cost to the City only reimbursement.

Mr. McHugh advised this process was taking place across the country due to safety frequencies bleeding into Nextel frequencies and Nextel frequencies bleeding into safety frequencies.

Mr. Keebler moved to adopt Resolution No. 4363. Ms. Fischer seconded. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
CODE UPDATE

An Ordinance To Approve Current Replacement Pages To The Oxford Codified Ordinances. (Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council)

Ms. Fischer noted a yearly code update was problematic for her and she was glad to see we moved to quarterly updates. Ms. Fischer inquired if the website would be updated quarterly as well and Ms. Eaton advised yes.

Mr. Elliott advised he was exploring options to perform some of the updates in house.

Mr. Keebler and Mr. Rutherford noted they would prefer a digital copy instead of paper.

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 181.10

An Ordinance Repealing Oxford Code Of Ordinances Section 181.10 And Adopting New Oxford Code Of Ordinances Section 181.10; Including New Subsection (e). (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised the proposed Ordinance would establish a cap of $1,000.00 on the Tax Administrator's (Finance Director) ability to waive penalty or interest. Mr. Newlin noted the current Ordinance did not contain this stipulation and it would cover 95% of the cases. Mr. Newlin stated anything over $1,000.00 would be presented to the Income Tax Board of Review.

Ms. Fischer inquired what the process was if someone had $2,000.00 outstanding and Mr. Newlin advised it could be waived with the consent of the Income Tax Board of Review.

Mr. Ross left the dais for the evening.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
TAX BUDGET

An Ordinance No. 3002 Authorizing The Tax Budget For The Year 2009 And Directing That The Same Be Transmitted To The Butler County Auditor. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin stated he had no additional information to report and looked forward to Council approving the proposed Ordinance.

Ms. Currie moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3002. Ms. Fischer seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 521.12

An Ordinance No. 3003 Repealing Current Section 521.12 Outdoor Furniture Restriction And Adopting New Section 521.12 Outdoor Furniture Restriction, Reducing The Penalty For Violation. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen noted the proposed legislation would reduce the penalty for violation to a minor misdemeanor on the first offense. Mr. Chen reminded Council this issue had been a topic at recent SCRC meetings.

Mr. Douglas Haynes, 102 N. Talawanda, President, Student Senate, advised the students were grateful and thankful that Council was looking at this again as it was one of the biggest issues for students at the end of the school year. Mr. Haynes noted his hope the proposed Ordinance would be adopted.

Ms. Fischer noted over the past two years Council tweaked Ordinances to better deal with the noise, litter and outdoor furniture issues. Ms. Fischer noted the proposed legislation would bring the penalties in line for all three Ordinances. Ms. Fischer noted the Office of Off Campus Affairs at Miami was committed to working in collaboration with the City on these issues.

Mr. Mike Scott, 124 Willow Lane, Student Body President, thanked Council for considering the proposed legislation. Mr. Scott noted his goal was to foster a strong relationship between the City and the student body. Mr. Scott noted his feeling the proposed legislation was a good compromise.

Ms. Fischer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3003. Ms. Currie seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

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

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW CHAPTER 1301

An Ordinance No. 3004 Amending The Oxford Code Of Ordinances By Repealing Chapter 1301, Ohio Building Code And Adopting New Chapter 1301, Ohio Building Code. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised he had no further information to report and reminded Council this piece of legislation went hand in hand with the next piece of legislation.

Mr. Rutherford noted concern with the maximum encroachment of 2’ into an alley right-of-way. Mr. Rutherford noted he did not want to create problems for business owners if they needed to attach certain equipment to a side wall. Mr. Chen advised those cases could be appealed to the Board of Appeals (Building/Housing) and Mr. Keebler advised rooftop units would be preferred.

Mr. Rutherford also noted concerns with encroachments being permitted to the curb line.

Mr. Keebler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3004. Ms. Currie seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Keebler, Ms. Currie, Ms. Fischer, Mr. Bogard (4)

NAY: Mr. Rutherford (1)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW SECTION 1141.03

An Ordinance No. 3005 Repealing Oxford Zoning Code Section 1141.03, Supplemental Regulations, And Adopting New Section 1141.03, Supplemental Regulations. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised this was a zoning code amendment to incorporate the language Council just adopted.

Mr. Keebler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3005. Ms. Currie seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Currie, Ms. Fischer, Mr. Keebler, Mr. Bogard (4)

NAY: Mr. Rutherford (1)

ABS: None (0)

Mr. Elliott noted he appreciated the Work Session earlier this evening and reminded Council that a meeting needed to be scheduled with the Township Trustees regarding the connector road.

Mr. Elliott provided an update on the matter of Western Knolls vs. The City of Oxford.

Council discussed the proposed meeting with the Township and other entities and felt June 23, 2008 would be appropriate for a Joint Work Session.

Chief Schwein reminded everyone that the City Auction would take place Saturday, June 21, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Kyger advised he met with 2 potential developers regarding the old Wal-Mart site. Mr. Kyger also noted plans were moving forward for demolition at Main and High Streets and the First Financial Bank building was being prepared for demolition and reconstruction.

Ms. Currie noted Council needed to think about forming a Bicentennial Planning Committee and decide how much financial support the City was able to provide for the events.

Ms. Currie inquired if there was an indication of the outcome of mandatory income tax filing and Mr. Elliott noted he would provide the information at a later date.

Ms. Fischer referred to the notion that the City may retain the Kramer School site as green space should the bond levy pass and noted at the next School Board ad-hoc meeting she could ask what their proposal was.

Mr. Bogard read part of a letter received from Dayton History as follows: 'Each year Dayton History presents regional preservation awards to champions of historic preservation in west central Ohio and we are pleased to inform you that the Oxford Township House has been selected for the 2008 Historic Preservation category.' Mr. Bogard congratulated Ms. Laura Henderson and members of the HAPC.

Mr. Bogard informed Council that OKI awarded the City one million dollars for moving utility poles on US 27 S. in preparation for road improvements.

Mr. McHugh offered to draft a Resolution to form the Bicentennial Planning Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Ms. Fischer moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Ms. Currie seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.