A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Those members present were Bob Blackburn, Steve Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, Kevin McKeehan and Edna Southard. Mike Smith was excused.

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

**ADJOURN TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn to Executive Session immediately in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of discussing appointments to Boards and Commissions. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Southard, Mr. Blackburn, Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

**RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Blackburn moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rousmaniere requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**ANNUAL REPORT
MHMH / TRIHEALTH**

Mr. Brett Kirkpatrick, Executive Director, McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital / TriHealth, noted the affiliation between McCullough-Hyde and TriHealth began in January of 2015 and he had been in Oxford for 6 weeks. Mr. Kirkpatrick thanked everyone for their hospitality since his arrival.

Mr. Kirkpatrick advised the collaboration between the two organizations was important as it strengthens the community hospital and provides resources that otherwise might not be available. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted the affiliation merges two organizations with common visions and strategies, making sure the hospital was a good community partner and taking care of the community in meeting their health needs. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised the affiliation goals were to continue to strengthen McCullough Hyde and create a seamless continuum of patient care, expand clinical programs and services locally, and to grow the medical staff. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted TriHealth spent $17 million in the first year of the affiliation with $10 million being used to bolster the IT infrastructure and implement the electronic medical records system called Epic that was used by all health systems within the Cincinnati region. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised TriHealth committed $3.5 million to expand and improve clinical services and $2.5 million towards a capital campaign for the new emergency department and operating rooms. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted another $500,000 was committed over three years to support community projects. Mr. Kirkpatrick discussed an extensive survey they performed and noted 75% of the responders stated McCullough-Hyde was their first choice for healthcare, 70% stated McCullough-Hyde was the first hospital that came to their mind and 75% stated they would likely use McCullough-Hyde again in the future. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted responders felt McCullough-Hyde was strong in maternity services, general medicine and emergency services and with learning in hand they completed a new three year strategic plan which included building essential clinical programs, assuring convenient points of access for care and expanding community outreach. Mr. Kirkpatrick discussed the Epic system in more detail noting it provided the ability to link medical records between health systems. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised July 26th would be the first day of operations in the new emergency department which will have 12 private bays 2 of which were focused on the geriatric population, a separate entrance for emergency squads and the workflow would be much improved over what it was today. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted immediately following the expansion of the emergency department the construction of 4 state of the art operating suites would begin and they would compete with anyone's in the region. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised the operating suites would be completed in the summer of 2017. Mr. Kirkpatrick discussed the hospital's quality program and advised MHMH exceeded Ohio and U.S. averages with a 4 star rating for patient satisfaction, attained the highest rating- 4 stars for emergency care from Medicare.gov, received a 3 star rating from CMS for overall quality of care, a rating above Ohio averages and consistent with TriHealth institutions, and received the highest possible "A" grade from LeapFrog, a nationally recognized patient safety ratings service. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted the hospital was renewing its community outreach and involvement in a number of important programs and health efforts. Mr. Kirkpatrick highlighted the efforts of the Trust for 2015 noting the Board deserved a lot of credit for their hard work in making sure the affiliation was the best choice for MHMH. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised the hospital had 300 volunteers consisting of community members, Miami University students and area teens who provided 20,000 to 30,000 hours of service per year. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted the volunteers and auxiliary were an extremely valuable part of who MHMH was and the culture within MHMH. Mr. Kirkpatrick provided an overview of newly established clinical services and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Dana noted he was a great booster of the hospital and he applauded the affiliation with TriHealth. Mr. Dana referred to page 3 of Mr. Kirkpatrick's report and inquired what HIMSS was with regard to the Epic system which Mr. Kirkpatrick addressed.

Mayor Rousmaniere thanked Mr. Kirkpatrick for the expansion of medical services and support and for the increased investment in community activities. Mayor Rousmaniere noted the hospital supported the OATS Trail project, the Coalition for a Healthy Community and the Yoga in the Park program. Mayor Rousmaniere advised she worked a lot with Sharon Klein and it was great to see the hospital so invested.

Mr. Kirkpatrick noted Sharon had been a fantastic asset for the hospital and for the community.

PUBLIC HEARING
2017 TAX BUDGET

Mayor Rousmaniere asked Mr. McHugh to explain for the public why the public hearing was on the agenda. Mr. McHugh advised the Ohio Revised Code required an annual Tax Budget to be adopted each year showing the need for collecting taxes and a public hearing to provide the opportunity for public comment. Mr. McHugh noted by law the tax budget must be adopted by the end of this month.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to enter into a Public Hearing regarding the 2017 Tax Budget at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Newlin discussed the 2017 Tax Budget as presented on pages 96-113 of Council's packet noting it was prepared with an approximate 0% change from the 2016 amended budget except for a few items as detailed in Exhibit "A".

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

Mr. Blackburn moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Ms. Southard moved to nominate Mike Schnipper and Prue Dana to the Board of Zoning Appeals for terms ending in 2019, Greg Smith and Bill Brewer to the Civil Service Commission for terms ending in 2019, Rebekah Bolser and Kathy McMahon-Klosterman to the Community Relations Commission for terms ending in 2019, Mike Kohus to the Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission for a term ending in 2020, Kurt Kronholm and Sherry Lind to the Housing Advisory Commission for terms ending in 2020, Kevin Ackley to the Recreation Board for a term ending in 2019, Kurt Kronholm to the Student Community Relations Commission for a term ending in 2019, Robert Bell and Timothy Meloy to the Board of Appeals (Building/Housing) for terms ending in 2021 and Jacqueline Johnson to the Records Commission with no set term. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The nominations passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 7, 2016 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the June 1, 2016 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the June 1, 2016 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

RESOLUTION
COPIER LEASE

A Resolution No. 4989 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Canon Solutions America for a 60-month lease of a Canon ImageRunner Advance C7270 color copier through state contract pricing. (Kim Newton, Assistant to the City Manager)

Mr. Dana moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
AMENDING REVOLVING LOAN
FUND LOAN

A Resolution No. 4990 authorizing the City Manager to amend the loan agreement between the City of Oxford and Moon Cooperative Services, Inc. with conditions. (Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director)

Mr. Kyger advised Moon Co-Op had a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan through the City which was modified through refinancing last year for a period of one year. Mr. Kyger advised members of the RLF loan review committee met with representatives of Moon Co-Op and the CIC Board and were recommending an additional year of modified payments from $700 per month to $1,000 per month and extending the term of the loan for one year. Mr. Kyger noted representatives from Moon Co-op were in attendance.

Mr. Jim Rubenstein, 1 Oakhill Drive, noted he was a board member and Treasurer of Moon Co-Op. Mr. Rubenstein thanked everyone for their continued support and noted sales were up 5.7% this fiscal year over last year. Mr. Rubenstein advised 567 member owners lived in this zip code (45056), and 725 member owners lived in the trade area, Preble County and across the state line. Mr. Rubenstein noted 125 member owners lived elsewhere. Mr. Rubenstein advised Moon Co-Op had 43 local venders and an extremely high percentage of products were provided by people living in this community.

Mr. Rubenstein introduced Moon Co-Op's new General Manager, Grace Rucker.

Ms. Grace Rucker, 96 Kelly Drive, advised she was from Oxford and left for 10 years and she was excited this opportunity came up upon her return to Oxford. Ms. Rucker noted she was excited to work with the local vendors and she had a lot of plans to promote Moon Co-op and get them where they needed to be.

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

Mr. Dana noted the increase in the monthly payment testified to the increasing financial strength of Moon-Co-Op and the CIC's support was powerful as they had strong analytical skills. Mr. Dana advised he was very much a fan of this proposal.

Mr. McKeehan moved to adopt Resolution No. 4990. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
COPS GRANT APPLICATION

A Resolution No. 4991 of Council supporting the submission of a grant application for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the COPS Hiring Program Grant in the amount of $125,000.00. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Chief Jones advised the grant would award the City $125,000 over three years to provide an additional police officer position noting the City would be required to retain that officer an additional 12 months. Chief Jones advised the City placed a School Resource Officer into the schools and now his position on patrol needed to be filled. Chief Jones noted over the last 5 years OPD's authorized strength had been cut and this would raise the authorized strength to 17 fulltime police officers. Chief Jones advised with societal demands increasing on police departments including the heroin epidemic OPD needed the additional help. Chief Jones noted this was an attempt to obtain money from the federal government to help meet those needs.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if communities could apply for the grant for specific needs. Chief Jones noted there were multiple programs which could be applied for and he felt the City was best qualified for the School Resource Officer program which allowed OPD to put a veteran officer in the schools fulltime and hire an entry level officer for patrol duties. Mayor Rousmaniere noted the School Resource Officer program was incredibly successful and the City wanted to continue it. Chief Jones advised it had been a very successful program and the officer was only assigned in the schools part-time. Chief Jones noted he felt anything the City could do to improve school safety was warranted.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 4991. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
AGREEMENT WITH
COLE + ARCHITECTS

A Resolution No. 4992 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Cole + Architects, d.b.a. CR architects + design for professional architectural and engineering services for the rehabilitation of municipal properties located at 15 S. College Avenue and 101 E. High Street Oxford, Ohio, at a cost of $344,000.00 plus a contingency amount of ten percent (10%) of the agreement price or $34,400.00 for a total cost not to exceed $378,400.00. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Elliott advised with the purchase of the former Lane Library at 15 S. College Avenue, the City has taken steps to address the space needs of the Administration and Police Division. Mr. Elliott noted in February 2016, City Council approved Resolution No. 4967 accepting a Facilities Assessment and Programming Report and directing staff to publish a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for firms interested in designing renovations to both the former Lane Library building and the current Municipal Building. Mr. Elliott advised he formed a task force for the purpose of evaluating responses to the RFQ which consisted of himself, Mr. Kyger, Mr. Newlin, Mr. Chen and Mr. Dreisbach. Mr. Elliott noted the task force evaluated 8 responses and selected 3 firms to give them a presentation. Mr. Elliott advised from the presentations and the task force analysis, Cole + Russell Architects (CR) out of Cincinnati was selected. Mr. Elliott noted negotiations began with CR for a fee proposal and the task force recommended doing a concurrent design for both the former Lane Library and the City Hall building at a cost of $344,000. Mr. Elliott advised CR has successfully completed numerous municipal renovation projects and has successfully completed several high profile projects for Miami University including total renovations of several buildings in the North Quad. Mr. Elliott noted the task force felt there were significant economies of scale to pursue the designs of both building projects at one time. Mr. Elliott advised CR was forecasting a total construction budget of $4.1M for the rehabilitation of both buildings and the proposed fee, using the forecasted budget is 8% of the construction costs. Mr. Elliott noted the task force felt this percentage was fair and reasonable for a project of this magnitude and is in line with expectations of Miami University in their numerous dealings with consultants in their building programs. Mr. Elliott advised it was staff's recommendation that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CR for architectural / engineering services for the rehabilitation of both municipal properties. Mr. Elliott noted Tim Wiley and Chris Grant were in attendance from CR Architects and Design to answer any questions.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired what the process was by which City staff would be consulted about their needs for the newly designed buildings. Mr. Elliott advised several meetings would take place which would include City staff. Mr. Elliott referred to pages 33-43 which detailed the project description and processes. Mr. Elliott noted the former Lane Library would be constructed first so administration could vacate a portion of the Municipal Building and move to the former Lane Library site. Mr. Elliott advised once vacated, construction would begin on the Municipal Building.

Mr. Dana referred to page 38 of Council's packet (3rd bullet from bottom) and inquired if there was going to be a goal for a level of LEED certification in the projects. Mr. Elliott advised Mr. Dana picked up on a bullet that was not part of the proposal. Mr. Elliott noted to keep in mind these were existing buildings and if we wanted to change a heating and cooling system to geothermal we would be severely limited because vacant land was needed to do that. Mr. Elliott advised staff wanted updated facilities that would meet certain standards to the best of our ability. Mr. Elliott noted staff may look at changing the heating and cooling system at the former Lane Library building from electric to natural gas.

Mr. Tim Wiley, Director, CR Architects, advised the Project Manager, Chris Graham was with him this evening. Mr. Wiley noted he was excited about this project as he was a Miami University grad and he had been part of the projects at Miami University. Mr. Wiley expanded upon LEED services noting that was what they incorporated into their standard design process. Mr. Wiley advised certain things were written into their specifications that were more the way now verses going through the whole certification process. Mr. Wiley noted they would bring elements of LEED into the design and discussions as the project moved forward.

Mr. Chris Graham, Project Manager, advised his wife attended Miami University and he had taught at Miami in the Architect Department. Mr. Graham noted he was part of a study some years back for this same project and he was excited to see it go forward. Mr. Graham advised LEED was a documentation process and the design he would produce would contain all of the LEED elements.

Ms. Southard inquired what happened after the design was submitted. Mr. Graham advised there would be multiple meetings with staff to confirm what the needs were and CR would present a design layout looking for every possible efficiency and shared spaces to make better work spaces. Mr. Graham noted there would be approval processes throughout the project.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised Council wanted to stay up to date on the progress.

Mr. Ellerbe advised he would like the Police Department to receive preferential treatment and noted a complete redesign of the building was probably out of the question due to financial situations. Mr. Ellerbe asked that every possible consideration be made for the modernization of their services. Mr. Elliott noted that was the goal and reminded everyone that OPD no longer handled the 911 calls so the communications center was not going to be what it might have been.

Mr. McHugh referred to page 40 of Council's packet and advised the hold harmless and indemnification language must be stricken from the agreement.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 4992. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
NEW CHAPTER 725

An Ordinance Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 725 Entitled Taxicabs, And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 725 Entitled Taxicabs. (Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director)

Mr. Kyger highlighted the proposed changes in the legislation that was written in 1961 noting there was some confusion on 'who and what' was being licensed, the insurance standards were too low and the driver qualifications were minimal. Mr. Kyger advised the City wanted and needed taxicabs and needed to ensure the patrons were being served by qualified operators using safe reliable vehicles with the proper levels of insurance. Mr. Kyger noted three components of taxicab service were divided into three categories to be licensed which were the Taxicab Company License, the Taxicab Operators License (driver) and the Taxicab Vehicle License all of which would be regulated. Mr. Kyger explained the proposed regulations for each of the three licenses as outlined on pages 47-53 in Council's packet. Mr. Kyger advised the insurance standards in the current ordinance didn't meet state standards and after much research staff proposed a minimum of $500,000 combined coverage, or $200,000 injury or death of one person, $500,000 injury or death of more than one person and $100,000 in property damage be required. Mr. Kyger noted also new to the proposed ordinance was that the City of Oxford must be listed as a certificate holder on the insurance policy so the City would be notified if the insurance lapsed for any given taxicab. Mr. Kyger advised vehicle inspections would be required by an ASE certified mechanic or State Highway Patrol Station or by a facility approved by the Taxicab Licensing Official. Mr. Kyger noted another new component of the proposed ordinance was that a 3" x 5" picture ID card must be displayed inside the vehicle with the taxicab company name and the City issued operators license number printed on the card. Mr. Kyger discussed other items as follows:

> Taxicabs shall be tobacco smoke free
> Ride sharing is permitted, with patron approval
> Hotel shuttles and church transportation are exempt
> Taxicab companies bringing patrons into the City, or transporting them out of the City are exempt.

Mr. Kyger noted Officer Derrick Carlson who worked with him on drafting the proposed ordinance was in attendance this evening.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. James Buis, W. Chestnut Street, referred to page 49 of Council's packet "*The applicant's BCI&I report, for the most recent five year period, must be free from any convictions for a felony level offense*". Mr. Buis stated he was a convicted felon and he was proof that people could change. Mr. Buis noted society wanted people to change when they got out of prison or jail and by putting this restriction in the ordinance the City was not allowing people to change.

Mr. Buis stated if a man could not get a job he would go back to a life of crime. Mr. Buis noted he didn't disagree entirely and that rapists and violent offenders should not be alone transporting the public including college students.

Officer Derrick Carlson noted he had been an Oxford Police Officer for 14 years and for the last 5 years he had been the Taxicab Licensing Official. Officer Carlson advised as he and Mr. Kyger looked at taxicab ordinances in other cities they had similar restrictions and the goal was to legitimize the operation of taxicabs in the City of Oxford. Officer Carlson noted they did not use a blanket approach, they tried to choose what they thought would be a dis-qualifier and limited it to individuals who were at the felony level. Officer Carlson advised some ordinances included certain misdemeanor offenses and he and Mr. Kyger bumped it up to felony so it would not dis-qualify people trying to get a job as a taxicab driver. Officer Carlson noted if someone was currently employed as a taxicab driver they would be grandfathered into this new approach.

Mr. Buis stated 5 years was a long time for people with a felony conviction to wait to get a job noting they couldn't even get a job at McDonalds.

Mr. Elliott noted there was some time until the second reading of the proposed ordinance and staff would develop some options to consider at the next meeting. Mr. Elliott congratulated Mr. Buis on his courage to come forward with his concerns.

Mr. McHugh advised this was a large issue within employment law noting it did have a disparate impact upon certain groups of society.

Mr. James Buis (Sr.), W. Chestnut Street, advised he would like to see the insurance in all three categories go to $100,000 and that would keep him from raising rates for students or force them back into drinking and driving. Mr. Buis stated $500,000 would put a damper on most of the cab companies as it was $5,000 per vehicle per year. Mr. Buis noted $100,000 would be feasible.

Mr. Kyger advised most of the taxicab companies were operating under their personal insurance policies. Mr. Kyger noted the proposed ordinance came with financial changes. Mr. Kyger advised one person shared quotes with him and the personal insurance was $600 per year and the quote for $500,000 was $2,471 per year. Mr. Kyger reiterated that the proposed ordinance came with a cost to owners and operators.

Mr. McKeehan noted the personal policy would not cover an accident for a cab company and Mr. McHugh agreed.

Mr. Blackburn inquired who was running motor vehicle reports and noted there needed to be guidelines for the drivers of the taxicabs. Mr. Kyger advised to obtain commercial insurance certain guidelines had to be met. Mr. Buis stated his insurance company ran the motor vehicle report before he put drivers in a cab. Mr. Kyger noted between the cab company and the insurance company that was taken care of.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised on the second reading Council would address insurance issues and felony issues.

Ms. Southard noted she felt updating the ordinance was important and Council wanted to ensure the protection of both the passengers and the drivers. Ms. Southard advised the issue of weapons and the issue of dogs in taxicabs was not addressed in the ordinance.

Officer Carlson advised it would be up to the individual company whether they allowed animals or not. Officer Carlson noted there were no traffic laws to justify why dogs would be disallowed. Officer Carlson addressed the issue of weapons and advised there were laws that stated a person must have a concealed carry permit weather the person was a driver or a passenger.

Mayor Rousmaniere thanked Mr. Kyger and Officer Carlson noting they had done an enormous amount of work on the proposed ordinance. Mayor Rousmaniere noted she appreciated Mr. Kyger and Officer Carlson talking with students and with the taxicab drivers during this process.

Mr. Ellerbe left the dais at 8:55 p.m.

ORDINANCE
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance No. 3355 Amending Ordinance No. 3335 And Adopting Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 5 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2016, And Declaring An Emergency. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin addressed his staff report as presented on pages 54-55 of Council's packet noting the reason for the emergency was to pay a bill due tomorrow from the Employee Health Care Fund and receive a 7% discount.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3355 as an emergency. Ms. Southard seconded. The following roll was called:

AYE: Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Southard, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Dana, Mayor Rousmaniere (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Mr. Ellerbe returned to the dais at 9:03 p.m.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
PRELIMINARY AND FINAL
PLAN APPROVAL

An Ordinance No. 3356 Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation For Preliminary And Final Plan Approval Of A Major Change To An Existing Planned Development At 5262 Brown Road, Hawks Landing, Formerly Known As University Commons. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised he had no new information and asked for Council's approval of the combined preliminary and final planned development for Hawks Landing.

Mr. Scott Webb, Agent, reminded Council that even though the project was described as a major change it was actually very minor and would result in a reduction of occupancy.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted it was mentioned at the Planning Commission meeting that a new phenomena with student housing was to increase dwelling units and reduce total occupancy.

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

Mr. McKeehan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3356. Mr. Dana seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan, Mr. Blackburn, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
FINAL PLAN APPROVAL

An Ordinance No. 3357 Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation For Final Plan Approval To Develop The Two Westernmost Outparcels At Bishop Square For Commercial Uses With Conditions. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised development of the 2 outparcels on Locust Street was the final phase in the development of Bishop Square. Mr. Chen noted the Planning Commission heard the case and stipulated conditions for Council's consideration. Mr. Chen asked for Council's approval of the final development phase at Bishop Square.

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

Mr. Dana advised the Planning Commission worked hard at insisting the developer install the necessary signals, signage, crosswalks and mirrors. Mr. Dana noted in the judgement of Planning Commission members the area would be safe.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised the completion of this development added to increasing concerns on her part and members of the Planning Commission about the safety and accessibility of Locust Street. Mayor Rousmaniere noted Council lowered the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph, the Service Department installed a sidewalk in front of McDonalds, and then it stopped before another one started, there were numerous curb cuts and other entrances, an increased number of residents, the public library, and now an increased number of retail establishments. Mayor Rousmaniere advised she asked Chief Jones to do an analysis of traffic incidents on Locust Street and they existed. Mayor Rousmaniere noted regardless of the traffic incidents she felt it was important for Council to work with the Service Department to re-evaluate Locust Street.

Mayor Rousmaniere proposed a Mayoral Walk-About as Mayor Prue Dana did with Council members, staff and citizens walking an area of the community to see what the issues were and to use that experience to create recommendations for the Service Department on ways that corridor might be improved. Mayor Rousmaniere noted everyone drove on Locust Street but walking or biking on Locust Street was quite a different and scary experience. Mayor Rousmaniere advised the solutions were many and could be costly and Council could brainstorm about how to solve some of the issues. Mayor Rousmaniere proposed with the Planning Commission Sub-Committee on Transportation that Council would in early July invite Tollgate merchants, Library staff, residents at Bishop Square and Miami Preserve and citizens get a sense of what to do with Locust Street. Mayor Rousmaniere noted the Service Department tentatively planned to re-pave Locust Street next summer and now might be the time to evaluate the area.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised she was in favor of the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3357. Mr. McKeehan seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Southard, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan
Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
2017 TAX BUDGET

An Ordinance No. 3358 Authorizing The Tax Budget For The Year 2017 And Directing That The Same Be Transmitted To The Butler County Auditor. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised he had nothing to add and offered to answer any questions.

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

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3358. Mr. Dana seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Southard
Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Mr. Elliott noted Mr. McHugh alerted him the supplemental appropriation Ordinance as a emergency received 5 affirmative votes this evening and needed 6 affirmative votes to be adopted. Mr. Elliott asked Council to reconsider the Ordinance since Mr. Ellerbe had to step out prior to the vote.

Mr. McKeehan moved to reconsider Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 5 as an emergency. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Blackburn moved to adopt Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 5 as an emergency. Mr. Dana seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. McKeehan, Mr. Blackburn, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana
Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott thanked Mr. Kyger and Officer Carlson for their work on the Taxicab Ordinance noting they spent a lot of time on it and met with a lot of people. Mr. Elliott advised staff recognized there would be additional costs with new regulations and felt the benefits far exceeded the costs. Mr. Elliott noted staff would address the two issues identified this evening and report back to Council.

Mr. Elliott advised at least one Council member would be out of town for the July 5th Council meeting and asked Council to consider whether or not to have the meeting.

Mr. Elliott noted he and Mayor Rousmaniere spoke at the Candlelight Vigil Uptown last Wednesday where 200 people gathered to show support for the victims, families and friends of the Orlando tragedy where the shooter targeted LGBT Americans out of hate and bigotry.

Mr. Elliott noted having participants from the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) event in town this week was wonderful for the local businesses.

Mr. Elliott advised the Buckeye Boys State program would be coming to Miami University next summer and he looked forward to having them as guests in Oxford.

Mr. Elliott updated everyone on the US 27 South improvement project.

Mr. Wooddell reviewed the Freedom Fest schedule noting the parade would take place July 2nd at 6:30 p.m. followed by a special Music Festival sponsored by the Oxford Visitors Bureau, events and fireworks would take place July 3rd at the Community Park and a Pool Party would take place July 4th with a DJ and games and prizes.

Mr. Wooddell noted pool pass sales were 227 this year and the average daily attendance was 200 people and he was pleased with those numbers.

Mr. Wooddell advised Parks and Recreation received a donation from Crossroads Church and through the donation 54 free swim lessons were given for a total of 131 swim lesson participants registered for the summer.

Mr. Wooddell noted together he felt this initiative was teaching young folks (and older folks) how to swim and be comfortable in the water.

Chief Jones advised the Butler County Chiefs of Police Respect for Law Camp was this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Chief Jones noted Law Camp was a weekend of fun for 100 kids who would have the chance to see law enforcement interact with the Fire Department and other agencies and learn respect for law.

Mr. Chen advised two weeks ago a contingency from Oxford attended the International Town Gown Association Conference and learned great practices from other Town Gown communities. Mr. Chen noted the conference provided an opportunity to gauge your community compared to others and he felt Oxford was headed in the right direction.

Mr. Chen advised he and Sam Perry hosted a Historic Bicycle Tour this morning for GOBA participants noting a lot of the bicyclists were interested in knowing the history of Oxford. Mr. Chen congratulated Mayor Rousmaniere for speaking about 'Freedom Summer' during the tour and noted the participants spent a lot of time understanding what it was all about.

Mr. Chen commended Jessica Greene of the Oxford Visitors Bureau for coordinating many special events while the GOBA participants were in town.

Mr. Kyger advised GOBA was great and great for all of the local establishments. Mr. Kyger expressed his wish they could visit Oxford every year.

Mr. McKeehan congratulated Chief Jones and the OPD for their quick resolution to the armed robbery last week.

Mr. Ellerbe noted it had been fantastic the past few days with GOBA participants in town. Mr. Ellerbe advised the City put on a great show with the live music and people out and about engaging the local businesses. Mr. Ellerbe noted Oxford was a beautiful and safe City and that security made him glad he was here.

Mr. Dana advised he experienced the positive energy that came with GOBA participants being in town. Mr. Dana noted Oxford was lucky to have Jessica Greene of the Oxford Visitors Bureau as she was a fantastic leader in Oxford and did much more than bring tourists to the City.

Ms. Southard noted there was Salsa music Uptown last night and a lot of people were dancing and having a great time.

Mr. Blackburn noted Respect for Law Camp gives 100 children 3 days to spend with their favorite police Officer. Mr. Blackburn advised if they did not follow directions they were sent home, so they truly learn to have respect for law enforcement.

Mr. Blackburn reminded everyone Relay for Life would be held on Saturday at Millett Hall.

Mr. Blackburn noted he volunteered at the GOBA welcoming tent at 7:00 a.m. and GOBA was good for the town.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised according to the Journal News, GOBA estimates 1 night in any given town generates about $50,000 in revenue. Mayor Rousmaniere noted Oxford was lucky to have them. Mayor Rousmaniere extended many thanks to Jessica Greene for all of her efforts regarding GOBA's stay in Oxford.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted she had been at home for 2 days due to family issues and thanked the City for sending beautiful flowers and a card. Mayor Rousmaniere advised the weather had been wonderful, she had been to the pool and had visited with GOBA participants. Mayor Rousmaniere noted Oxford was a great town to have a stay-cation.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised bicyclists participating in Race Across America would start coming through Oxford this evening. Mayor Rousmaniere noted a time station was set up on Locust Street and would be staffed 24/7. Mayor Rousmaniere encouraged everyone to stop in to visit the volunteers and cyclists.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised the first Ohio Town Gown Summit would ne held July 20, 2016 in Pickerington, Ohio. Mayor Rousmaniere noted a number of Council members and staff planned to attend.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.