

A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Smith on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Jason Bracken, Glenn Ellerbe David Prytherch, Chantel Raghu, William Snavelly and Edna Southard.

Staff members present were: Doug Elliott, City Manager, Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager, Mike Dreisbach, Service Director, Joe Newlin, Finance Director, John Jones, Police Chief, Sam Perry, Community Development Director, Chris Conard, Law Director and Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Snavelly moved to amend the agenda by adding Resolution No. 7324 and to revise Public Participation by placing the Proclamations ahead of the update by Miami University officials. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Ms. Southard moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION **“RED BRICK REUNION DAY”**

Mayor Smith read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Walter Chin. Mr. Chin thanked Council noting the Porsche event was back in Oxford after 8 years. Mr. Chin introduced members of the RBR Committee, Steve Nelson, Mark Wilson, and Mike Buccicone. Mr. Chin also recognized Councilor Ellerbe as part of the team and recognized the enormous effort of the staff of Enjoy Oxford, Kim Daggy and Rebecca Lockhart. Mayor Smith advised he would re-read the Proclamation Saturday morning at the show.

PROCLAMATION **‘EQUALITY DAY’**

Mayor Smith read the Proclamation and presented it to Jenny Fisher Co-President, Oxford League of Women Voters. Ms. Fisher thanked Mayor Smith and Council for the Proclamation.

PRESENTATION – COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY **DR. STEVE LARGE, ASSISTANT VP OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND DR. DANA COX, EXECUTIVE VP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.**

Dr. Large noted he and Dr. Cox were pleased to join City Council this evening to provide some brief comments and advised in addition to working at Miami University he and Dr. Cox are also proud Oxford residents committed to the health of the community. Dr. Large noted their comments will be intentionally broad in nature and advised they will take specific questions at the end of the presentation.

Dr. Large advised decisions made by Miami University are not done in isolation but always made in concert with local health experts keeping the broader community in mind in addition to the Miami community.

Dr. Cox advised the university will continue move-in testing this semester noting when residential students arrive on campus, they will go to Millett Hall to provide documentation of their vaccination status or they can choose to get vaccinated on the spot. Dr. Cox advised if students choose not to get vaccinated they will be tested for Covid19 upon arrival. Dr. Cox noted the university will continue their Surveillance Testing and Wide-Net Testing programs so students will regularly engage in testing throughout the year.

Dr. Large advised this spring the university offered any interested employee or student a vaccine during scheduled vaccine clinics and they plan to continue that into the fall in partnership with TriHealth. Dr. Large noted a vaccine incentive program began recently which encourages students to share their vaccine status and documentation with university staff for planning purposes. Dr. Large advised if students do that they become eligible to win prizes.

Dr. Cox noted a decision on the university's mask policy has not been made and reassured everyone that an announcement would be made in the next day or two.

Dr. Large discussed the university's quarantine and isolation programs noting they would replicate a very successful model used last year.

Mr. Snively inquired how often students would be tested and whether vaccinated students would be excused from the testing. Dr. Cox advised testing would be done by category and the prevalence of Covid19 detected in that category. Dr. Cox noted undergraduate students would be tested more often than graduate students. Dr. Cox advised at this time the university planned to test students who have been vaccinated.

Mr. Bracken inquired if there was an estimate of the percentage of students vaccinated and the percentage of students who would become vaccinated upon arrival. Dr. Large advised the incentive program was launched to begin collecting that data and university staff was still processing the student's entries.

Mr. Prytherch asked for further information on the quarantine and isolation programs based on certain ,scenarios, which Dr. Large addressed.

Ms. Southard inquired how the university was dealing with the issue of off-campus housing and if there were educational programs to encourage people to do the right thing. Dr. Large advised on-campus students are required to be tested when invited and off-campus testing was voluntary. Dr. Large noted off-campus students would need to quarantine if necessary in their off-campus quarters. Dr. Large and Dr. Cox discussed the university's educational initiatives.

Mr. Ellerbe inquired if the university would continue the same Community Standards involvement if students are found to be participating in risky or dangerous behavior and Dr. Large advised yes.

Mr. Prytherch asked for clarification regarding testing for students living off-campus. Dr. Large advised the university has a finite number of testing resources and they want to direct those toward the large congregate living spaces on-campus. Mr. Prytherch advised off-campus was one big congregate noting he was flabbergasted that we now have 7,000-8,000 students coming from all over the country living off-campus. Mr. Ellerbe shared Mr. Prytherch's concern and advised he did not want Oxford to end up on the daily show again. Dr. Large and Dr. Cox provided additional insight regarding the protocols.

Mr. Snavelly advised he supported Councilor Prytherch's comments and the concern regarding students living off-campus. Mr. Snavelly noted he knew Dr. Large and Dr. Cox were trying to do their best with limited resources. Mr. Snavelly noted last year Oxford had mobs of students in the alleys (waiting to get into bars) mostly upper-classmen, old enough to drink and probably living off-campus with no masks. Mr. Snavelly advised that was the source of a lot of spread and a lot of concern in the community. Mr. Snavelly noted ignoring the vast majority of students who are living off-campus is something Council is not happy about which is the message Dr. Large and Dr. Cox should take back to Miami.

Dr. Large noted to clarify the university was not ignoring off-campus students, it was a different offering for off-campus students. Dr. Large advised off-campus students can have as many antigen tests as they would like to have.

Mr. Ellerbe noted he would re-frame the question he thinks he is hearing from fellow Councilors. "Day one - Miami is focusing on residential students however that is not a fixed plan. If conditions change Miami will shift their focus to where they find issues have arisen." Dr. Large advised a group of university administrators meet everyday to look at what is going on in terms of quarantine, isolation, testing, vaccination and contact tracing to identify where the hot spots are and what needs attention.

After further discussion Mayor Smith advised Council appreciated Dr. Large and Dr. Cox coming to address Council this evening. Mayor Smith noted he talked to the City Manager about revising the City's face covering Ordinance and advised it would be on Council's next meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Amy Shaiman, 11 Heather Ridge Court, advised she read the minutes of the Work Session regarding the American Rescue Plan proposals and noted she and her family appreciate the proposals that were discussed especially those geared toward the neediest in our community. Ms. Shaiman advised they especially support funding for housing accessibility, addiction and a social worker for the Police Department. Ms. Shaiman noted these efforts can make a significant impact.

Ms. Shaiman noted her support for reinstating the face covering Ordinance.

The following e-comments were received prior to the Council Meeting:
Comments submitted on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 - 3:50pm:

- **Name:** Pam Hodgson
- **Address:** 205 Oakhill Dr
- **Email Address:** pampamela@juno.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 08/03/2021
- **Agenda Item:** COVID-19 Protocols
- **Comments:**

The CDC recommends that in indoor settings masks are worn by all individuals regardless of vaccination status. I support council members that would like to re-instate a city-wide mask mandate. I'd love to be done with masks, but it's not the time yet. There are children in our community that can't get vaccinated yet. COVID can have many serious long term effects on kids.

There are variants of COVID that the vaccine is not effective in reducing spread (although fortunately it greatly reduces seriousness of the illness in most individuals.) And most concerning as we saw last year is that in our college town there is a huge influx of people coming this month and like last year, COVID will likely spread rapidly. This summer has been a wonderful respite from masks for the most part and the community has been able to feel somewhat normal again. We can't let down our guard and let this false sense of COVID being over lead to a large community outbreak- particularly because vaccination is not an option for all age groups yet. Thanks for your time and consideration on this difficult divisive topic.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 - 4:24pm:

- **Name:** Caitlin Campbell
- **Address:** 802 Gray Ave
- **Email Address:** caitlincampbell99@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 08/03/2021
- **Agenda Item:** COVID protocols
- **Comments:**

Greetings. I am the Children's Librarian at the Oxford Lane Library and fully support a reinstatement of the mask mandate in Oxford. We have seen a huge increase in the number of children coming into the library and I do believe we need to be emphasizing the importance of continued masking while this vulnerable population does not yet have the option to be vaccinated. I and most of my coworkers at the library have begun masking at work since the CDC's updated guidelines and I know we would all feel safer if a mandate was in place. Thanks to all for considering this.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 - 4:26pm:

- **Name:** Jessica Stoyko
- **Address:** 5032 College Corner Pike #25
- **Email Address:** stoykojl@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 08/03/2021
- **Agenda Item:** COVID-19 mask requirements
- **Comments:**

As a parent with children at Talawanda, and as a Miami student, I believe those who staunchly reserve their right not to get vaccinated should respect our rights not to contract COVID-19. The Miami Campus AND our local schools should reinstate mask laws for everyone. We have already seen the delta variant infecting those who have been vaccinated, and it makes no sense for any educational institution to ignore the science. Masks work. Convincing everyone to make the right decision to vaccinate does not work. The reason everyone should wear masks (both vaccinated and unvaccinated) is because going through the trouble of asking everyone to tell the truth or prove it would be too daunting a task. Therefore, everyone wears a mask. This past year, having my children at home was a privilege, but balancing their academic needs and my own proved to be the biggest struggle that I am still dealing with. Luckily they are both old enough and have received their vaccinations. I thought we were through, but only about half of Butler chose the vaccination route. Now we must make sure that quality of life continues and if we have to wear a mask to do that, so be it.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 - 4:27pm:

- **Name:** Carrie Taylor
- **Address:** 5973 Contreras Road
- **Email Address:** carrieanning@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 08/03/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Covid Protocols
- **Comments:**

I support enforcing stricter Covid protocols when the students return to Oxford. A mask mandate will be an essential part of keeping this community safe. With the rise of the delta variant, no vaccinations for children under 12 and no boosters available the situation could become out of control quickly. Speaking as a parent, an immunocompromised person and a resident - I do not want to see our community drastically affected by Covid again. If we want to keep businesses open and citizens healthy we need a mask mandate to help control the spread.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 - 4:56pm:

- **Name:** Jim Coyke
- **Address:** 1260 Harden Circle
- **Email Address:** coylejr@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 08/03/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Mask Mandate/covid
- **Comments:**

Dear Council members,

I am an assoc. professor at Miami of Ohio and I'm writing in support of a mask mandate for the City of Oxford. I am concerned that some Miami students may return to Oxford unvaccinated for Covid-19 and that could cause the disease to spread especially among Oxford's youngest residents. I respectfully ask that you support a mask mandate.

Comments submitted on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 - 5:10pm:

- **Name:** Kathryn Burford
- **Address:** 108 beechpoint dr
- **Email Address:** katajone@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 08/03/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Mask Mandate
- **Comments:**

I am in support of reinstating the mask mandate in Oxford. I am a mother of two kids who are two young to be vaccinated, I also live in a combined household with my vaccinated high risk mother. I understand people's opinions that they should be able to chose for themselves if they want to wear a mask and in most instances I think people should be allowed to make such choices. However not wearing a mask puts my children and other people who cannot be vaccinated at risk. Wearing a mask is a simple task we can do to love our neighbors. I would like to see Oxford be progressive and forward thinking to support and protect its citizens. I urge the city council to consider reinstating the mask mandate.

Signed Katie Burford

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 - 5:12pm:

- **Name:** Megan Kuykendoll
- **Address:** 1304 Dana Dr
- **Email Address:** megan.kuykendoll@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 08/03/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Mask mandate
- **Comments:**

Good evening,

I would like to request that the city reinstate mask mandates. Vaccinated individuals can still contract and pass on COVID-19, and this is happening at alarming rates with the delta variant. We have directly felt this within our family as we are now recovering from COVID-19 despite our continued individual caution and mask wearing whenever inside. With 2 vaccinated adults and 2 children unable to be vaccinated yet, this has been a scary experience and we are lucky so far to be doing well.

I share this to emphasize that this variant is already rampant in our community and we must take action now to protect our most vulnerable as well as those who as yet are unable to be vaccinated.

Thanks so much for your prompt, thoughtful action,

Megan Kuykendoll

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the July 20, 2021 City Council Work Session. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the July 20, 2021 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Report regarding the July 14, 2021 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the July 21, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

A Resolution No. 7323 declaring certain City property no longer needed for any municipal purpose as surplus and authorizing its advertisement and sale to the highest bidder by internet auction. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director) pg21

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

RESOLUTION

OPIOID SETTLEMENT

An emergency Resolution No. 7324 authorizing recommendation to accept the OneOhio Opioid Settlement and enter into the participation agreement with Opioid distributors AmerisourceBergen, McKesson, and Cardinal Health. (Chris Conard, Law Director)

Mr. Conard advised opioid distributors AmerisourceBergen, McKesson and Cardinal Health proposed a joint settlement to the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions pertaining to the Distributors' share of the distribution of opioids that was a significant cause of the national opioid crisis that lead to mass addiction and overdose deaths that affected the State of Ohio and the City of Oxford. Mr. Conard noted under the settlement, the distributors will pay up to \$829,000,000 to the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions over 18 years, with most of the money received being restricted in use and earmarked for abatement of the opioid epidemic.

Mr. Conard advised the Ohio Attorney General has recommended the political subdivisions of the State of Ohio accept the settlement and enter into the Participation Agreement with the distributors. Mr. Conard noted he and Mr. Elliott recommend the same. Mr. Conard apologized for the emergency nature of the Resolution and noted the agreement must be signed by August 13, 2021.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Snavelly inquired what failure to adopt the Resolution would mean. Mr. Conard advised the percentage of money the State of Ohio stands to receive is directly related to the number of communities that opt-in to the settlement.

Mr. Conard addressed various other inquiries.

Mr. Snavelly moved to adopt Resolution No. 7324. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCES **FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE **PRELIMINARY** **PLANNED DEVELOPMENT**

An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendation Of The Planning Commission And Approving The Preliminary Planned Development Application To Allow Further Commercial Development Of An 11.28 Acre Site Incorporating The MayDay Gun Range at 6711 Ringwood Drive With Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director) pg24

Mr. Perry advised he was bringing forward a recommendation from the Planning Commission, which was approval of a non-residential Preliminary Planned Development on behalf of Jeff Day owner of the MayDay Gun Range and the applicant Scott Webb, Architect. Mr. Perry provided a PowerPoint and noted this was an 11.28 acre property located off of College Corner Pike at 6711 Ringwood Road where the MayDay Gun Range is located. Mr. Perry noted there was a lot of vacant land on the site and it was a challenging site due to the configuration and geometry of it. Mr. Perry advised the site was zoned LI (Light Industrial) which allows a multitude of commercial and industrial uses and noted it was not intended to include retail. Mr. Perry advised the applicant proposes developing in such a manner as to allow up to 8 total development sites, inclusive of the existing gun range. Mr. Perry noted 2 of the 7 new development sites are more clearly defined at this stage, which are proposed to be occupied by a business incubator and a self-storage facility. Mr. Perry advised the remaining 5 development sites are shown more conceptually in the plans, with exact land uses to be determined at a later date as part of a future application. Mr. Perry discussed the proposal in detail as presented on pages 29-56 of Council's packet and discussed the 9 conditions for approval as recommended by the Planning Commission and presented on pages 27-28 of Council's packet.

Mr. Ellerbe inquired how many total phases were planned for the project. Mr. Perry advised there were 8 different development areas proposed one of which is already there - the gun range.

Ms. Southard asked for clarification of conditions 9 and 10, which are waivers with regard to required open space and the tree survey requirement. Mr. Perry advised the tree survey has to do with the spacing along the railroad tracks and noted the code requirement reads if the area being preserved is not impacted, a tree survey is not necessary. Mr. Perry referred to the open space requirement and advised it was reduced due to the amount of proposed structures and parking space.

Mr. Webb provided a detailed PowerPoint and discussed the project as presented on pages 29-56 of Council's packet.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Ellerbe inquired how many jobs would be created in Phase I of the proposal and Mr. Webb advised a storage facility would not create very many jobs although there would be construction jobs. Mr. Webb noted the business incubator is a small business generator and would create some jobs.

Mr. Snavely referred to the sidewalk issue and inquired if the developer would be satisfied if language was added to condition number 5. "This connection shall be reviewed at the Final Planned Development stage **of the final phase.**" Mr. Webb noted they would consider the language.

Mr. Prytherch noted this was the right place for the LI District and the right place for activities that might not need to be on the main gateways to town. Mr. Prytherch noted he was concerned about the phasing of the project and inquired if there was a scenario where the storage facility was built but not the business incubator and Mr. Webb advised no. Mr. Prytherch noted support for the sidewalks and multi-use path associated with the project.

Mr. Ellerbe noted he felt there should be a commitment from the developer if the City builds a connector road and there should be a commitment if phases too close occur. Mr. Ellerbe advised he felt if neither of those things occur within 5 years the developer must come back to Council to figure it out.

Mr. Snavely noted he felt when we get to the final of the part that is where that pathway would be made that is when you do it. Mr. Snavely advised he felt it was unreasonable because of the length of it across the land to do it now. Mr. Snavely noted when the final development comes to Council he suggests the pathway has to be done at the latest by the final phase when there is a final plan for the section that is close to US27.

Mr. Perry thanked Council for their input and noted he felt staff had enough feedback to take a course of action for the second reading of the proposed Ordinance.

ORDINANCE
FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendation Of The Planning Commission And Approving The Final Planned Development Application For Heron Pond Located Along Kehr Road In The City Of Oxford With Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Ellerbe recused himself due to the proximity of his home to the proposed development.

Mr. Perry provided a PowerPoint and advised developer Shane Coffman (HPCT)) Properties, Inc. is requesting approval of a Final Planned Development application for the Heron Pond project. Mr. Perry noted the final stage offers a more detailed perspective on the development, serving as the final check for the Planning Commission and Council to ensure that the plan substantially conforms to the Preliminary Planned Development application and that all relevant conditions pertinent to the original approval have been satisfied. Mr. Perry advised like the Preliminary Plan, the Final Plan provides buildable areas for a total of 15 single-family homes along a new private street forming a connection between the existing private driveway serving Cobblestone Church and the intersection of Roberts Drive and Morgan Circle. Mr. Perry noted the development will have a separate Homeowners Association responsible for maintaining the new street, landscaping and open spaces, and providing other services such as snow removal.

Ms. Etta Reed, Bayer Becker, also addressed Council regarding the proposal and discussed the relocation of a proposed gazebo.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Snavelly advised he felt the developer and engineer did a good job and followed what the Planning Commission asked them to do.

Ms. Southard noted the proposed smaller houses were needed in town. Ms. Southard advised she felt this was a great project.

Mr. Prytherch noted all of the sidewalks will be constructed except for those along Heron Way and they will be constructed incrementally with the construction of each dwelling unit. Mr. Prytherch asked for further clarification of the sidewalk construction, which Ms. Reed and Mr. Coe Potter addressed.

Mayor Smith asked staff to prepare a timeline for the installation of sidewalks for the file.

ORDINANCE
FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendation Of The Planning Commission And Approving The Final Planned Development Application For South Forest Edge Section One With Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry provided a PowerPoint and advised property owner 4 Leaf Development is requesting approval of a Final Planned Development application for the South Forest Edge Section One residential development project. Mr. Perry noted 36 single-family condominium dwelling units were planned to be built on approximately 11 acres in two phases and connected by a pedestrian bridge. Mr. Perry discussed the background regarding the project and discussed the Planning Commission recommendation as presented on pages 114-115 of Council's packet.

Ms. Etta Reed, Bayer Becker, addressed the project on behalf of the applicant, 4 Leaf Development and addressed questions from Council.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Smith advised he felt Council agreed that the Final Planned Development application was substantially the same as the Preliminary Planned Development application.

ORDINANCES **SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE **NEW CHAPTER 183**

An Ordinance No. 3626 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 183, Entitled "Hotel and Convention Tax," And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Chapter 183 Entitled "Hotel, Short-Term Rental And Convention Tax". (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised City Council has discussed the need to expand the City's Convention and Hotel Tax to include Short-Term Rentals or Transient Lodging. Mr. Elliott noted the plan was to make the tax effective January 1, 2022 in order to provide sufficient time to publicize this new tax requirement. Mr. Elliott recommended Council's adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

Ms. Amy Shaiman, spoke in favor of the proposed Ordinance on behalf of herself and her family.

Mr. Prytherch noted the importance of enforcing and monitoring the proposed tax. Ms. Southard and Mr. Snavely agreed.

Mr. Ellerbe advised he was glad Council was finally taking the first step in being able to fund something to address issues of diverse housing opportunities in town.

Mr. Snavely noted he felt this was fair since all of the hotels and motels and other places that house people in this fashion pay that same tax.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3626. Mr. Snavely seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken
Mayor Smith (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
ANNEXATION – BROOKVILLE ROAD

An Ordinance No. 3627 Accepting The Annexation Petition From Douglas R. Elliott, Jr. For 22.014 Acres Of Land In The Township Of Oxford, Butler County, Ohio, And Accepting Said Territory To Be Annexed. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised this was the final legislation necessary to annex 22.014 acres of land (3 parcels) off of Brookville Road bordering the Oxford Community Park and Autumn Drive. Mr. Elliott noted he served as the statutory agent for the petitioners and recommended Council's adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

Ms. Etta Reed, Bayer Becker, advised she was speaking on behalf of the future developer of the property in question who has asked for Council's support of the annexation and subsequent rezoning of the property.

Mr. Snavelly moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3627. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe
Mayor Smith (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

An Ordinance No. 3628 Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment for 22.014 Acres Of Land Located at 6600 Brookville Road, Oxford, Ohio, And Rezoning The Property From Oxford Township A-1 (Agricultural) District to City Of Oxford R-1B (Single-Family Medium Density Residential) District. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry advised the Planning Commission recommended the R-1B (Single-Family Medium Density Residential) zoning designation for the property in question so City zoning can be set as the property is annexed into the City. Mr. Perry offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public or from Council.

Mr. Snavelly moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3628. Ms. Southard seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Raghu, Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Prytherch
Mayor Smith (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE **SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

An Ordinance No. 3629 Amending Ordinance No. 3600. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 5 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2021. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin addressed his staff report as presented on pages 204-205 of Council's packet and offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public or from Council.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3629. Mr. Snavelly seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu
Mayor Smith (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott thanked Dr. Large and Dr. Cox for addressing Council this evening. Mr. Elliott noted the Law Director will present a Face Covering Ordinance at the next meeting. Mr. Elliott advised he was encouraged that Ohio finally reached the 50% vaccination rate level.

Ms. Greene invited everyone to attend a virtual meeting regarding the Oxford Area Trail on Wednesday, August 11 at noon. Ms. Greene noted staff was working on feasibility designs for connecting the northwest section of the trail from the Oxford Community Park to the Black Covered Bridge.

Ms. Greene advised mobile vaccinations will continue and one was scheduled at Park View Arms on August 12 in conjunction with the TOPSS food truck van being on site. Ms. Greene noted staff would partner with the Talawanda High School to have one at a home football game and staff was working to schedule clinics at the Red Brick Friday event and at an Uptown concert. Ms. Greene advised the details would be published soon.

Ms. Greene provided a brief update on expanding broadband within the Talawanda School District.

Mr. Perry advised there were some staff transitions within the Code Enforcement area of the Community Development Department. Mr. Perry noted the Fire Department was assisting with rental inspections until the fulltime Code Enforcement Officer begins employment at the end of the month.

Mr. Conard provided an update on the recent Opioid Settlement including some perspective numbers.

Ms. Raghu noted she appreciated Ms. Shaiman's comments about affordable housing.

Ms. Raghu advised she felt everyone was focused on the way the pandemic touches us in terms of viral infection although we are not all as worried about losing our home or losing our job or what we are going to do with our kids on a limited income. Ms. Raghu noted someone reached out to her who was worried about getting evicted asking for help and resources. Ms. Raghu advised as of 5 hours ago the eviction moratorium was extended through October noting there is still rent that needs to be paid. Ms. Raghu noted there is emergency rental assistance available and SELF is one of the organizations people should reach out to on top of what has been appropriated to the Family Resource Center by the City. Ms. Raghu inquired if Council needed to look at reinvesting into that as the eviction moratorium will eventually expire.

Mr. Ellerbe advised he was super excited for Saturday noting his hope everyone comes to the Red Brick Reunion event Uptown. Mr. Ellerbe noted he was a member of the car club and they would have several vehicles there including 2 of the 3 cars he participated in a rally with. Mr. Ellerbe advised a Porsche clad 711 livery would be there as well as a GT3 and a Singer. Mr. Ellerbe noted Porsche enthusiasts would understand what he is talking about and he guesses they look forward to seeing them.

Mr. Snavelly noted the very sad passing of one of Oxford's leading citizens, Todd Hollenbaugh who was Chair and a longtime member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Snavelly advised Mr. Hollenbaugh was also a prominent business leader in town who will be missed.

Mr. Snavelly noted concern that the rates are increasing on parking meters before Council has passed a parking meter rate Ordinance. Mr. Snavelly advised he was convinced to vote for the new parking meters because he was assured those rates would not be established especially on the side streets until Council discussed the rate Ordinance. Mr. Snavelly noted he felt the rates should remain what they were on the side streets until Council has the opportunity to discuss what the rates ought to be.

Chief Jones advised he understood the concern noting an Ordinance was passed two years ago to establish rates of up to \$1 per hour. Chief Jones noted the Oxford Parking and Transportation Advisory Board discussed the Ordinance at the time it was being proposed. Chief Jones advised the rates could be discussed as part of the upcoming Fee Ordinance moving forward. Mr. Snively advised the cost has gone from \$0.25 per hour to \$1.00 per hour noting when the vendor came to Council he touted the City would make \$1.5 million in profit. Mr. Snively advised as long as he has lived in this town the citizens have been told that the parking meters are there to promote turnover not to raise revenue. Mr. Snively noted everyone understands about High Street because it is prime parking and we need to incentivize people to park on the side streets. Mr. Snively advised the metered hours have also been extended for 2 hours. Mr. Snively noted he would like his colleagues to consider raising the cost four fold on the side streets which is not necessarily the best idea. Chief Jones advised the meters are \$0.25 on Walnut and Church Streets and noted he understood not making a profit although OPD has operating expenses they have never had before. Chief Jones advised he felt there was ample parking available for \$0.25 per hour.

Ms. Southard mentioned the Family Resource Center is one of 5 organizations that has an agreement with SELF to help with rental assistance and all kinds of assistance including utilities. Ms. Southard noted people can be referred to the Family Resource Center, the Family Resource Center refers them to SELF and for each referral, each of the 5 organizations which includes the Family Resource Center receives a certain amount of money. Ms. Southard advised SELF is doing a lot to assist Butler County residents.

Ms. Southard advised this is the season for roadwork, before the students come back to Oxford noting she felt it was going smoothly and that the City was doing a great job to make that happen.

Ms. Southard advised the parking meters are at the correct height now and enforcement will start as of today or sometime this week.

Mr. Bracken noted people still suffer even during an eviction moratorium.

Mr. Bracken noted his hope meter revenue would not be referred to as profit because it is not profit.

Mr. Bracken encouraged those who have not been vaccinated to do so.

Mr. Prytherch noted he felt the dialog with Miami University representatives this evening was productive. Mr. Prytherch advised he felt it was important for Miami to show they are prepared to manage the Covid-19 situation noting they did a good job last year although Covid-19 is unforgiving.

Mr. Prytherch advised he felt the mask may be the thing that allows Oxford to have a classroom full of kids or a restaurant full of people or a meeting full of people. Mr. Prytherch noted if we can wear masks and maintain social distancing he felt it was a small price to pay.

Mr. Prytherch thanked the Community Development Department for their thorough review of the Planned Development applications.

Mayor Smith encouraged everyone to attend the Red Brick Reunion car show this weekend noting his hope it would bring a lot of people to town.

Mayor Smith reminded everyone the last Red Brick Friday event of the year would take place on the 13th of August.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Snively moved to adjourn at 10:09 p.m. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.