A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Ken Bogard on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Those members present were Bob Blackburn, John Harman, Kevin McKeehan, and Kate Rousmaniere. Richard Keebler and Steve Snyder were excused.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Bogard requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McKeehan moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION 'HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH'

Vice Mayor Bogard read the Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Jacqueline Rioja Velarde.

Ms. Jacqueline Rioja Velarde, Center for American & World Cultures, Miami University, noted it was always a pleasure to be among people who did so much for the community an on behalf of Miami University thanked Council for their support to the Hispanic/Latino community in Oxford which was growing. Ms. Rioja Velarde noted the Hispanic/Latino community was bringing a new energy to the Talawanda School District and she was happy to see them growing stronger and engaging in the U.S. environment that welcomed them. Ms. Rioja Velarde noted she hoped to see everyone at the Unidiversity Festival this Friday in the Uptown Parks at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Bogard thanked Ms. Rioja Velarde for her comments and noted he hoped all citizens would participate in the festivities on Friday.

PROCLAMATION 'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE'

Vice Mayor Bogard read the Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Janice Dutton.

Ms. Janice Dutton, Director, Oxford Citizens for Peace and Justice, advised when she went through the OCPJ archives she was stunned that it was 23 years ago that the Oxford Peace Breakfast Network gifted the Peace Pole to the City of Oxford which is planted in front of City Hall.

Ms. Dutton noted as their effort this year to raise awareness of that and to continue the conservation among various groups in the community towards a sustainable community the Pease Pole would be rededicated this Friday at noon in front of City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 4, 2012 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the September 5, 2012 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the September 5, 2012 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Blackburn moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Harman seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING

None.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
ZONING TEXT
AMENDMENTS

An Ordinance No. 3186 Repealing Oxford Zoning Code Section 1141.03, Supplemental Regulations, Section 1143.06, R-3 Multi-Family Residential District, And Section 1149.03, Vehicle Management, And Adopting New Oxford Zoning Code Section 1141.03, Supplemental Regulations, Section 1143.06, R-3 Multi-Family Residential District, And Section 1149.03, Vehicle Management. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised he had no new information since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Chen referred to the next Ordinance and noted the Planning Commission discussed the Mayor's suggestion of creating a Suburban Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District and a sub-committee would be formed to address the matter.

Mr. Blackburn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3186. Mr. Harman seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

YEA: Mr. Harman, Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bogard (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
NEW CHAPTER 1146

An Ordinance No. 3187 Adopting Oxford Code Of Ordinances Chapter 1146, Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

There were no additional comments from staff, Council or the public.

Mr. McKeehan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3187. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. McKeehan, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Harman, Mr. Bogard (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

COMMUNICATIONS

DISCUSSION
REQUEST FROM METROPARKS
OF BUTLER COUNTY

Vice Mayor Bogard advised Council members received a copy of a letter from MetroParks of Butler County regarding the Mill Race Preserve Along Four Mile Creek Project Notice for Coordination, Request for Input & Grant Support Letter.

Mr. Elliott advised MetroParks of Butler County was asking for a letter of support from the City of Oxford for their Clean Ohio application for Green Space Conservation Fund assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Mr. Elliott noted the proposed project involved the Three Valley Conservation Trust's project and Council passed a Resolution of support for the project some time ago. Mr. Elliott advised a letter of support would further the fruition of the project. Mr. Elliott noted MetroParks was working in coordination with the Three Valley Conservation Trust and local property owners.

Mr. Elliott urged Council to pass a motion and staff would generate a letter in support of their Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund application.

Ms. Rousmaniere clarified that this would be a letter of support which would not promise any financial support. Mr. McKeehan inquired if the grant was contingent on matching funds. Mr. Elliott advised he did not have a copy of the grant application but typically matching funds were required. Mr. Elliott noted MetroParks was only asking for a letter of support to place with their application. Mr. Elliott advised he would find out about the matching funds and report back to Council. Vice Mayor Bogard noted MetroParks was seeking a grant and inquired if they would take over the 77 acres of acquisition and easements. Vice Mayor Bogard advised a park levy passed overwhelmingly a couple of years ago and inquired if some of the funds would be used for the purchase or development of this property. Mr. Elliott noted he would obtain additional information for Council and perhaps a copy of the grant application.

Mr. McKeehan moved approval of supporting the MetroParks project. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott advised he received the signed copy of the Fire and EMS contract from the Oxford Township Trustees that was negotiated some time ago and Council passed a Resolution authorizing him to sign the contract. Mr. Elliott noted it was a three year contract which would expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Elliott advised a meeting would be scheduled with the Milford Township Trustees to negotiate a new contract for Fire Service and he would like to obtain a multi-year contract from them as well.

Mr. Elliott noted staff had been working on the 2013 budget which would be submitted to Council on October 5th and the first Budget Work Session with Council would be held Thursday, October 18th. Mr. Elliott advised his goal was to have the budget on Council's agenda the two meetings in November and to have the budget in place heading into fiscal year 2013.

Mr. Elliott advised a Household Hazardous Waste Event would take place Saturday, October 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the former Talawanda High School, 101 W. Chestnut Street and a Waste Tire Recycling event would take place Saturday, November 3rd at Ross High School, 3601 Hamilton-Cleves Road. Mr. Elliott noted these programs were provided by the Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District and were open to all Butler County residents free of charge. Mr. Elliott advised the information would be posted on the City's website. Mr. Elliott advised the City partnered with Goodwill Easter Seals of Miami Valley to provide an Electronic Waste Recycling event on Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the former Talawanda High School.

Mr. Elliott advised the Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission would hold its 2012 Annual Historic Marker Ceremony on September 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Oxford Community Arts Center. Mr. Elliott encouraged everyone to attend the event.

Vice Mayor Bogard advised this was the first time he could recall the recycling events taking place in Oxford for the convenience of Northwest Butler County residents. Vice Mayor Bogard noted he felt this was a wonderful opportunity for local residents.

Chief Holzworth advised at the beginning of the school year there was an incident between the SAE's and the Phi Tau Fraternities which resulted in an ongoing investigation and noted he anticipated closure of that investigation and a press release being issued Thursday or Friday of this week.

Chief Holzworth advised there was a rapist in town and the Oxford Police Department recently made an arrest. Chief Holzworth gave kudos to Sergeant Colyer and Officer Ledermeier who were on the scene and made the arrest.

Mr. Blackburn noted he hoped to see everyone Friday evening at the Unidiversity Festival.

Mr. Harman noted at the HAPC meeting an applicant brought a request to install an ATM on the exterior wall of a retail business Uptown. Mr. Harman stated the same bank already had an ATM one block away and the applicant advised the ATM's Uptown typically ran out of cash on the weekends. Mr. Harman advised a HAPC member suggested the City rent one of its Uptown kiosks for an ATM and noted he had been told the banks would pay approximately $1,200 to $2,000 a month for the ATM space Uptown. Mr. Harman suggested the proceeds could be used to maintain the Uptown Parks. Mr. Harman asked for Council's input on the matter. Mr. McKeehan advised an ATM would need electricity and a data line. Mr. Blackburn noted the City would need 5 or 6 locations in order not to show favoritism towards a particular bank. Mr. McKeehan noted the project could be bid out. Vice Mayor Bogard noted although this would be an alternate source of income he was concerned with altering the ambiance of the Uptown Parks and the kiosks were developed by the City and the Oxford Community Foundation. Mr. McKeehan noted he would be open to seeing what an ATM might appear like and how disruptive it would be and noted he was hesitant about altering a kiosk. Mr. Elliott suggested that he and Mr. Dreisbach look into the matter further and report back to Council. Mr. Elliott noted he wouldn't be opposed to an ATM being installed in a structure other than an Uptown kiosk.

Ms. Rousmaniere noted she had been on Council for 10 months and tonight Council approved two Ordinances that she had been a part of by being on the Planning Commission. Ms. Rousmaniere advised the revisions to the R3 zoning district began 8 to 9 months ago. Ms. Rousmaniere encouraged people not to say changes couldn't be made at City Hall noting Council was making changes and would continue to do so.

Ms. Rousmaniere advised early voting would begin on October 2, 2012 and people could vote at the Butler County Board of Elections in Hamilton. Ms. Rousmaniere noted absentee ballot information had been mailed this week. Ms. Rousmaniere advised the League of Women Voters voting guide would be available soon. Vice Mayor Bogard inquired when 'Candidate Night' would take place and Ms. Rousmaniere advised she would find out and report back to Council.

ADJOURN

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Harman seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.