A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Those members present were Steve Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, David Prytherch, Chantel Raghu, Mike Smith and Edna Southard.

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director, Mr. Ben Mazer, Assistant Law Director; and Ms. Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rousmaniere requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dana moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Ms. Kathleen Zien**, Joseph Drive, noted at the September 3rd meeting Sam Perry provided a report on B&B registrations noting usually after staff reports whether regarding equipment purchases or financial matters Council follows up with an opportunity for public comments. Ms. Zien advised there was not an opportunity for public comments that evening or she would have offered these delayed comments then. Ms. Zien noted at last check there were 128 Airbnb listings in the Oxford area noting some may be in the township. Ms. Zien advised Mr. Perry indicated 55 short terms rentals were registered and it sounded like he expected the number will increase to the mid 60s. Ms. Zien noted registration forms can not be sent to an unknown owner or address unless a neighbor reports unusual activity of non-owners or fulltime residents and inquired if the City found the 55 by the honor system. Ms. Zien advised she was curious how the requests for registration went out since the local paper may not have offered that news. Ms. Zien noted a recent story on NPR indicated accurate Airbnb registrations might be a pipe dream for any city. Ms. Zien advised property addresses, owners and locations are not listed in Airbnb ads until they are booked and confirmed. Ms. Zien noted NPR indicated "unless a city has an in-house staffer, a contracted agent or a company that does blind cold call booking to track and locate properties by addresses or ownership it is difficult to record accurately or thoroughly." Ms. Zien advised cities with B&Bs are often in the dark about who rents, who operates under the radar and who may not be paying the appropriate hotel, city or income taxes if mandated. Ms. Zien noted in college towns like ours with many transient visitors it is hard to track since there is less opportunity for transparency, many have multiple rental offerings and as of now do not report rental income for obvious reasons. Ms. Zien advised some Oxford area B&Bs are listed with vague names such as "Hawks Haven", "Mid Century Modern", "Tall Pines", "Golden Nest" and "Charming Victorian" noting those names bordering on anonymity are virtually invisible to the City.

Ms. Zien noted some listings are easier to track like the "Schneider Country Inn" and advised their website lists the husband and wife host by name and Mr. Perry may have registration success finding similar first and last name combos on the Auditor's site. Ms. Zien advised a name like Ross, Thomas, Smith or Jones will be a tedious search. Ms. Zien noted other locations are guess work with descriptions such as "Short Walk to Rec Center" or "Blocks From Uptown Shopping". Ms. Zien advised a home sold within the past month at 5488 Brown Road and within a month it was listed as an Oxford Airbnb with ownership as Brown Road Home LLC, likely not owner occupied as the owners have a home on E. Chestnut Street. Ms. Zien noted the large white house at 117 E. Church Street is an Airbnb called "The Uptown Oxford Inn" and advised there was no address on the website but local residents know the building which should be an easy look-up for Mr. Perry. Ms. Zien noted the owners were Dave and Christine Winkler at 5650 Brown Road and advised the Inn used to be $1,000 per night now down to $800. Ms. Zien noted when the request for B&B use came before boards and City Council the owners said there would not be food served. Ms. Zien discussed other short term rentals and pricing located at 84 Stone Creek, 150 Shadowy Hills, 5990 Contreras Road and 6073 Contreras Road. Ms. Zien advised Oxford may or may not ever collect hotel tax from B&Bs noting there are obviously big dollars to be had from these rentals. Ms. Zien noted it was a given with these stats that successful hosts would prefer not to have restrictions limiting the number of rentals per month or per year and inquired how Oxford will track and tackle future full disclosure and register remaining locations.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised the registration of short term rentals was the beginning of a process that is still being formulated.

**Ms. Prue Dana**, 131 W. Collins Street, League of Women Voters, advised she had voter registration forms with her this evening as well as an Easy Voting brochure from the Secretary of State's Office noting she would be available after the Council meeting to provide those materials to anyone interested. Mayor Rousmaniere inquired when the League of Women Voters forum would take place and Ms. Dana advised the Candidates Forum was October 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the Knolls of Oxford. Ms. Dana noted the Voters Guide should be out next Sunday or Monday.

Ms. Zien suggested to Ms. Dana and to the League of Women Voters that the forum not be handled the way it has been the last two years with the candidates going table to table. Ms. Zien advised the candidates ended up repeating themselves, not saying enough and noted citizens did not know how to ask questions. Ms. Zien suggested the forum be handled in the traditional manner with candidates making opening statements and answering questions posed by league members.

**Mr. Tim Carlin**, 201 Tallawanda, advised the Miami Student will host a Candidate Debate at 7:00 p.m. on October 30 at Wilks Theater.

## CONSENT AGENDA

## MINUTES

Minutes of the September 13, 2019 City Council Special Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the September 17, 2019 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clark of Council)

**REPORTS**

Report regarding the September 11, 2019 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the September 12, 2019 Recreation Board Meeting. (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director)

**RESOLUTION**
**BOND RELEASE**

A Resolution No. 7110 authorizing the release of a public improvement bond in the form of a cashiers check in the amount of $4,250.00 for Long Meadow Subdivision, Section 5. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION**
**NAMING THE**
**CITY ATTORNEY**

A Resolution No. 7111 of Council naming Christopher R. Conard, Attorney at Coolidge Wall Co., L.P.A. as City Attorney for the City of Oxford effective October 1, 2019. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised the City received four proposals from law firms interested in providing legal services to the City and noted Council met in Executive Session on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 to discuss the City Attorney interviews that took place on Friday, September 13, 2019. Mr. Elliott advised Council decided to continue utilizing the services of Coolidge Wall Co. L.P.A. with Christopher Conard named as City Attorney. Mr. Elliott noted the proposed Resolution names Christopher Conard as the City Attorney for the City of Oxford and advised the agreement was included in Council's packet as Exhibit "A". Mr. Elliott offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Chris Conard thanked Council on behalf of Ben Mazer and Jason Norwood for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Oxford and to work with Council and staff. Mr. Conard advised he felt it was a wonderful opportunity noting his hope Council would adopt the Resolution.

**Ms. Kathleen Zien**, inquired who attended the interviews and Mr. Elliott advised 6 of the 7 Councilors, himself and Mr. Perry.

Mr. Dana advised based on the knowledge of Coolidge Wall's performance with the City and the professionalism Mr. Conard has shown he felt this was a sound Resolution.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised Council looked forward to working with Mr. Conard, Ben and Jason.

Mr. Prytherch noted although this was a continuation it was an open search and advised the City had a long history with Coolidge Wall. Mr. Prytherch advised Council evaluated the applicants on the basis of their application and their presentation. Mr. Prytherch noted it was a competitive search as Council views the Law Director as essential to the work they want to do.

Ms. Southard noted Council spent a long afternoon with the candidates noting they spent an hour with each of the 4 candidates. Ms. Southard advised Council spent a lot of time after the interviews considering the proposals noting she felt the results were very positive.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 7111. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

**RESOLUTION**
**CDBG PROJECTS FOR 2020**

A Resolution No. 7112 authorizing the City Manager to submit eligible projects to the Butler County Board of Commissioners for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Year application. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised for the last several years the City has used CDBG funds to install handicap ramps in the sidewalk network. Mr. Dreisbach noted a lot has been accomplished over the years and provided slides showing what has been done and what still needs to be done. Mr. Dreisbach advised if Council continues to approve CDBG funds for the installation of handicap ramps the program will be complete in 4 years. Mr. Dreisbach offered to answer any questions.

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

Mr. Dana noted having reviewed the various properties and looking at the streets, curbs and the sidewalks that need repaired he felt this was a wise application of CDBG funds.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired how staff determines which areas come first. Mr. Dreisbach advised it was determined by citizen request if there was a specific need. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff also looks at the upcoming paving program and try to make the repairs prior to the resurfacing work. Mr. Dreisbach advised other than that it was by quadrant.

Ms. Southard noted the handicap ramps help make the City more accessible and she felt it was an excellent use of funds.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 7112. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOCAL-LET PROJECT**

A Resolution No. 7113 authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreement No. 33739 with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) authorizing a local-let Project to improve the street surface condition of US 27 (High Street and Patterson Avenue) from Campus Avenue to Chestnut Street. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the proposed Resolution dovetails with the next one noting this Resolution was for the City's Urban Paving program with ODOT and advised the next Resolution is for High Street safety improvements which will be funded by an ODOT grant and by Miami University. Mr. Dreisbach advised the two projects go hand in hand and they will be bid at the same time. Mr. Dreisbach noted the street work with pedestrian refuge islands and median work will be completed first and the urban paving program would immediately follow. Mr. Dreisbach advised all of the construction will be coordinated to finish by the end of the summer of 2020. Mr. Dreisbach provided a slide and noted the paving work will be done on High Street from Campus Avenue to Patterson Avenue and south on Patterson Avenue almost to Chestnut Street. Mr. Dreisbach advised the ODOT grant will pay 80% of the cost of the paving project and the local obligation was 20% of the eligible costs.

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

Mr. Dreisbach addressed an inquiry from Mr. Dana regarding the ODOT contract on pages 50-51 of Council's packet.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted this project was for paving only and Mr. Dreisbach confirmed the same.

Mr. Prytherch noted Oxford was already designated a Local Public Agency so the Resolution is just to say Oxford can be in charge of the project. Mr. Dreisbach advised the proposed Resolution allows the City to local-let the project giving the City the authority to bid and manage the project locally and save the 10% fee that ODOT would charge if they did it.

Mr. Smith advised the City's share in this project was $142,790 while ODOT was paying $368,946.

Mr. Dreisbach recognized the City's new Engineer, Scott Otto, noting he was certified by ODOT to be a LPA which will save the City a lot of money in the coming years.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 7113. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOCAL-LET PROJECT**

A Resolution No. 7114 authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreement No. 33740 with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) authorizing a local-let Project to construct pedestrian safety improvements on High Street between Campus Avenue and Patterson Avenue. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Smith, Mr. Prytherch and Mayor Rousmaniere recused themselves due to their affiliation with Miami University.

Mr. Dreisbach advised Mr. Cody Powell, Vice President, Physical Facilities at Miami University was in attendance this evening. Mr. Dreisbach noted Mr. Robert Bell, Interim Director of Planning, Architecture and Engineering at Miami was also in attendance. Mr. Dreisbach advised the proposed Resolution would allow the City to bid the project noting the project was not completely designed at this time or ready for bid. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff needed Council's approval to coordinate the project with ODOT so the project can be let locally. Mr. Dreisbach advised this was a great pedestrian safety Improvement project. Mr. Dreisbach noted there was concern with the ability for traffic to get out of the way of emergency vehicles with the project and advised the project would pay for traffic signal pre-emption at every intersection involved in the project. Mr. Dreisbach noted all 5 intersections would have state of the art GPS traffic pre-emption and advised computers will coordinate all of the traffic signals and will understand from transmitters in the emergency vehicles where they need to go, what call they are responding to and they will green light the intersections to move the traffic through. Mr. Dreisbach noted Miami University will provide the transmitters for the fire apparatus and Police vehicles at no cost to the City for this project. Mr. Dreisbach advised additionally there is a transit pre-emption signal noting transit will get priority at that intersection. Mr. Dreisbach noted one of the common complaints with safety along High Street is the number of crosswalks there are and how difficult it is for a vehicle to get through during class change. Mr. Dreisbach advised the design removes three crosswalks from the area between Tallawanda and Patterson and noted a lot of sidewalk work was planned to widen them and channel pedestrians to designated crossing points. Mr. Dreisbach noted new bus shelters would also be installed. Mr. Dreisbach advised the City would manage this contract as a local authority which will save 10% of the construction/engineering costs. Mr. Dreisbach noted there have been complaints that the plants are too tall in the existing islands on Patterson Avenue causing visibility issues which is being addressed by Miami University.

Mr. Dana inquired if Mr. Powell or Mr. Bell would like to speak to the Resolution.

**Mr. Cody Powell**, thanked Mr. Dreisbach for sharing information about the project and Vice Mayor Dana for the opportunity to speak to it. Mr. Powell advised this was a project that the university believes in and thinks will definitely increase safety for pedestrians. Mr. Powell noted the university has been very happy with the results of the refuge islands that were recently installed on Patterson Avenue. Mr. Powell discussed the new bus sheltering and bus islands along the High Street route. Mr. Powell noted the pre-emption devices for life safety is not only for the City but also for university vehicles and advised there would be 55 transponders.

Mr. Powell advised the safety grant that was awarded to the City in conjunction with the university was for $1M and noted the total project cost will be approximately $3.9M. Mr. Powell offered to answer any questions.

**Mr. Brandon Flessner**, 5485 Brown Road, thanked Miami University and Mr. Dreisbach for responding to concerns from the community. Mr. Flessner encouraged university officials to look at adaptive traffic signals which can detect cars or the lack of cars to improve the efficiency of the intersections.

Mr. Dreisbach advised all of the newer traffic signals such as the ones on Chestnut Street have vehicle and bicycle detection and modern software that can maximize traffic flow through the intersections.

Ms. Southard advised she felt Mr. Dreisbach and Mr. Powell addressed a lot of the questions citizens had noting she felt the safety concerns were well addressed with the project.

**Ms. Kate Rousmaniere**, 10 Quail Ridge Drive, inquired if the intersection of SR73 and Patterson Avenue was being addressed and Mr. Dreisbach advised yes.

Mr. Dana agreed with Ms. Southard's comments.

Ms. Raghu inquired what planned opportunities there were for the public to be involved with the proposed project in the future. Ms. Raghu inquired if this was the City's design or Miami University's design. Mr. Dreisbach advised the City was the applicant for the ODOT grant noting the City will be the contracting authority for the project. Mr. Dreisbach advised the project will be jointly managed by Miami staff and City staff to make sure it is built to specifications.

Mr. Powell advised there have not been any public meetings for the design of the proposed project noting the university was always open to sharing information about their projects.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 7114. Ms. Raghu seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Mayor Rousmaniere, Mr. Smith, Mr. Prytherch and Mr. Ellerbe returned to the dais.

**RESOLUTION**
**OVI GRANT**

A Resolution No. 7115 authorizing the City Manager to accept the Ohio Department of Public Safety OVI Grant in the amount of $225,000.00 on behalf of the Oxford Police Division as lead agency for the administration of the grant to fund the Butler County OVI Task Force operations for 2020. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Chief Jones advised this was the annual grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office at the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Chief Jones noted OPD administers the grant to the Butler County OVI Task Force which includes 13 agencies in Butler County. Chief Jones advised the grant is $225,000 and the proposed Resolution allows OPD to accept the grant.

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

Mr. Smith noted he felt this was a good program and he felt it was good that OPD was entrusted to administer it.

Mr. Ellerbe inquired how many more years it would be before the lead shifts to a different agency. Chief Jones advised he did not think there was a requirement for shifting agencies and noted it might change when the agency can not support doing it anymore.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 7115. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

**RESOLUTION**
**AGREEMENT WITH**
**PETER M. REISING**

A Resolution No. 7116 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Peter M. Reising to perform consulting services and to function as the Butler County OVI Task Force Coordinator for the 2020 grant funded through the Ohio Department of Public Safety. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Chief Jones explained that Mr. Reising was the City's Police Sergeant who administered this grant until he had an accident and had to retire from OPD. Chief Jones noted now the City contracts directly with Mr. Reising to administer the grant since he was trained to do so. Chief Jones advised this arrangement works out well and he felt it was a nice part-time job that Mr. Reising is still able to do.

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

Mr. Dana advised he felt Oxford needs what Officer Reising and the OVI Task Force provide noting he felt it was a good thing.

Mayor Rousmaniere asked Chief Jones to thank Officer Reising for his good work.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 7116. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Elliott advised the Deer Management Program for the City began last weekend and will end February 2, 2020. Mr. Elliott noted there are 17 registered hunters for this season and advised it was bow and arrow hunting in tree stands on select parcels. Mr. Elliott advised David Treleaven has managed this program since its inception.

Mr. Elliott noted he and Chief Detherage meet quarterly with McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital/TriHealth officials. Mr. Elliott advised they met last week and the subjects discussed included performance improvement data, EMS Transport and hospital security.

Mr. Elliott noted he met last week with Jack Williams and Diana Byrd regarding the lease agreement with the Talawanda Oxford Pantry & Social Services (TOPSS) who provided an update on their project to build a 6,000 square foot structure and related improvements on a portion of Merry Day Park. Mr. Elliott advised their building plans are almost complete although they are short of the money they need to construct the building. Mr. Elliott noted the current lease requires that construction begin by January 31, 2020 as evidenced by acquiring building permits. Mr. Elliott advised TOPSS needs more time to raise funds and noted he asked them to send a letter requesting an extension of that time period. Mr. Elliott noted he received the letter today requesting an extension of the construction start time until January 31, 2023. Mr. Elliott advised he intended to bring a Resolution forward authorizing the City Manager to amend the agreement for City Council's consideration.

Mr. Elliott noted the City Manager's proposed budget was provided to City Council last Friday and advised the Budget Work Session was scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Newlin referred to the last Resolution noting every year the auditors audit the OVI Task Force program and advised they always praise Pete Reising for job he does documenting everything. Mr. Newlin noted it also made the Finance Department's job easier and the auditor's job easier. Mr. Newlin thanked Pete Reising for the fine work he has done.

Ms. Greene thanked those who attended the Oxford Area Trail System Phase 2 Ground Breaking this afternoon.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised the second leg of the OATS trail will be under construction soon and will be completed in the fall of next year.

Mr. Perry thanked Ms. Zien for her research on short term rentals noting all of the addresses she listed have been registered. Mr. Perry noted the Community Development Department sent emails and letters to a lot of people through existing contacts and advised the honor system worked well.

Mr. Perry announced a second annual Design Charrette would take place in celebration of "World Town Planning Day" on November 13 at the Western Knolls property. Mr. Perry advised this was an opportunity to do an urban planning exercise of a real property without the distraction of a proposed development. Mr. Perry noted his hope to report something helpful for the City moving forward.

Mayor Rousmaniere asked Mr. Perry what the next steps were with regard to short term rentals. Mr. Perry advised he was working on legislation that will address some of the issues that have been discussed noting it would go to the Planning Commission and to City Council with the Planning Commission's recommendation. Mr. Perry advised the legislation will utilize data that has been collected noting it might look different than the original Planning Commission recommendation from a year and a half ago. Mr. Perry advised staff has a lot more information now noting part of that involves a researcher at Miami University who has the ability to access data that the City does not. Mr. Perry noted the data will be utilized to develop something that is fair and not an administrative burden to City staff or to Boards and Commissions. Mr. Perry advised the registrants will be kept in the loop throughout the process.

Mr. Perry noted this has been a very lengthy process for something he felt had very little impact on the surrounding properties.

Mr. Dana thanked Mr. Perry for his efforts noting the plan he laid out will strike a balance.

Mr. Mazer agreed with Mr. Conard's earlier comments and thanked Council for the opportunity to work with them and with staff to accomplish the objectives of the City.

Ms. Raghu noted it was a month until the next election and thanked people in the room who were running and thanked those running for Township Trustee and School Board. Ms. Raghu advised she felt it was an amazing service that she has been honored to do. Ms. Raghu noted she was excited for the people who have not been on Council before and to have new blood throwing their hat into the ring. Ms. Raghu advised she was excited to see an election where people are not running un-opposed noting she felt nothing could tell us that democracy is not stronger than the fact that people are running.

Mr. Ellerbe advised he felt Council accomplished a great feat today by gaining their Law Director back. Mr. Ellerbe noted there were a lot of initiatives the City was waiting on their legal advisor for to move forward. Mr. Ellerbe advised that has been accomplished in this particular session so a lot of those issues can now move forward.

Mr. Dana referred to Mr. Elliott's Friday Letter regarding his comments on the Alcohol Coordinating Committee "in the past years, the focus has been on prevention and response. The current plan is to focus on culture change". Mr. Dana inquired what the cultural change would entail. Mr. Elliott advised this was the first meeting of the committee after taking a hiatus when Mike Curme left the position of Dean of Students. Mr. Elliott noted the committee discussed the fact that a lot of students come to Miami with a drinking habit. Mr. Elliott noted he would have more information to share as the committee moves forward.

Ms. Southard advised she felt the interview process with prospective Law Directors was a very interesting experience noting she has never spent so much time with attorneys without paying them.

Ms. Southard noted she wanted to emphasize the town-gown connections and what makes Oxford a welcoming community. Ms. Southard advised a big highlight for her last week was hearing Sanjay Gupta at Millett Hall. Ms. Southard noted the event was open to the public and sponsored by Miami University. Ms. Southard advised Oxford has a wonderful university and the community can take advantage of the events that occur there. Ms. Southard noted a Miami University Symphony Orchestra concert would take place this Saturday at Hall Auditorium. Ms. Southard advised this was the annual Daniel Pearl concert noting Daniel Pearl was a journalist who was murdered mainly because he was Jewish. Ms. Southard noted the UniDiversity Festival was held two weeks ago which celebrated Latin American culture and advised the Chinese Culture Festival was held last week. Ms. Southard advised this was also the beginning of "the days of awe" for Jewish people and noted the Rosh Hashanah occurred recently. Ms. Southard noted it was a solemn time of reflection, of self examination and a time to think about how to make this world a little bit better which culminates with Yom Kippur which is a day of fasting and reflection. Ms. Southard wished everyone a sweet New Year whether they were Jewish or not.

Ms. Southard noted the Jewish New Year takes ten days, and advised things take time like good government, like reflection, like thinking about things that really matter which was the message she wanted to share with everyone today.

Mr. Prytherch thanked Mr. Perry and Ms. Zien for discussing the issue of short term rentals noting he was glad legislation was moving forward. Mr. Prytherch advised it was often talked about in terms of nuisance conditions. Mr. Prytherch noted when he thinks about how hard we have tried to work to provide affordable housing and how happy we are when a new subdivision of 25 units comes on board we have to think about how many units we are losing to what is now a pretty solid industry in town.

Mr. Prytherch noted what some Councilors could not talk about earlier regarding High Street is all of the years of collaboration that went into this particular design. Mr. Prytherch thanked Miami University's Physical Facilities Department and City staff noting to arrive at that plan was the product of a lot of stakeholder collaboration. Mr. Prytherch advised the point about how the public can have input on the design of streets is something the Oxford Parking and Transportation Advisory Board can look into.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised she received an announcement from the Cincinnati Electric Car Club who have been monitoring the City's electric car charger situation. Mayor Rousmaniere noted 2 or 3 electric car chargers were in the City's 2020 budget. Mayor Rousmaniere advised Miami University just installed 3 electric car chargers in the north parking lot, 2 for Tesla and one general plug.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised on October 15th before the regular meeting a Work Session will be scheduled to discuss the issue of divesting from fossil fuels noting Mr. Newlin will explain his analysis of it.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised the City provides funding for some Talawanda students and noted the National Junior Honor Society at Talawanda Middle School sent her a card a 4 pictures of an event. Mayor Rousmaniere advised the students organized a bottle cap recycling project in the community and delivered 1,300 pounds of recycled bottle caps to Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, Indiana. Mayor Rousmaniere noted the students acquired 3 benches and a picnic table made from the recycled materials for the Middle School grounds. Mayor Rousmaniere thanked the National Junior Honor Society of Talawanda Middle School for their efforts.

## ADJOURN

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.