A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor, Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Those members present were Steve Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, David Prytherch, Chantel Raghu and Edna Southard. Mike Smith was excused.

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Ms. Candi Fyffe, Human Resources Director; 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) and (3) to discuss appointments to Boards and Commissions, employment of a public employee and pending litigation. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Ellerbe, Mr. Dana, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Ms. Southard, Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rousmaniere requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Dana moved to appoint Steve Schnabl and Cheryl Young to the Student Community Relations Commission. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

NOTICE TO
LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

New permit for Fridge & Pantry Inc. DBA Fridge & Pantry Uptown Market 35 E. Church Street Oxford, Ohio 45056. (Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director)

Mr. Kyger addressed the new permit for Fridge & Pantry noting it was a D-1 permit for Beer only for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1:00 a.m.

Mayor Rousmaniere reminded everyone that the State of Ohio regulated all of the liquor permits not the local municipalities.

Mr. Dana moved to receive the notice without comment. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Prue Dana, 131 W. Collins Street, advised Council had in front of them the Voters Guide for the November election noting Cox Media publishes the guide for the League of Women Voters. Ms. Dana advised a Candidate Forum would take place Thursday, October 4th from 7-9 p.m. at the Knolls of Oxford. Ms. Dana noted people running for the State School Board as well as the 8th and 53rd Districts would be in attendance. Ms. Dana advised everyone was welcome to attend and noted her hope citizens would find the voters guide to be helpful.

Mr. Ron Siliko, 6244 Hester Road, commended City Council for taking a proactive approach in allowing e-scooters in the City and noted he thought they were great. Mr. Siliko advised he wanted to advocate for a limited government via private property rights and read the following into the record in part: 'The rights of the government should not interfere with the natural rights of the individual. City Council is the biggest property owner in Oxford. To put it another way you own all of the land in the City for nothing. Please allow me to clarify these statements. In the interest of liberty, I am speaking against the system. Particularly zoning and permitting. By having zoning and other regulations this body effectively decides what people can do on the property they own. In a free market rapidly changing economy zoning only serves to protect special interests, the strict ever growing cottage industries, and is indicative that government does not trust its citizens to make and accept the consequences of their decisions. The recent rejection of the Opus proposal is a clear example that this body believes central planning is better at managing economic activity and land use than business and property owners. I am deeply troubled by this decision for reasons beyond the rights of property owners. Every community group that I have participated in most recently The Coalition for a Healthy Oxford, one of the things that is predominately mentioned time and time again is lack of affordable housing in this community. The City has had zoning for decades and this problem has made some progress but has not been resolved. The rejection of the Opus proposal violates a fundamental economic tenon of supply and demand. If prices are to drop supply must increase. Increasing the housing supply will increase the number of vacancies of rental housing. This will over time result in lower consumer prices and property owners will make adjustments on their properties to sustain their businesses such as modifying their buildings. Zoning and permitting also restricts the rights of owners to grow or improve their property.

The City can not in good conscious tell owners they can not expand their building or improve their property because of some regulations while at the same time increasing their building inventory for City government offices. On the City website there are over 20 reasons given that a permit is needed. In essence a permit states that the owner needs permission to do something because they can not be trusted and central planners know how to better utilize property than the owner. Owners have an incentive to meet accepted standards or face consequences individually or in the market. Consumers and citizens should determine if a sign is too big with a negative reaction to the business not a central planning body that does not have the same incentive for the business to prosper. If you want economic growth, improved amenities, increase competition and ultimately lower prices for consumers you would support reducing barriers to entry. Will there be failures or challenges? Absolutely, but there are failures now. That is the nature of business. Consumers should steer the direction of land use not government. I propose that the City look at eliminating zoning or at a minimum decreasing the regulatory guidelines. Oxford can differentiate themselves from other locals by reducing these restrictions which overall would be a tremendous competitive advantage. I have no right to tell each of you what to do on your property and I ask for the same consideration in return. I accept the consequences of decisions I make in my life and on my property alone which is the essence of the freedom philosophy. It is my hope that some part of this speech on freedom, the rights of the individual, voluntary cooperation, trusting people and private property ownership resonates with you. I would be happy to discuss my thoughts with you further and I do plan on being more involved in the future.' Mr. Siliko thanked Council for their time.

Mayor Rousmaniere thanked Mr. Siliko for his thoughts.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 18, 2018 City Council Work Session. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the September 18, 2018 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the September 11, 2018 Recreation Board Meeting. (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director)

Report regarding the September 11, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the September 12, 2018 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
OVERLAY DISTRICT

A Resolution No. 7016 of Council accepting the petition as required by Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 1146.03 to establish aa Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District for parcels on McKee Avenue, Peabody Drive, Tenney Court and Thomson Court as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and referring the petition to the Oxford Planning Commission for recommendations to City Council. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Wilson advised the proposed Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District was the 17th one to come before Council. Mr. Wilson noted a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District restricts residential properties to be rented to no more than 2 unrelated individuals while retaining the underlying zoning. Mr. Wilson provided a PowerPoint slide showing the locations of the other districts in relation to the one before Council this evening. Mr. Wilson advised the petition was submitted by Anita Jones of 106 Tenney Court and noted there were a total of 50 parcels contained in the overlay request and 88% of the residents provided signatures. Mr. Wilson noted the request was for the Juniper Hills Subdivision Section I and II. Mr. Wilson advised this was the first step of the process in creating a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District and noted the Zoning Code requires City Council to formally accept the petition and forward it to the Planning Commission for review.

Ms. Anita Jones, 106 Tenney Court, advised she orchestrated the petition and submitted it to staff. Ms. Jones noted she and some of her neighbors were in attendance to answer any questions. Ms. Jones thanked Council for their consideration.

Mr. Ellerbe inquired if this would also apply to Short Term Rentals aka Airbnb. Mr. McHugh advised Mr. Perry has been working on legislation for Short Term Rentals and it would likely come before Council at their next meeting. Mr. Dana as a member of the Planning Commission advised special arrangements are provided in the proposed Airbnb language to address that very concern.

Mr. Dana noted he felt the proposed Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District was a very good example of a way in which government and private citizens can work together to achieve a mutually agreed end which is the welfare of the community.

Mr. Prytherch advised the longest part of this process was likely gathering all of the signatures and noted if done properly the rest of the process should go relatively smoothly.

Mr. Dana congratulated Ms. Jones and others who obtained the petition signatures.

Ms. Southard advised she felt the overlay districts help preserve neighborhoods.

Mr. Coe Potter, local real estate broker, advised he applauded people for taking control of their property as best they can. Mr. Potter inquired if the City could disseminate new Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District information to those in the real estate business because as they represent a property they need to make sure the consumer knows what is in transition at the time.

Mr. Dana moved to approve Resolution No. 7016. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
OVI TASK FORCE

A Resolution No. 7017 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 2019 grant funded through the Ohio Department of Public Safety. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Chief Jones advised this was the OVI Task Force grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office and noted as part of the grant the City needed a grant coordinator. Chief Jones advised Pete Reising has been the OVI Grant Coordinator for the past several years and noted an agreement was needed between Mr. Reising and the City of Oxford for the 2019 grant.

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

Ms. Southard asked Chief Jones to explain to the public what this work involves. Chief Jones advised Mr. Reising coordinates the grant and allocates funds to the 13 agencies that participate in the Butler County OVI grant of $225,000. Chief Jones noted out of the grant funds agencies pay overtime for officers to participate in saturation patrols, OVI Check Points and things of that nature. Chief Jones advised Mr. Reising takes care of the paperwork side of it, sets up the OVI Check Points and arranges them with ODOT.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 7017. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
AGREEMENT

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreement with Miami University. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Mr. McHugh advised the Ohio Ethics Commission has opined that anyone who has an employment or business relationship with Miami University regardless of the capacity will need to recuse themselves from matters which involve the City of Oxford and Miami University. Mr. McHugh noted the Ohio Ethics Commission took the same position with Ohio University. Mr. McHugh advised if Councilors recuse themselves they still have their constitutional first amendment rights to speak to the matter as a citizen. Mr. McHugh noted because the business of government has to go on there was also case law that provides that even if only one person votes yes on a matter it passes.

Mayor Rousmaniere, Mr. Prytherch and Mr. Ellerbe recused themselves.

Chief Jones advised the proposed Resolution would renew the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Oxford Police Division and the Miami University Police Department. Chief Jones noted they were both part of a countywide mutual aid agreement and they further define their roles because of the close relationship working in concurrent jurisdictions.

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

Ms. Southard inquired if there were any changes from the previous agreement and Chief Jones advised no.

Ms. Raghu inquired if OPD received MUPD Police Reports. Chief Jones advised OPD does not receive a copy of all of MUPD Police Reports although they work together very closely.

Mr. Dana advised he felt this was a sensible and necessary agreement and one that enhances the reach of both Police Departments.

Ms. Raghu inquired if there was a joint reporting system. Chief Jones advised press releases were shared with MUPD if it involves them as well. Chief Jones noted there was not an automatic exchange of information daily.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 7018. Ms. Raghu seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING

ORDINANCE
ZONING MAP
AMENDMENT

An Ordinance Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation And Granting A Zoning Map Amendment For Approximately One Acre Of Land Located At 5111 Morning Sun Road Oxford, Ohio, And Rezoning The Property From Office And Light Industrial (OI) District To Neighborhood Business District. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Kyger advised Mr. Perry was on vacation and he would address the proposed Ordinance in his absence. Mr. Kyger noted a rezoning request was before Council which should be familiar to them since it came before Council earlier this year to be rezoned R2MS which Council denied. Mr. Kyger advised the applicant met with Mr. Perry to discuss other ways to redevelop the site and decided to move forward with the newly formed Neighborhood Business District. Mr. Kyger noted the Neighborhood Business District allows a blend of business and residential uses. Mr. Kyger advised the Planning Commission voted 7-0-0 in favor of the request.

Mr. Scott Webb, Applicant, advised it was actually a Council member who suggested rezoning the property in question to Neighborhood Business District.

Mr. Webb noted the property in question was previously zoned residential and it was surrounded by residential. Mr. Webb advised the 2003 Zoning Map Amendment allowed the current medical office corridor on Morning Sun Road through the OI zoning designation. Mr. Webb noted after 15 years and no more development in this OI district he felt it was time to consider something different. Mr. Webb advised the property in question was currently undeveloped and it was surrounded by a non-conforming use to the east, medical offices and multi-family. Mr. Webb provided a PowerPoint and noted the mixed use Neighborhood Business District reflects the diversity of the surrounding uses, incorporates small scale businesses within walking distance of the hotel and the expanded R3MS area. Mr. Webb noted the current OI zoning was extremely restrictive with no retail sales to the general public and no storage of goods allowed. Mr. Webb advised the professional offices were described as for scientific and engineering, research, experimental, testing labs and data processing. Mr. Webb noted the current zoning requires 50 foot set-backs which is not feasible for a one acre parcel. Mr. Webb advised the Neighborhood Business District allows professional services of less than 2,500 square feet, small retail, personal services and daycare. Mr. Webb advised second floor residential was a permitted use in the Neighborhood Business District. Mr. Webb noted the Neighborhood Business District limits the height and scale of the buildings as it was designed to fit in the Mile Square or into neighborhoods and advised it required additional buffering along the neighborhood residential zoning districts, it encourages parking to the rear, limits front yard lot coverage and restricts the hours of operation from 8 to 9 p.m. Mr. Webb referred to the Decision Standards and advised the Planning Commission felt the amendment will make the map conform more closely with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Webb noted the site has been vacant for over 15 years and advised it is in need of some infill.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere advised she favored the proposal noting it was good for the City.

Mr. Prytherch noted the purpose of the Neighborhood Business District was to create walkable commercial and mixed uses that nestle into individual areas. Mr. Prytherch noted his hope this would be a successful development and that it produces a high quality product. Mr. Prytherch thanked Mr. Webb for working with Council on this project and noted he felt there was ample Comprehensive Plan support for it.

Mr. Dana noted his support for the map amendment and advised he felt it was a win win.

Ms. Southard reiterated that the parcel has been vacant for a considerable amount of time and advised Council was in favor of infill. Ms. Southard inquired how much OI zoning would be left in the City if this parcel was rezoned. Mr. Kyger advised all of the land in front of the High School was zoned OI and well as several acres on SR. 73. Mr. Kyger noted there was another small area on SR. 732.

Mr. Prytherch noted for various reasons both in terms of its restrictive use and its set-back requirements the OI District has not proven to be very attractive for office and industrial development. Mr. Prytherch advised new businesses are having difficulty finding places to open in Oxford and he felt adding new flexible space helps economic development goals.

ORDINANCE
CONDITIONAL USE

An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendation Of The Planning Commission And Approving A Conditional Use Permit For A Banking Facility With A Drive-Through Window In The General Business (GB) District To Be Located At 31 Lynn Avenue Oxford, Ohio 45056 With Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Ellerbe recused himself as a member of the Miami University Community Federal Credit Union Board.

Mr. Kyger advised the Conditional Use Permit was for a drive-through window at the Miami University Community Federal Credit Union to be located at 31 Lynn Avenue as a second banking office for the credit union. Mr. Kyger noted a bank was a permitted use and anytime a drive-through is involved it comes before Council as a conditional use. Mr. Kyger advised there were already several drive through facilities on Lynn Avenue. Mr. Kyger referred to page 84 of Council's packet and advised the Planning Commission recommended approval with six conditions. Mr. Kyger noted Council needed to weigh any negative consequences that the drive through may create in the neighborhood. Mr. Kyger provided a PowerPoint slide of the proposed facility and noted the surrounding property owners were US Bank, La Rosas, Animal Care Clinic, Taco Bell, Monroe Automotive and Arby's which were similar types of uses. Mr. Kyger advised several variances on setbacks, sidewalk area and other items were needed due to the size of the parcel. Mr. Kyger noted he felt if this was going to be a restaurant or something with a lot of traffic and a lot of heavy usage Council might wonder about the variances. Mr. Kyger advised a bank is a lower volume type of business. Mr. Kyger noted the Planning Commission voted 7-0-0 to recommend approval to Council with 6 conditions as listed on page 84 of Council's packet.

Mr. Rick Parker, President/CEO, Miami University Community Credit Union, advised this was his second project with the Cityt noting the credit union built on US 27 some years ago. Mr. Parker noted each experience working with City employees and officials had been wonderful. Mr. Parker advised the credit union was affiliated with Miami University and they were a federally chartered, federally insured, not for profit financial institution. Mr. Parker noted the credit union was a full service financial institution doing everything from first mortgages to commercial loans. Mr. Parker advised they were a low volume facility as most customers do business on line. Mr. Parker provided additional information regarding the history of the credit union and why they needed the additional space.

Ms. Maria Schertler, the Architectural Group, advised this location was important to the credit union because it places them in the heart of the General Business District and near the university. Ms. Schertler provided a PowerPoint and described the project in detail as shown on pages 102-119 of Council's packet.

Mr. Dana referred to a memo from the Acting City Engineer and inquired if storm water management was still an issue. Mr. Dana inquired of permeable paving had been considered.

Ms. Schertler advised there were Civil Engineers on the team at the Architectural Group and they were aware that the City of Oxford's Storm Water Management Plan will have to be met. Ms. Schertler noted they have looked at permeable paving, retention ponds and underground retention.

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

Mr. Dana noted he felt having this bank in the community truly fills a need because they provide the kind of loans that other banks do not.

Ms. Southard inquired if the new facility will replace the 2 existing facilities. Mr. Parker advised the building on Wells Mills Drive will revert back to the university and noted the location on College Corner Pike will remain a full service branch.

Mr. Prytherch advised he appreciated the credit union's investment and desire to be in the commercial core of the City. Mr. Prytherch noted it was a balancing act to address the walkable district and accommodate the automobile and the drive through facilities. Mr. Prytherch inquired if the applicant thought about aligning the sidewalk directly with the front door as it would be a direct orientation for people walking from both directions to the front door and vehicles will be queuing to turn to leave. Mr. Prytherch advised there has been an effort to preserve the mature trees and noted they were on the adjacent property. Mr. Prytherch noted concern with the trees surviving through construction and also banking operations. Mr. Prytherch referred to the zero foot lot line to the north and inquired if the applicant needed double loaded queuing as well as a double loaded drive through. Ms. Schertler advised the good thing about the drive through being on the north side is that the amount of disturbing of the soil and the depth needed is minimal. Ms. Schertler noted the curb was only 18 inches and advised the root system for the trees goes a lot deeper than that and likewise with the asphalt pavement. Ms. Schertler advised the queuing was a condition of zoning and noted every drive through must have 3 queuing spots and an exit spot. Mr. Prytherch noted his concern that the applicant's efforts to communicate with the adjacent property have not been successful as he felt it would be nice to have connection internally. Mr. Parker mentioned the internal connection has not been ruled out.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted she thought the layout was very creative for the small lot. Mayor Rousmaniere advised the second reading of the proposed Ordinance would be in two weeks.

ORDINANCE
SECOND READING
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance No. 3486 Amending Ordinance No. 3449. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 5 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2018. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised the first issue on the Supplement Budget dealt with the Board of Building Standards fees and noted the number of building permits exceeded the expectation for 2018.

Mr. Newlin advised the second issue dealt with continuing legal expenses and noted instead of \$15,000, \$80,000 was needed to cover pending litigation. Mr. Newlin advised he would appreciate a motion to increase the allocation from \$15,000 to \$80,000.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to amend the amount from \$15,000 to \$80,000. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. McHugh advised the increase was for outside legal services with respect to some matters the City is involved with.

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

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3486 as amended. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Ellerbe, Mayor Rousmaniere (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott advised the 2018-2019 Deer Management Program is underway noting it began September 29th and would end February 3, 2019. Mr. Elliott advised in Oxford's area the total permitted limit was 2 deer. Mr. Elliott noted this was the 10th year for the program and advised last year 7 deer were harvested with 4 being donated to the Community Meal Center in Hamilton.

Mr. Elliott advised an Open House was scheduled for the new Municipal Building at 15 S. College Avenue for Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 4-6 p.m.

Mr. Elliott reminded Council the Budget Work Session was scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2018 in the Courthouse at 6:30 p.m.

Chief Jones advised members of the Police Division were wearing pink badges in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Chief Jones noted the badge company (Smith & Warren) donated 10% of the proceeds to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Chief Jones advised when employees purchased the badges they made a \$20 donation locally. Chief Jones noted \$600 will be donated to the Coalition for a Health Community Oxford Area for the work they do in supporting women's health.

Chief Jones commended officers who worked Friday night and responded to a violent attack which occurred in the Poplar Street and Ardmore Drive area.

Mr. Kyger updated Council and the public with regard to the City's E-Scooter Pilot Program.

Mr. Prytherch noted he felt good enforcement will be part of a successful experience with the E-Scooter Pilot Program. Mr. Prytherch advised he felt training for the e-scooter users was needed to ensure they know the laws and know where and how to ride them.

Ms. Raghu provided an update on a proposed composting program noting a company was available and had the EPA permits. Ms. Raghu advised the company operated as a food waste courier and has the infrastructure to process bioplastics. Ms. Raghu noted for 3 locations throughout the City for food waste drop off it would cost approximately $2,860 per year per location. Ms. Raghu advised two locations would cost $3,198 per year per location and one location would cost $4,212 per year. Ms. Raghu advised she envisioned a pilot program to have 2-3 locations at places such as the elementary, middle and high school which would have the added benefit of taking the food waste and compost that the school might produce while allowing citizens to drop off their compost. Ms. Raghu noted she felt this was a way to move away from plastic ultimately and she felt it was an amazing service. Ms. Raghu inquired if Councilors were interested in such a program, and if so, were they in favor of making room in the budget for such a program. Ms. Raghu inquired if she had permission to apply for the EPA grant for a 50% match of funds if the composting program was budgeted. Ms. Raghu advised the grant application was due in February and it was for up to $200,000.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised she liked the idea of composting and would like to have a proposal in writing. Mayor Rousmaniere noted she understood the justification for it but not the mechanics. Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if it made sense to have just one location as a pilot program instead of 3.

Mr. Elliott inquired what the name of the company was and Ms. Raghu advised it was GoZero out of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Ellerbe advised he felt it was a great idea and that it should be discussed during the Budget Work Session.

Mr. Prytherch advised he was in favor of a composting program and he felt the General Fund was not the long term place to fund it. Mr. Prytherch advised the idea of piloting the program was a good idea to see how it works at a certain scale. Mr. Prytherch noted if the waste stream was reduced at Talawanda they might partner with the City.

Mr. Elliott advised he and staff would contact Talawanda and they would get a written proposal.

Mr. Ellerbe referred to comments made earlier from a citizen and advised he felt it was his job to avoid the "Tragedy of the Commons". Mr. Ellerbe advised there was an economist in the 1800's named William Lloyd who told a story of four towns that shared a common area where they had their cattle graze and it was their shared responsibility to maintain that area. Mr. Ellerbe noted one of them decided the other three would take care of the common area which escalated until all four towns stopped maintaining the commons and all of the animals died. Mr. Ellerbe noted there were various proposals that Council considers that range in scope of being outstanding for the community and in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and other policies. Mr. Ellerbe advised there were other proposals that were blatantly selfish and noted he believed it was his job to determine which ones those were.

Mr. Ellerbe referred to the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District Resolution that Council considered this evening and noted the entire neighborhood felt it was a good thing for their neighborhood. Mr. Ellerbe noted Council recently considered a certain zoning request that seemed a bit selfish and Council responded by asking the applicant to come up with zoning that facilitated mixed use and more closely aligned with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Ellerbe referred to the zoning map amendment that Council considered this evening and advised he felt it was a fantastic idea which more closely aligns with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Ellerbe again referred to comments made this evening from a citizen and advised he did not think Council was a giant landlord noting he did think they were individuals that are trying as hard they possibly could to make sure Oxford does not fall into a state of squalor due to the specific interests of small groups of people.

Mr. Dana reminded everyone that the Candidate Forum would take place Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Knolls of Oxford.

Ms. Southard advised the Oxford Historic Cemetery Tour would take place Saturday, October 6th at 10:30 a.m. and noted the tour was in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Ms. Southard noted she and Steve Gordon would lead the tour and advised it was a continuation of the May Historic Preservation Tours. Ms. Southard noted preserving the historic character of the City of Oxford was a goal of the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Southard advised a sub-committee of Steve Gordon, Valerie Elliott, Mike Smith and herself coordinated this tour as part of a community effort to increase awareness of historic Oxford.

Ms. Southard noted ground was broken recently for the new aquatic center and advised an Information Session would take place on October 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Oxford Community Arts Center. Ms. Southard advised this would be an opportunity for citizens and the community to learn about and ask questions about the aquatic center and how it is going to operate. Ms. Southard noted the Oxford Historic Cemetery Tour and the Information Session fit in with some of the goals Council is trying to achieve which is to make Oxford even better than it already is.

Mr. Prytherch thanked Chief Jones and his staff noting the past weekend was a dynamic environment in which to police. Mr. Prytherch thanked Mr. Kyger for helping Oxford move forward.

Mr. Prytherch advised a priority of the Housing Advisory Commission was to work on ways to promote housing diversity and affordability. Mr. Prytherch noted the sub-committee discussed criteria to encourage a mixture of housing in a Planned Development. Mr. Prytherch advised the Housing Advisory Commission will start making recommendations to the Planning Commission which will ultimately come before Council.

Mr. Prytherch advised he, Mayor Rousmaniere and Mr. Kyger had been meeting with community members to discuss diversity in the business community and how to take a proactive approach to encourage diversity and vibrancy again in the business community. Mr. Prytherch noted the group is discussing ways to incentivize so the business community can be here year round and serve a lot of different people.

Mr. Prytherch advised he was invited to meet with the Health Coordinating Council and Amy Macechko to talk in part about the idea of hiring Crossing Guards for some of Talawanda's schools. Mr. Prytherch noted the group was receptive to the idea of the City partnering with the Talawanda School District.

Mayor Rousmaniere advised a group called the Town Gown Initiative Team made up of people from the university, the City, community members, school district and McCullough Hyde/TriHealth meet every two weeks to talk about initiatives that are going on between the university and the City. Mayor Rousmaniere noted their theme for this academic year was health and safety issues. Mayor Rousmaniere advised health meant healthy economy, physical health, mental health and cultural health. Mayor Rousmaniere noted it also includes the healthy aspects of transportation which includes public transportation, alternative transportation and environmental transportation.

ADJOURN

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.