A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor, Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:30 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; Ms. Amy Blankenship, 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. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATION
"YEAR OF THE BIRD"

Mayor Rousmaniere read the Proclamation and presented it to Linda Williams, President, Audubon Miami Valley.

Ms. Linda Williams, advised she was President of Audubon Miami Valley which covers Butler County and Preble County. Ms. Williams noted Audubon Miami Valley appreciated the City making the Proclamation for them.

Mayor Rousmaniere thanked the Audubon Society for all of their great work.

SWEARING-IN
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS
JARED BAKER, BLAKE OLSON AND
THOM RADOMSKI-BOMBA

Chief Detherage advised this evening a swearing in ceremony would take place for 3 full-time Firefighter/Paramedics who started their career with the City in April. Chief Detherage noted in this the 185th year of the Oxford Fire Department these 3 individuals will become the 7th, 8th and 9th full-time Firefighter/Paramedics to wear the badge. Chief Detherage advised they had chosen a noble calling and will serve in one of the worlds most dangerous and honored professions. Chief Detherage noted when the community needs them they will be one of the first on the scene without hesitation. Chief Detherage advised firefighters are here to serve the community following the standard policies and procedures of the Fire Service and of the department.

Chief Detherage noted they were here to prevent human suffering and death, to stabilize the incidents and prevent damage and loss of property. Chief Detherage advised it was a great honor to have these 3 gentlemen sworn-in.

Chief Detherage introduced Firefighter/Paramedic Blake Olson and advised Blake grew up in Bellefontaine, Ohio and graduated from Bellefontaine High School. Chief Detherage noted Blake attends Miami University and is working on a degree in Public Health. Chief Detherage advised Blake was originally hired by the Oxford Fire Department in 2013 as a student volunteer. Chief Detherage noted Blake joined the National Guard in 2015 and is currently serving as a Medic with the 2nd of the 107th Calvary. Chief Detherage noted Blake was a Hazardous Materials Technician and is currently attending the Critical Care Paramedic class at St. Clair Community College. Chief Detherage advised Blake lives in Oxford and his badge will be pinned by his father Darren.

Chief Detherage introduced Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Baker and advised Jared grew up in Fairfield and is a graduate of Fairfield High School. Chief Detherage noted Jared attended Miami University and studied Botany. Chief Detherage advised Jared has worked part-time at the Oxford Fire Department since 2011 and has been in the Fire Service 2006. Chief Detherage noted Jared is also trained as a Fire Inspector, Fire Instructor, Haz Mat Technician, Swift Water Rescue Technician and is also a Juvenile Fire Center Councilor. Chief Detherage advised Jared volunteers as a Den Leader for his son's Cub Scout Pack and works at the Butler County Therapeutic Recreations Adult Softball League where he coaches adults with disabilities to play competitive softball. Chief Detherage noted Jared lives in Fairfield with his wife Katie and their 3 children and his badge will be pinned by his wife.

Chief Detherage introduced Firefighter/Paramedic Thom Radomsky-Bomba and advised Thom was hired by the City as a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic in 2016. Chief Detherage noted Thom got his start in Fire and EMS in 2003 as a volunteer for the Greentown Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Detherage advised Thom attended Kent State University where he earned a bachelors degree and he received his Paramedic training from Summa Health Systems Paramedic Education Program at Akron City Hospital in 2014. Chief Detherage noted Thom is a State Certified Fire Safety Inspector and an EMS Assistant Instructor. Chief Detherage advised Thom also holds credentials as a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator and Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator both from the National Association of Fire Investigators and is designated a Fire Investigation Technician by the International Association of Arson Investigators. Chief Detherage noted Thom resides in Oxford with his wife Theresa and their 21 month old son Theo. Chief Jones advised Thom is joined this evening by his mother Paula and father Thom and his wife will pin his badge.

Ms. Blankenship read and the Firefighter/Paramedics recited the Oath of Office and their badges were pinned followed by applause from the audience.

Chief Detherage advised he appreciated the time on Council's agenda to accommodate the swearing-in ceremony noting it was a 'Big Deal' in the Fire Service Industry.

Mayor Rousmaniere congratulated the newly sworn in Firefighter/Paramedics.

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 advised the Notice to Legislative Authority was for a D3 Liquor Permit for Fridge & Pantry. Mr. Kyger noted Cody Costanzo was in attendance to let Council know what Fridge & Pantry's business plan was once the permit is received. Mr. Kyger reminded everyone the permits were regulated by the State of Ohio through a quota system.

Mr. Cody Costanzo, advised he was a former student at Miami University and when he had parents in town there did not seem to be a quiet place to visit and have a drink. Mr. Costanzo noted Fridge & Pantry was a nice clean spot with a grocery store, deli and smoothie bar. Mr. Costanzo advised he was aware of concerns that Fridge & Pantry would turn into a bar and noted that was not what the owners wanted to do. Mr. Costanzo noted the establishment was only open until 10:00 p.m. and they had no plans to stay open later even though the liquor permit was valid until 1:00 a.m. Mr. Costanzo advised summertime was a tough time for local establishments with most of the students leaving for the summer and they felt the liquor sales would generate more business for them. Mr. Costanzo noted the owners put a lot of time and work into the space to make it nice and they did not want to jeopardize that.

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if the hard liquor would be served at the smooth bar. Mr. Costanzo advised their plan was to move the smoothie bar closer to the grocery section and expand it to accommodate more people and use the current smoothie bar for the growler fill and wine tasting bar. Mayor Rousmaniere noted she was disappointed to see the liquor permit notice and felt it was great to have a grocery store Uptown. Mayor Rousmaniere advised she was sorry the only way to have good business was to serve hard liquor. Mayor Rousmaniere noted her hope the owners will keep the commitment to stay a grocery and deli where many types of people can congregate. Mayor Rousmaniere reminded everyone the state allocates the licenses to the City.

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

NOTICE TO
LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Stock Transfer for Oxford Oil Service Co. DBA KDS Express 4985 College Corner Road Unit A Oxford, Ohio 45056. (Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director)

Mr. Kyger advised the transfer was for an existing beer and wine carry-out know as KDS Express. Mr. Kyger noted the owners were retiring and transferring the stock to their family members.

Mr. Dana moved to accept the notice without comment. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Michael, advised he was a senior and was in attendance on behalf of his Journalism 201 Class noting they were learning how to cover a City Council Meeting.

Ms. Connie Malone, 804 Melinda Drive, invited Council, staff and members of the audience to this year's Oxford Empty Bowls Benefit Soup Luncheon. Ms. Malone noted the event would be held November 10th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Oxford Community Arts Center.

Ms. Shawn Vaness, 230 W. Chestnut Street, advised she would like to express her support for the composting test pilot program. Ms. Vaness noted she felt Oxford was a perfect place for this type of program to take place as there was a lot of support for green projects.

Ms. Megan Kuykendoll, 1304 Dana Drive, advised she also supported the composting initiative and noted she and her neighbors had been doing some composting and food gardening. Ms. Kuykendoll advised the composting and gardening had been valuable to them and she felt it was something worth extending to other members of the Oxford community who may not have the access or ability to compost on their own property.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 2, 2018 City Council Work Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Minutes of the October 10, 2018 City Council Budget Work Session. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

REPORT

Report regarding the October 3, 2018 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

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

Mr. Prytherch noted he felt Council should not take for granted how good and detailed the Council minutes were noting he felt the Clerk does a phenomenal job.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
OXFORD SENIORS EVENT

A Resolution No. 7019 of Council authorizing alcoholic beverages to be served free of charge at a private event on October 19, 2018 held for "Members Only and Invited Guests" at Oxford Seniors, 922 Tollgate Drive Oxford, Ohio 45056. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised this request was received from Steve Schnabl the Executive Director for Oxford Seniors. Mr. Elliott noted Oxford Seniors wanted to hold an event and serve alcoholic beverages. Mr. Elliott noted this request required approval by Oxford City Council since Oxford Seniors was a municipally owned property.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere noted Council approved this request last year.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 7019. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
FACILITY NAMING

A Resolution No. 7020 accepting the recommendation of the Facility Naming Review Committee and naming the new aquatic facility slated to open in 2019 "Oxford Aquatic Center". (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director)

Mr. Wooddell noted last summer Council appointed 7 members to a Facility Naming Review Committee for a new aquatic center in Oxford. Mr. Wooddell advised the committee met several times and initiated a public survey which received 286 responses. Mr. Wooddell noted after reviewing the results of the survey and through discussion by the committee they recommended Council name the new facility "Oxford Aquatic Center".

Mr. Dana noted the committee should be congratulated for the open process they held.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere advised ground had been broken and the new facility would be open by Memorial Day 2019.

Mr. Prytherch thanked all of those who participated in the process.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 7020. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
SERVICE AGREEMENT

A Resolution No. 7021 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a service agreement with the Butler County Public Defender Commission to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with violations of Municipal Ordinances for the year 2019, and thereafter under certain terms and conditions. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Mr. Elliott advised County Public Defenders are allowed by law to contract with municipalities for representation of indigent persons in the court system. Mr. Elliott noted the Butler County Public Defender Commission has contracts with the cities of Fairfield, Hamilton and Oxford.

Mr. Elliott advised the proposed resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement with the Public Defender Commission to provide legal counsel to indigent persons appearing in Butler County Area I Court in 2019 at a cost of $3,541.71. Mr. Elliott recommended approval of the proposed Resolution.

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

Mr. Dana advised this was not a give-away, it was a hand out, and he felt it was very good public policy.

Ms. Raghu referred to page 37 of Council's packet and inquired what made someone ineligible for representation. Mr. Elliott noted potential clients have to demonstrate that they are indeed indigent. Mr. Elliott advised he would provide the exact criteria to Ms. Raghu at a later time. Ms. Blankenship advised when a defendant is seeking representation by a public defender they will apply for it and based on what the state standards are for indigence that is what determines whether they get representation.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 7021. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
AGREEMENT WITH
FRIENDS SERVICE COMPANY

A Resolution No. 7022 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Friends Service Company, Inc. for the purchase of specified furnishings for the new Police Division Headquarters located at 101 E. High Street through State Contract pricing at a cost of $126,104.25 plus a contingency amount of ten percent (10%) of the contract price or $12,610.43 for a total cost not to exceed $138,714.68. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised in December of 2017 Council authorized a contract with Friends Service Company to furnish the new Municipal Building. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff was very pleased with their work and with the quality of product received. Mr. Dreisbach advised staff has worked with Friends Service Company's interior designers again for the new Police Station furnishings which are available through state contract pricing. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff was pleased with the design and the price and looked for Council to authorize a contract with Friends Service Company this evening.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired what the estimated opening date was for the new Police Headquarters. Mr. Dreisbach advised most likely in February for the space vacated by City staff and noted work will continue in the existing Police Station space with estimated completion by May or June.

Mr. Prytherch inquired to what degree staff was able to reuse some of the existing furnishings. Mr. Dreisbach advised many lateral file cabinets and chairs that were in good condition were moved to the new Municipal Building.

Mr. Dreisbach noted most of the furnishing that remain at the Police Station are well beyond their useful life and advised they would be recycled or offered to the public or disposed of.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 7022. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
TOTAL COST OF
CURB, GUTTER & SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

A Resolution No. 7023 determining the total cost of the assessment by lot, authorizing the list of assessments by lot to be filed with the Clerk of City Council and ordering the same be opened for public inspection and authorizing the Clerk of City Council to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation that the list of assessments by lot is available for public inspection. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised in advance of the summer street resurfacing program staff asked property owners to replace defective curb, gutter and sidewalk impacted by the paving operation. Mr. Dreisbach noted in March of 2018 Council approved a Resolution of Necessity putting property owners on notice that some of their curb, gutter or sidewalk was defective and had to be repaired or replaced. Mr. Dreisbach advised in May of 2018 Council authorized a construction contract so property owners could make the repairs themselves with a qualified contractor or opt to have the City do the work and have the work assessed to their property taxes. Mr. Dreisbach noted the proposed Resolution identifies the cost associated with the assessment of the construction repairs that property owners asked the City to perform. Mr. Dreisbach advised a notice will be advertised in the newspaper and in the Clerk's Office and noted if a property owner feels they will be charged an unjust fee they can ask for a hearing. Mr. Dreisbach advised after a specified amount of time an Assessment Ordinance will come before Council and the costs will be sent to the Butler County Auditor for assessment to property taxes. Mr. Dreisbach noted owners still had time to pay for the repairs in cash if they so choose.

Mr. Dana inquired what percentage of property chose to have the repairs done themselves verses having the City perform the repairs. Mr. Dreisbach advised approximately 50%.

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

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Resolution No. 7023. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

RESOLUTION
2019 CDBG

A Resolution No. 7024 authorizing the City Manager to submit eligible projects to the Butler County Board of Commissioners for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Year Application. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the City expected to have $113,000 available in 2019 from HUD's CDBG Program and noted of that $96,000 should be available for projects. Mr. Dreisbach advised in conjunction with the City's resurfacing program staff was requesting to apply for handicap ramp installations in the general vicinity of where street reconstruction will occur.

Mr. Dreisbach referred to the exhibit detailing the proposed intersections on page 52 of Council's packet and noted there were requests from the public to improve these corners with handicap ramps to ease travels for those who are wheelchair bound.

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

Mr. Prytherch referred to pages 52-53 of Council's packet and asked for clarification of the "Alternate" projects which Mr. Dreisbach addressed.

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adopt Resolution No. 7024. Mr. Dana seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.

ORDINANCE
FIRST READING
SALARY ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Establishing Salaries And Certain Benefits For Salaried And Hourly Full-Time And Part-Time Employees Within The Service Of The City Of Oxford, Ohio, Paid From January 1, 2019 Through December 31, 2019. (Candi Fyffe, Human Resources Director)

Ms. Fyffe advised staff was requesting approval of the salary and benefit Ordinance for salaried and hourly workers for 2019. Ms. Fyffe addressed her Staff Summary Report on pages 58-59 of Council's packet by explaining the items that had been changed from the previous Salary Ordinance. Ms. Fyffe offered to answer any questions.

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

Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if the proposed additional Police Officer would be a School Resource Officer (SRO). Ms. Fyffe advised a current officer was appointed to SRO which opened a position for a patrol officer which will be filled.

Ms. Raghu referred to page 63 of Council's packet and noted it looked like 52 of 132 part-time positions received a minimum pay rate of $8.50 per hour. Ms. Raghu referred to an earlier conversation and noted Ms. Fyffe had said the people who receive the minimum pay rate might be students, teenagers or unskilled workers and that Ms. Fyffe did not feel it would be of benefit to increase the minimum pay rate. Ms. Raghu noted Ms. Fyffe commented in the earlier conversation that the people who are getting the $8.50 per hour are not the unskilled workers. Ms. Raghu noted affordable housing was such a big deal and it seemed hypocritical when a large sub-set of the employees are not being paid a wage they could live on. Ms. Raghu advised just because someone was a high school student does not mean they are not saving for college or helping their family. Ms. Raghu inquired what the rationale was for establishing $8.50 per hour as the minimum pay rate for many of the part-time positions. Ms. Raghu also inquired why part-time employees are not entitled to sick leave.

Ms. Fyffe advised when job compensation is determined it is not based on the person filling the job and whether they have a family, or whether they are the bread winner or saving for college. Ms. Fyffe noted what is looked at is the job responsibilities, the education and minimum requirements that it takes to do that job and what the actual job description is.

Ms. Fyffe referred to the Park/Recreation Technician and Program Coordinator positions on page 63 of Council's Packet and noted $8.50 was a starting salary and not everyone that starts receives $8.50 per hour as there was a minimum and a maximum. Ms. Raghu inquired if Ms. Fyffe felt $8.50 was an appropriate wage for anyone to be paid and Ms. Fyffe advised yes.

Ms. Fyffe inquired how other Councilor's felt about the salary structure. Mayor Rousmaniere advised she was concerned about the wages for all staff and noted impacting wages in one place will impact the wages of the other 120 plus people who work for the City. Mayor Rousmaniere advised she was not concerned about the minimum starting wage noting she felt it was a fair wage for starting and it was above the minimum wage. Mr. Dana noted he felt the minimum starting wage was determined in a fair manner. Mr. Prytherch noted he saw both points of view and noted he did not feel the state minimum was a good reflection of what salaries should be even for entry level positions. Ms. Southard advised she felt the pay bands as described are reasonable and noted the high retention rate speaks to the fact that people feel well appreciated. Mr. Ellerbe advised doing some quick math he felt the compensation was fair. Mayor Rousmaniere inquired if Councilors wanted to take the issue of a living wage out of a Council meeting for further discussion. After additional discussion by Council, Ms. Fyffe offered to look at the positions under $10.00 and move them to $10.00 to see what the impact would be. Mayor Rousmaniere asked Ms. Fyffe to prepare that information prior to the second reading of the Salary Ordinance.

Mr. Prytherch noted he was happy to see the 3% across the board cost of living raise and inquired if staff considered a merit system so it is tied to performance reviews to create a managerial mechanism related to performance. Mr. Elliott advised staff has discussed that issue and noted a lot of City employees work under negotiated contracts. Mr. Elliott noted the City was a labor intensive organization and advised 70% of the budget goes towards personal costs which includes fringe benefits.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
ZONING MAP
AMENDMENT

An Ordinance No. 3487 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. Perry advised the recommendation from the Planning Commission was to change what is now zoned Office Industrial at 5111 Morning Sun Road to Neighborhood Business District. Mr. Perry noted this application is a follow-up to an earlier re-zoning request for the same parcel that was not approved.

Mr. Scott Webb, Applicant, thanked Council for this entire process noting he and his client have been looking for something to do for the property in question for quite some time.

Mr. Webb advised he and his client believe rezoning the property to Neighborhood Business District is a good solution. Mr. Webb noted he and his client appreciated the recommendation of Council to give this district a try.

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

Ms. Southard noted she felt this was a smooth transition with the rest of what is going on in the area and advised it she felt was a useful way to develop the property. Ms. Southard noted this was a good example of infill development.

Mr. Dana noted he was a strong proponent of the rezoning request.

Mr. Ellerbe advised he felt the Neighborhood Business designation solved a lot of issues with compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and noted he looked forward to the realization of that theory with this individual development.

Mr. Prytherch noted his support for the rezoning request noting it addresses the walk-ability, bike-ability and traffic reduction goals because now there is a neighborhood commercial center with the Neighborhood Business District. Mr. Prytherch advised this has been a while coming in terms of policy development and he felt this was the kind of property Council was hoping and envisioning would be optimal for this type of rezoning.

Mr. Dana moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3487. 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)

ORDINANCE
CONDITIONAL USE

An Ordinance No. 3488 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 Miami University Community Federal Credit Union Board Member.

Mr. Perry advised some changes were made to the proposed project since the First Reading of the proposed Ordinance and noted because a drive-through was part of this business the Conditional Use permit was necessary. Mr. Perry advised the conditional use process was intended to determine if there are any potential negative impacts associated with just the drive-through portion with regard to residential areas such as noise, traffic or lighting.

Mr. Perry noted Maria Schertler of the Architectural Group took some of the comments and concerns from Council during the First Reading of the proposed Ordinance and made some changes with regard to the location of the pedestrian walkway. Mr. Perry advised the issue of tree preservation was reviewed and noted he had some suggestions for that. Mr. Perry advised staff relooked at the dumpster enclosure and whether there was a need for it or not. Mr. Perry noted if Council was comfortable with those kinds of details staff can work them out at the staff level without the need for changes to the conditions. Mr. Perry advised Ms. Schertler has provided a revised site plan.

Ms. Maria Schertler, Architectural Group, noted the drive-through aspect of the proposed bank did not seem to poise a concern for noise, lighting or the use of the site. Ms. Schertler advised most of the concerns raised during the first reading was connectivity to the rest of the community. Ms. Schertler referred to the revised site plan and showed Council where the front sidewalk was relocated. Ms. Schertler advised the rear parking has been adjusted further south. Ms. Schertler noted discussion took place with the commercial property owner to the northeast and advised they were interested in entertaining some shared sidewalks. Ms. Schertler discussed ways the developer would address tree preservation.

Ms. Southard referred to the revised site plan noted she felt it was a tremendous improvement and advised she appreciated the applicant's sensitivity to the issues raised at the First Reading.

Mr. Dana advised the bank has offered to construct the public sidewalk which is not required by code and noted he felt that was impressive.

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

Mr. Glenn Ellerbe, 158 Silverleaf Drive, noted on behalf of the bank he would appreciate Council's consideration for this plan. Mr. Ellerbe advised the bank has taken a lot of time and had been good stewards with the property and with the City in creating this new structure.

Mayor Rousmaniere noted the property in question was a small site and advised she felt it was great that the applicant was able to design space for a new banking facility on it.

Mr. Prytherch commended the applicant for looking at the suggestions made by Council and advised he felt they made sense for the site. Mr. Prytherch noted his hope the adjoining landowner partners with the bank on the sidewalk. Mr. Prytherch advised in areas like this shared parking for businesses that have complimentary business hours offered more connectivity and was a benefit for both businesses. Mr. Prytherch noted he appreciated the applicant working with an arborist to mitigate harm to the existing mature trees.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3488. Mr. Dana seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Raghu, Ms. Southard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Prytherch, Mayor Rousmaniere (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rousmaniere excused herself from the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Mr. Elliott advised he looked at the sections of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code that deal with the process for determining if a person was indigent. Mr. Elliott noted he would forward those sections to Council as they were rather lengthy.

Mr. Elliott updated Council with regard to the sale of the City owned property at 18 Gardenia Drive.

Mr. Elliott reminded everyone of the follow-up Budget Work Session on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Elliott advised an Open House was held at the Municipal Building earlier this evening which was sparsely attended and noted a lot of people have already toured the new building. Mr. Elliott advised the new Fire Truck was there and is still parked where Council can see it. Mr. Elliott noted the truck was a nice piece of equipment the City was able to acquire through the State Safety Grant as well as contributions from Oxford Township, Miami University and the City of Oxford.

Mr. Perry advised a Design Charrette and celebration of World Town Planning Day would be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 from 1-5 p.m. at the Oxford Community Arts Center. Mr. Perry noted this was an opportunity to showcase the value of community visioning and planning on a specific piece of property.

Mr. Wooddell advised the Trick or Treat OPRD Style event would take place on Thursday, October 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 in the Uptown Parks. Mr. Wooddell noted the Lions Club parade through the Uptown District would commence at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Wooddell advised the Oxford Community Foundation's annual reception would he held Thursday, October 18 at the Knolls of Oxford. Mr. Wooddell noted he would speak at the reception about the fund Raising Campaign for the new aquatic center.

Mr. Kyger advised two Ribbon Cutting events took place recently, one for Dim Sum and one for Wild Bistro. Mr. Kyger noted both businesses were involved with the Chamber of Commerce and advised the Chamber of Commerce was trying to reach out to all of the restaurants in town.

Ms. Raghu thanked the Journalism students for attending the Council meeting this evening noting everyone functions better with 100% transparency.

Ms. Raghu thanked those who were emailing and those who came to Council to make public comments about the proposed composting project. Ms. Raghu advised she looked forward to further discussion regarding the issue of composting at the Work Session next week.

Mr. Ellerbe noted his hope everyone would have a safe and fun Halloween.

Mr. Ellerbe inquired if the Journalism students had questions for Council to answer regarding any of the discussions this evening. Ms. Raghu suggested the students could email Councilors with any questions.

Mr. Ellerbe reiterated that if citizens had any issues or initiatives that they wanted Council to consider to please let them know. Mr. Ellerbe noted Council does consider and address those inquiries and requests.

Ms. Southard noted her hope everyone would be careful on Halloween which was Wednesday, October 31st.

Ms. Southard noted Election Day was November 6th and encouraged everyone to vote on that day or before.

Mr. Prytherch announced there was another successful application via OKI for a Phase of the Oxford Area Trail. Mr. Prytherch thanked everyone who assisted with that initiative.

Mr. Prytherch thanked the Street Department for all of the changes on Locust Street that happened over the summer and noted he appreciated the tinkering to improve the flow for everyone.

Mr. Prytherch advised the Housing Advisory Commission (HAC) has been working on issues of affordability and diversity in housing. Mr. Prytherch noted the HAC has made a recommendation to the Planning Commission. Mr. Prytherch advised Council made increased diversity in residential and commercial property the second of Council's priorities at their staff retreat last January. Mr. Prytherch noted bullet points included to ensure diverse housing offerings in new developments and affordability. Mr. Prytherch inquired if this was still the direction Council wanted the HAC to go in and all Councilors indicated yes.

Mr. Dana noted the idea of a Planning Charrette, bringing together professional citizen planners on a site that is very much at the top of Council's concern (Elm Street) was a terrific idea. Mr. Dana advised he was so pleased about the Charrette and thanked Mr. Perry for taking on that initiative.

ADJOURN

Mr. Ellerbe moved to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.