

A Work Session of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor, Kate Rousmaniere on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:45 P.M. Council members present were Steve Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, David Prytherch, Mike Smith and Edna Southard. Chantel Raghu arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Vice Chair, Chris Skoglund was in attendance on behalf of the commission.

Councilors elect Jason Bracken and Bill Snavelly were also in attendance.

Staff members present: Doug Elliott, City Manager, Joe Newlin, Finance Director, Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager, Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director and Sam Perry, Community Development Director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dana moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Work Session was for Council members to discuss the potential expansion of Historic Districts. Council's Goal # Six from the 2019 Retreat was to Expand Historic Preservation in the Mile Square Plus area.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Skoglund advised the HAPC was seeking guidance on developing the next Historic District. Mr. Skoglund noted HAPC members developed a "Candidate List" of 100 buildings outside of the existing Historic Districts. Mr. Skoglund discussed the HAPC's proposed approach which included the creation of a small "Pilot" area to incorporate plaques or other media to describe the historical significance of the designated area.

DISCUSSION

Council supported this approach and felt the existing boundary could also be expanded.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dana moved to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Ellerbe seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.