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STAFF REPORT

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	Parks & Recreation
PREPARED BY:	Casey Wooddell
DATE PREPARED:	December 8, 2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	January 3, 2023
AGENDA TITLE:	Oxford Recreation Board – November 14, 2022
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	
ACCOUNT CODE:	
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	CDW 12/8/22 <i>DRC</i> 12.14.22

DISCUSSION:

Attendance: Ken Bogard, Adam Beissel, Craig Bennett, Holli Hansel, Casey Wooddell, Jake Richardson, Alex French (Council Rep.), Deanna Barbour (Secretary)

The Oxford Recreation Board met in the Municipal Building on Thursday, November 14, 2022. The minutes from the September 2022 meeting were approved. There was no October 2022 meeting.

Mr. Wooddell provided the Parks and Recreation Report. This included a detailed discussion about the potential new indoor community center at the current site of the TRI Community Center. The P&R report also included updates about the ADA Playground project at Oxford Community Park as well as the upcoming Holiday Fest event on December 3 at the Oxford Community Arts Center and Uptown Oxford.

Ms. Hansel and Mr. Richardson provided a report about Talawanda Schools and Athletics, specifically with the fall sports season kicking off. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Beissel provided a report about Miami University, including information about new student applications for the 2023-24 academic year. Mr. Bennett also provided updates to the board about the City Comprehensive Plan. The Recreation Board requested at this meeting for the New Indoor Community Center to be moved from Community Well-Being to Culture and Recreation in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wooddell noted he would make this request on behalf of the Recreation Board members.

Under New Business, the board discussed what facility needs, other than an indoor center, exist in the next 5-10 years in Oxford. Two facilities discussed were more fields with access to lights as well as an expanded or new dog park.

Next meeting: Monday, December 12, 2022 – 11:30am at the City Building.



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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
PREPARED BY:	Jessica Greene
DATE PREPARED:	December 13, 2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	December 20, 2022
AGENDA TITLE:	Acquisition of property for economic development using ARPA funds
COUNCIL GOAL AREA:	Economic Development
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	\$600,000
ACCOUNT CODE:	
RECOMMENDATION:	Approval
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	<i>DRC</i> 12.13.22

DISCUSSION:

Summary:

The Oxford City Council has identified Economic Development as one of its top three priority goal areas. The American Rescue Plan funds have the allowable use of economic recovery from the pandemic. Staff have been researching techniques and strategies to lead economic development in our community. The acquisition of property and site development are leading strategies that many communities use.

The City has also been collaborating with Miami University on the development of the College@Elm an innovation hub and workforce development center. It is the goal of the College@Elm to bring new high quality jobs to Oxford and spur future economic growth.

The draft comprehensive plan has identified the Elm Street corridor as an area that is poised for redevelopment. The availability of these two properties immediately adjacent to the College@Elm property is an opportunity to encourage future economic growth in this region. It is zoned general business and has potential to provide both economic growth and possible housing in future

developments. Staff will work with the Community Improvement Corporation to develop a redevelopment plan for the Elm Street Corridor that will lead to economic growth for our community.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE BY OXFORD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE THE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 100 S. ELM STREET (PARCEL ID NOS. H4100004000023, H4100004000024) AND 102 S. ELM STREET (H4100004000025) AT A COST OF \$600,000.00 FOR ALL PARCELS, AND TO UTILIZE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN MAKING THE PURCHASE.

WHEREAS, City Council has identified economic development through mixed-use projects in the City's Mile Square area; and

WHEREAS, City Council, during Council work sessions, has indicated its support for the City to acquire property to be utilized for economic development; and

WHEREAS, City Council has identified economic development as a top priority and goal for the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the property located at 100 S. Elm Street (Parcel ID Nos. H4100004000023, H4100004000024), AND 102 S. Elm Street (Parcel ID. No. H4100004000025), collectively referred to herein as the "Property," would be a suitable location to engage in economic development for citizens of the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the City expects it will be able to purchase the Property described herein for \$600,000.00; and

WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which funds are intended to combat the Coronavirus pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic, are available to the City to be utilized towards the purchase of the Property described herein; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to empower the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract to purchase the Property described herein; to take all other action that may be required to complete the real estate purchase transaction described herein and to utilize ARPA funds available to the City in making the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to take all action necessary, including but not limited to the negotiation and execution of a contract to purchase the real estate located for both parcels and to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in making the purchase; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Oxford for the City to purchase the Property described herein to economic development opportunities for the benefit of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

- Section 1:** City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement to purchase the Property located at 100 S. Elm Street (Parcel ID Nos. H4100004000023, H4100004000024), AND 102 S. Elm Street (Parcel ID. No. H4100004000025), and to take all other action that may be required to complete the real estate purchase transaction described herein, and to utilize ARPA funds available to the City in making the purchase.
- Section 2:** City Council authorizes the City Manager to purchase the Property for \$600,000.00, plus estimated closing costs of \$1,000.
- Section 3:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 4:** This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

Clerk of Oxford City Council

INTRODUCED BY: WILLIAM SNAVELY
PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)



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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	Assistant City Manager
PREPARED BY:	Jessica Greene
DATE PREPARED:	12/14/2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	12/20/2022
AGENDA TITLE:	Staff Retention Bonus For Service During Coronavirus Pandemic
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	\$72,000
ACCOUNT CODE:	
RECOMMENDATION:	Approval
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	<i>DRC</i> 12.14.22

DISCUSSION:

The City of Oxford has 158 year round staff members who worked during the Coronavirus Pandemic from March 2020 to March 2022 and who are still with the City. These individuals came to work, in person, and maintained the operations of the City. Staff worked delivering public safety services, water and wastewater operations, streets and grounds maintenance as well as administrative functions.

The City provided grants to many local businesses to help with their operations and staff retention throughout the pandemic. As a public sector employer, there is often limits to what we can do financially to recognize the efforts of our staff community. However, the American Rescue Plan Fund does allow for staff incentives for work performed during the pandemic.

As we end the year of 2022, we now understand that the impacts of the coronavirus will be felt for a very long time. Our staff showed up every day, kept the City running, and we value their commitment.

The City has experienced a decrease in applicant pools when we post open positions and we understand the need to support and retain the valuable staff that we do have.



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As an employee retention strategy, we want to recognize the efforts of our staff with a bonus for “Service during the Coronavirus Pandemic”.

The criteria to receive this bonus will be as follows:

- Fulltime, and year round, part time employees, who served between March 18, 2020-March 31, 2022, who are still employed with the City.
 - Full time employees will receive a \$500 bonus
 - Part time employees will receive a \$250 bonus
- Staff covered under the Fire Contract will be exempt from this bonus. They were provided a longevity bonus that is not in their contract. We will credit their longevity bonus as their coronavirus bonus instead of recovering these funds.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION REDIRECTING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$72,000) OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS, WHICH SHALL BE USED TO PROVIDE STAFF BONUSES FOR SERVICE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, The City of Oxford was granted \$2,420,796.00 in Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has made City Staff retention and morale top priorities; and

WHEREAS, investment in staff retention is an allowable use under the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager recommend that up to \$72,000 be redirected to a staff bonus for service during the pandemic for staff who are actively employed with the City of Oxford and worked during the period of March 18, 2020, to March 31, 2022.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, OHIO, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

SECTION 1: Council accepts the recommendation of the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager and hereby redirects the expenditure of Seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) of American Rescue Plan Act funds, which shall be used to create a staff bonus for service during the coronavirus pandemic.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: WILLIAM SNAVELY

PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)



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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	Finance
PREPARED BY:	J Newlin
DATE PREPARED:	12/13/2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	12/6/2022
AGENDA TITLE:	Supplemental Budget Ordinance
COUNCIL GOAL AREA:	Fiscal Responsibility
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	
ACCOUNT CODE:	
RECOMMENDATION:	Approval
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	JN 12/13/2022 <i>DRC</i> 12.13.22

DISCUSSION:

Issue 1

To make adjustment to budgeted salaries and fringe benefits for
Fire & EMS services

Action Needed:

Revenue Side

Expense Side

Fire & EMS Fund (418)

75,000.00

Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s)
Increase/(Decrease)

(75,000.00)



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Issue 2

To make adjustment to budgeted expenditures for
Employee Benefit Fund

Action Needed:

Revenue Side

Expense Side

Employee Benefit Fund (230)	235,000.00
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Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s) Increase/(Decrease)	(235,000.00)
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Issue 3

To make adjustment to budgeted revenue for Property Taxes

Action Needed:

Revenue Side

General Fund (110)	42,319.82
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Expense Side

Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s) Increase/(Decrease)	42,319.82
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Issue 4

To make adjustment to budgeted revenue for Income Taxes

Action Needed:

Revenue Side

General Fund (110)	840,915.43
Fire & EMS Fund (418)	129,353.23

Expense Side

Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s)	970,268.66
Increase/(Decrease)	

Issue 5

**To make adjustment to budgeted revenue and expenditures for the
Hotel receipts**

Action Needed:

Revenue Side

General Fund (110)	10,000.00
Hotel Tax Agency Fund (120)	10,000.00

Expense Side

Hotel Tax Agency Fund (120)	10,000.00
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Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s)	10,000.00
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Issue 6

To make adjustment to budgeted revenue and expenditures for the transfer of funds from the General Fund to Capital Equipment Fund & Capital Improvement Fund

Action Needed:

Revenue Side

Capital Equipment Fund (140)	600,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund (141)	1,000,000.00

Expense Side

General Fund (110)	600,000.00
General Fund (110)	1,000,000.00

Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s)	-
Increase/(Decrease)	

Issue 7

To make adjustment to budgeted revenue and expenditures for the transfer of funds from the Water Fund to Water Improvement Fund

Action Needed:

Revenue Side

Water Improvement Fund (322)	297,000.00
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Expense Side

Water Fund (321)	297,000.00
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Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s)	-
Increase/(Decrease)	



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Issue 8

To make adjustment to budgeted revenue and expenditures for the transfer of funds from the Wastewater Fund to Wastewater Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund

Action Needed:

Revenue Side

Wastewater Capital Equipment Fund (330)	200,000.00
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Expense Side

Wastewater Fund (331)	200,000.00
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Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s)	-
Increase/(Decrease)	

Total Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s)	712,588.48
Increase/(Decrease)	

Breakdown by Fund

General Fund (110)	(706,764.75)
Hotel Tax Agency Fund (120)	-
Capital Equipment Fund (140)	600,000.00
Capital improvement Fund (141)	1,000,000.00
Employee Benefit Fund (230)	(235,000.00)
Water Fund (321)	(297,000.00)
Water Improvement Fund (322)	297,000.00
Wastewater Fund (331)	(200,000.00)
Wastewater Capital Equipment Fund (330)	200,000.00
Fire & EMS Fund (418)	54,353.23
Net Effect on Fund Balance/(s)	712,588.48
Increase/(Decrease)	

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3654 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 10 TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed for the current fiscal year and monies are available for appropriation in those funds, and changes to estimated revenues.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, OHIO, HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

SECTION 1: Additional appropriations are needed for the current fiscal year and monies are available for appropriation in those funds, and changes to estimated revenues;

SECTION 2: The following increase/(decrease) in revenues be made:

General Fund 110	42,319.82
General Fund 110	840,915.43
Fire & EMS Fund 418	129,353.23
General Fund 110	10,000.00
Hotel Tax Agency Fund 120	10,000.00

SECTION 3: The following increase/(decrease) in expenditures be made:

Fire & EMS Fund 418	75,000.00
Employee Benefit Fund 230	235,000.00
Hotel Tax Agency Fund 120	10,000.00
General Fund 110	600,000.00
General Fund 110	1,000,000.00
Water Fund 321	279,000.00
Wastewater Fund 331	200,000.00

SECTION 4: following transfer(s) be executed:

Transfer from:

General Fund 110	600,000.00
General Fund 110	1,000,000.00
Water Fund 321	279,000.00
Wastewater Fund 331	200,000.00

Transfer to:

Capital Equipment Fund 140	600,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund 141	1,000,000.00
Water Improvement Fund 322	279,000.00
Wastewater Capital Equipment Fund 330	200,000.00

SECTION 5: The following increase/(decrease) in revenues
be made:

Capital Equipment Fund 140	600,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund 141	1,000,000.00
Water Improvement Fund 322	279,000.00
Wastewater Capital Equipment Fund 330	200,000.00

SECTION 6: In all other respects, Ordinance No. 3654 shall
remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon
its adoption.

MAYOR

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: WILLIAM SNAVELY

PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)



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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	Parks & Recreation
PREPARED BY:	Casey Wooddell
DATE PREPARED:	December 13, 2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	January 3, 2023
AGENDA TITLE:	Oxford Recreation Board – December 12, 2022
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	
ACCOUNT CODE:	
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	CDW 12/13/22 <i>DRC</i> 12.14.22

DISCUSSION:

Attendance: Ken Bogard, Adam Beissel, Craig Bennett, Casey Wooddell, Jake Richardson, Alex French (Council Rep.), Deanna Barbour (Secretary)

The Oxford Recreation Board met in the Municipal Building on Monday, December 12, 2022. The minutes from the November 2022 meeting were approved.

Mr. Wooddell provided the Parks and Recreation Report. This report included information about the potential new indoor community center, particularly the \$1.5 million grant provided by Butler County. Mr. Wooddell informed the board members that how these funds would be utilized was still to be determined since the full \$3 million request was not granted. The P&R report also provided updates about the upcoming Chocolate Meltdown event on January 14, the award of the NatureWorks grant for the ADA Playground Project, and some upcoming long-term planning for a couple unique events coming in 2024 & 2026.

Mr. Richardson provided a report about Talawanda Schools and Athletics, particularly focusing on winter sports teams, and Mr. Bennett and Mr. Beissel provided a report about Miami University. Mr. Wooddell did inform the board that the request to move the Indoor Community Center from Community Well-Being over to Culture & Recreation in the Comprehensive Plan was approved.

Under New Business, Mr. Wooddell requested the board members work together to gather some important data from Talawanda, Miami and the community to help guide future decisions related to recreation facilities and programming. This will be discussed at the February 2023 Recreation Board meeting.

Next meeting: January 2023 – Date TBD. This will be the annual joint meeting with the TRI Board and Recreation Board together.



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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	Service Department
PREPARED BY:	David Treleaven, Environmental Specialist
DATE PREPARED:	December 8, 2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	December 20, 2022
AGENDA TITLE:	December 7, 2022 Environmental Commission Meeting Summary
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	N/A
ACCOUNT CODE:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	<i>DRC</i> 12.14.22 MBD 12/9/22

Environmental Commission members in attendance at the Wednesday, December 7, 2022 meeting were: Chair, Mr. Jon Ralinovsky; Vice-Chair and City Council Representative, Ms. Chantel Raghu; Planning Commission Representative, Mr. Jason Bracken; Mr. Justin Fain, and Ms. Peggy Branstrator. A quorum was present. Ms. Heather Barrett and Mr. Steve Elliott had both previously informed the commission that they would not be present due to illness. Also in attendance were City of Oxford (Oxford) City Councilor, Mr. David Prytherch, and Climate and Sustainability Intern, Ms. Reena Murphy, and from the Miami University Institute for the Environment and Sustainability (IES), Ms. Suzanne Zazycki, Mr. Jared Nally, and Ms. Madalyn Warnimont.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Ms. Branstrator
2nd: Mr. Fain
Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes for the November 2, 2022 Meeting

Motion: Mr. Fain
2nd: Mr. Bracken
Vote: Unanimous



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Discussion:

Ms. Zazycki, IES's Associate Director, Mr. Nally, and Ms. Warnimont were present to answer questions regarding the Professional Service Project (PSP) proposal entitled "Recycling Program Recommendations for Commercial Housing Properties in the City of Oxford." The proposal had previously been distributed to the Commissioners for their review prior to this meeting. The Commissioner's consensus was that the proposal was well done and thorough, providing historical regulatory progress regarding solid wastes and recycling, and incorporating Oxford's goals and intentions (such as "Zero Waste Community") as stated in the pending Comprehensive Plan revision. Ms. Murphy had reviewed Oxford's Financial Department billing records, and identified commercial residential units that currently had recycling charges associated with them, including several larger properties such as Gaslight, Hawk's Landing, The Knolls, Level 27, Oxford West, The Preserve, Roberts' Apartments, and The Verge. Research had located a previous apartment complex recycling PSP conducted at The Candlewood Apartments (now Oxford West). This PSP may provide the opportunity for monitoring progress and/or changes in managerial and tenant's perspectives and attitudes toward recycling over time. Between now and January 23, 2023, the student PSP team will initiate research into this project, contacting various property managers to gauge opinions and current practices regarding tenant recycling, contacting Rumpke and the Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District in an effort to determine a possible baseline of the region's prevalence of commercial housing recycling and possible diversion/contamination rates, review Butler County (and ideally, Oxford) demographic records and existing recycling programs, and assess the feasibility and logistics associated with conducting tenant surveys potentially identifying their interests and practices towards recycling. Prior to January 23, 2023, the PSP team shall update representatives from the Environmental Commission on their progress, and confirm additional objectives to be undertaken in the second academic semester. The final PSP report will be provided to the Environmental Commission by May 12, 2023.

Mr. Prytherch was at the meeting to request the commission's endorsement of the concepts outlined in the Landscape Naturalization Master Plan 2022 (Master Plan). The Master Plan had been prepared by Miami University students from Geography 459 course (Advanced Urban and Regional Development) during the second semester of the 2021-2022 academic year, and initially presented to the Environmental Commission at the May 2022 meeting (presentation entitled: "Landscape Naturalization of Oxford Parks"). The Master Plan was developed with stakeholder input from representatives of Oxford, the Environmental Commission, and Miami University faculty. The objectives of naturalization projects would be to increase carbon sequestration by plants, work towards public sustainability awareness and aesthetics, increase biodiversity, and reduce the expense associated with turf maintenance. The on-going pilot projects of a pollinator garden and prairie grasses and wildflower garden at the Oxford Community Park are associated with the Master Plan.



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The following Motion concerning the Landscape Naturalization Master Plan 2022 was proposed by Ms. Raghu; Mr. Fain was the second:

Motion:

The Environmental Commission whole-heartedly supports the intention of converting some public areas from turf grass to a more naturalized landscape as outlined in the Landscape Naturalization Master Plan 2022, and supports that the Plan's concepts be considered and adopted by City Council.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Prytherch indicated he would prepare a formal Resolution regarding the Master Plan for the Commission's consideration and action during their January 4, 2023 meeting.

In previous Commission meetings, the suggestion was made to have the Commission investigate establishing a recycling and/or food scrap collection program to be incorporated into Oxford's Red Brick Rally events during the summer of 2023, and potentially at other Oxford-sponsored events as well. Staff was instructed to obtain the current schedule of these upcoming events. Commissioners are to start reaching out to various groups for potential volunteers to assist in acting as guides to assist the public in the proper placement of the wastes as recyclable, compostable food scraps, or trash. Once dates of potential events are known, the effort to secure additional volunteers to act as guides will continue with more specificity.

The Managed Natural Lawn Area (MNLA) legislation was returned to the Commission from City Council so that the apparent confusion associated with the potential legislation may be addressed. Mr. Ralinovsky had met with Community Development Director, Mr. Sam Perry, to discuss the MNLA and outlined potential avenues of approach. Mr. Perry had prepared a PowerPoint presentation regarding background and potential options to proceed; the PowerPoint presentation slides had previously been provided to Commissioners for their review. A wide variety of ideas on approaching the MNLA program and potential legislation were discussed. If the Commission opts for on-line registration, garden plan submittal, and mapping of participating properties, Mr. Fain indicated that he could create the software application for this. It was mentioned that getting additional participation by Mr. Steve Sullivan may be desirable, as he was instrumental in the initial MNLA text. Mr. Ralinovsky indicated that he would contact Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Ralinovsky also indicated he would set up another meeting with Mr. Perry, potentially with City Councilors Raghu and Bracken in attendance. Mr. Perry has indicated that he would be available to meet with the entire Environmental Commission at some point in the future.



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Staff informed the Commission that the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA re-certification application had been submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry (ODNR). Ms. Wendi Van Buren, ODNR Urban Forester for southwest Ohio, has approved Oxford's application for re-certification. During 2022, Oxford planted 54 street and public trees, pruned 22 trees, and removed 24 trees. Oxford's expense for trees during 2022 was approximately \$64,150, which is \$2.92 per capita (Tree City USA requires an expenditure of at least \$2 per capita). This will be Oxford's 27th consecutive year as a Tree City USA community.

Staff updated the Commission on the monthly emission monitoring event of the landfill's 23 passive gas vents. October's monitoring was the 26th event. October's estimated total CO₂e was approximately 98 metric tons (MT), the seventh lowest value in 26 months of monitoring. Over the two years of observations, the monthly total estimated CO₂e for the entire landfill continues to be highly variable. For example, last month's (September) value was approximately 279 MT CO₂e, which was the second highest value observed during the monitoring period. The 26-monthly average CO₂e value was 157 MT CO₂e per month.

Staff provided a summary of the on-going residential food scraps drop-off program. Through December 1st (191 weeks since the program's start in April 2019), the total weight of collected food scraps was approximately 142,740 pounds (71.4 tons), averaging 747 pounds per week. For the year 2022, a total of approximately 37,230 pounds (18.6 tons) had been collected in 48 weeks, averaging 776 pounds per week.

Approval of Adjournment:

Motion:	Mr. Fain
2 nd :	Ms. Raghu
Vote:	Unanimous

Commissioners concluded discussions at 8:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled monthly Environmental Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 4, 2023, in the Municipal Building's first floor conference room.



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

[Link for website video here](#)

Full Transcript available upon request.

Roll Call TIME 00:00

William Snavelly Mayor	Chantel Raghu Vice Mayor
Jason Bracken	Amber Franklin
Alex French	Glenn Ellerbe
David Prytherch	

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor William Snavelly on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Amber Franklin, Glenn Ellerbe, and David Prytherch. Chantel Raghu, Alex French, and Jason Bracken were excused.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Ben Mazer, Assistant Law Director; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

Motion – Enter Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. **R.C. 121.22(E)(1) To Consider Appointment to Boards & Commissions.**

(Roll Call) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Mr. Ellerbe

AYE # 4

Ms. Franklin, Mr. Prytherch, Mr. Ellerbe, and Mayor Snavelly

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Motion – To return from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. R.C. 121.22(E)(1) To Consider Employment and Compensation of an Employee or Official.

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Ellerbe 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE # 4

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Pledge of Allegiance [TIME 00:31](#)

Approval of the Agenda [TIME 00:54](#)

Motion – To Adopt and strike Item 3A and Substitute Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Mr. Prytherch

AYE #4

NAY #0

ABS #0

Public Participation [TIME 01:23](#)

Presentation- Mental and Behavioral Health Grant – Tyler Wash, TriHealth

The Presentation was postponed and rescheduled for January 17, 2023.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions –

Motion – To Appoint Richard Bailey to the Oxford Parking and Transportation Board.

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Mr. Ellerbe

AYE #4

NAY #0

ABS #0

Swearing-In of Brandon Weaver, Police Officer, and Grant Combs, Police Officer. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Chief Jones gave a brief introduction and background on both Officers. Mr. Mazer administered the oaths. Council and City Staff congratulated Officers Weaver and Combs.

Public Comments

The purpose of the Public Comments Section is for members of the Public to speak to the City Council on any subject not scheduled on the Agenda, except Consent Agenda items. City Council values your comments, and Council rules limit public comments to five minutes for each person. Presentations are not to be in the form of public debate, personal attacks on Council, City staff or other members of the public and Council shall not act except to direct the City Manager to take action or schedule the matter for discussion at a later date.

Resident Name Address/ Resident Comment / Request

Consent Agenda [TIME 12:19](#)

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any City Council member may, however, remove an item from consent by request. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Minutes of the December 6, 2022, City Council Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 5 of the Agenda Packet**
- B. Report regarding the December 7, 2022, Environmental Commission Meeting (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director) **Page 34 of the Agenda Packet**
- C. Report regarding the November 14, 2022, Recreation Board Meeting (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director) **Page 38 of the Agenda Packet**
- D. Report regarding the December 12, 2022, Recreation Board Meeting (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director) **Page 39 of the Agenda Packet**
- E. A Resolution approving Then and Now certificates for purchase orders issued above \$3,000 where an invoice was received prior to the purchase order date, as a requirement of Ohio Revised Code 5705.41 (d). (Joe Newlin, Finance Director) **Page 40 of the Agenda Packet**

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Ellerbe 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE #4

NAY #0

ABS #0

Resolutions

Resolution No. 7459 [TIME 12:39](#)

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1. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant in an amount not to exceed \$218,376.33. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7459

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Mr. Ellerbe

AYE #4

NAY #0

ABS #0

Resolution No. 7460 [TIME 14:53](#)

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2. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to improve roadway and pedestrian safety. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7460

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Ellerbe 2nd Mr. Prytherch

AYE #4

NAY #0

ABS #0

Resolution No. 7461 [TIME 17:32](#)

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3. A Resolution redirecting the expenditure of up to seventy- two thousand dollars (\$72,000) of American Rescue Plan Act Funds, which shall be used to provide staff bonuses for service during the Coronavirus Pandemic. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7461

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Ellerbe 2nd Mr. Prytherch

AYE #4

NAY #0

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Ordinances

Ordinances are adopted using a two-step procedure. First reading introduces the Ordinance and provides an opportunity for public input on the subject as well as allowing Council to request more information as needed. Second reading is to provide Council with the opportunity to consider new information and to deliberate.

First Reading None [TIME21:07](#)

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1. An Ordinance by Oxford City Council authorizing the City Manager to take all action necessary, including but not limited to the negotiation and execution of a contract to purchase the real estate located at 100 South Elm Street (Parcel ID Nos/ H4100004000023, H4100004000024), and 102 South Elm Street (H4100004000025) at a cost of \$600,000.00 for all Parcels, and to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funds in making the purchase. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

Comments from the Public –

Michael Conger *Entrepreneurship Professor at FSB* Mr. Conger shared his interest in this kind of effort from the City Council. Mr. Conger mentioned his research on entrepreneurship and economic wealth, civic and social wealth. Mr. Conger encouraged City Council to look deeply into these initiatives, and similar proposals.

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 3703 [TIME 36:08](#)

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1. An Ordinance by Oxford City Council authorizing the City Manager to take all action necessary, including but not limited to the negotiation and execution of a contract to purchase the real estate located at 603 and 607 West Chestnut Street (parcel ID NOS. H4100121000006 and H4100121000125), which property is approximately 2.316 acres, at a cost of \$318,000.00 for both parcels, and utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in making the purchase. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

Comments from the Public –

Amy Shaiman 11 Heather Ridge Court Ms. Shaiman thanked City Staff and City Council for their work with affordable housing and economic growth in the Community. Ms. Shaiman shared her appreciation that steps are being taken to improve the Community.

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 3703

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Mr. Ellerbe 2nd Mr. Prytherch

AYE #4

Mr. Prytherch, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, and Mayor Snively

NAY #0

Names Here

ABS #0

Names Here

Ordinance No. 3704 [TIME 40:10](#)

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2. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3654 Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 10 to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public – None.

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 3704

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Mr. Ellerbe 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE #4

Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Mr. Prytherch, and Mayor Snively

NAY #0

Names Here

ABS #0

Names Here

Announcements & Communications

Remarks from City Council and City Staff [TIME 41:16](#)

The comments expressed by individual members of Council or City staff during this portion of a City Council meeting do not necessarily reflect the views of the City of Oxford, The Oxford City Council, or the City staff.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:25 p.m. [TIME 56:42](#)

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Mr. Prytherch

AYE #4

NAY #0

ABS #0

Public Comment to Council Form

Print

Submitted by: Madhava Madireddy

Submitted On: 2022-12-12 14:16:16

Submission IP: (50.5.16.135)
proxy-IP (raw-IP)

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



Please note: Comments must be received by 2:00 pm the day of the council meeting to be shared with City Council members. Comments will be included in the minutes under the public comment section.

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- ☐ Student
- ☐ Other

*** Comment(s)**

Hi Oxford City, I am deeply saddened to hear about Moratorium 7457. I am in the process of establishing a new convenience store to sell Beer, Wine, grocery and smoke products. It appears I am not allowed to sell smoke products as per Moratorium 7457 which is unfortunate. I think Oxford city is doing a favor for the existing businesses who sell smoke products as new competitors cannot enter into the markets. Existing businesses will jack-up the smoke products. I know Oxford city is concerned on students health, but I don't think you are doing any favor to the students before they will buy smoke products at the existing smoke businesses. I hope this moratorium is temporary and will be lifted in a year. I think this is totally not fair to the prospective business owners who want to sell smoke products. I think you should limit selling smoke products on certain days or limit selling hours but not limiting new businesses who are planning to sell smoke products.

Make a public comment for review by City Council

Request has been sucessfully updated.

Public Comment to Council Form

Print

Submitted by: Steve Chaffin

Submitted On: 2022-12-16 07:29:07

Submission IP: (75.187.67.219)
proxy-IP (raw-IP)

Status: Acknowledged

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



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- ☐ Other

*** Comment(s)**

In light of the recent budget cuts at talawanda school district would the city consider funding a full time school resource officer at kramer elementary school?

Make a public comment for review by City Council



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STAFF REPORT

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
PREPARED BY:	Jessica Greene
DATE PREPARED:	November 30, 2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	December 6, 2022
AGENDA TITLE:	Acquisition of property for affordable housing using ARPA funds
COUNCIL GOAL AREA:	Housing
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	\$318,000
ACCOUNT CODE:	
RECOMMENDATION:	Approval
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	<i>DRE</i> 11.30.22

DISCUSSION:

Summary:

The City of Oxford conducted a housing needs assessment in 2020, finding that Oxford has a critical need for affordable housing. The Oxford City Council has adopted Affordable Housing as a top goal since 2020.

Staff research into successful affordable housing programs in other communities has found that many programs begin by using City-owned land or the City working to acquire new land to be used for housing. The City's land ownership allows the City to attract developers to build housing and control the type of housing.

Using the American Rescue Plan Funds to purchase land for affordable housing is an allowable expense under the Final Rule.

The City intends to work with a nonprofit housing partner to manage and develop this land for affordable housing in the future.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE BY OXFORD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE THE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 603 AND 607 WEST CHESTNUT STREET (PARCEL ID NOS. H4100121000006 AND H4100121000125), WHICH PROPERTY IS APPROXIMATELY 2.316 ACRES, AT A COST OF \$318,000.00 FOR BOTH PARCELS, AND TO UTILIZE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN MAKING THE PURCHASE.

WHEREAS, the City's 2020 Housing Needs Assessment conducted and prepared by Bowen National Research identified a critical need for affordable housing in the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, City Council has identified affordable housing as a top priority and goal for the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, City Council, during Council work sessions, has indicated its support for the City to acquire property to be utilized for affordable public housing; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to develop a formal partnership with a nonprofit housing partner to develop and manage certain properties in the City of Oxford for the purpose of providing affordable housing for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the property located at 603 and 607 West Chestnut Street (Parcel ID Nos. H4100121000006 and H4100121000125), collectively referred to herein as the "Property," would be a suitable location to provide an affordable housing option for citizens of the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the City expects it will be able to purchase the Property described herein for \$318,000.00; and

WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which funds are intended to combat the Coronavirus pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic, are available to the City to be utilized towards the purchase of the Property described herein; and

WHEREAS, the City will be required to deposit earnest money with the realtor, Coldwell Banker College Real Estate, in the amount of \$5,000.00 upon Council's approval and adoption of this legislation, with respect to the real estate purchase described herein; and

WHEREAS, upon acquisition of the Property, the City intends to develop the Property as a community land trust to maintain future affordability for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to empower the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract to purchase the Property described herein; to take all other action that may be required to complete the real estate purchase transaction described herein, including but not limited to depositing the earnest money required; and to utilize ARPA funds available to the City in making the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to take all action necessary, including but not limited to the negotiation and execution of a contract to purchase the real estate located at 603 and 607 West Chestnut Street (Parcel ID Nos. H4100121000006 and H4100121000125), at a cost of \$318,000.00 for both parcels, and to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in making the purchase; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Oxford for the City to purchase the Property described herein to provide affordable housing for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

- Section 1:** City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement to purchase the Property located at 603 and 607 West Chestnut Street (Parcel ID Nos. H4100121000006 and H4100121000125); to take all other action that may be required to complete the real estate purchase transaction described herein, including but not limited to depositing the earnest money required; and to utilize ARPA funds available to the City in making the purchase.
- Section 2:** City Council authorizes the City Manager to purchase the Property for \$318,000.00, plus estimated closing costs of \$_____. Funds have been appropriated in the City's current budget for this purchase.
- Section 3:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

Clerk of Oxford City Council

INTRODUCED BY:

PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)



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STAFF REPORT

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	Service Department
PREPARED BY:	Michael Dreisbach
DATE PREPARED:	December 9, 2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	December 20, 2022
AGENDA TITLE:	Approval to Apply for ODOT Systemic Safety Grant
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	N/A
ACCOUNT CODE:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Approval
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	<i>DR</i> 12.14.22 MBD 12/9/2022

Discussion:

The Ohio Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) has announced a Systemic Safety Application Process to encourage grant applications to improve Roadway and Pedestrian safety. Promoted countermeasures for pedestrian safety improvements include Pavement Markings, Signage, Geometric Changes, Signals, and Lighting. Approved projects will require a 10% local funding match with applications being due by January 6, 2023.

The City has several areas where there are interruptions in sidewalk segments and the need for gap filling including Locust St. abutting the Duke substation and the drive apron to the Goodwill Retail Store.

It is the City Council's policy to require prior approval for grant applications greater than \$50,000. Staff is requesting approval to submit an application for potential projects with an estimated value not to exceed \$150,000.



ODOT's Systemic Safety Application Process



Overview

In January 2022, ODOT's Highway Safety Program began to accept project applications that focus on preventing injuries resulting from pedestrian and roadway departure crashes through systemic infrastructure improvements. Systemic improvements are meant to be proactive and widely implemented based on roadway features that have been associated with specific crash types. FHWA has identified a range of proven countermeasures that prevent pedestrian and roadway departure crashes, and ODOT wants to encourage project applications that focus on the implementation of these improvements. Applications will be due every January 31st and project sponsors will be notified of award in April. Applications should be coordinated with respective ODOT District Safety Review Teams at least six weeks in advance of the due date.

Funding

Project sponsors can request up to \$2 million for pedestrian and \$5 million for roadway departure safety improvements for all project phases. A 10% local match will be required. This match may be reduced/removed if the project sponsor meets certain financial distress criteria. Maintenance-related projects will not be accepted through this program.

Location Eligibility

Pedestrian

- Must be on a principal arterial, minor arterial, or major collector (Functional Classifications 3, 4, 5)
- *Additional metrics currently being analyzed, like AADT, number of lanes, speed, and AT Need and Demand Scores*



Roadway Departure

- Must be on a principal arterial, minor arterial, or major collector (Functional Classifications 3, 4, 5)
- *Additional metrics currently being analyzed, like AADT, number of lanes, lane widths and speed*



Promoted Countermeasures

Pedestrian

- Pavement Markings
 - High-visibility crosswalks
 - Advance yield markings
- Signage
 - Standard crosswalk signs (post-mounted or overhead)
 - RRFBs
 - Overhead signs
- Geometric Changes
 - Curb ramps
 - Raised crosswalks
 - Curb extensions
 - Reduced curb radii
 - Refuge islands
 - Sidewalk gap-filling
 - Road Diets
- Signals
 - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons
 - Accessible pedestrian signals
 - Pedestrian countdown signals
 - Leading pedestrian intervals
- Lighting

Roadway Departure

- Increasing pavement width to accommodate centerline and/or edge line rumble strips or stripes
- Wider shoulders for bicycles and/or buggies
- Improving roadside safety
- Rural context
 - Flattening end condition slopes
 - Modifying ditches
 - Removing Type-A guardrail
 - Removing/relocating fixed objects (trees, utility poles, etc.)
- Urban/suburban context
 - Removing Type-A guardrail
 - Removing/relocating fixed objects (trees, utility poles, etc.)
 - Road Diets

Application Requirements

For pedestrian project applications, project sponsors will provide prioritized locations that include countermeasures tied to each individual location, estimated cost by phase and funding source, a map of proposed improvements, as well as a list of Key Safety Metrics for each location. These applications should primarily focus on providing new or upgraded pedestrian crossings and strategic sidewalk gap-filling at multiple locations (systemic safety) - not just one location (spot safety).

For roadway departure project applications, project sponsors will provide a summary of the proposed changes by location/segment, any visual concepts developed, estimated cost by phase and funding source, a map of proposed improvements, as well as a list of Key Safety Metrics for each location.

More information on this program and other programs offered by ODOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program can be found [here](#).

Project Prioritization and Committee Review

Unlike the formal application process, systemic project applications will not be scored. Applications will be reviewed by a committee to ensure the project meets criteria, has accurate cost estimates and appropriate countermeasures. The amount awarded each round will be capped. If the total cost of projects that the committee approves goes beyond this amount, projects will be prioritized by cost efficiencies (getting more done for less) and equity measures, which include the project sponsor's funding history with the Highway Safety Program and financial distress metrics.

Additional Resources

[Systemic Approach to Safety - FHWA](#)

[Guide to Improving Pedestrian Safety at Uncontrolled Crossing Locations - FHWA](#)

[Pedestrian Safety Analysis - Walk.Bike.Ohio](#)

[Roadway Departure Safety Brochures - FHWA](#)

[Proven Safety Countermeasures - Safety | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO IMPROVE ROADWAY AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

WHEREAS, the ODOT has announced a Systemic Safety Application Process to encourage grant applications; and

WHEREAS, promoted countermeasures for pedestrian safety improvements include Pavement Markings, Signage, Geometric Changes, Signals, and Lighting; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian safety and Safe Passage for all continues to be a top priority for Council; and

WHEREAS, approved projects will require a 10% local funding match, with applications being due by January 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and the Service Director recommend the City Manager be authorized to submit a grant application requesting funding through the ODOT Systemic Safety Application Process.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, OHIO, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

SECTION 1: Council supports applying for grant funds to assist with Roadway and Pedestrian Safety Improvements.

SECTION 2: Should the grant be awarded to the City of Oxford, Oxford City Council agrees to obligate a 10% local funding match.

SECTION 3: Council hereby accepts the recommendation of the City Manager and the Service Director and further authorizes the City Manager to submit a grant application requesting funding through the ODOT Systemic Safety Application Process.

SECTION 4: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
INTRODUCED BY: WILLIAM SNAVELY
PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)



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STAFF REPORT

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	Finance
PREPARED BY:	Joe Newlin
DATE PREPARED:	12/15/2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	12/20/2022
AGENDA TITLE:	Then and Now Resolution
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	
ACCOUNT CODE:	Various
RECOMMENDATION:	Approval
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	JN 12/15/2022 <i>DRC</i> 12.15.22

DISCUSSION:

Staff is requesting Council to approve the then and now certificates for purchase orders issued above \$3,000 where an invoice was received prior to the purchase order date. We are requesting approval for compliance with the O.R.C. 5705.41 (d).

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED ABOVE \$3,000 WHERE AN INVOICE WAS RECIVED PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE ORDER DATE, AS A REQUIREMENT OF OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.41 (d).

WHEREAS, Council in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, shall approve any purchases made over \$3,000 where an invoice is dated prior to the purchase order date; and

WHEREAS, at the time the merchandise was purchased and at the time the purchase order was executed to cover the purchase, a sufficient sum was appropriated for the purpose of such contract and in the treasure or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriated fund free from any previous encumbrances; and

WHEREAS, there is a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract and in the treasure or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriated fund free from any previous encumbrances; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and the Finance Director recommend Council approve authorizing such certificates, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, OHIO, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

SECTION 1: Council hereby accepts the recommendation of the City Manager and the Finance Director approving Then and Now Certificates for purchase orders issued above \$3,000 where an invoice was received prior to the purchase order date.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: WILLIAM SNAVELY

PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)

Appendix A

P.O. Number	P.O. Date	Vendor	Amount	Purpose
3854	11/08/22	Axon Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 34,999.00	Subscription for Body Worn Cameras
3891	11/21/22	Revise, LLC	\$ 3,900.00	Annual Subscription
3911	12/02/22	Coolidge Wall Co., LPA	\$ 10,000.00	Professional Legal
3934	12/12/22	Nextstep Networking	\$ 6,100.00	Managed Service & Disaster Recovery
3938	12/14/22	Lexipol, LLC	\$ 13,074.16	Policy Management - Annual Subscription



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STAFF REPORT

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	Police
PREPARED BY:	Chief John Jones
DATE PREPARED:	12/7/2022
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	12/20/2022
AGENDA TITLE:	Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services grant for Violent Crime Reduction staffing.
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	\$218,376.33
ACCOUNT CODE:	
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve the resolution.
CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD APPROVAL:	<i>DRC</i> 12.8.22

DISCUSSION:

In July 2022, the Division of Police applied for a Federal COPS Hiring Grant as well as an Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services grant related to staffing. While we did not receive funding for the COPS grant, Governor DeWine's office recently announced that during the tenth round of Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grants, the Oxford Division of Police was awarded \$218,376.33 to supplement staffing to prevent and investigate violent crime.

Our grant application, 2022-AR-LEP-1041, is based on the hiring of one additional patrol officer position to backfill a vacancy of assigning a current officer to the Butler Undercover Regional Narcotics (BURN) Taskforce that is hosted by the Butler County Sheriff's Office. In 2020, OPD pulled the detective assigned to the BURN Taskforce out due to staffing shortages, further limiting our proactive efforts against substance abuse and correlating crime. Making an assignment back to the BURN Taskforce in FY2023 will allow for more proactive police work to prevent and reduce drug-related crime, drug overdoses, and increase the safety and quality of life in our community. This would require an additional police officer position bringing the total allotment to 21. This additional position would likely be hired in Q3 FY2023.

Once pre-award conditions are met, the City should expect to receive \$218,376.33 in funding by Q2 FY2023. This resolution authorizes the acceptance of the grant.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE OHIO VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$218,376.33.

WHEREAS, the Division of Police applied for a Federal COPS Hiring Grant as well as an Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Grant related to staffing; and

WHEREAS, the Oxford Division of Police was not awarded the COPS Grant; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine's office announced that the Oxford Division of Police was awarded \$218,376.33 to supplement staffing to prevent and investigate violent crime.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, BUTLER COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Manager and the Police Chief recommend that the City Manager be authorized to accept the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant in an amount not to exceed \$218,376.33.

SECTION 2: The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant in an amount not to exceed \$218,376.33

SECTION 4: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: WILLIAM SNAVELY

PREPARED BY: LAW(STAFF)