



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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Roll Call

William Snavelly, Mayor

Chantel Raghu, Vice Mayor

Amber Franklin

Jason Bracken

Alex French

Glenn Ellerbe

David Prytherch

Time 00:26

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor William Snavelly on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Bracken, David Prytherch, Amber Franklin, Alex French, Glenn Ellerbe, and Chantel Raghu.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

Time: 00:39

Approval of the Agenda

Time: 01:02

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE: (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Public Participation

Time 01:18

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.

Ms. Ann Bailey- 192 Stone Creek Drive - Ms. Bailey spoke as the team leader of her church's Committee to Eradicate Systemic Poverty. Ms. Bailey mentioned the committee was formed about two years ago, the committee started with lots of research, and has held several workshops. Ms. Bailey said the committee is focusing on affordable housing and wanted to let the Council know they support the creation of affordable housing. Ms. Bailey said she is grateful for the steps the City Council has taken to develop affordable housing.

Mr. Steven Snell- 6 Old Stone Court – Mr. Snell mentioned the disadvantages children face when wearing a mask at school. Mr. Snell spoke in favor of ending the indoor mask mandate.

Ms. Clarissa Snell- 6 Old Stone Court – Ms. Snell speaking as a former Middle school teacher echoed the disadvantages of wearing masks at school. Ms. Snell spoke in favor of ending the indoor mask mandate.

Mr. Chris Williams- Refused to give address – Mr. Williams mentioned the disadvantages of children wearing masks in school and reminded Council that some students who have hearing loss read lips and need to see the speaker’s face. Mr. Williams spoke in favor of ending the indoor mask mandate.

Ms. Amy Shaiman- 11 Heather Ridge Court – Ms. Shaiman thanked Council and City Staff for the intentionality and planning for what will happen tomorrow as well as things like sidewalks and sewage that might not be exciting. Ms. Shaiman mentioned the continued work and planning for everyone in the community especially the unhoused, those at risk of being unhoused, as well as those with food insecurity. Ms. Shaiman spoke in support of the indoor mask mandate.

Mr. Patrick Reeves – 900 East High Street – Mr. Reeves introduced himself as a first-year student at Miami University. Mr. Reeves spoke in favor of ending the indoor mask mandate.

Ms. Megan Kuykendoll- 1304 Dana Drive – Ms. Kuykendoll introduced herself as an Instructor at Miami University. Ms. Kuykendoll wanted to offer an alternative perspective to what has been mentioned this evening and thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. Ms. Kuykendoll spoke in favor of the indoor mask mandate.

Ms. Pam Durand- Milford Township Resident – Ms. Durand mentioned her two sons that wear hearing aids, and have social communication disorders and masks are not allowing them to be properly educated. Ms. Durand spoke in favor of ending the indoor mask mandate.

Consent Agenda

Time: 32:49

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 February 1, 2022 City Council Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 5 of the Agenda Packet**
- B. Report regarding the February 2, 2022 Environmental Commission Meeting (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director) **Page 26 of the Agenda Packet**
- C. Report regarding the February 8, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting (Sam Perry, Community Development Director) **Page 30 of the Agenda Packet**

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE: (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Resolutions

Resolution No. 7376

Time: 33:34

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1. A Resolution Declaring that it is Necessary to Improve those Portions of Certain Properties as Shown on Exhibit “A” Attached Hereto in the City of Oxford, Ohio by Re-Paving, Re-Curbing, and Repairing the Sidewalks, Curbs, and Gutters. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7376

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE: (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Resolution No. 7377

Time: 35:57

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2. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with GovOS to Provide Enforcement and Collection of the Short Term Rental Tax. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7377

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE: (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Resolution No. 7378

Time: 45:49

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3. A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Use an Action Style Template for Minutes Creation, Improving Accessibility and Transparency. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager) page 41 of the Agenda Packet

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7378

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE: (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Resolution No. 7379

Time: 54:59

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4. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application to Procter & Gamble for ADA Inclusive Playground Equipment. (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director)

Comments from the Public – Ms. Amy Shaiman – 11 Heather Ridge Court – Ms. Shaiman expressed her appreciation of Mr. Wooddell applying for this grant to make the City's playgrounds more accessible. Ms. Shaiman noted that kids should get to play regardless of physical limitations.

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7379

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE: (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

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

Comments from the Public None

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 3665

Time: 57:24

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1. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Easement Agreement Between the City of Oxford and Rams Holdings LTD., LLC for a Permanent Easement over Portions of Real Property as Set Forth in Exhibit “B” Attached Hereto for the Construction and Maintenance of a New Sanitary Sewer System to Serve Said Property.
(Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public - None

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 3665

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

AYE: Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu,

Mayor Snively (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Ordinance No. 3666

Time: 59:10

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2. An Ordinance Authorizing the City manager to Enter into an Easement Agreement Between the City of Oxford and 4-Leaf Development, LLC for a Permanent Easement over Portions of Real Property as Set Forth in “A” Attached hereto to Allow the Construction and Maintenance of a New Sanitary Sewer System to Serve Said Property. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public - None

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 3666

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE: Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken,

Mayor Snavelly (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Ordinance No. 3667

Time: 1:00:20

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1. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Easement Agreement Between the City of Oxford and 4-Leaf Development, LLC for Two Permanent Easements over Portions of Real Property as Set Forth in Exhibit “C” attached hereto and Labeled Exhibit “A” and “B” to Allow the Construction and Maintenance of a New Sanitary Sewer System to Serve Said Property. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director) page 65 of the Agenda Packet

Comments from the Public - None

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 3667

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

AYE: M. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe,

Mayor Snavelly (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Ordinance No. 3668

Time: 1:01:22

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2. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Easement Agreement Between the City of Oxford and 4-Leaf Development, LLC for a Permanent Easement over Portions of Real Property as Set Forth in Exhibit “B” Attached hereto for the Construction and Maintenance of a New Sanitary Sewer System to Serve Said Property. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public - None

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 3668

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE: Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin,

Mayor Snavelly (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Ordinance No. 3669

Time: 1:02:19

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3. An Ordinance Adopting a Revised and Amended Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvement Specifications and Backflow Cross Connection Control Manual. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public - None

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 3669

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

AYE: Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French,

Mayor Snavelly (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Ordinance No. 3670

Time: 1:03:41

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4. An Ordinance Granting the Request of Thad and Renee Van Winkle, to Connect to an Existing City Water Line for a New Single Family Residence to be Located on a 10 Acre Parcel on Bonham Road Outside the Oxford Corporate Limits. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public - None

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 3670

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

AYE: Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch,
Mayor Snavelly (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Ordinance No. 3671

Time: 1:04:53

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5. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3654 Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 2 to Make Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public - None

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 3671

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE: Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu,
Mayor Snavelly (7)

NAY: (0)

ABS: (0)

Announcements & Communications

In an effort to improve accessibility and transparency we will provide full transcripts until closed captioning for the video can be provided.

Remarks from City Council and City Staff

Time: 1:08:28

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.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Time: 1:29:09

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE: (7)

NAY:

ABS:

Public Comment to Council Form

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Submitted by: Tomoko Brown

Status: Completed

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



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* Comment(s)

Just wanted to send a quick email out before tonight's City Council meeting (February 15, 2022). I know there are multiple people who show up at every meeting to request the mask mandate to be removed as soon as possible. I have been watching every City Council meeting online. Please know that there are some of us with little kids (specifically kids under age 5, who are not even eligible to get vaccinated yet) who have been avoiding attending

these in-person meetings in a small tight crowded space. While others are trying to move on and trying to go back to "normal", The families with young children have been ignored and forgotten from the consideration and discussion for these mandates. I know those who are against the mask mandate have been loud at the meetings, but please do not forget us. Our family, along with many others in this community, still support the mask mandate. We think the numbers haven't come down enough and Miami University is keeping the mask mandate until March. Therefore, I do not see the reason why we have to remove the mask mandate at this point. Thank you very much. Tomoko Brown 100 Prevalent Drive, Oxford, OH 45056

Make a public comment for review by City Council

From: noreply=revize.com@turbo-smtp.info on behalf of noreply@revize.com
To: [Heather Barbour](#)
Subject: Contact Form
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 10:54:49 AM

Name = Joanne Gerson

Phone-Number = 513-793-2648

Email-Address = fcgg@greenumbrella.org

Message-Content = Dear Council members of Oxford, You will be so proud of your local university students working to protect the environment. I hope you can attend Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 4:00pm ET, to hear student activists from six local universities (Cincinnati State, Miami University, Mount Saint Joseph, Northern Kentucky University, University of Cincinnati and Xavier University) discuss current campus efforts to address climate change. Join us online via Zoom to hear these bright university students discuss their current ideas and initiatives for how we can all collectively work towards building a better future for both the environment and humankind. This program is brought to you by Faith Communities Go Green in collaboration with Green Umbrella and EquaSion. To register, please visit <https://greenumbrella.org/faith/> Respectfully, Joanne Gerson Co-Chair, FAITH COMMUNITIES GO GREEN A Green Umbrellas and EquaSion Collaborative
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Request has been sucessfully updated.

Public Comment to Council Form

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Submitted by: Kerry Pulaski

Status: Acknowledged

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)**

I was made aware that Council is considering uses for the \$1.2M of American Rescue Plan Funds. I understand that low to moderate income housing in the Western Knolls is under consideration, even though it is not one of the options available for how the money can be used. I would not support using the funds for this endeavor, especially given the fact that it is not one of the four options available for use of the funds. I hope City Council will consider uses that are in compliance with how the funds can be used. I would also not support funds for low income housing in Oxford. I would need to better understand how that would be beneficial to the community. Rather, we should concentrate on attracting new businesses, which would generate jobs and additional tax revenue for the community.

Make a public comment for review by City Council

Mayor Snavelly: I'd like to call the meeting to order. And Heather will you call roll

Clerk: Ms. Raghu here. Mr. Bracken here. Mr. Ellerbe here. Ms. Franklin here, Ms. French here, Mr. Prytherch here. Mayor Snavelly. Here.

Mayor Snavelly: We will now move to the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Snavelly: I would entertain a motion to approve the Agenda

Ms. Raghu: So moved

Ms. Franklin: Second

Mayor Snavelly: Seconded. Any discussion? Any changes? All those in favor, say aye. Aye. Aye. Thank you. Uh, at this time we move to public participation. Uh, anyone wishes to address council on items that are not on the agenda or not the consent agenda now would be your time to come on forward. We welcome you to come and talk to us for up to five minutes, state your name and address for the record and we will welcome you. Yes. Come on up

Ms. Bailey: Mask on or off.

Mayor Snavelly: You can take it off if you want.

Ms. Bailey: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. I think you're far enough away from us.

Ms. Bailey: Okay.

Ms. Bailey: Good evening to all of you. My name is Ann Bailey. Uh, I live at 1 92 stone Creek Drive in Oxford. I've lived in Oxford since 1975. So I'm a long term citizen. I am a member of the Oxford Presbyterian church committee and team leader of the committee on eradicating systemic poverty, which was formed in well about two years ago, early 2020. And we are a group of volunteers who are passionate about the issue of poverty. We, even though most of us knew something about issues related to poverty began by researching the issue. And then as time went on, we became more active in the community. We held a seminar in the summer of 2021. Some of you here this evening attended that. We also held a research, uh, uh, a workshop on eradicating systemic poverty. In August of that year in the seminar, we had two women who test testified and told us about their live living in poverty and what the biggest challenges they faced and foremost among those challenges was the issue of affordable housing

Ms. Bailey: In our eradicating systemic poverty workshop. We learned much the same thing as well as issues we related to adequate food supplies, transportation, and childcare. We did,

uh, a follow up to the workshop we held in August in November. And again, we focused on what are the issues people are facing related to poverty. But this time we talked about, well, what can we do about it? It, once again, the issue of affordable housing came up. We decided as a team in our church to focus much of our efforts on that issue. And we recognize, and if you think about it, that affordable housing is a major step in addressing the issues related to poverty. You really can't go to school and learn and function. If you don't sleep well at night, you can't do well in your job or be a good parent. If you're living in the cold or worried about insects and rain and other issues related to your housing, a comfortable home means so much.

Ms. Bailey: I am here to say to council that I hope you know, that we in the young Presbyterian Church and other churches as well are committed to support the creation of affordable housing. Also, we are very grateful to all of you. We know what you're doing. We are grateful that you have taken steps, significant steps to develop affordable housing in our community already, especially by working with the Episcopal retirement project. We wish you well in continuing these efforts, we will support you in whatever way we can as citizens of our community. Thank you so much for listening to me.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much. Appreciate you coming. Would anyone else like to address council?

Steven Snell: Hey, good evening. My name's Steve Snell live here in Oxford with my wife. Uh, my young son. I appreciate you taking the time to hear my comments. Uh, I'm not gonna discuss the efficacy of masks. I'm not really gonna discuss the mandate specifically. I have had a chance for the past four or five weeks to take a look at it. And again, I think I mentioned last time I noticed this is an emergency ordinance that verbatim declares an emergency. So at the height of January case rates in Ohio for a seven day period were about 28,000. Now we're at about 1300 today with about a 2,907 day average. So if it was an emergency then, and now we're at 10% of that rate, are we still on an emergency? If so then why were we not in emergency five months ago, five and a half months ago.

Steven Snell: These case rates are as low as they've been in the past six months lower actually. So I guess my question would be, you know, much as was raised August 16th, when this first mass mandate was considered by this council, what are the metrics to shut this thing off? Because you had a lady, I won't call her out by name, but she was a very good speaker who came up here when this first brewed up and said, I would like to see I'm speaking in her voice. She said, I would like to see data on hospitalization rates and cases and deaths for Oxford, not for 45056, not for Butler County, not for Ohio, not for Dallas County, Texas for Oxford that has never been produced. We are swinging in the wind. We are relying on statistics at a national and a county level, state level, and even plucking red herrings outta Florida, California, New Jersey, and Texas and making decisions off of that.

Steven Snell: And, and that's dangerous, frankly. I think it's dangerous. It's dangerous in a lot of ways. I, I think every medical intervention has a cost and masks are no different. You can talk around that all you want. But if my child's autistic, if my child has speech issues, if my

child would like to go more than 23 months without seeing his two each or smile at him, when he walks in the door, that's a cost to your medical intervention that you have foisted on this city. You have, your vote has done that. So I would hope that you would consider that. The other thing I hope you would consider when it comes to small children. And, you know, I would say all the way up to college students is just the general concept of intellectual honesty. If this is not making a difference, why are we doing it? And if it is making a difference, why are you not voting to reinstate it tonight? Let's carry it through April or 4th of July or forever. Next flu season Wear 'em for the rest of your lives. But if it's not, then how can I look at my 12 year old son and tell him, you need to put on a mask. Why does it make a difference? We don't know that, but it might. And someone is telling you to, no, I am too anchored in intellectual honesty to do that now, wherever. So I hope you guys will take all that a hundred consideration. And frankly, I hope you vote to resend this emergency mandate because

Steven Snell: I don't see the chief here tonight, but I know some members of the audience have been in an actual emergency, and this is not an emergency when you're running 10% of the case rates, you were four weeks ago, guys need to do some he's stand up and lead. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Snavelly: Anyone

Mayor Snavelly: Else like to address council?

Clarissa Snell: Hey guys, I'm Clarissa Snell, Steven's wife. Um, I don't have the nice prepared statements that he does. Um, but I did seem to send you an email earlier today and I don't know if you had a chance to see it. Um, I decided to send it a little bit late and I understand, um, I appreciate Mr. Staley's response. I understand that we might be in a time crunch to be able to pass an emergency, um, vote tonight on that. And, um, I would have to disagree with that because I've had people that I don't even know in this community reach out because they know that Steven and I speak and have been in the attendance since August at these meetings. And they're asking, what can we do to drop this mandate? So our kids don't have to wear mask at school anymore because frankly, you guys are the gatekeepers between our kids' education, the quality of that education and how they move forward in life, how this community moves forward. And I think the timing's perfect because with the, um, Oxford tomorrow, if I have a, I don't, if I have a correct or not, but you know, as we come together and we focus on this community, what does this community look like?

Clarissa Snell: It's a hot mess right now. You know, I mean, all honesty Because we need leadership. We need quality leadership that says we're moving in a direction where we can come together, despite our differences And how this trickles down to kids really relies on you and on the school, the school board and our superintendent. And It, it, I, I think you're reaching a point with these parents that they need strong leadership and they need to see somebody be an advocate for kids. Because for the past two years, no one has been an advocate for kids. Our kids have taken the backseat

Clarissa Snell: For two years. They've been told to think of others to do the right thing for others while they sacrifice their education and their emotional development and their social development. And now we need to stand up for our kids. It is their time. And frankly, Mr. Bracken, I'm gonna call you out because you as a former middle school teacher and I, myself as a former middle school teacher, I would expect you out of every single leader within this community school board included to understand the dynamics of a middle school student and what they have been through. We need to be advocates for our kids. So I appreciate if it's not possible tonight to drop the mask mandate that you find time amongst yourselves to get together and, and find a way to make that emergency ordinance, that emergency mandates come to an end, cuz this community's ready to move forward. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much.

Chris Williams: Hello. My name is Chris Williams. Uh, Oxford member, um, just wanna kind of come up here and talk. I wasn't planning on doing it, but, um, I would like you to continue to look at my son and I, unlike you, didn't Ms. Snell, um, kept looking down, but my son here, you know, this is his second year in school. He he's a first grader. He's never had a normal day in school. He's been bullied from profession, from the administrators at Talawanda over mask. We've had doctors notes and things to, to go over that. But I'm not really here to talk about those specific things at Talawanda, but you all need to realize the impact you're putting on this community and children like him every day, we sit around the dinner table and we say, what is your high? What is your low of the day?

Chris Williams: Just kind of talking about our kids lives and, and what they have to say. And every day he says my, my, my low is wearing a mask and I that's just something you guys all need to understand. Okay? You're all adults. You have the ability to walk around, take masks off whenever you want. Even when you're in situations like the rest of us back there, you have the choice, but when you're a first grader and you're school and all of the adults around you treat you terribly for pulling the mask off your face to take a breath of fresh air, then that's a problem. It's child abuse. He comes home upset, lashes out. I mean, he was in, he was in preschool daycare for years before we started up here at Talawanda. He was the happiest kid ever. He comes home, aggravated all the time, lashing out, fighting with his sister.

Chris Williams: I mean, I get it. That's some stuff small kids do, but this is ridiculous. And it, I can a hundred percent cuz mom and I can tell you that from the way that they treat him at school, he hates going to school all Monday mornings. He loves coming home. He loves having the fresh air all weekend. And then he is gotta go back and deal with the ridicule and terrible stuff that you guys put him through. And we asked Talawanda to, to change it. You know what? The response back to us is, well, Oxford voted it in and this is what we have to do. I had his discussion with Dr. Thore in his office. He hides behind all of you, all of you. He's a first grader. You can take, you tell me to settle down. You understand?

Mayor Snavelly: I'm not telling you to settle down.

Chris Williams: Okay, well, that's,

Mayor Snively: I appreciate you coming. And I know it's not easy, right? To speak in front of a group. I'm saying to the rest of the, a crowd. If you wanna speak, come up at no yelling out. Don't interrupt the gentleman.

Chris Williams: Okay? I appreciate what they're saying though. But I mean, this is ridiculous. And you guys, like I said, you're all adults. You have a choice to do what you want to do. As you go through the day, knowing another adult gonna shame. You puts you down for pulling your mask off your face and taking a breath, brush your breath, fresh air at your desk. Anywhere else, these kids don't have that opportunity. And quite frankly, they don't have the opportunity when they go outside on recess. Not all of the schools are participating in no mask during recess his school. Marshall, when he goes out to recess, he's gotta wear a mask and he's gotta make sure he is socially distant. The first day we sent him to school with no mask on. When he got in trouble, you know, he came home, taught us. And then we got, we got a written permission that he can have a face shield. I can't wear my face shield. I'm gonna make somebody sick. He's in first grade. That's how you, people are making first graders feel. They're afraid to make other people sick. And you think that that's okay.

Chris Williams: You all need to do an emergency vote. It's ridiculous. You guys all think this works. I'm an engineer, a mechanical engineer, the master's degree. I'll tell you what everyone, that pieces of crap on your face is not blocking a bit of this virus. It has been proven in, in hundreds of studies, but you know what it is doing. It's blocking his smile to his teacher. You guys are all supposed to be doctors and educated and stuff. Well, what is, what is communication? Most of communication is nonverbal my daughter back there. She's got a hearing aid. Okay. We learned out she, she has here problems. You know how she helps? Helps what helps her communicate, watching people's lips. Can I see anyone of your lips? No. So like I said, I didn't have anything prepared to say, but I'm pretty aggravated at the way you guys make our fam all of our families feel it's ridiculous because like, uh, Steve said you have no data. And the data that you do have, if you actually looked at the science would tell you that none of those work I've seen all of you pull 'em down. As I'm sitting back there,

Chris Williams: It's cute. How you think it protects you. It's really cute, but really it's just tyranny, pure tyranny. And like Steve said, you're treating teaching children, things you're teaching 'em to just suck it up and deal with whatever the government tells you to do. Is that how you want America to be how you want generations of students, the next people to carry the torch, the flags that you sit behind. Like you want them to just learn that America? Oh, we just do whatever the government tells you to. Maybe you should turn off the fake news. Look at Canada. They're standing up because the government is telling 'em no matter what they do, they're gonna put 'em down. So you're all did I understand my five minutes is out, but I'm done it. It is okay. But you guys all need to stop and think I'm done.

Clerk: Mr. Williams, can I please get your address?

Chris Williams: No, I'm gonna put my, my son's standing. You think I'm gonna put my address on camera? Are you serious? That's more of your, you don't understand it do you.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you for coming. Okay. Seeing no others, we will move on. Oh, I'm sorry.

Amy Shaiman: Good evening. Amy Shaman, 11 Heather Ridge Court. Um, I to say thank you. I appreciate the care and the seriousness that this entire community, especially council and city staff take what for planning and for intentionality, both what will happen tomorrow, as well as things like rules about sidewalks and sewage and other things that we see on the agenda, that aren't necessarily as exciting as yelling about opinions or, or other things, but things that do make a quality of life difference in our community. I wanna encourage a continued work for planning for everyone in our community, especially the unhoused, those at risk for being unhoused, as well as those with food insecurity. I also wanna comment on masks. I, I understand this is a very heated item, um, but our numbers are still up. They're still high. There is no forecast to date anymore for when children under five will have the opportunity and the privilege to be vaccinated.

Amy Shaiman: Every time it gets close, it's getting pushed back. It's now gotten pushed back again to April after just being pushed back to February. So I think we need to that there are people in our community who do not even have the option for their parents to help them become vaccinated. Our country still has more people dying every day than we're killed on 9- 11. Those of us who are old enough to remember 9- 11 might remember the pain of hearing about those 3000 lives that were taken on that day and how it changed our country. Why is it now acceptable that that many people are dying every day and we're approaching a million deaths to this disease. I served our country because I care about all of us, people with whom I agree and the people that I don't agree with, the only way out of a pandemic, according to science is vaccination and masking. Those who refuse to do so are making this pandemic last longer. So if you want this to end, please get vaccinated and wear a mask. They make a difference. Let's continue caring about each other and keep our masks on. Thank you. You.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Come on forward. Welcome.

Patrick Reeves: Thank you. My name is Patrick Reeves. I'm a first year student at Miami. Um, I live at 900 East High Street in room 1 0 5. And I just quickly wanted to pose a question and maybe elaborate on some points that others have made already. I just want to know what the line is for, uh, ending this mandate because I believe, uh, Councilman Bracken and Mayor Snavelly, uh, previously you said that vaccination rates at Miami would, if they exceeded 80%, we might revisit the issue on this mandate. And currently last I checked, I believe that the numbers were at about 92% vaccination rate. Uh, Miami has their testing program in place, and at least from where I stand, I see no clear area on when this will. And, um, it's also, geez, I can't speak for all of the families in here. Obviously I don't have kids, so I have this affects me differently.

Patrick Reeves: I'm not going through the same, um, you know, scrutinization in school, but I wanted to make the point that, um, I'll be scrolling through Instagram every weekend. I see

pictures of people without their masks on. And I just want to know what exactly is this doing? If every weekend people are going out and spitting in its face because it feels like to me, it's doing anything. So at this point, why do we even have it in place as I believe someone else made the point of, um, also Xavier? I don't know if you guys saw Xavier just removed or is about to remove its mandate cities with much larger population densities out in California, Washington, DC, they're removing their mandates. We could work together and be on the front edge of this and remove our mandate and work together. But you know, even, even just for a period of time, like a trial period, we could have it and see, you know, we've been playing this cat and mouse game.

Patrick Reeves: We've gone through with this mandate for a while now, but maybe it's time to let us make our own decisions. Obviously there's a big debate and it's all going to be subjective about where your personal health decisions start and end and where the government interference starts and ends. Right? Like I, you know, everyone's gonna have their own opinion on that. It's futile trying to change your minds on that, but we've already tried one way. Why not have a trial period where we see how we do making our choices? And you know, what if the Oxford data goes up to insane rates? Sure. Maybe we implement the mask mandate again, if it's going to help, but having the knowledge that you guys are listening to us and actually taking into consideration, what we're saying is important because I know last semester someone came up here and made a very good point about how it feels like there's no connection, there's no listening, there's no empathy, nothing.

Patrick Reeves: It feels like everything is already predetermined. And if that's the case, then why are we all here today? Right? Like, why are we here? If we believe that you are not going to even take the time of day to listen to us? Um, so I think that's very important that we at least feel like what we're saying is being taken into consideration. Um, regardless of whether you decide to implement what we suggest or not even having an open discussion and maybe clarifying the line of when this might end would be extremely helpful. So thank you all for your time today. I really appreciate everyone. That's also gone before me and spoken and making your voices heard, um, and have a good night.

Mayor Snively: Thank you very much for coming tonight. While the next person's coming up, I did wanna mention that according to the legislation that was passed, the mass ordinance, um, mandate ends on March 1st. So there is, and, and yes.

Megan Kuykendoll: Hi, I'm Megan.

Mayor Snively: Go ahead.

Megan Kuykendoll: Uh, Megan Kuykendoll 1304 Dana Drive. Um, I wanted to offer an alternative perspective to some of what has been mentioned today, but before I do that, I did want to thank you for this public opportunity for all of us to share. I think it is important that we get to get your community voices, a diversity of those expressions and have opportunities for people to do that. Um, and so I appreciate there being time and that's part of our process. Um, I am absolutely saddened to hear some of the stories and experiences that children are having with addressing the masks in schools. Um, but this

has not been my experience. My family's experience quite a wide variety of other families with children in school, especially those elementary age kids. And largely what I have seen is that when you make it part of the process, the kids figure out how to handle it.

Megan Kuykendoll: We've done some trial and error to figure out what masks are gonna be comfortable and useful in all of those kinds of things. Um, and yes, that is an extra burden on families. And I do acknowledge that, that it can be difficult, an extra ask ESP actually, when you know, you're getting ready, you're running out the door. That can be really difficult that said, um, again, from my observations, um, for a limited amount of time in school, as well as in the process of getting to school, a lot of kids have adjusted. Um, going back to the comments about non-verbal communication, yes, a large portion of our faces are covered, but there are still many, many ways that we can express ourselves. Um, thinking about other ways to communicate emotion, you can see smiles, you can see the, the emotion behind the words, even if you cannot physically see the teeth part of your face.

Megan Kuykendoll: Um, and there are also masks that do provide some of that visibility. Um, that was something that was offered to me as an instructor at Miami teaching students that have visual impairments, having masks that allow them to see my mouth. Um, and I also think that it's important that we think about the care piece of this equation, because the way that masks are most effective is if others are wearing it rather than you wearing it just by yourself. And I think that's a piece that is really, really difficult for us in our kind of individualistic, um, mode. And it's important that we demonstrate that care for other people. And that is how, when I ask others, um, to wear masks because of the current Miami mandate, when I am in my classroom, we talk about that and we talk about demonstrating care and you, yes, it can be uncomfortable.

Megan Kuykendoll: And we find ways to take breaks. And again, from my observations and talking to some folks at schools, they are offering breaks, there are opportunities to manage those systems. Um, again, I don't know what specifically has been happening in the school experience mentioned. I am surprised at that because of the other things that I have heard about the ways that faculty at the schools are accommodating those students. I also want to note that Oxford businesses are supported by this mandate. When we think about business owners who we don't know their health circumstances at home, we don't know what they're dealing with within their kind of exposure bubble and all of those kinds of things that having this mandate helps them feel confident, asking people to wear masks when others enter their business establishment. And I find that to be important, especially with, um, the level of resistance that there tends to be when there is not a mandate in place. Um, I also recognize that it is unlikely to extend the mask mandate, but I feel like the March deadline or the March expiration is helpful. It does offer an end. It offers an end that fits within some other systems. Um, again, masks have really decreased flu, strep, other things that typically run through the schools, like just all over the place, um, especially during the winter months. And so I just appreciate the effort and thought that I's gone into it and just wanted to share an alternate set of observations. Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much. Come on forward. So glad you came.

Pam Durand: Hello. Thank you for letting me speak today. My name is Pam Durand and I live in Milford Township and I am a community member. I I've been a community member for over 30 years since my childhood. And, um, I, I just wanted to express the same concerns that because Oxford city council has mandated these masks. They are allowing Talawanda to hide behind that bail. And I have two sons that have hearing they're deaf heart of hearing, and they wear double hearing aids. Both of them, they have social communication disorders and the masks are not allowing them to properly be educated. So this is very exactly what she was saying. You don't know what is happening in each home. There are circumstances that people are judged for just for not wearing the masks and, and that is not acceptable and it needs to change. And it can change here. I've been in part of Oxford when it was a great place to live, and I would really like to see us all come together and for it to be that again. So differences of opinion should be welcome no matter what. And I would really like to see Oxford be great again. Thank you very much.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Thank you all for coming. If I wanna let you know that council does listen to you. We don't always agree with every person since we've had people on both sides of it. You should can see that that would be impossible, but we do listen. And, uh, I certainly welcome you to come here and to express your views. And you may not know it since there are probably council members who agree with each of you. Uh, so there's not, I don't pick unanimity on this council. Uh, we will move next to the consent agenda and I have a motion to approve it.

Ms. Raghu: So moved

Mr. Prytherch: Mr. Mayor, did we approve the agenda or did I just link through that? Yeah. Yes we did. Okay. And I, I know we called in order, but I didn't know if we approve.

Mayor Snavelly: Yeah, we did.

Mr. Prytherch: Okay. Yeah. I just wanna double check. Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Somebody could if they wanted to, uh, amend it. Um, so it's been moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Is there any discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor indicate by saying aye. Aye. Aye. Thank you. All right. We'll move to resolutions. You may read the first one please,

Clerk: A resolution declaring, but it is necessary to improve those portions of certain properties as shown on exhibit A attached here two in the City of Oxford, Ohio by repaving recurbing, and repairing the sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay. I have a motion this resolution.

Ms. Raghu: So moved

Ms. French: second

Mr. Dreisbach: Good Evening.

Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you. Um, we are currently planning for our summer street resurfacing and improvement program. And as part of that, um, we require, uh, curb gutter and sidewalk to be, uh, repaired where it's defective. Uh, we have already sent courtesy notices to all of the property owners involved, uh, with the summer construction program. Uh, but we're following Ohio Revised Code 7. 29, and the procedure set forth with that. So this is a formality to begin that process. Uh, this is the first of four pieces of legislation that's necessary. So this is a resolution of necessity. Uh, it will be followed by a resolution to approve a construction contract. Uh, there'll be a resolution to inform property owners of the actual cost of the improvements. And then finally an ordinance to levy the special assessments, uh, on each parcel. So as I said, uh, this is not a surprise to the property owners. They've already received notices and uh, many of them have already, uh, pulled permits and are moving forward to get repairs made. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Thank you very much. Is there anyone from the public who would like to address this it or my agenda? See none counselors, discussion, questions. Are we ready to vote? Okay. All those in favor, indicate by saying aye. Aye. Aye. Opposed. Thank you.

Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Resolutions adopted. Please read the next.

Clerk: A resolution authorizing the city manager to, into a contract with Gov OS to provide enforcement and collection of short term rental tax.

Ms. Greene: Good evening.

Mayor Snavelly: I have a motion to adopt this Resolution

Ms. Raghu: So moved

Ms. Franklin: Second

Ms. Greene: Good evening. Got ahead myself. Um, in August council passed an ordinance that extended the hotel lodging and convention tax to include short term rentals, the tax of the 3% lodging tax and the 3% convention tax. The 3% convention tax will go to enjoy Oxford to support tourism initiatives and the 3% lodging tax from the short term rental properties will go into a housing trust fund. It is unknown how much tax will be collected via short term rentals. And the collection of the tax has proven to be very challenging, um, as properties go on and off these online listings frequently. So we have been researching different ways to address the collection of this tax. And we kind of narrowed down our options to three. One is use the honor system and just ask short term rental providers to please sign up and pay the tax. Two is to require staff to

monitor these online sites and kind of see who's listed and find their address and try to like say, Hey, sign up and pay this tax in third is to use our registration and enforcement tool to monitor this for the city after significant research, a review of the product demonstrations and checking references.

Ms. Greene: In other communities, we propose that the contract with gov OS for of the enforcement and collection of the short term rental tax gov OS will identify the properties regularly by collecting data from these online sites. So they kind of have a, an online AI tool that goes out and looks for these properties going on and off that go so far as to estimate the tax owed based on calendar dates that are, are blacked out. Um, they will have an online portal for us for the registration of our short term providers, and then they provide a portal for the actual tax collection. So it makes it kind of a one stop shop for the short term rental providers. This contract is actually under the amount required that we would need to you as council. Um, but we wanted you to be aware of the amount that it is costing to try to do this, um, enforcement.

Ms. Greene: Um, the original we've got after some negotiation, the contract is \$24,473 and 25 cents. We don't know how much short term tax will be collected. Other communities have told us they feel it's worthwhile. Like they're getting more than just the honor system or, or trying to have staff monitor it. And so we are recommending a one year trial period with gov a OS to see how much taxes collected to see then if a further, um, contract with them is worthwhile to try to get funds for, um, this, for our housing trust fund. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much with anyone from the public like to address this item before council seeing none, counselor discussion or questions.

Ms. French: Okay. Question. So, uh, just cause we did get an email about this. Um, so let's say I'm a short term rental agent owner, renter type entity. If I'm super great about paying my taxes, I've already handcuffs in the past. Is this portal. I think it's the confusion is coming up from like monitoring versus enforcement, cuz you reference it as being a one stop shop. So if I'm a really like super on point on task, is this gonna make my life easier? Or is this kind of more coming from the enforcement piece for those who maybe are a little bit more lax or like not as forthcoming about paying those taxes

Ms. Greene: In theory? Cause it's a trial, right? Um, it would be both where they would have kind of a one stop shop where they're like I'm a short term rental owner, they get a letter from go gov OS saying it's time to pay your taxes and then they can just pay online through that portal. Um, so that is the reason we're recommending it. And then for those people who maybe aren't as, um, attentive as some others, it will send, you know, reminder letters to them saying your estimated tax is blank based on your block, your blacked out dates on the, um, calendar.

Ms. French: Okay. So in theory this to make it easier for folks.

Ms. Greene: Yes. Okay.

Mr. Newlin: And just a point of clarification nobody's ever remit taxes. So this is brand new to them. So this is, you've thought this is an easiest solution for them to have a place to go, that they would actually register and pay their taxes. So nobody's and paying taxes.

Ms. French: Got It

Mr. Newlin: If they didn't do it correctly, they will because they, they followed the W2 or the 10 99 or put the file with federal tax after 14 days, you're supposed to report that income. So they may have been doing the federal level. Which they would've done. And this is completely different because this is going for specific purposes.

Mayor Snavelly: Could, could you describe how motels and hotels currently comply with the same tax?

Ms. Greene: Yeah. So there are six, six hotels in Oxford, right? Or, yeah. And they, um, can run a report of their lodging rates for the month and then they remit their tax monthly to the city of Oxford. So they pay directly to the city of Oxford. There's only six properties and they run like a, a data report pay. Um, and we have really good compliance with our lodging tax from our hotel years. If we see that someone hasn't paid, cuz there's only six, we can just call and be like, is everything okay? You know, blah, blah. And um, and they're like, oh yeah. And then they kind of just get right on it for the most part with an estimated 90 to a hundred and some short term rentals that pick up the phone call relationship is a little harder to obtain with, with the number of properties that we have.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Other questions?

Mr. Ellerbe: Hey Jessica. So this is effectively Rita, but for short term rentals.

Ms. Greene: Sure. Yeah.

Mr. Ellerbe: Just conceptually in my mind it feels a lot like it, like it's a website it's collecting tax. It's not exactly a city of Oxford, but it's representing your city of Oxford.

Ms. Greene: Yes.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Glen.

Mr. Prytherch: So just a couple questions. So I've seen in other cities that Airbnb will collect, um, that percentage, but ultimately that goes back to the owner and the owner has to voluntarily remit it. So there's no way for, to get Airbnb to send us the taxes ultimately arrests on the, the owner.

Ms. Greene: Correct, so it'll still because the owner will have to put the owner behind the scenes will put that tax under the Airbnb site and then the owner is responsible for then turning it in, but they can still build it into their platform. They can say that we have this tax on their platform.

Mr. Prytherch: Okay. And then, um, so we do have a little bit of honor system data and we just haven't had anything remitted yet. So, um, so yeah, I think that this is, I, I, I think that we have, what's not a small industry in Oxford that is very impactful and I think it should pay its fair way. And um, and this seems like a way to do that. I, I think the honor system sounds wonderful, but I think that this just ensures that people comply speed. Yep.

Ms. Franklin: And I appreciate that, um, the funds are going, taken from the community assistant fund and not affecting the, the housing trust fund. So

Ms. Greene: Yes. And the reason it's just a trial period, cuz we really don't know. And so we didn't want the housing trust fund to go negative just in case. Like we think we'll be able to collect enough, but because we're not sure we're using it out of another fund for this year and then we'll know more and can come back to you with, with what we propose

Ms. Franklin: And what is enough, what

Ms. Greene: It'll be at least this 24,000 that

Ms. Franklin: Okay.

Mr. Prytherch: So I, I think you put it at end, but um, yeah, regardless of whether this trial is, I imagine the value of the new information you're gonna get through, installing it for a year would be very significant. And even if we didn't go with them after that, we would've learned stuff that we wouldn't have learned. Otherwise it would help us going forward after that point. Is that that right?

Ms. Greene: Yeah. I think we would have data on how many properties we have and yeah.

Mr. Prytherch: Okay.

Ms. Raghu: And as a no brainer question, the websites would be all inclusive. Right. It's like, Airbnb, BRBO and like maybe Craigslist.

Ms. Greene: I'm assuming. Uh, I don't, I don't know if it includes Craigslist, but I can check with them. I know it does cover Airbnb and B R B O and that's a new one, uh, VACA or something, but it covers those for sure. I'll ask about Craigslist.

Mr. Prytherch: Is there a way, um, I guess some people are not practically up, we're not on those platforms, but may be registered with the city, you know? And so for those people who are occasional, is there a way to at least communicate that this is the place to voluntarily remit? Um, like if I do this and I want to pay my taxes,

Ms. Greene: We will send out a notice to everyone who we know so far. Okay. And say, this is how you read stern and remit your tax. Like, like you said, like Rita for short-term rental. Right.

Mr. Prytherch: Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay. And are you ready to vote all those in favor indicate by saying aye. Aye. Opposed? Resolution is adopted. When you're ready read the third one.

Clerk: A resolution authorizing the clerk of council to use an action style minutes template for minutes creation, improving accessibility and transparency.

Mayor Snavelly: Is there a motion to adopt

Ms. Raghu: So moved

Ms. Franklin: Second

Mayor Snavelly: And moved and seconded and we back to you

Ms. Greene: Hello? So, um, I love titles and names. And so Heather and I have named this, the efficiency and transparency project. Um, and it has three phases. Um, but you know, with, with new stuff and new people, you have an opportunity to look at things with new eyes. And, and so we have been kind of looking at how do we do minutes? Are they excessive is the way we provide our information to the public, easy to use and searchable. And in all honesty, we found like we think we should, can be making some improvements. And so we would like to propose a phased solution of the way that we, um, do our public records. And the first would be the minutes format at we found in our research that a lot of cities that do video streaming, such as we do where the video is out there, do an action minutes format, which includes the agenda item, a timestamp of when in the meeting it is.

Ms. Greene: So it'll say go to minute 37 and 32 seconds. Um, the motion, the second and the vote. And we are recommending that we move to that model and we'd like to add, in addition to that, well, Hamilton does this. We really like their model. They also include the goal area of council. And we'd like to get there maybe after our council retreat. And then we'd also like to include the page number and the council packet that a person could go look at the full information. We believe that this will greatly improve the efficiency of staff, um, in our minutes creation because right now, um, and this is the same as the previous clerk. Um, it takes three to five days to compile the minutes, um, in the way that we do them now. And we can imagine by doing this how much time our staff could be doing on other things.

Ms. Greene: So that's our proposed phase one is action minutes. For some reason you feel uncomfortable with that. An alternative solution would be to use AI to do a full transcription. Technology has vastly improved. And this is like the weirdest thing to come out of. COVID for me is to see these transcription services working when we're having these YouTube meetings and zoom meetings and things. But for four hours of meetings a month annually for an AI transcription is \$720. So it, that would be an alternative if you didn't like the action minutes as, as a safeguard. Um, in addition to the video streaming, because if we're relying on the video, wanna make sure I have a really on recording. We're also doing an audio recording just so that we have a backup just in case our video would go down in the long term. We can imagine looking at our audio

visual equipment to see if there's any better streaming that we could be doing or something like that.

Ms. Greene: But in the short term, we're seeing action minutes with a backup of audio phase two and three longer term. That's not for tonight, but I want you to be aware of what we're thinking. So phase two would be our agendas in minutes, online management. Currently we use Granicus, which is \$14,000 a year. And that's where we put our agendas in, in minutes and things like that. Um, but with the increasing technology, we're wondering if that investment is still wise because there's a lot of other free services that have very similar search features. And so we're weighing the pros and cons and we hope to come to you with a recommendation by June. And then finally phase three would be records, retention management. We have a, a lot of paper files and just today, Heather had to go to a card catalog and like dig through paper and try to find something we're proposing that we spend time. Digitizing city manager, office records tagging them for search. And we would have an online portal, a tag for each item you can imagine contract with X, Y, Z, 2022. You know, some keywords that you can quickly pull that up. And we're proposing that we take this year to digitize city manager, office records, and then other departments, if we like it could be done in future years. So that's what we're is coming down the line in our efficiency and transparency project. Um, so with that, I'm happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much. Would anyone from the public like to address this item before the Council? Seeing none counselors, discussion.

Ms. Raghu: For the, I love this. This is awesome. Um, Granicus is not easy to use, um, for the video for the people with hearing impairments. I'm assuming there's closed captioning right on the videos

Ms. Greene: Currently not, but that could be one of our long term things that we're looking at with better video streaming would be the auto closed captioning.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay.

Mr. Prytherch: Yeah. That was my question. I love this idea too. I, I, we can do a much better job of our materials being accessible. Um, and you know, so, so far we have things that are not necessarily even text readable, but that's where I wonder whether it doesn't need to be an either or because I do worry about those people. If, if you had an, an impairment, the video is not gonna be really useful to you. Um, and so that the transcription, the AI transcription is, is it either, or is a transitional thing, we maintain the AI for those people. Yeah. I just worry about having,

Ms. Greene: I honestly, it's up to you guys. If you want us to provide a full trans, we are recommending the action minutes with the full video. I could look at speeding up our, uh, video streaming upgrade to include, um, like if we, if we live streamed on Granicus or whatever platform we use, but then we live streamed out to YouTube. YouTube has the auto transcription. We're not currently doing that, but we could try to do that sooner than later. I was proposing June for that.

Mr. Prytherch: But one way or the other \$720 a year is the additional service. Yeah. So it's, yes. I mean, the, the efficiency gained, I mean, knowing how much Maryanne put into minutes and the, and, and Heather puts into the minutes are beautiful, but, but there's a better you of, of staffer's time. Uh, so I, a hundred percent support of it, especially if we can maintain the accessibility across.

Mayor Snavelly: I, I think it's very difficult too, for staff to try and accurately capture what somebody says in a paragraph when they spent five minutes talking it, you know, it's not really fair.

Ms. Franklin: I think the accessibility is really important. I don't know if you remember, but when we had gone to zoom during the early part of the pandemic, I'd asked if there could be a sign language and you looked into some of that sign language interpreter. Um, but if we could, if we could expedite getting that, um, transcript, um, that would be really helpful. I think that's important

Mayor Snavelly: Or putting it on YouTube.

Ms. Greene: I think the clarification is you wanna see like the livestream with the closed captioning. That's what that would be. Okay. I will look and cuz that's a little bit different than the transcription, but I will. Yeah.

Ms. Franklin: Closed captioning.

Mr. Prytherch: The transcription could just be a bridge technology to get us through there. \$720 a year. You could provide both services. And then when we get there, I mean it's \$720.

Mayor Snavelly: I think with this resolution, we can allow staff to make that particular, any further discussion or question

Mr. Ellerbe: I'm sorry. I was just saying I'm seconding. Mr. Privileges proposal \$720. Seems like an excellent investment. I think we should run all the things that you proposed in parallel.

Ms. Greene: Okay. We, that's not hard to do. We can do.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay.

Ms. Greene: Just to clarify until we can upgrade our video stream, these services we'll provide a full transcript and we'll probably put the summary action minutes on top, the full transcription on the back then when we can upgrade the streaming, it'll have the close captioning, but that would be just a little bit of time for us to figure out.

Ms. Franklin: Yes, Great.

Mayor Snavelly: Well, I, I think if you have the transcript available for someone who wants it, that's sufficient. I can do that too. Need to reproduce. Oh, massive copies.

Ms. Greene: Even better,

Mayor Snavelly: But let's have it available so that if somebody

Ms. Greene: Okay, good call. Yep.

Mayor Snavelly: All right. Are we ready? All those in favor of the motion indicate by saying aye. Right. All those opposed? Resolution is adopted.

Ms. Greene: Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: You're welcome. Congratulations. Okay. Resolution number four.

Clerk: A resolution authorizing the city manager to submit a grant application to Procter and Gamble for ADA and clean is the playground equipment.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Is there a motion to adopt?

Ms. Raghu: So moved

Ms. French: Second

Mayor Snavelly: Welcome Casey

Mr. Wooddell: Good evening. Uh, we are requesting, uh, permission to apply for a grant in the amount of \$75,000, which will go towards renovating the, um, playground out at the Oxford Community Park. And those renovations and upgrades will include some wheelchair accessible, um, amenities as well as all new safety surfacing to go across the entire playground and into, um, some additional areas that we're proposing with this project. We do have some CIP funds already in the 2022 budget that we would use as matching funds if we get awarded this grant. So I'm happy to answer any questions you have.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you would anyone from the public like to address this item before Council?

Amy Shiaman: Amy Shiaman, 11 Heather Ridge Court. Um, very much appreciate Casey. You applying for this grant and making our playgrounds more accessible. Kids should get to play regardless of what a particular kids' needs are. So thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Anyone else? Seeing none council discussion? Any questions?

Ms. French: Yep. Just great work. And I loved in your, um, description talking about how this is kind of like a foot in the door for potentially other grant funding for this. So I think it's great. Can't say enough. Good things. Great. Casey,

Ms. Franklin: Congratulations.

Mayor Snavelly: Are you ready to vote all those in favor indicate by saying aye. Aye. All those opposed? , the resolution is adopted. Thank you very much. Uh, we'll move to ordinances. We have no first reading of ordinances. So we'll go to second for those who are new to council

ordinances, take two readings. And the first one is where we have both of the discussion and debate typically, but not exclusively. And second reading, we have a chance to make modification. And so I'll start with the reading of the first Ordinance.

Clerk: An ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into an easement agreement between the city of Oxford and Rams holdings, LTD, LLC, for a permanent easement over proportions of real property as set forth and exhibit B attached here to, for the construction and maintenance of a new sanitary sewer system to serve said property.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Uh, is there a motion to adopt?

Ms. Raghu: So moved.

Mr. Prytherch: Second

Mayor Snavelly: Uh, Mike, welcome.

Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you Mr. Mayor, uh, ordinances one through four go together. And this is, uh, the early planning to provide sanitary sewer service, uh, for the, uh, new developable developable land, uh, adjacent to lake forest drive. So, uh, I've had no changes and no comments from the public.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much for, would anyone from the public like to address this item before Council? Seeing none, any comments or discussions from council?

Mr. Ellerbe: Mr. Dreisbach did you receive any comments or any change requests for any of the other second readings of three ordinances?

Mr. Dreisbach: Uh, no.

Mr. Ellerbe: That's all I needed.

Mr. Dreisbach: Yeah. Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Good question. All right. Are you ready? You please call the roll.

Clerk: Mr. Bracken

Mr. Bracken: Yes.

Clerk: Mr. Ellerbe. Yes. Ms. Franklin. Yes. Ms. French. Yes. Mr. Prytherch. Yep. Ms. Raghu. Yes. Mayor Savely. Yes.

Mayor Savely: Ordinance is adopted. When you're ready. Go to the second,

Clerk: An ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into an easement agreement between the city of Oxford and four-leaf development, LLC, for permanent easement

over portions of real property as set forth in A attached hereto to allow the construction and maintenance of a new sanitary sewer system to serve said property

Mayor Snavely: There. A motion

Ms. Raghu: So moved

Ms. French: Second

Mayor Snavely: And do you have anything more to add to these four from public, these four all go together. They're just for different portions of the property and we've discussed that last time. No changes, sir. Okay. Thank you. Any comments? Uh, from the public? Any comments from council? Okay. Please call roll.

Clerk: Mr. Ellerbe. Yes. Ms. Franklin. Yes. Ms. French. Yes. Mr. Prytherch. Yep. Ms. Raghu. Yeah. Mr. Bracken. Yes. Mayor Snavely. Yes.

Mayor Snavely: This ordinance was adopted, move on to number three.

Clerk: An ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into an easement agreement between the city of Oxford and four-leaf development, LLC for two permanent easements over portions of real property as set forth in exhibit C attached hereto and labeled exhibit a and B to allow the construction and maintenance of a new sanitary sewer system to service said property.

Mayor Snavely: Uh, motion to adopt.

Ms. Raghu: So moved.

Ms Franklin: Second

Mayor Snavely: It's been moved, seconded.

Mr. Dreisbach: No changes, please.

Mayor Snavely: No changes, anyone from the public. You'll have one more opportunity. And Council, seeing none, you may call the roll.

Clerk: Ms. Franklin. Yes. Ms. French. Yes. Mr. Prytherch. Yeah. Ms. Raghu. Yes. Mr. Bracken. Yes. Mr. Ellerbe. Yes. Mayor Snavely. Yes.

Mayor Snavely: This ordinance is adopted and finally, number four of these 1-4.

Clerk: And ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into an easement agreement between the city of Oxford and four-leaf development, LLC, for permanent easement over portions of real property as set forth in exhibit B attached hereto, for the construction and maintenance of a new sanitary sewer system to serve said property.

Mayor Sanvely: Is there a motion to adopt?

Ms. Raghu: So moved.

Ms. French: Second

Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved and seconded and any changes?

Mr. Dreisbach: No changes. Thank you very much.

Mayor Snavelly: Anyone from the public. Okay. Thank you. Counselors seeing none. You may call the role

Clerk: Ms. French. Yes. Mr. Prytherch. Yes. Ms. Raghu. Yes. Mr. Bracken. Yes. Mr. Ellerbe. Yes.
Ms. Franklin. Yes. Mayor Snavelly. Yes.

Mayor Sanvely: Ms. Ordinance is adopted and we will now move to ordinance number five,

Clerk: An ordinance adopting a revised and amended water and sanitary, sewer improvement, specifications, and backflow cross connection control manual.

Mayor Sanvely: Is there a motion to adopt?

Ms. Raghu: So moved.

Mr. Ellerbe: Second.

Mayor Snavelly: second, who? Second is it, Glenn. Thank you. And, uh, Mike, you're back

Mr. Dreisbach: Again. This is a five year review. We try to review our specs every five years and make improvements and clarifications. So, uh, nothing Earth's shattering in here. Uh, we've revised a few drawings, uh, clarified definitions. Um, we've advertised this. It's been on our website. Uh, we've received no comments or requests for changes from any contractors or citizens, recommend approval.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Anyone from the public who would like to address this seeing none counselors. Any comment questions? You may call the roll.

Clerk: Mr. Prytherch. Yes. Ms. Raghu. Yes. Mr. Bracken. Yes. Mr. Ellerbe. Yes. Ms. Franklin. Yes.
Ms. French. Yes. Mayor Snavelly. Yes.

Mayor Snavelly: Ordinance is adopted. Yes. Now we'll have number six.

Clerk: An ordinance granting the request of Thad and Renee Van Winkle to connect to an existing city water line for a new single family residence to be located on a 10 acre parcel on Bonham road, outside the Oxford corporate limits.

Mayor Snavelly: Is there a motion to adopt.

Ms. Raghu: So moved.

Ms. Franklin: Second.

Mr. Dreisbach: Again, no, no comment from citizens or neighbors. Now this will have no detrimental impact to our system and there will be an agreement for annexation, uh, prior to allowing the, uh, connection to our utility. I'd be glad to answer any question.

Mayor Snively: Okay. Is there anyone from the public who'd like to address inside Councilor's? Seeing none. Okay. Um, you may call it.

Clerk: Mr. Raghu. Yes. Mr. Bracken. Yes. Mr. Ellerbe. Yes. Ms. Franklin. Yes. Ms. French. Yes. Mr. Prytherch. Yep. Mayor Snively. Yes.

Mayor Snively: Yes. This ordinance is adopted.

Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you.

Mayor Snively: And finally, number seven,

Clerk: An ordinance amending ordinance no. 3654 supplemental budget ordinance, number 2, to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022.

Mayor Snively: Is there a motion to adopt this there?

Ms. Raghu: So moved.

Ms. French: Second.

Mayor Snively: Thank you, Joe. Welcome.

Mr. Newlin: Thank you. Um, I'll go through this quickly. There were a couple there's three other items that were added since we reading. Uh, the first one has to do with, um, the grant that the police department got for the body worn cameras, uh, for 31,451.38, that was previously, uh, budgeted expense. And this is this revenue that they went out and got to help cover that expense for the year. The next one is to make an adjustment to the budget expenditures for part-time environmental specialists, by increasing the personnel expenditures and decreasing the operation expenditures in an budget. We had \$10,000 in the engineering budget and the general fund 10,000 in the, uh, fire EMS fund in both 40,000 in the water and wastewater funds and the engineering budget, their allocation for, um, energy efficiency improvements and this year. And so we're just gonna move part of that money from each fund.

Mr. Newlin: It'll be, uh, 1583 in the general fund, 1583 in the fire EMS fund, uh, 6,344 in the water fund and 6,344 in the waste water fund. We're just moving it from operational to personnel. Cause we have to do that in order to satisfy the auditors. The next one has to do with, uh, the, uh, reconstruction of main street between high street and park place.

That's for the new brick work that's gonna be done in there. And, uh, uh, Mike and his group were able to, uh, get an Ohio public works commission grant for \$276,500 to help offset that expense. And on the, uh, expenditure side were appropriate in \$350,000 of the capital improvement fund. And so that the net effect that brings down the, uh, fund balance and the capital improvement fund by \$73,500. But again, that just shows that department had to do a very good job going up, getting all the grant we possibly can to help, uh, the city operate. And then finally the fourth one is to make an additional appropriation in general fund for 24 473.25. And that covers the cost of the, uh, GovOS software that was already approved in the Jessica's, uh, resolution. So this is just appropriating the money. Be glad to answer any question.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much. Is there anyone from the public who would like to address this one? Seeing none, any councilors address this one, seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Mr. Bracken. Yes. Mr. Ellerbe. Yes. Ms. Franklin. Yes. Ms. French. Yes. Mr. Prytherch. Yes. Ms. Raghu Yes, Mayor Snavelly. Yes.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Mr. That adopted, we move now to announcements of communications. So I'd like to start with city manager Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you. Uh, first I'd like to give council a quick update on our 2021 - 2022 deer management program. Uh, this program was adopted by council in 2009. This is the 13 year, 13th year for the program. As you know, it permits hunting of Whitetail deer with bow and arrow from tree stands on large tracks of land in the city. This year, 19 individuals were certified and issued permits to hunt on six tracks of land, four were city owned and two others Oxford cemetery, and the Oxford country club are the other two sites. Uh, the dates for hunting with bow and arrow was September 25th, 2020 as excuse me, 2021 to February 6th, 2022. Uh, as I said, this is the 13th year for the program. This year nine deer were harvested and eight were donated to the community meal center and Hamilton, uh, the community meal center provides meals to the needy each year on Friday, or excuse me, each week on Friday and the last Monday of the month.

Mr. Elliott: Uh, and as you know, the goal of our program is to restore a natural balance in our ecosystem and not to eliminate the Whitetail deer. So we want to continue this program each year. Couple of other items I wanted to share with you. I did share this with city councils tonight. I gotta email from Valerie Elliott and it's been about five years, uh, since the Oxford NAACP and the Smith history library partnered to obtain an Ohio historical marker for the Woodside cemetery and Maurice Roco. Uh, the marker was acquired, uh, and we're gonna be installing it and they're scheduling a, uh, dedication ceremony for March 19th. And as I get more information, I'll share that with you, but hopefully you can all join us for this, uh, dedication ceremony, as you know, uh, Maurice was an internationally known jazz musician who was born and buried here in Oxford. And the last item that I wanted to share with you on the public is that we do expect the 1st of April that our, uh, sister city representatives, local government representatives from Differdange Luxemburg will be visiting us here in Oxford. So Oxford, so we're

planning some events with them and I'll keep you posted and hopefully you can join us for some. And that's all I have to see. Do

Mayor Snavelly : You have, um, your COVID update?

Mr. Elliott: Sure. I can give you that.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you. So as, uh, Bill knows, and I think I did share it with council, uh, we did, uh, I did talk to, uh, Mike Everett with the hospital and what he shared with us Monday was that they have two COVID patients, one from Liberty township and one from west Alexandria, Ohio, which is in Preble county. Uh, he basically shared with us that, you know, they're getting back to normal. Uh, in fact, what he told me was that they're gonna be reducing the hours for the, uh, drive through testing that they're holding. Now, it's been five days a week and they're gonna reduce it to three and then, uh, probably eliminate it within a, a week or two. So things are looking very, very good. Uh, you know, as, as I also put in my report to council, uh, the average cases have been going down dramatically, excuse me, uh, at Ohio, uh, the average number of new COVID cases per day for this week, uh, dropped. And this is inaccurate when I wrote it. I think now we're down to 3,700, uh, Yeah, 3,173. And this is from a high of four weeks ago of over 27,000 cases. So continues to drop dramatically, uh, folks that are more expert on this than, than we are, are predicting that it's gonna continue, uh, to drop. So, you know, that's good news for us and unless you have some questions, uh, that's all I have this evening.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay. I wanted to give council an opportunity if they wanted to address the initial COVID and masking, um, one Councilor had asked for, and if it seems like would anyone like.

Ms. Franklin: Sure. So first of all, I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to speak to me. Um, I'm a speech language pathologist. So I understand the challenges when people have auditory processing disorders, hearing aids, how difficult that can be in an environment where people are masked, um, on campus that the speech and hearing clinic, obviously when we do therapy with our clients, we're either wearing a shield of clear mask or whatever is necessary for the communication to be effective at the time. Um, you know, we passed a resolution, um, I think with the understanding that once the mandate expired, there would be a statement of value within the community that we support vaccines that we support masking when cases are high. And that resolution, the benefit of it is it stays in place it's good for a year. It doesn't have a date associated with it.

Ms. Franklin: We have been sort of lurching from date to date, not knowing exactly, uh, when the best time would be to drop it because we couldn't find a metric. It was hyper local. That would be beneficial. Although I do still think somehow wastewater could be something I know CDC and Canada are looking at that. Um, we've already been getting some, um, pressure to extend the mandate beyond March 1st. Um, I'm not in favor of that. Um, but I do think that it's reasonable to let the mandate expire when it's set to expire, because we have some community members who are expecting it to expire on March 1st. I'm thinking about the library. I'm thinking about the Knowles of Oxford, but I'm

open to a discussion from council. Um, but certainly I am not in favor of extending it beyond the current expiration date.

Mayor Snively: Okay. Would any other counselors like to address, would you lose Glenn,

Mr. Ellerbe: Have a statement for the audience? I was the dissenting voice about this. I'm sure you guys probably know. I said that we should have a resolution standing at the values in Oxford, that you should be vaccinated and wear a mask if you're unable to get vaccinated. But I was not in favor of forcing anybody to do this. I am very aware that there was a lot of selfishty used to present various points with four and accounts, but, and I'm also aware that the Talawanda school district is using the city of Oxford is their scapegoat. We can't control any of this. I can't control anything other than the values that I have said, I was not in favor of the mandate because I don't like mandating people's behaviors, especially after two years of this in 2020, I was for asking mandate because we didn't have enough information. Now that we've had dearth more, uh, information. I didn't believe that we needed to do this,

Mayor Snively: Please.

Mr. Ellerbe: I know, know that if I were to propose an emergency vote to end a mask mandate, it wouldn't pass up here because of the values that I have with my fellow constituents. Like I just know that's not gonna happen. I'm in end of one, you need an end of six in order for that to happen. It's not gonna happen tonight. Two weeks from now, it's going to expire. Anyway. Most people can tough this out. After two weeks, we've already been doing for two years. Um, that being said, I will be shocked if this gets extended again yet, I will reiterate the exact same things that I've been reiterating for the past six months. And hopefully it may take home. I don't know, but I just wanna let you guys know. Some of this statements that I heard from the public were generalizing. All of council. I just wanted to reiterate my stance, which is, I do believe that massive vaccinations helped everybody get through this, but I did not want to mandate anybody to do anything because of the unintended consequences that were going to result. And you guys now understand what those things are.

Mayor Snively: Do anyone else like to address this? I would just like to say that it will expire on March 1st, um, in order for us to have made it expire earlier, as I communicated to council, it would require an ordinance. That's just the way it works and it would require six votes. Um, Glenn has made his position clear, and I appreciate this position quite a bit. I actually agree with most of the people who spoke and I think the time for the mask ordinances at an end. Um, so if I were here in two weeks, I would not vote to extend it. I will not be here, so there will not be six votes. And so you can pretty well count on the fact that it will expire on March 1st. And I know that that probably makes everyone happy. Okay. That's it. We'll go to Mike,

Mr. Dreisbach: Nothing tonight. Thank you.

Mayor Snively: We'll go to Joe.

Mr. Newlin: I just received the email from Rita today. I didn't realize this, but on, uh, April 15th, They're celebrating emancipation day. So the tax deadline is April 18th now, and I'll have our communication specialist posted it on a website. And there's a few other things that Rita suggesting to post other than the, a change in date. So they follow the federal tax guideline. And I guess I'm not sure I haven't done my federal taxes, but I'm not sure if that's extended till the 18th. It probably is. Cuz that's what Rita does follow.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Joe. Casey, come on down.

Mr. Wooddell: I just have a few, uh, thank yous. I want to hand out this evening. Um, I want to thank the Oxford community foundation as well as the rotary club of Oxford. Both of those organizations within the past week have given us a little over of about \$20,000 in what I call mini grants. Uh, one of those will come to you on the agenda, uh, March 1st for approval, cuz it's over \$10,000 dollars. Uh, and I also wanna thank the Talawanda school district, uh, just sometimes like to do that publicly because they're one of our best partners in terms of using facilities. And there's a lot of programming that we couldn't do if it didn't open the doors to us. So I just wanna thank them for, for being one of our partners and helping make sure all these things that we try to do for the community that, that they can happen. So thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Thank you, we'll go to Chief Detherage.

Mr. Detherage: Nothing Sir.

Mayor Snavelly: We'll go to Sam.

Mr. Perry: Just a reminder for everyone who's already registered Oxford tomorrow, public input, uh, tomorrow evening six o'clock you can actually register up through the end of the event, uh, which is 7:30. Uh, we've got over a hundred registered and so expect to have some good input. So, and then there'll be some public meetings, uh, later on in this, in the spring of summer as well to wrap that project up. Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Super. Thank you. We'll move to Jessica.

Ms. Greene: Hi. I just wanna let you know that we had, um, kind of a last minute site visit with Amtrak today this afternoon. So that was great. Um, and so they also visited Hamilton and so I just said like, ha, are we competing or co walk rating. And, and um, and they said, you know what, there's room for both of you. So that was a great thing to hear. They, they seemed pleased with our progress on our plans and so we're gonna keep on working on it. It is a slow process, but I wanted to let you know that it was a positive site visit today. Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much, Heather.

Clerk: Nothing. Thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay, Chris?

Mr. Conard: Uh, yes. So, um, last week, uh, the Senate passed house bill 51, uh, by emergency is an emergency measure house bill 51 will allow, uh, public bodies to meet virtually again. Uh, I haven't seen the legislation yet, but I of the sunset date is June 30th, but don't hold me to that date. Um, there was a belief that the governor would sign that bill before he left for the super bowl. He did not. Um, but it is sitting on his desk and uh, typically the governor signs legislation into law, uh, within seven days of its passage, uh, because the legislation was passed as an emergency, it would take immediate effect. Um, and so that does leave, uh, when it passes. Uh, it does leave open the option for councils to, or public bodies to again, meet virtually if the body chooses to do so.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

Mr. Ellerbe: I like to wish everybody a happy lantern day. It's a lantern festival day, if you, uh, participate in that. So there you go.

Mayor Snavelly: Okay, cool.

Ms. French: Uh, I just wanna kind of echo what else has been said about, you know, thinking everybody for coming. Um, I know it's like for us, at least it's prime dinner time. So, you know, I under, and I understand these meetings are long and they're not always the most exciting place to be. So thank you for being here. Thank you for raising your voice. And I wanna encourage, you know, I think what I heard from everybody is that they, they want an active role in what Oxford looks like moving forward. So I echo Sam's sentiment of make sure you register, if you haven't already for the Oxford tomorrow event tomorrow from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Good he's nodding, that is correct. Um, so 6:00 to 7:30 PM. It is virtual. So you can do it from the comfort of your own home wearing fuzzy socks. Um, so I encourage you to be there and use your voice again to let us know what you want Oxford to look like in the future. Thank you.

Ms. Raghu: In the past few weeks, I've heard from two families who are actively searching for homes in Oxford to move here from Cincinnati. And it's amazing because they want to be here, right? Like they recognize the things that we're doing. They hear that we're making all these efforts towards affordable housing and equities, stopping pollution, clean energy, and they're like, I wanna be there. So I just, I so appreciate the staff and all the work we're doing and everything that the community is doing, because it is truly a special place to make this into this, uh, beacon on a hill, right. To be this perfect place that people want to would be honored to live in. So I am just so proud and I can't wait for everyone to hear about us.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Amber.

Ms. Franklin: Yes. A few things, first of all, happy black history month. I forgot to say that the last meeting at was February 1st. So, um, and I'm so excited to hear about the marker at the Woodside cemetery. I plan to be there, hope to be there, to celebrate that. Uh, you know, I've said before, and I'll say again, this is a hard time to be a human it, the, the pandemic it's just really hard. And, um, the division that we're feeling in Oxford, it's not just in the, in Oxford it's, it's in our nation. And I agree that we do need healing. I will be

here. I will hang out outside after city council for anyone who wants to talk to me, whether they agree with me or not on the decision that I've expressed, because I think that's important. Um, you know, I think it's important for us to air in the direction of connection whenever we can.

Ms. Franklin: Um, it's a hard time. My brother is a police officer in Windsor, Ontario. So he was in the thick of the, um, ambassador bridge shutdown, um, working 20 hour shifts, uh, several nights in a row in the freezing cold. Uh, so things, um, are tense in our, our families have been affected in various ways. Um, I, I do wanna say though that, you know, I think serving in public office is challenging, certainly nobody who does it, um, does it thinking that they're gonna make everyone happy all the time? And sometimes the people will upset are the people who are closest to us. Uh, I said on election night when I was elected, uh, I think, I think Emily was the one who had interviewed me that I wasn't running against anyone or anything, but that I'm running for Oxford and for community. And even though people will disagree with what we think is best for the community.

Ms. Franklin: I think everyone up here wants what's best for the community. I think it's important that we not impute. I will to each other, when we make decisions that might go against our own personal stated values. I respect everyone whether they agree with me or not. Um, I don't think anyone is trying to be manipulative. Uh, sometimes things look clumsy and bumbling sometimes. Uh, they're not as finessed as they should be, but I do think that everyone, um, is operating from their place of value and for the best interest of the community. And I, I stand by that.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Jason.

Mr. Bracken: I said for two years now, please get vaccinated and get boosted if you can, to take care of yourself and others. That's all.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

Mr. Prytherch: So two things I wanna thank, um, and recognize all the journalists in the audience tonight, um, uh, see Patti Newberry in your class. And I see people who cover us for the Oxford Observer, probably maybe somebody here from the Miami student and, and Bob Ratterman. Who's here covering us for the Oxford Press. Um, we really appreciate people who can come out tonight and speak to us, but it's really nice to have vigorous media sharing what's happening in council with the community. We're very fortunate in that. So, and as I tug at my mask, we all look forward to the pandemic being over. It's been almost two years, um, of which something, none of us predicted would be part of our lives or part of the decision making and the debates and all the energy were put into it. Uh, I look forward to, I think the OMICRON wave has crested and is crashing and hopefully we can move into a new phase of normalcy. Uh, and so, yes, um, we'll get there and, and sooner hopefully rather than later. So thank you.

Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much. Uh, at a previous meeting I had announced the Kiwanis having their chili dinner. It was, has been canceled because it, all of this and, uh, but Kiwanis Pancake Day is just around the corner. Uh, that's February 23rd. And, uh, I hope you will

find those in the community. We will find, uh, Kiwanian and buy advanced tickets, save yourself a little money, pancake breakfast, as far as I can tell in person at Talawanda high school, um, this raises money primarily for children in our community. And that is what Kiwanis club is dedicated to. Uh, at some point I will have, I tickets available if people want them, uh, in a sad note. Uh, last Thursday I lost my brother and, um, that's a very sad time for our family, but, uh, interestingly enough, uh, he also was a member of the Kiwanis club of Farmington, Missouri, in addition to being, uh, a veteran and a member of the Masonic orders, all of them, I think.

Mayor Snavelly: And, uh, we're going to hold his Memorial Service on Farmington Missouri's Pancake Day. And so, um, it's not the same day as ours, so I'll be making both of them. I urge you to, to do that connect with your community. Uh, finally I want to thank everyone who came. I did listen to you and I appreciate you. And, you know, as I said before, we can't make everybody happy. Uh, but I do understand completely you the points that you made and I'm looking forward to the end of mask mandates in our community with that, I would entertain a motion to adjourn

Ms. Raghu: So moved

Ms. Franklin: Second

Mayor Snavelly: All those in favor, say aye. Aye. Aye, all those opposed? Thank you all again for coming.