



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Roll Call TIME 00:00

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

A Work Session Meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor William Snavelly on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were, Amber Franklin, Glenn Ellerbe, Alex French, Jason Bracken, and David Prytherch. Chantel Raghu arrived at 6:58 p.m.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

Approval of the Agenda TIME 00:00

Motion – To Adopt

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

AYE #6

NAY #0

ABS #0

Managed Natural Lawn Area Discussion

Mr. Elliott shared the proposed Ordinance the Environmental Commission had created. A copy can be found in the Work Session Agenda Packet. Mr. Elliott also sent the Councilors a prohibited noxious weeds list Ohio Administrative Code 901:5-37-01, a list of native plants, a selected Ohio native plants fields and prairie species list for landscape and restoration use, and a selected Ohio native plants upland woods species list for landscape and restoration use. Mr. Elliott mentioned an educational campaign hosted by the Environmental Commission. Mr. Elliott noted the current Ordinance in place regarding the height of turf grass, and a noxious weed provision.

Mr. Perry reviewed the existing property maintenance code in regards to cultivated gardens. Mr. Perry shared that one option might be to host an educational campaign a few times a year. Mr. Perry noted the City does receive a few complaints of tall grass located in the urban/rural edges where we have undeveloped land. Mowing is required a few times a year in these areas. Mr. Perry mentioned the regulatory burden on City Staff if that were to increase that would take away from other projects City Staff are working on.

Council discussed the differences between what is currently allowable in the existing code and what the Environmental Commission is proposing. A major reoccurring topic of an educational campaign that might enable residents to start a pollinator garden under existing code. Council discussed the differences between renters vs owners and HOA's and how education vs legislation and how managed natural areas might look at all levels. The Council was reminded of the Staff time commitments and discussed how this project might be regulated.

Mr. Prytherch shared copies of the project his planning students created. Mr. Prytherch noted this is a planning project of Oxford, Ohio Landscape Naturalization Master Plan 2022.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:20 p.m. TIME 00:00

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

AYE #7

NAY #0

ABS #0

Mayor Snavelly announced a short 8 minute break before the regular City Council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.