



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2022
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Roll Call **TIME** 00:00

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

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

Staff Members in Attendance

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

Motion – Enter Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. R.C. 121.22(G)(1) To Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

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

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Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, and Mayor Snavelly

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Motion – To return from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. R.C. 121.22(G)(4 To Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

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

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Pledge of Allegiance [TIME 00:40](#)

Approval of the Agenda [TIME 01:05](#)

Motion – To Adopt

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

AYE #7

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Public Participation [TIME 01:20](#)

Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Motion – To Appoint the following Applicants to the following Boards and Commissions

Planning Commission- Michael Smith

Board of Zoning Appeals – Philip Russo and D. Chadwick Smith

Personal Appeals Board – Brian Martin

Recreation Board – Adam Beissel

Historic & Architectural Preservation Commission – Brad Spurlock

Civil Rights Commission – Margaret Ziolkowski and Cathryn Loucas

McCullough-Hyde Hospital Board of Trustees – Amy Longcamp and Sibyl Miller

Environmental Commission – Jon Ralinovsky and Margaret Branstrator

Housing Advisory Commission – Shana Rosenberg, Cathryn Loucas, and Anne Bailey

Police Community Relations and Review Commission – Daniel Umbstead, Fritz Wellman,
Amin Wang, and G. Allen Ratliff

Public Arts Commission of Oxford – Rebecca Howard, Robert Benson, Carole Katz, and Joe Squance
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Mr. Prytherch

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Motion – To Open Public Hearing

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

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Public Hearing – 2023 Tax Budget – Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director read details from his staff report can be found on page 210 of the Agenda packet, and offered to answer any questions.

Motion – To Close Public Hearing

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

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Public Comments

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

Resident Name *Address* Resident Comment / Request

Carol Michael 409 E Chestnut St. Ms. Michael brought up the lack of street signs around the mile square. Mayor Snively asked Ms. Michael to please share her list with the Service Director, Mr. Dreisbach.

Andrew Amarantos Northridge Dr. Mr. Amarantos spoke about the mature trees outside of Skippers Pub. Mr. Amarantos mentioned the trees are dead and will be taken down. Mr. Amarantos explained that he would like to take the fence down for repairs and the tree removal then put it back up. Mr. Amarantos wanted to get clarification on the rules of the public right of way and putting the back fence up. Mayor Snively asked City Staff to see what is necessary to get the fence back up. Mr. Elliott noted he would look into this matter and bring it back to Council if necessary.

Clarissa Schnell 6 Olde Stone Ct. Ms. Schnell asked for clarification on separating from the Township, and what that means for people living in the Township. Ms. Schnell asked why this topic keeps coming up, and what the pros and cons would be. Mayor Snively asked Mr. Elliott to address this comment during announcements and communications.

Consent Agenda [TIME 19:41](#)

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 May 17, 2022 City Council Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council)
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- B. Minutes of the May 17, 2022 City Council Work Session (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 26 of the Agenda Packet**
- C. Report regarding the May 10, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting (Sam Perry, Community Development Director) **Page 29 of the Agenda Packet**

Motion – To Adopt

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

AYE #7

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Resolutions

Resolution No. 7410 [TIME 20:08](#)

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1. A Resolution Authorizing the School Resource Officer Program Memorandum of Understanding between the Talawanda City School District and the City of Oxford and Authorizing the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7410

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

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Resolution No. 7411 [TIME 25:45](#)

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2. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to Submit a Grant Application for the Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) Hiring Program Grant with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7411

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

AYE #7

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Resolution No. 7412 [TIME 29:51](#)

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3. A Resolution Accepting the bid and Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with Jackson Construction Co. for the Construction of ADA Sidewalk Ramps and Alternate Sidewalk for a total not to exceed \$222,451.46. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public –

Janet Fizzel 341 N. Locust St. Ms. Fizzel spoke about the mature trees that will be lost when the alternate sidewalk will be installed. Ms. Frizzel mentioned replacing trees as they are taken down. Mr. Dreisbach noted that Oxford is a Tree City and the City plants 1.5 trees for each tree taken down.

Ms. Raghu asked Mr. Mazer if she should recuse herself because she is a neighbor. Mr. Mazer responded that it is not a requirement, but if you feel the need you can. Ms. Raghu abstained.

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7412

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

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Ordinances

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

First Reading [TIME 40:48](#)

1. An Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of Planning Commission and Approving the Conditional Use for a Major Change to the 2009 Talawanda High School Conditional Use to Add a Bus Garage/Maintenance Facility in the City of Oxford with Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director) Page 52 of the Agenda Packet

Comments from the Public – None

Shaunna Tafelski 2114 Dana Dr. Ms. Tafelski spoke on behalf of the Talawanda School District. Ms. Tafelski answered Mr. Ellerbe's question on new jobs. Ms. Tafelski noted this is net neutral, no new jobs.

2. An Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use Permit Application to allow for a new hotel to be located at 5470 College Corner Pike, Oxford, Ohio 45056 with Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director) Page 96 of the Agenda Packet.

Comments from the Public – None

Etta Reed 110 S. College Ave. Ms. Reed, Bayer Becker spoke on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Reed introduced High Point Lodging and shared slides of the hotel amenities. Ms. Reed noted the hotel will bring 31 new jobs to the city.

3. An Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Approving the Final Planned Development for Owl's Landing Along Brookville Road in the City of Oxford with Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director) Page 145 of the Agenda Packet.

Comments from the Public – None

John Bayer 110 S. College Ave. Mr. Bayer, Bayer Becker spoke on behalf of the applicant Todd Hall. Mr. Bayer thanked everyone's time in reviewing the project along the way and offered to answer any questions.

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 3679 [TIME 01:08:51](#)

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1. An Ordinance authorizing the Tax Budget for the year 2023 and directing that the same be transmitted to the Butler County Auditor. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3679

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

AYE #7

Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, and Mayor Snively

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Announcements & Communications

Remarks from City Council and City Staff [TIME 01:10:23](#)

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Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:07 p.m. [TIME 01:37:15](#)

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

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[background conversation]

0:00:22.1 Mayor Snavelly: I'd like to have a motion to adjourn from executive session.

0:00:26.3 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:00:26.5 Ms. Franklin: Second.

0:00:27.6 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor say, aye.

0:00:31.6 Group: Aye.

0:00:32.4 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed. Next item is Pledge of Allegiance. If you are so inclined please join us.

0:00:42.3 Group: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

0:01:02.5 Mayor Snavelly: I would now entertain a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting.

0:01:07.8 Mr. Ellerbe: So moved.

0:01:08.5 Mr. Prytherch: Second.

0:01:08.5 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved by Mr. Ellerbe, seconded by Mr. Prytherch. Okay. All those in favor say, aye.

0:01:15.1 Group Aye.

0:01:15.9 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed. Thank you. This time we'll move to public participation and the first item is appointments to boards and commissions.

0:01:25.5 Ms. Raghu: I would like to make a nomination for the Planning Commission for Michael Smith and for Board of Zoning Appeals, Philip Russo and Chadwick Smith. For Personnel Appeals Board, Brian Martin, for Recreation Board Adam Beissel, Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Brad Spurlock. Civil Rights Commission Gretchen Ziolkowski and Cathryn Loucas. For McCullough-Hyde Hospital Board of Trustees Amy Longcamp and Sibyl Miller. Environmental Commission, Jon Ralinovsky and Peggy Branstrator, Housing Advisory Commission. Shana Rosenberg, Cathryn Loucas and Anne Bailey. Police Community Relations and Review Commission Daniel Umbstead, Fritz Wellman, Aimin Wang and Alan Ratliff. Public Arts Commission of Oxford, Rebecca Howard, Robert Benson, Carole Katz, Joe Squance.

0:02:23.4 Mayor Snavelly: Is there a second?

0:02:25.3 Mr. Prytherch: Second.

0:02:25.4 Mayor Snavelly: Seconded by Mr. Prytherch. All those a favor indicate by saying, aye.

0:02:32.2 Group: Aye.

0:02:33.3 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed. Thank you. The next item is a public hearing on the 2023 tax budget and I would recognize, Joe. Can I have a motion to open to public hearing?

0:02:44.7 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

Mr. Prytherch: Second

0:02:46.3 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved and seconded by Mr. Prytherch. All those in favor indicate by saying, aye.

0:02:51.6 Group: Aye.

0:02:52.4 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed. Okay. So for everybody who's watching, this is a public hearing and so everything is gonna be focused on the presentation and then we'll allow public comments on that issue. And then we will go about closing that issue and then we'll move on to other public comments.

0:03:11.8 Mr. Newlin: Thank you. This is annual tax budget to be submitted for the coming near to the Butler County Tax Commission in accordance with requirements stipulating the high revised code. Approval of the legislative body is required by July 15th and is due to the county by July 20th. The tax budget required by the county is essentially a preliminary budget estimate for next year. Beginning August we'll undertake our normal detailed line item analysis and preparation. We will spend about three months of intensive preparation for a detailed budget and the final approval budget will then be submitted to the county budget commission to replace these preliminary estimates.

0:03:54.9 Mr. Newlin: The tax budget provides the first glimpse in 2023 general fund budget. We prepared the budget with approximately 0% change from the 2022 Amended budget except for a few items that I'll mention. In exhibit B gives a glimpse of the general fund and C are all the other funds. I'll just concentrate on the general fund tonight since the tax budget is really looking to make sure you have enough property tax to pay any general obligation debt. Also on the revenue side from our 2022 estimate, which was the 2022 budget plus any encumbrances carried over from last year or any supplementals that we brought in for this year. The first decrease from that, for the 2023 budget, the federal grant that we received \$31,451 and that's for the Police Department, and that'll be spent this year.

0:04:58.8 Mr. Newlin: And return of advance on the Capital Improvement fund, since we don't know what the actual capital improvement funds are, we're not budgeting in advance at this point. So it would zero out, so it's a \$276,500 difference. Return of advanced Oxford Area Trails, there's \$11,059 in the budget estimate that's not in the 2022, so that's an increase in revenue in \$11,059. The advances from Oxford Area Trail, this year we advanced \$2,871,377 and in the preliminary budget, we only needed to advance \$560,000, so that's about \$2.3 million decrease. In another advance from the High Street Pedestrian Fund, in this year's budget we have \$400 and in next year's it'll be about \$350,098 but that probably will be taken care of before the end of the year but I just

included it in this budget estimate. On the expenditure side...

0:06:12.1 Mr. Newlin: Expenditures are decreasing by about \$2.8 million, law enforcement decreased by \$67,481. That was again, was in encumbrance of last year that we're bringing into this year's budget, public health and welfare \$24,473. That was for the one-time expense that we had this year for... That we won't have next year. So that's \$24,473. Leisure time activities about the aquatic... In the aquatic center, we had a decrease of \$1074 in recreation programs of \$4,581. And again, those were encumbrances carried over from 2021. Community environment, a \$100,000 decrease. And again, that was an encumbrance that we had for the... For the comp claim that we're doing this year that will be spent this year. So we won't have a recurrence next year. On the general government side, human resource, communications, assistant manager department, \$2240 decrease, municipal building there's \$3,088 decrease, in engineering there's \$19,519. And again, those were just encumbrances from the last year. On the transfer and advance side we had to increase the transfer to the aquatic debt service fund by \$5,800. And that's to meet our debt service in 2023 is eight, 5,800 more than it is in 2022.

0:07:42.9 Mr. Newlin: And in order to have a balanced budget going in into the tax budget, I decreased the amount of money transferred to the capital improvement fund by the same amount. So those two wash each other out. Advance the aquatic center capital improvement fund \$11,059 in the tax budget. And again, that should be taken care of this year, so that won't show up in next year's budget. The advance of the capital improvement fund. Again, I explained that the revenue wasn't coming back and we're not gonna do the advance. So that's the offsetting expenditure in the Oxford Area Trails fund. Again, the same thing, there's a decrease of \$2.3 million that's because we're advancing less next year. Again, that's offset by the revenue decrease. So those wash out and the same at the Pedestrian High Street fund of \$33,649.02. And again, these are preliminary numbers. It's not binding us to anything for our next budget next year, but again, this is a procedure we have to do by a high revised code. So I'd be glad to answer any questions.

0:09:19.3 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much. Is there anyone from the public who'd like to address this text budget for the... Is there anyone on Council has questions or concerns? Thank you.

Mr. Prytherch: I so move to close the public hearing

Mayor Snavelly: I would accept that motion to close public hearing. Is there a second?

0:09:40.9 Ms. Raghu: Second?

0:09:41.7 Mayor Snavelly: It's seconded. All those in favor, say aye.

0:09:42.5 Group: Aye.

0:09:43.7 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed.

0:09:44.0 Mr. Newlin: Thank you. And just to let you know, since I went through this now, when we have the second reading, I'll say nothing at that point.

0:09:51.6 Mayor Snavelly: I think you're good. [laughter] All right. We'll move then to public comments and anyone wishing to address Council about items that are not on the agenda or are not

on the consent agenda come forward at this time. Give us your name and address for the record. And we'll give you five minutes to say whatever you want.

0:10:15.5 Ms. Michael: Good evening. I'm Carol Michael, 409 East Chestnut Street, and it's good to be here and see all of you. And thank you all for your public service. I'm here tonight to express a concern during ShareFest in May. I spent a lot of time circulating in the miles square, and I became aware very quickly that there was an absence of signage and I was having difficulty navigating. I knew some major streets, but I didn't know all the streets.

0:10:51.7 Mayor Snavelly: Street signs. Yes.

0:11:51.8 Ms. Michael: So this morning I decided to document. So first of all, I went north and south. On south campus, there were three intersections missing street signs in a row, south of high, three in a row north of church, and one north of Sycamore. On Poplar street, one street south of Sycamore was missing and a second one, one north of Spring, the first second, third, fourth, and sixth intersections south of Spring and Poplar were missing signs, on main street, one north of Chestnut to the west and second and third to the east. There's no sign at Spring and Main the first north of spring and second north of spring and second north of High, at Main in Sycamore there was no sign indicating it was Main Street. On Beech Street, the second street north of Spring, the first second, third and fourth north of High were missing any signage at all. On college, first and second south from Sycamore, there were no signs in the first street, south from Spring Street and on Locust, there was no sign at High and Locust. So then I decided to go east and west for a couple of streets. [laughter] on Vine Street...

0:12:16.7 Mayor Snavelly: Oh, Vine Street, there's almost none.

0:12:19.5 Ms. Michael: On Vine Street, one street, south of Sycamore, east or west on Vine, I went through eight intersections...

0:12:26.5 Mayor Snavelly: I did that too.

0:12:28.3 Ms. Michael: With no signs at all. No signs. And then on Withrow, there were three streets with no signs until Main. So you get the idea. I counted all these up, our great city's missing at least 32 Street signs in a mile square, and I find that's totally unacceptable for a great city like Oxford. I think our permanent residents and our visitors deserve a full array of street signs, whether that means more sophisticated hardware to allay tampering and keep them where they are or elevate them so that they're not tampered with, but I think the City Council and City government needs to solve this problem.

0:13:17.3 Mayor Snavelly: Carol, thank you for bringing that up, 'cause I was gonna bring it up in my comments at the end, 'cause I went down Vine street, and I couldn't keep track of which street I was at, and I realized none of them said Vine street. So, could you leave that list with the Service Director Mike, thank you very much. Would anyone else like to address the Council? Mr. Amarantos, come forward.

0:13:49.1 Mr. Amarantos: Hello everybody, my name is Andrew Amarantos. My brother and I had been here in Oxford for almost 40 years now. We are the proprietors of Skippers pub up town and SDS pizza for maybe the last 15 or so years. There's two beautiful ash trees that aren't so

beautiful anymore in front of skippers in case nobody has noticed them. They're probably close to 100 years old. For the last five to seven or eight years, I have been trying to maintain them, take care of them, keep them alive as long as possible. Long story short they're totally hollow on the inside. They've become a nuisance. We don't want anybody to get hurt. I've been talking with the city about it for several years now, and long story short, they are coming down, so that's gonna happen probably in the next 15 days or something like that, and the cost is being worked out between the city and us, and since actually the patio at Skippers is public affair?

0:15:00.2 Mr. Dreisbach: Right of way.

0:15:01.5 Mr. Amarantos: Public right of way, we were grandfathered in 38 years ago. So there's a wrought iron fence around there that's probably maybe as old as the trees, if not older, that we installed back then, it's been painted many, many times. So we're trying to get bids to get the trees down, once the trees come down, all the roots have to come out, we have to grind 6 to 18 inches below, new concrete has to be poured, but while we were talking about all of this, we had asked the fence out there is like five-foot sections, and we said, Hey, can we take down a section of the fence for two reasons, one, to get the trees taken down, make it easier for the people that access... We're actually closing the street, the bagel shop is gonna close, we're gonna close, there used to be a crane there and all of that, and it'd be much easier if you can remove the fence and they can work right from that area. So we were told that if you remove a piece of the fence, there's a law statue or whatever that says once you move it, you can't put it back up again, so I don't know if anyone's aware of anything like that. So we said, well, there's two reasons.

0:16:15.6 Mr. Amarantos: First, we'd love to take the fence down, send it out, do a few repairs on it, where the spikes are, there's a couple of them that will come off, and second of all they have the chemicals nowadays that can get it back down to bare metal, and then you have it refurbished, and it looks brand new and it's pretty and everybody likes it. So we're kind of at an impasse right now. In the last couple of days, I spoke to a few people and they said, why don't you go to city council? So... And I know things don't move at the rapid speed in Oxford at times, we have to do what we have to do, but I'd really like it to maybe come before you people and ask somebody to say, Hey, I like to make a motion to... There's really no business in Oxford this summer.

0:17:02.8 Mayor Snavelly: So your plan is to put the fence back exactly the way it is.

0:17:06.0 Mr. Amarantos: Exactly the way... It might have new bolts, but there's no design difference, no changes, no... No, anything at all.

0:17:13.0 Mayor Snavelly: Got you.

0:17:14.1 Mr. Elliott: We'll talk to Andy about this.

0:17:15.4 Mayor Snavelly: Can you do that, and...

0:17:16.5 Mr. Elliott: I'm not familiar with the section.

0:17:18.4 Mayor Snavelly: See what's necessary to make it happen, so he can take his tree down, build the fence.

0:17:22.4 Mr. Elliott: If we need to bring something the Council will do that quickly.

0:17:25.6 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Alright, we'll get on it.

0:17:27.5 Mr. Amarantos: Yeah, that's supposed to be done in about 12 days or something like that. It's all scheduled up at the city, and everything else.

0:17:33.6 Mayor Snavelly: We'll get on it. Thank you Andrew.

0:17:33.7 Mr. Amarantos: So I appreciate your time and everybody, thank you very much. And it's nice to see everybody.

0:17:37.6 Ms. Franklin: Nice to see you.

0:17:37.6 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you Andy. Anyone else?

0:17:47.8 Ms. Schnell: Clarrisa Schnell 6 Olde Stone Court here in Oxford. I just noticed over the past couple of meetings, and maybe you guys can answer this at the end, when you guys get to your comments, that there's been some reference to possibly separating from the township or removing the city of Oxford from the township. And I was wondering just what that means for us as taxpayers, if the city does... If I'm reading what you are hinting around at, during the last couple of meetings, what that means for us as taxpayers, I don't know one way or the other what it means for our friends and families that live in the township, if it'll affect their services or not and what's causing this topic to keep arising? Is it something that's been on the city's agenda for a while? Is it something that's been mutually discussed between the township and the city? What's the benefit, or what are the pros and cons? Or is it strictly an emotional response to some recent conversations about the solar and wind project and the township deciding to keep their police force? So, if you guys could clarify that later on, I'm indifferent one way or the other. I would just like some more information before we go down that road and what that does for us as citizens within the community.

0:19:22.7 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

0:19:23.2 Ms. Schnell: Thanks.

0:19:23.6 Mayor Snavelly: Could you address that at the end? Thank you very much.

0:19:26.5 Mayor Snavelly: Anyone else? We really appreciate you all coming. We appreciate those who've come to speak before us. We will move then to the consent agenda. And can I have a motion to approve it?

0:19:39.2 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:19:40.1 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved.

0:19:41.7 Ms. French: Second.

0:19:42.2 Mayor Snavelly: Seconded by Councilor French. Are there any items to be removed?

Hearing none, all those in favor of approving the consent agenda indicate by saying, "Aye"

0:19:53.5 Group: Aye.

0:19:54.1 Mayor Snavelly: Oppose? Thank you. It is agreed to. We'll move then to resolutions. If you would be kind enough to read that first one.

0:20:08.0 Clerk: A resolution authorizing the School Resource Officer Program memorandum of understanding between the Talawanda City school district and the City of Oxford and authorizing the city manager to sign the memorandum of understanding on behalf of the City.

0:20:23.5 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Is there a motion to adopt this resolution?

0:20:27.3 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:20:28.8 Ms. Franklin: Second.

0:20:29.1 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved and seconded. Chief, welcome.

0:20:32.5 Chief Jones: Thank you.

0:20:33.0 Mayor Snavelly: Give us a run down.

0:20:35.5 Chief Jones: Sure. This is our annual contract renewal with the Talawanda City school district. We provide three school resource officers in the district. They're stationed at Kramer, Talawanda Middle School, Talawanda High School. They work hand-in-hand with the administrators there to provide a safe environment and really work on building relationships with the kids. We have a very positive relationship with the school district. So, they're much more than just an armed security guard there. They work on emergency planning and work with the school. And relationship building, as I mentioned, is a big thing. So, this... The language in the proposed contract is similar to the language that's been there for a few years. The price... We raised the rate to \$31 an hour, over which it was \$30 last year, so it's a small increase to help cover our contract cost. So, I think that's... I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

0:21:48.4 Mayor Snavelly: Super.

0:21:48.6 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

0:21:49.0 Chief Jones: Thank you.

0:21:49.5 Mayor Snavelly: Would anyone from the public like to address this item? Seeing none, any questions or comments from Council?

0:21:58.6 Ms. Franklin: I'll just say that at a police commission meeting a couple meetings ago, I had the opportunity to hear Officer Butler talk about the work that he does as an SRO and was impressed with what he does. I was curious about the fact that it said that raising it from \$30 to \$31 would increase the reimbursement to the City. What amount does the City put in over and above that \$31 an hour?

0:22:27.8 Chief Jones: So, that would be their contracted rate of pay, which I don't have in front of me. But it's...

0:22:33.4 Ms. Franklin: Yeah, I can't remember, yeah.

0:22:34.9 Chief Jones: In the past, it's been... That's covered about 78%. So, I don't know if that's still accurate, but the officers are making more than that per hour. But what it does is... We would have to respond to those schools anyway, so we're sharing the cost of what it takes to put an officer there. And of course, the city's incurring costs such as cruisers and computers and that type of stuff and training. But it's a similar... It's what... And fringe benefits, yeah. So, there's a lot of cost to the city as well. It's a similar contract to the sheriff's office.

0:23:18.0 Ms. Franklin: Okay.

0:23:18.9 Mr. Elliott: We tried to be... It's something we came up with several years ago, and we feel it's a fair reimbursement, even though it doesn't cover 100% of our cost. But they're not there 100% of the time either. The schools are closed during holidays and other times. But... So, I think it works for both the City and the school district.

0:23:39.7 Ms. Franklin: Thank you.

0:23:41.1 Mr. Elliott: Sorry.

0:23:42.0 Mayor Snavelly: Reminder to all in Council to speak close to the microphone so that our feed will pick it all up. Any other questions? Dave?

0:23:49.1 Mr. Prytherch: So, I guess I would just say that this has become fairly routine for us, and I think it's a really well-worked out arrangement both financial and institutional. I think obviously the events of the last few weeks have shown that unfortunately, we live in a world in which having security in our schools is paramount. And I'm grateful that the situation we have is highly trained Oxford police officers in the schools. So, I think that as much as that can give people a sense of security that we have really top people, again, in that emergency, but also with everything else that they're doing as school resource officers that goes far and above just with school security. It's hard to feel secure about anything these days, but this is something that Oxford and Talawanda can do together to make us feel as safe in our schools as we reasonably can.

0:24:41.4 Mayor Snavelly: Thanks, Dave. Anyone else?

0:24:44.6 Ms. French: Yeah, I would just like to... This is my first go round approving this, and for those who may not know, my work bring me very close to working with school resource officers and school safety in general. So, I was... Granted, I don't have a depth of knowledge in other contracts, but this looks as best in class as it could possibly be. I loved everything about how you've worked it out. And I have to say from knowing folks who teach in Talawanda, just huge kudos to your officers for really making themselves, you know, kind of like what we're alluding to, not just Hi, I'm here for, to be an armed member of the school community, but to really embed themselves in the school and the culture and to do a lot of work with the students in outreach into the community. So thanks.

0:25:28.7 Chief Jones: Thank you.

0:25:29.3 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you Alex. Anyone else? Are you ready to vote? Thank you, chief. All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

0:25:38.9 Group: Aye.

0:25:38.9 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed? Thank you. The resolution is adopted. Move to the second.

0:25:44.7 Clerk: A resolution authorizing the city manager and the chief of police to submit a grant application for the community oriented police services hiring program grant with the US Department of Justice Office of Community oriented Policing Services.

0:26:02.0 Mayor Snavelly: Is there a motion to adopt? .

0:26:03.7 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:26:04.2 Mayor Snavelly: It's been moved.

0:26:04.8 Ms. Franklin: Second.

0:26:05.3 Mayor Snavelly: Seconded. Thank you very much, chief.

0:26:08.8 Chief Jones: Thank you. This is a grant application for hiring. We're always looking for different ways to supplement city funds and this is for permission to apply for a cop's grant, they would provide up to \$125,000 and then we would obviously have to keep the officers on longer than that and also have matching cost. But this is something, you know, we've talked about adding staffing and this is just one method of trying to get that. And there's different categories we have to apply for. So we did our best to fit it into drug related violence to try to work that way towards the grant. We do have one other grant application out to the state kind of similar, but there was not time to bring that before you, so obviously if we get awarded that we would bring it in and ask for your permission to accept it as well, but, this is just an attempt to help supplement city funds.

0:27:11.7 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Would anyone from the public like to address this item before council? Seeing none comments or questions from council.

0:27:21.9 Ms. Raghu: When you say directed towards drug related violence? Does that mean just the grant is saying like, we have an increase of this and this is why we need someone?

0:27:29.7 Chief Jones: Yeah. There were different categories that we didn't always fit the category. We thought this was our best opportunity, we've not been successful with the cops hiring grant before that I'm aware of or well before my time. So we're just trying different, looking at different statistics and trying to fit it in a category. Yeah.

0:27:52.5 Ms. Raghu: Oh, we didn't get it before just because the crime level wasn't as high as other places.

0:27:58.3 Chief Jones: Yeah. I mean, there's other cities have been awarded it. We have not. So it's just a different way of... Just this is the category we applied for because we felt that we could show that there was increase in overdoses and we've had violence related to drugs that we could point to. And we used to have a undercover officer assigned to a task force, but we had to pull that because of staffing a few years ago. So that was our method of if we can get someone that would backfill that position. We could go back to that task force, if that makes sense.

0:28:40.1 Mayor Snavelly: Any additional questions.

0:28:42.7 Mr. Franklin: Question. So if you were to get funded and then they provide, is it 75%, I think it is.

0:28:51.0 Chief Jones: Yeah. Yes.

0:28:51.9 Ms. Franklin: Okay. And then the city has to pay for 12 months beyond the life of the grant at least a year of hire for the officer. So do we know that we have the funds to be able to do that in the third year?

0:29:08.2 Chief Jones: Well, what I would say is that every year we return a lot of money back to the general fund that we don't use in our budget. So I think in talking with the city manager and finance director, yes. We'd be able to support that.

0:29:18.5 Ms. Franklin: Okay. Thank you.

0:29:19.9 Ms. Raghu: And I think this will be relevant kind of leading into the next resolution, which we'll get into further, but I mean, I know that substance abuse has gone up. I mean, it's so obvious in the neighborhood, so hopefully you get it.

0:29:37.0 Chief Jones: Sure. Thank you.

0:29:38.0 Mayor Snavelly: Are you ready vote? All those in favor, indicate by saying aye.

0:29:41.7 Group: Aye.

0:29:41.9 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed? Resolution is adopted, we'll move to the third resolution.

0:29:49.7 Clerk: A resolution, accepting the bid and authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Jackson Construction Company for the construction of ADA sidewalk ramps and alternate sidewalk for a total not to exceed \$222,451.46.

0:30:09.8 Mayor Snavelly: Is there a motion to adopt the resolution?

0:30:12.3 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

0:30:13.2 Ms. French: Seconded.

0:30:14.2 Mayor Snavelly: Seconded by Ms. French and welcome Mike.

0:30:19.1 Mr. Dreisbach: Good evening.

0:30:21.1 Mayor Snavelly: So I've seen the little marks on a lot of sidewalks. So you must be getting ready.

0:30:26.2 Mr. Dreisbach: There's a lot of work going on in town.

0:30:27.9 Mayor Snavelly: Yes, sir.

0:30:28.5 Mr. Dreisbach: So pardon my voice. I'm finding a little summer head cold here tonight. For this agenda item, historically we've used CDBG funds to install or improve handicap ramps in the city sidewalk system. In April Council approved a resolution to, use ARPA funds to finish that project so that CDBG could use for other tasks in the future. So staff prepared plans and specifications to do that. And as an alternate, we also did plans for a new sidewalk on the west side of North Lucas Street to go to Kramer School. This has been a frequently mentioned deficiency, and it is part of the study area of safe routes to school. We advertised for bids, we had two bidders, one being Jackson Construction who already has two contracts with the city, so they are already mobilized, they're here, and they gave us very attractive pricing where we can afford to do the alternate sidewalk if you desire. We recommend doing that, and recommend you approve this contract. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

0:31:51.8 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much. Would anyone from the public like to address this item? Please come on forward...

0:31:55.6 Ms. Fizzel: I would like to...

0:31:57.1 Mayor Snavelly: Come on. Give us your name and your address and what you do... Five minutes to tell us everything you want.

0:32:03.1 Ms. Fizzel: Well, I'll talk fast. I waddled fast to get up here. I am Janet Fizzel. I was born in Oxford, and I live at 341 North Locust Street. I walked past my house my whole life to go to Kramer School, and I don't know if you all remember, 'cause you're also much younger than me, but Oxford used to be a tree City, and the trees on North Locust street used to arch right over the street, and what's proposed on my side of North Locust Street is sidewalks to be installed in an area in the 30... Let's see, 26 years that we've lived in the house, it's never been a problem that there's not been connectivity on that side of the street. I am concerned about not only the trees that'll be lost when the sidewalks will be installed, but also when you're on that side of Locust Street, down by the Locust Street building of McCullough-Hyde TriHealth.

0:33:00.0 Ms. Fizzel: There's an island there, and it just seems like a very awkward place for little children to cross the street to get to Kramer School, when the other side of the street is much better suited for that sort of traffic. So it would probably increase my property value to have sidewalks on my side of the street, because my house is known as the house where the sidewalk ends. But I will tell you, I think that we should be more concerned about other things in Oxford, and I think that we should be replacing some trees as they keep coming down. And if you've lived near in Oxford very long, and again, you're all much younger than me, I've lived here a really long time, but we lost lots of trees and we will lose a significant number of trees, if this proposed sidewalk install occurs.

0:33:45.8 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

0:33:46.7 Ms. Fizzel: Thank you.

0:33:47.2 Mayor Snavelly: Appreciate your time.

0:33:50.0 Ms. Fizzel: Thanks.

0:33:50.6 Mayor Snavelly: Anyone else like to address this item before. Mike? You wanna make a comment before I...

0:34:00.1 Mr. Dreisbach: Just a reminder that the city is a Tree City USA Community, and our internal goal for any tree we take down, we plan to plant one and a half trees, so we are planting more than what we are removing.

0:34:15.0 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

0:34:15.4 Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you.

0:34:17.4 Mayor Snavelly: Counselors? Discussion or?

0:34:19.3 Mr. Prytherch: So as someone who was involved and worked with Talawanda and parents to do the safe routes to school, which was... I was looking at a picture here on the way, my daughter was small, it was a long time ago that we did it, and that begins with kind of a needs assessment. You look at the schools, 'cause the premise is, if you have a school that's walkable, you need to analyze what are the barriers to stop people from being able to walk to school, and we're super fortunate to have an elementary school in town, but it's not the easiest to walk to, and there's a number of barriers. The intersection at Locust and Church is one of them, but it's not the only one. So at that time, and again, it was a group of parents and city staffers who were sitting at pre-approved engineers, I think Sam took part in that, and we did identify this as a deficiency.

0:35:03.9 Mr. Prytherch: I think there's a reason why the side walk hasn't been on that street because of this slope... Technically more difficult than it is in other places, but I've been really excited that something that was put on the plan, is a need we need to address, even if it takes a while to find the funding source. And I'm super sensitive to the idea that in the front yard, and I think... I know that the city will work with land owners and try to design it in a way that's sensitive and to replace the trees, but I think you're right. I think we need to look at the Locust and Church cause I think that's not a particularly walkable intersection but building the network as a one little piece at a time, and then you when you have an opportunity to fill a hole, so thank you, Mike, for putting that on there.

0:35:53.0 Mayor Snavelly: Other comments?

0:35:54.4 Ms. Raghu: I have a couple of questions, do I need to recuse myself, since I live across the street?

0:36:02.6 Mr. Mazer: There's really no requirement that you recuse yourself, you don't have any really specific interests that would be really unique in any way that differs from the rest of the

members. So there's no need really... You surely can, if you feel the need to, we believe there's no requirement.

0:36:17.7 Ms. Raghu: And then, the trees, when they're replaced, do they go in the same area? Do they go somewhere else in the city?

0:36:24.7 Mr. Dreisbach: We would work with the property owners, if they desire trees to be replanted, we would do that, some owners do not want trees back in their yard, and then we have other way, we have a list of places where we'd like to plant more trees. So we will work with the property owners.

0:36:44.9 Ms. Raghu: And this project is being targeted because of the elementary school and the of connectivity, right at this moment?

0:36:51.9 Mr. Dreisbach: Yes. And it's been noted as a deficiency in the Safe Routes to School study area. So we have an opportunity to correct that. The Council's goal has been to complete the city sidewalk network, where we have missing segments, that's what we're doing.

0:37:10.0 Ms. Raghu: And I think everyone's on the same page that we need that connectivity and sidewalks are good, always in favor of sidewalks. There was, there were some concerns raised in the neighborhood as far as... There's a lot going on right there. There's a lot going on that people don't even realize what is happening beyond the bushes in the woods, right behind on the west side of Locust. So before we make any comments as far as NIMBY-ism or anything like that, this ain't it. But there's a lot of concern about what will happen when this connectivity happens, and then connecting it to what is happening behind... Right behind where Ms. Fizel lives. So, I just wonder, is there any way that until that situation improves, is there any way this project could be put off?

0:38:13.1 Mr. Dreisbach: We have deadlines published in our specifications. So the contractor could claim damages against the city if we did not follow through once the contract's awarded. I'm not prepared to answer that question. I didn't anticipate that tonight.

0:38:40.8 Mr. Ellerbe: Okay. I got a quick question.

0:38:41.4 Mr. Dreisbach: Yes.

0:38:41.8 Mr. Ellerbe: Two actually, a question and a statement. All of the discussion that has happened up until I started speaking was regarding the alternate correct?

0:38:53.2 Mr. Dreisbach: So we have the main base bid of...

0:38:55.1 Mr. Ellerbe: Yeah. Like the, all the...

0:38:56.3 Mr. Dreisbach: Handicap ramps?

0:38:57.3 Mr. Ellerbe: Yeah. Then the ramps and all that other stuff. And then this is the alternate.

0:39:00.4 Mr. Dreisbach: And then the citizen's comment and discussion is solely about this north Locust sidewalk?

0:39:06.7 Mr. Ellerbe: I wanna talk about the other stuff. Thank you for doing that. I mean, I've been on council when I think you guys were at like 30 of these things and you're rapidly approaching, completing everything in the city to be ADA accessible. I appreciate all the years that you guys have been doing this year in, year out every year, it actually... I've been noticing in the town it's making a difference. And thank you for doing that.

0:39:33.7 Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you. So this contract will buy 44 more ramps 3,800 square feet of a new sidewalk and ramp area and about 800 new feet of curb gutter and sidewalk. And that will complete the program.

0:39:55.0 Mayor Snavelly: Additional comments or questions.

0:39:56.8 Ms. Franklin: I just want... I wanna say I understand that there's no replacing a mature tree. I mean, there just isn't and I appreciate you working with the homeowners and I am supportive of this, but I understand we have a lot of mature trees at our home and you just can't replace one. It's not gonna be the same.

0:40:22.3 Mayor Snavelly: I echo those thoughts exactly. Are you ready to vote? All those in favor, indicate by saying aye.

0:40:29.1 Group: Aye.

0:40:29.4 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed.

0:40:33.1 Ms. Raghu: I'm gonna abstain.

0:40:35.2 Mayor Snavelly: Alright. I wanna...

0:40:38.2 Mayor Snavelly: The resolutions adopted, please work with the homeowners. I appreciate that. Ordinance is the first reading, you may read the first one.

0:40:47.1 Clerk: An ordinance accepting the recommendation of the planning commission and approving the conditional use for a major change to the 2009 Talawanda High School conditional use to add a bus garage/maintenance facility in the city of Oxford with conditions.

0:41:06.7 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. This is the first reading, so we don't need motions. And we will turn to Sam.

0:41:14.4 Mr. Perry: Good evening everyone. May was a busy month for the planning commission. So I have three first readings tonight. The first one, and we have a significantly reduced set of slides so they'll go quickly since the planning commission has spent a lot of time on these, you may remember in February, there was a road easement discussed and council approved a relocation of a roadway easement on this private property that's owned by Talawanda School district? And the reason for that, I'll show you on the map here was for a proposal from the school district to relocate the current bus storage facility and garage from Chestnut Street, where it is now to the current high school property to serve the district for busing storage, staffing, maintenance. And so you can see on the map I have highlighted where it would be located. The high school was

approved by council in 2009 and then completed in 2012 and 2013 as a conditional use permit which is a, just kind of the typical process for schools and restaurants. Those types of uses that are special that require some additional detailed analysis to determine their level of appropriateness in a certain area.

0:42:26.8 Mr. Perry: And so because of that conditional use approval in 2009 for the school it was determined that adding a bus storage facility to that would be an amendment. So that was actually discussed administratively and then at planning commission for a potential minor or administrative amendment. And it was determined that that would need to come through the full process for a major amendment, which finds its way back to council. So here we are now planning commission did a thorough review of it and actually some of... And I'll go to the next slide there. Some of the comments that were provided in March in the discussion of a potential minor amendment resulted in some revisions which were then accepted by the majority of the commission at the May meeting. So some of the aspects that we were in discussion had to do with potential noise or light traffic, kind of the typical things that a conditional use discussion should contain. What are the impacts to the surrounding property owners and residents, those types of things. So the school district and their consultant added additional trees to the surrounding perimeter of the site and also some privacy slats to the chain link fence. If you're familiar with those fences that have the kind of the vinyl slats in them.

0:43:46.3 Mr. Perry: So this project would include storage for 42 buses about a half dozen staff, and it's a 7500 square foot building. And you can kind of see in the center here, this is where the maintenance barn would be, kind of a pole barn type of structure that would match the... Some of the colors of the district. And then there's existing trees along the driveway, and they would be adding some more. And then the front half facing the driveway would be like the staff and visitor parking. And then the back part would be the bus storage. So waivers and conditions were discussed and added into the recommendation. You may be familiar with the high school parking lot. It's not designed like a lot of the other parking lots in town. It has some of the low impact features, some of which are being taken over to this design but to a little bit lesser degree just to help to prevent some of the damage to the grass in the area. And then the easement for the roadway which had already been approved by council that has been drafted up and ready to be signed. And that's a condition as well. And what that would do was allow... Would allow for the public interest to be served by maintaining a roadway in the future to the east of the garage rather than through the middle of it... If you remember that discussion. And that is all I have and Shaunna Tafelski is here as well. If you have any questions for her, from the district, happy to answer any questions.

0:45:22.9 Mayor Snavelly: Super, thank you very much. And I will ask if anyone from the public would like to address this. Did you wanna make a comment or just here for questions?

0:45:35.1 Ms. Tafelski: I'm literally just here to answer immediate questions.

0:45:38.8 Mayor Snavelly: All right. I didn't wanna take away your opportunity.

0:45:41.2 Ms. Tafelski: No, you are not. I appreciate you asking and for this opportunity so...

0:45:47.2 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. So I see no one jumping up to take that opportunity. So we'll move on to discussion and questions by council, planning members do you want to give us a summary there of your discussion. Was it well received?

0:46:07.1 Mr. Prytherch: Yeah, I mean, I think that the main... Just to summarize, so you can understand one, I think at first the planning commission had debates about whether this was minor or not, but because of the scale of it it was difficult for many commission members to put this in the minor administrative category, given the number of buses. And, so it came through. But in that initial conversation with the main conditional use is really about, are there negative, secondary impacts that you have to mitigate? And if you can mitigate them, they probably should be approved. And the main thing with this is that it is a bus facility with buses that will be idling and turning on lights at 4 o'clock in the morning, or 4:30 or 5:00, or whatever it is with the noise and the lights and some fumes.

0:46:49.2 Mr. Prytherch: So it was visual, so, but they came back and, and so there's the tree planting schedule and the slat is really meant to mini... It's to mitigate it. It won't... There will still will be noise from buses, there was a specific effort to reach out to the owners or the managers of what's the aviary, and to try to get a sense of whether the neighbors had concerns about it, but I guess no one showed up what, whatever that means. So, yeah, I mean, I think there was... This is kind of the facility. This is the reason why this is a conditional use. This is a residential area. This is on R 1, and this is a the kind of industrial sort of facility, but it's part of what school districts do and have to do in 2022. And I think there's some hope that there will be a time in not too different future where they won't be diesel buses, but they'll be electric buses and that will address one of the concerns. So yeah, I think that ultimately the planning commission, I think there was some qualms about the way things might have gone differently about the easement or whatever, but I think the majority was in support so...

0:47:53.0 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Anyone else wanna address this claim?

0:47:56.8 Mr. Ellerbe: Is there a net job creation from this facility?

0:48:01.1 Mr. Perry: I don't know the answer to that.

0:48:02.4 Mayor Snavelly: Go ahead.

0:48:03.5 Ms. Tafelski: What's the question.

0:48:05.8 Mayor Snavelly: I bet we can have an answer.

0:48:09.1 Mr. Perry: Is it creating new jobs.

0:48:10.0 Mr. Ellerbe: Is there a net? Okay.

0:48:12.3 Ms. Tafelski: No. It's... I'm.

[laughter]

0:48:14.5 Ms. Tafelski: It is net neutral.

0:48:15.1 Mr. Ellerbe: Okay. Thank you. I was just curious if they are giving some new job.

0:48:16.8 Mayor Snavelly: For the record, tell the clerk, your name ma'am.

0:48:19.6 Ms. Tafelski: I'm sorry. I'm Shaunna Tafelski. I'm at, 2114 Dana drive, and I represent Talawanda city school district.

0:48:26.5 Mr. Ellerbe: Including, custodial or any other administrative services, like no net new jobs at all.

0:48:33.5 Ms. Tafelski: No, there's no new jobs. We're literally moving our Chestnut hub. The Peterman services there, as well as our custodial and maintenance. We're literally moving them from one spot to the next.

0:48:44.8 Mr. Ellerbe: Understood.

0:48:45.7 Ms. Tafelski: Okay. I'll stay here for any other questions.

0:48:48.8 Mayor Snavelly: If you have any questions for her while she's here for the school district. So, when the high school was there, it was right next to the high school.

0:48:57.3 Ms. Tafelski: Yes.

0:48:58.3 Mayor Snavelly: So this will take it to that state again.

0:49:01.3 Ms. Tafelski: Basically a couple of hundred feet extra, but yes, it will.

0:49:05.5 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Thank you.

0:49:06.4 Mr. Prytherch: And just to Glenn's point, I mean, there is an economic development piece to this because the school district will be vacating a piece of property that it's been occupying at South Locust, which is going to transform a lot, the BCRTA multi-modal facility.

0:49:21.2 Ms. Tafelski: Correct.

0:49:22.8 Mr. Prytherch: Or investments in Amtrak. And so in terms of the pieces of the puzzle, there will now be a piece that's available. I mean, it's Miami is owns it, right.

0:49:31.2 Ms. Tafelski: Miami currently owns it. We lease it from them.

0:49:33.3 Mr. Prytherch: So you know, that that will open the door to something potentially future in that location, in south locust.

0:49:40.0 Mayor Snavelly: Or the Main Street here instead.

0:49:41.7 Mr. Prytherch: Me... Yeah. I'm sorry.

0:49:42.8 Mayor Snavelly: I think you may have to say... Yeah.

0:49:45.2 Mr. Prytherch: That's fine.

0:49:45.3 Ms. Tafelski: Correct.

0:49:45.7 Mr. Prytherch: Thank. You.

0:49:46.3 Mayor Snavelly: All right. Thank you.

0:49:47.3 Ms. Tafelski: Thank you.

0:49:49.4 Mayor Snavelly: Any other questions or concerns? Okay. I do think, it does make space for the new multimodal facility. So there's a side advantage on that. Okay. We will hear it, next meeting, we'll have a second reading then vote on it. Second, first reading.

0:50:12.5 Clerk: An ordinance, approving a conditional use permit application to allow for a new hotel to be located at 5470 College Corner Pike, Oxford Ohio 45056 with conditions.

0:50:25.6 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Sam.

0:50:29.5 Mr. Perry: Okay. So another conditional use this one for a new holiday inn express. So you're probably familiar with the Wild Berry warehouse in ambassador's point church area on college corner pike. And this will be directly past or to the left of the ambassador's point church and across from Wild Berry. And the proposal is an 83 room hotel, which requires a conditional use process and recommendation from planning commission, which is what you have in front of you. The zoning shows general business and, light industrial and residential. So it's kind of a mixture of uses around the area, which is a good reason to have the conditional use, to determine if there are negative impacts as we have talked about before, that can or cannot be mitigated.

0:51:21.6 Mr. Perry: The site plan that you have on the screen there was actually the one that was reviewed by Planning Commission, but it's not the one that you have now, because of some changes that have been made. This particular one has gone through several revisions, a lot of which actually happened before it came to Planning Commission because of staff feedback and so there was additional conversation that happened at the Planning Commission about access to the site from College Corner Pike and the number of curb cuts, there was discussion about whether additional parking spaces would help to mitigate that additional access and to navigate around the site, and so what we ended up with, which was actually the result of a condition of a recommendation that we intended to bring, but since the revised site plan addressed that, that condition has been recommended to be removed, and so that's for that second curb cut. So again, here you can see the plantings around the area.

0:52:22.0 Mr. Perry: Just to kind of give a little bit more life, I included that slide instead of the... Just purely the engineered site plan, but there are plenty of other drawings that are available and that you probably have seen in the packet or online. Now, this next slide shows elevation views, there is a height limit in the zoning district of 45 feet, and the request is to exceed that by an additional four feet, and you can see where those portions of what we call the parapet wall, will go above that to 49 feet. There's another one of the glass requirement for the general business district, or the glazing requirement, now that's an additional waiver as well. When that was written, I believe it was intended to speak mostly to kind of the one-story storefronts, so you didn't just have the blank walls, but since this has several stories with glazing, I think it was seen that that would accomplished a the

similar purpose, so we're not looking at completely blank walls, but it doesn't meet the 60% windows square footage either. The sign issue was discussed a fair bit as well, and as far as the square footage, this has been a popular theme over the past few months with different cases, and we do spend a lot of time on that.

0:53:41.8 Mr. Perry: And I'm glad to see that in a sense, because it does show our attention to detail that we for our design of the community and aesthetics. So the one that's here on the lower image shows the original proposal, which is several fold higher than what would be allowed by zoning code, and you can see in the next slide how it's been reduced. This was another item that has been addressed by the revisions of the applicant very quickly turned around those revisions and that made it easy for the process to continue on without additional discussion, so that's what we have here. One of the commissioners actually referenced another hotel in town, and so that was how we ended up with that. So again, it was...

0:54:27.2 Mr. Perry: And I'll go back to the site plan, the access and there was a pretty good pro and con discussion about additional access and whether that would be negative, what were the trade-offs for having that additional access point because the multi-use path there and that potential conflict and it was determined that having the additional curb cut and vehicular access, especially for emergency services and also for patrons would be the greater good in this case, and so that is what you have here in front of you.

0:55:00.3 Mayor Snavelly: Okay, thank you. Is there anyone from the public who would like to address this? Etta would you like to talk to for the petitioner?

0:55:19.3 Ms. Reed: Oh yes please. Good evening, I'm Etta Reed with Bayer Becker, I'm here on behalf of the applicant, which is High Point Lodging. And my address is 110, South College Avenue. I'm not gonna go through the whole presentation, I think staff did a very good job, but I will definitely answer any questions coming up, but I did not wanna just give you a little feel for what the quality, that High Point can bring to the Oxford community and some of the economics that this hotel will bring also. So High Point Lodging, they have 40 years of experience, they are family-owned and operated business, they do... This is their livelihood. They're sitting here in the audience ready to answer any questions you have, they also build and operate these hotels.

0:56:03.5 Ms. Reed: As Sam has indicated it is an 83 guest room hotel, they do have a number of suites, extended stay suites, so something that really a lot of the hotels in town do not have. They also offer up a 50-person meeting room as well as another smaller board room, so that you could have some conferences, smaller scale, but still has some conferences and bring some visitors into the community. They have a fitness center, indoor pool and a business center. Here's just some of the nice photos of what you can expect to see, a very colorful, inviting lobby, plenty of seating for your guests to kind of hang out, very up-to-date beautiful rooms, lit hallways, a business center, so if someone is here for a conference, they can continue to operate their business. Fitness center, just kind of a visual of the outside pool.

0:57:07.8 Ms. Reed: Again, here's your board... Here's your meeting room, as well as a smaller board room, another guest room, and just kind of... This is the sign as Sam has indicated, we are asking for several waivers, one of them is the signage. We took the ground sign, which is the sign you see here, we've dropped it to six feet, which does meet code, so we do not need that waiver anymore, and then with regards to the wall signage, we are still are at requesting too, but we

reduced the size from almost 17 feet tall down to just over three feet tall to be in compliance with what the Hampton it has in town. And one thing about Holiday Inn Express and Suites, they do have loyal customers, so they will follow them, so hopefully once a visitor comes they'll see how great Oxford is and they'll come back. And some items about the economic impact, this will create 31 jobs anywhere from food and beverage, front desk, all the way down to management, as you can see, there'll be six full-time and 25 part-time employees.

0:58:13.9 Ms. Reed: They are projecting 25,000 stays a year and in year one, that'd be \$2.9 million. And there are some tax benefits both to the county and the city with the hotel they will be adding again, 83 more rooms, which would bring your count up to just over 400 here in town. Which is really good because we were kind of more in a rural area. We could use more, especially with Spooky Nook coming into Hamilton, Riley Hanover, Milford township, the joining townships really don't have the hotels. So rather than have the individuals go to Colerain or Fairfield, even Hamilton, let's bring them here. So this is just some more bullet points. That's where it mentions the shortage of hotels in Oxford. So this will fill that need, this is a \$10 million project. It takes them two years to build this hotel. So that's two years of just construction workers. They'll use local contractors as much as possible, but you will have some outside contractors. So again, that's just bringing more people into the community and more dollars into Oxford.

0:59:23.8 Ms. Reed: And then just quickly as Sam has indicated, this was the previous plan, we had one access point and then this is the proposed plan that we're asking for approval on tonight. We worked back and forth significantly with the fire chief and staff to really meet the needs. And our original plan had 100 parking spaces. We only lost one by adding that access drive. The access drive more to the south or to the right side of the screen will align with Raeghs Way. So it will be... It will not create an unsafe situation with an offset intersection. So I'm prepared to answer any questions you may have.

1:00:00.0 Mayor Snavelly: I have one quick question. I believe that there are streams running through there. Can you show us where those are and how if any impact they would have on this project?

1:00:12.2 Ms. Reed: Sure. Do you have a pointer?

1:00:14.4 Mr. Dreisbach: I have one for rent.

[laughter]

1:00:16.8 Ms. Reed: For rent, I'll use the cursor.

1:00:20.4 Mayor Snavelly: Yeah she's gonna confess it.

1:00:23.2 Ms. Reed: I'm not paying, sorry Mike. It's right over here. There we go. It's right over. It's come on over here in the woods, the area that we are not going to touch. Yes.

1:00:32.8 Mayor Snavelly: So it's all over there. And does this drainage basin then drain into those creeks?

1:00:40.5 Ms. Reed: I'm sorry.

1:00:41.6 Mayor Snavelly: Does the drainage basin then drain into the creeks.

1:00:45.7 Ms. Reed: Yes, it will. And there is a drain... There's a 48 inch pipe here and a smaller pipe coming outta this catch basin here. Now that we have to put an access point in here, we're gonna have to kind of fill that area in. So if you've been out there, you've seen that depressed area, we're gonna connect these pipes up and clean that up and there, but yes, all the drainage will essentially pretty much go this basin... Detention basin, which will be dry and then outlet into the drainage way.

1:01:12.5 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Would anyone else from the public like to address this proposal, seeing them, questions, comments from council?

1:01:22.0 Ms. Franklin: I think I saw some Palm trees and water.

[laughter]

1:01:27.6 Ms. Franklin: If you could do that [laughter], I'm all in.

1:01:29.7 Mr. Ellerbe: The slideshow answered all the questions I had. It seems like a net positive to the community.

1:01:37.9 Mr. Prytherch: So here's just a question and I really respect, there was a lot of back and forth about the right way to handle. I mean, just so you understand what the logic was, is from a fire safety point of view, the desires have more than one at point of ingress and egress to a site. But on the flip side, when you have something like a multi-use path, you're trying to limiting the number of access points. This is in part why College Corner Pike is a little bit messy, because you've got a lot of points of ingress and egress. So there was a way of the debate was like is their way to do this shy of two entrances. But that... This is... That's fine, the conditional use doesn't get into the level, but is there signage then to mitigate the potential conflict point with the user on the trail?

1:02:25.2 Mr. Prytherch: In terms of like the stop bar being behind the sidewalk, again, it's not to that level here, but I'm sure that the multimodal design guidelines that are available from the state DOT probably there's a way that you can, 'cause what's gonna happen is people are gonna pull across to get to the street and then they'll be blocking. So thinking about that and I... It doesn't need to be conditioned, but because now we are increasing points of contact on the trail, it would be nice if we used best practices to mitigate that. Here's just a question that's totally just occurred to me and it's not apropos of our code. Are hotels installing electric vehicle charging as an amenity for their clients, 'cause I imagine it has to be a growing demand? Again this is not at all part of the approval process. It's just pure curiosity.

1:03:13.4 Mayor Snavelly: It will not affect your decision.

1:03:14.8 Mr. Prytherch: Yeah. It doesn't affect the decision, but I'm just curious whether it's that... We don't require my code, but I think I see a lot of people driving to campus with their kids in electric vehicles. It's just something to think about. I think there might be demand for it.

1:03:27.2 Mayor Snavelly: I think you're right I can tell you, it's almost impossible to even get an

electric car right now because the demand is so high.

1:03:34.4 Mr. Prytherch: And I just think that if people arrive and they often arrive from distances such that they would want to charge it. And we have, yeah... So we don't have a ton of infrastructure in Oxford right now. We're trying to get back, but thank you for working with staff. I know there was a lot of back and forth. I think this is going to as somebody who's on the parents page, I see the demand that the hot market people trading hotel rooms with each other. And so it would be really nice if we had a town where people could find a place to stay. And as Jason will also attest this will help us with our Airbnb conversion housing affordability problem. I'd rather have people stay in a holiday Inn express than in a converted house.

1:04:22.9 Mayor Snavelly: Yeah, this is not designed to compete with houses. It just may have that impact. I just want to congratulate you for coming to our town and building the hotel. And when I visit my in... This is totally irrelevant. When I visit my in-laws, we always stay at the Holiday Inn Express and I have... So you chose a good brand because I think they have high standards and we always know what to expect when you get there. And so I think it has a good chance of success.

1:04:55.4 Ms. Raghu: I would second what David said, if you could put some electric chargers, that would be amazing.

1:05:00.2 Mayor Snavelly: Yeah. Council would be really appreciative.

1:05:03.0 Ms. Raghu: And if you could make it safe so that cyclists are not hit, that'd be awesome.

[laughter]

1:05:09.0 Ms. Raghu: My husband was personally hit, at the front of an apartment because a car pulled up. So I'd appreciate that as well.

1:05:19.3 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Any other comments or questions? Hearing none. We thank you very much for the presentation again, that will be decided upon at our next meeting. And then we have a third first reading.

1:05:37.1 Clerk: An ordinance accepting the recommendation of the planning commission and approving the final plan development for Owl's Landing along Brookville road in the city of Oxford with conditions.

1:05:47.8 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Thank you very much, Sam.

1:05:52.5 Mr. Perry: Okay.

1:05:52.6 Mayor Snavelly: This is your third.

1:05:53.4 Mr. Perry: This is it. Third one. So this is a final plan development, you've seen a few times. So Owl's Landing, it's a 22 acre site that went through several steps. So annexation, zoning, preliminary plan development. There's a little bit of a timeline there. And the applicant reminded the planning commission of the length of the process and has asked us to consider revisions to that. So that's, if you're interested in what it takes to get through the process there's... That's where we're

at now. This is actually... There's still another step too. There's an addition to the vote for this plan development, there is also the division of the land itself, which is the plat. They actually... Even after this is approved, still would not be able to sell lots because this is a plan development and a subdivision.

1:06:47.0 Mr. Perry: So the site itself, which is a lot of open farm land and a farm site... So it's in three parcels, consolidation of 22 acres. This is the preliminary plan, which you have already approved. And as I go to the next slide, you can see that there's very little change, just a little bit more detail on the topographic lines. And then as I flip back and forth from the original preliminary to the approved, you can see on the east side there's been some additional plantings added, based on some comments and suggestions from the planning commission city council. And so that has been done. And other than that, there's really no changes. So the staff and planning commission found that it substantially conformed to the preliminary plan.

1:07:37.1 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Thank you. Is there someone from the petitioner who would like to talk about this? Yeah. Welcome.

1:07:45.9 Mr. Bayer: Good evening. Oxford City Council, John Bayer with Bayer Becker, 110 South College Avenue. I'm here on behalf of the applicant, Todd Hall. Unfortunately he had a scheduling conflict this evening or else he would've been here. But I just wanna extend on behalf of Todd and myself, we appreciate everyone's time. As Sam showed, there's quite a few steps in the process and we appreciate everyone's time in reviewing this along the way. So if you have any detailed questions, I'm here for that. Thank you.

1:08:14.2 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you very much. Okay. Is there anyone from the public, anyone else who would like to address this proposal? Seeing no other questions or comments from council. We've seen it all before. So probably the same thing we've seen before. Anyone? Seeing none. Thank you very much. Again, we'll deal with the second reading at our next meeting. We do have one second reading for this meeting and read it.

1:08:50.3 Clerk: An ordinance authorizing the tax budget for the year 2023 and directing that the same be transmitted to the Butler County Auditor.

1:09:00.3 Mayor Snavelly: Is there a motion to adopt? Thank you. Is there a second?

1:09:04.8 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

Mr. Prytherch: Second.

1:09:05.3 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. You don't have anything else?

1:09:09.6 Mr. Newlin: No. It's promised to have nothing, but do you have any questions?

1:09:11.9 Mayor Snavelly: You gave a nice long dissertation on this. Is there anyone from the public who would like to address any of these numbers? Seeing none, any discussion?

1:09:26.0 Mr. Prytherch: Well, I think it's interesting. I think it's just a fiscal exercise that we're in

a healthy position. So as we enter the budgeting process, trying to figure out how to spend the money that we have, we do it from a... We just have to answer to the state that we are not in distress and we are not thankful. So.

1:09:43.1 Mayor Snavelly: We have challenges ahead.

1:09:45.3 Mr. Prytherch: We have challenges, but for other cities, this wouldn't be just a pro forma exercise. If we were in distress, this would be red flag time and luckily we're well managed but somewhat it's not a problem...

1:09:56.7 Mayor Snavelly: You still need to hire some firefighters and do some other things, but okay. You may call the roll.

1:10:03.8 Clerk: Mr. Ellerbe.

1:10:05.3 Mr. Ellerbe: Yes.

1:10:06.6 Clerk: Ms. Franklin.

1:10:08.1 Ms. Franklin: Yes.

1:10:09.5 Clerk: Ms. French.

1:10:09.9 Ms. French: Yes.

1:10:10.1 Clerk: Mr. Prytherch.

1:10:10.4 Mr. Prytherch: Yes.

1:10:11.1 Clerk: Ms. Raghu.

1:10:13.3 Ms. Raghu: Yes.

1:10:14.8 Clerk: Mr. Bracken.

1:10:15.1 Mr. Bracken: Yes.

1:10:15.4 Clerk: Mayor Snavelly.

1:10:15.6 Mayor Snavelly: Yes.

Mr. Newlin: Thank you.

1:10:16.4 Mayor Snavelly: Ordinance is adopted. Thank you very much, Joe. And we will move to announcements and communications and I'll start with City Manager, Elliott.

1:10:25.5 Mr. Elliott: All right. Thank you. Recently council adopted legislation as you know to reopen our designated outdoor refreshment area. But usually the microphone does a little better than

that, but I guess I'll have to be very close to it. So I apologize if you couldn't hear me earlier, but anyway, you adopted legislation to reopen our DORA without a closing date. And we had stated at that time that we would be bringing forth a new application to amend the boundaries. So we did file that with the city clerk recently, and we did post a public notice. It'll be appearing in the journal news on June the sixth and June 13th, stating that it's available in the clerk's office and also on our website to take a look at it. And then on July 19th, you'll be able to consider that expansion of the DORA. And so the only change is the expansion of the boundary to include four additional blocks from Beech to Elm Street.

1:11:24.2 Mr. Elliott: And so I do want to thank Seth assistant to the city manager, because he did a lot of the legwork in putting the application together on that. A couple of other things are municipal income tax collection. As you know, we have a contract with the regional income tax agency, RITA, to administer our local income tax. This service I believe has proven to be very effective and efficient in the collection administration of our income tax. In 2021, RITA collected a little over \$9.7 million and that's for both the general fund and the fire and EMS fund with an administrative cost of \$110,892. This cost represents 1.14% of the city's collection total. We have an agreement with RITA that calls for a 3% retainage. So we'll get a refund amount of \$178,668 from RITA. So I just wanted to share that with you. A couple of other things I wanted to share.

1:12:28.6 Mr. Elliott: We, Jessica and Casey and I met recently to discuss expanding the childcare service, daycare service that we provide at the try. And so probably at the next meeting, we'll be introducing legislation to create a full-time position there, along with keeping one part-time position. This expansion will I believe, allow us to add four more children at our daycare. It's a drop in the bucket, but it is helping with the daycare situation. And the reason we'll need to bring legislation in as you know, we have a number of positions outlined in our pay ordinance. And so we would be creating a new position before we introduce new legislation, which we'll do in the fall, but I wanna make sure you're on board because not only will it increase a full time position or create one, but we'll also need a supplemental appropriation to do it too, because we'd like to be in it with the school year.

1:13:27.3 Mr. Elliott: So I wanted you to know that, Ms. Schnell asked the question about conforming boundaries and it's something that we've discussed before, but I don't believe we've gone into detail publicly. So the notion here is that unlike Middletown, unlike Hamilton, unlike Trenton, we're still part of our township, those other communities that I mentioned have separated from their township long time ago, they did what's called conforming boundaries. And I propose that several times, and the reason for that is that if you think about it, we get no services from the township. In fact, we provide services to them. For example, we take care of their dispatching, and we also store salt for them, we provide fuel both diesel and regular gasoline at no cost. So the idea here is that by conforming our boundaries, the residents of Oxford would no longer pay that inside millage which total, for the township I believe amounts to about \$80,000 a year.

1:14:38.5 Mr. Elliott: So that is why I've recommended that to city council. We would save that money, we would have to approach the county budget commission to see if they would in turn, allow us to capture that money if you will, if not, it would resolve in a decrease in individual tax, property taxes for those individual property taxpayers. So I think it's made sense. We've discussed it briefly at our retreat. We're planning to bring some legislation in soon on that and we'll have a discussion. I believe it would probably take an ordinance. I'm working with the city attorney to put that legislation together. And of course, if it's an ordinance, it's two readings, but that's the notion

behind the conforming, the boundaries, if you will. And that's all I had this evening, unless you have some questions for me. Yes.

1:15:27.8 Ms. Raghu: Can I ask you about RITA? Is there any other entity that would handle that local income tax or is it just them?

1:15:34.9 Mr. Elliott: There's the clearing house, CCA. I forget the exact abbreviations for it, but Hamilton, I think there have been several communities that have used them and went to RITA. So really only two other places. Now a lot of cities administer their own income tax, which I think is difficult to justify because number one, a business income tax form is a little different than an individual. And when I was in Washington Courthouse, we administered the income tax and I had to have two individuals for a community smaller than the City of Oxford, one to do the business taxes and one to do the local income taxes. And we still needed a CPA to help us from time to time. So I think utilizing RITA is a very, very good idea, contracting it out, but I believe it's called the clearing house CCA.

1:16:30.1 Mr. Newlin: Yeah, it's located up in Cleveland and there's a lot of people that wrote CCA.

1:16:36.4 Mr. Elliott: Yeah, RITA serves, I believe I wrote in...

1:16:39.0 Mr. Newlin: It serves 200 and something communities in Ohio.

1:16:41.3 Mr. Elliott: Yes. Yeah, over 330 Ohio communities are served by RITA.

1:16:45.8 Ms. Raghu: As a personal note, it's been challenging, if you work in another city, but you live here, if your business is not withholding the right amount, you'll get hit with a huge fine, one that they might not tell you about for years later and then make accrued interest. So which ends up being thousands of dollars. So I don't know if there's any way we could pass that along to...

1:17:06.6 Mr. Elliott: Well, there's an appeal process too if your employer wasn't withholding the right amount, but I understand it's difficult if you work in several communities. And much as I didn't favor it, I think that had something to do with the state stepping in to deal with the business taxes and collecting that for cities. But I understand that's difficult, and even if we administered on our own, it would still be difficult because you gotta pay to each different community. We have different rates. We have maybe different credits, so on and so forth.

1:17:41.7 Ms. Raghu: Mainly just wondering if there was a competitive market, but doesn't sound like there is.

1:17:46.0 Mr. Elliott: Yeah, just two and I think RITA is clearly the front runner.

1:17:51.1 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Thank you, Mike.

1:17:53.3 Mr. Dreisbach: Mr. Elliott asked that I provide a quick update on our water softening project for water utility.

1:18:00.8 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

1:18:03.2 Mr. Dreisbach: As you recall, we looked at four different technologies to soften water at the plant and landed on membrane softening. And upon further evaluation, we wanted to study whether we could buy wholesale water from the City of Hamilton and transport that water more cost effectively to the city. We looked at several routes. Pardon me. Hamilton's plant is down here. We looked at running up 127, we looked at going up 177, and we looked at going up 27, and none of those options was an attractive option versus softening here in the city. We also looked briefly at Southwest Regional's plant, and they cannot provide the capacity without upgrading their plant. So if we're gonna spend money, we might as well upgrade our own plant. So this is difficult to read I know, but just to give you a base cost of 20 year costs, if we bought water from another agency and transported it to Oxford, it's about \$52 million over 20 years. If we build our own plant and manage it ourselves, it's about half of that, \$24 million. So if you go through the lifetime of the plant at 50 years, the savings are staggering there. So it's very evident we should design our own plant, get the proper permits from the EPA, and keep this in-house.

1:20:02.0 Mr. Dreisbach: So as far as next steps. We're almost complete with the request for qualifications and we'll publish that. Various engineering firms will provide us their qualifications and we'll negotiate a contract with them, of which ultimately, city council will approve that contract. We expect to make a recommendation to you sometime in August for a design firm. Concurrently with that, we need to plan for the installation of an additional well at our Seven Mile well field. The membrane technology requires about 25% more raw water for the process above and beyond what the consumer demands. So we will be working on that and also an important piece of this is getting the EPA to not only approve the softening portion, but also the effluent from the plant, what we would discharge to Four Mile Creek. So we'll be working on all of those ends and hope to have a recommendation for you in August.

1:21:17.7 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

1:21:18.3 Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you.

1:21:19.3 Mayor Snavelly: I'm sure many people in the community are anxious about that.

1:21:21.8 Mr. Bracken: Can I ask a question real quick?

1:21:22.8 Mayor Snavelly: Absolutely.

1:21:24.3 Mr. Bracken: So will this be able to resolve any issues with drought conditions and lower water levels?

1:21:30.8 Mr. Dreisbach: Well, having an additional well will give us more raw water.

1:21:35.9 Mr. Bracken: I wasn't sure if that was suffice since we need extra percentage to handle the process as well.

1:21:40.4 Mr. Dreisbach: Yes, so we will design this with our largest well out of service. So it is rare that we take a well out of service, and if it is, it's typically just for a few weeks, but we will have ample water for the short term. Oxford is isolated from the Great Miami Aquifer. So raw water is precious here and it's difficult to get to and if we have to pump from Seven Mile, it's a lot more

expensive than our local resource.

1:22:14.5 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Any other questions?

1:22:16.9 Ms. Raghu: I know when we were talking about water softening before talking about the pipeline, there were three different options, and one of them was the type that can take care of the forever chemicals, the PFAs. Is this the... Is this best...

1:22:29.7 Mr. Dreisbach: Yeah, that's the technology that we're proposing is the membrane softening.

1:22:34.6 Ms. Raghu: Okay.

1:22:35.5 Mr. Dreisbach: It has the most potential of any of the softening to remove particulates of any type.

1:22:41.3 Ms. Raghu: That's awesome.

1:22:42.1 Mr. Dreisbach: It costs a little bit more to operate, but it is the best.

1:22:47.0 Mr. Prytherch: Thank you. So Mike, we were talking earlier about the APA and energy efficiency. Going with this, does... I was just looking at your table. It does include additional energy demands, and maybe that's probably you need 25% extra amount of water to pump and also for the treatment. Can we do it as a bit alternate, for example, that the water treatment plan could be suitable for something like solar development? As it's part of the long-term investment in this, have you looked at how we're gonna power this and how that fits with our climate goals?

1:23:25.9 Mr. Dreisbach: Well, solar could be a part of what our needs are, but water uses a lot of power. Wastewater uses lots and lots of power. So I've told Mr. Elliott we will have an item in our CIP this year to hire a consultant to let us know what can we realistically expect if we chose to put solar at our facilities and is it cost-effective? And right now we can say yeah, we can put some solar on the roof at the water plant, but it's not gonna be enough to drive those pumps. The motors are bigger than I am.

1:24:09.1 Mr. Prytherch: Yeah, no, I just think that since we're going into the capital project, it would be really nice to have firm numbers on what that kind of stuff would be, so you could figure out, does it fit in the budget now. You got a lot of land near to the water treatment plant. So yeah, just thinking about how you can meet the power goals over the long-term and how that could help us achieve our neutrality goals. It seems like now is the time to flush that out.

1:24:34.2 Mr. Dreisbach: Yes, we will have a line item for evaluation there.

1:24:37.4 Ms. Raghu: And would that consultant look at other renewable energy or just solar?

1:24:41.9 Mr. Dreisbach: Well, council has said they want solar on every city property, so that is what we were evaluating.

1:24:50.2 Ms. Raghu: Okay.

1:24:52.5 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Mike.

1:24:53.3 Mr. Dreisbach: Thank you.

1:24:53.6 Mayor Snavelly: Appreciate it. JJ?

1:24:54.3 Chief Jones: I think I'm good.

1:24:55.0 Mayor Snavelly: Okay. Joe?

1:24:56.3 Mr. Newlin: That's it. Thank you.

1:24:57.4 Mayor Snavelly: John?

1:25:00.1 Chief Detherage: Not tonight.

Mayor Snavelly: Casey?

Mr. Wooddell: Not tonight

1:25:05.6 Speaker 5: Thank you Casey. Sam?

1:25:08.4 Mr. Perry: It was in my weekly report, but I wanted to verbally report that the Episcopal Retirement project was not funded by Ohio Housing Finance for the Western Knolls site. So we haven't met with them yet, but we'll be doing that and seeing what their next steps are, and then we'll decide what we should recommend to council, whether to extend the option to purchase or think about something else for the Western Knolls property. So I just wanted to let you know.

1:25:34.4 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Jessica?

1:25:43.5 Ms. Greene: We have two announcements this evening. The first is just during the meeting, if anyone's streaming and it was a little glitchy tonight, we just noticed during the meeting that the clerk of council's internet kept going in and out, and she is someone one who's like streaming from her device. So we got it fixed several times, but there might be several little glitches. So we don't know why, we don't know what's going on, but we will look into it. Hence, the audio-visual review that we're doing very, very soon. Second, to the more happy news, this Friday is our first Red Brick Friday of the season, and we are partnering with Miami University Alumni office. And in the past three alumni weekend, they've had like a big event down on campus, and they've really stayed down there. We're really happy to be partnering this year and this year, the Brick Friday event is town. And so they're doing like a 'remember when' walk and all these kinds of things like what used to be here and that kind of stuff. They're bringing in a band. They are expecting quite a good crowd. So let's hope for good weather and please join us for the first Red Brick Friday. Thanks.

1:26:47.3 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you, Jessica. Heather?

1:26:49.1 Clerk: Nothing. Thank you.

1:26:49.9 Mayor Snavely: Okay. Ben?

1:26:51.5 Mr. Mazer: Nothing tonight. Thank you.

1:26:52.0 Mayor Snavely: Glenn?

1:26:53.9 Mr. Ellerbe: I'm just looking forward to Friday. [laughter]

1:26:56.3 Mayor Snavely: It should be fun. Alex?

1:26:58.9 Ms. French: A couple of things. One, I am also looking forward to Red Brick Friday both as an alumni and a city council member. So I guess I will be remembering one. Probably not that excitedly. It's already been too long since I graduated. The second thing is just I kind of alluded to this when we were talking about the school resource officers, but for those who don't know, my work is in youth violence prevention. And so I would be remiss to not mention how heart-wrenching and terrifying the events in Texas and Buffalo have been. And when I was running for council, I got asked a lot based on what you do for work, is there anything that you plan on doing in so far as gun violence goes?

1:27:42.9 Ms. French: And the short answer to that was legislatively, we can't do a lot in town, but the longer answer is that I do... Where I find faith in these times is in communities and the way that communities come together. So with what Councilor Franklin is proposing for these living room conversations, I think this would be a great space for us to come together, whether you have kids, don't have kids, work in a school, don't work in a school, own a gun, don't own a gun, these are conversations that we can all have together because the bottom line is keeping our children in our community and our community at large safe. So stay tuned. Councilor Franklin, and I are gonna do some work on maybe scheduling some sessions over the summer to have these conversations and I look forward to digging in and figuring out what we can all do together to keep each other safe. Thank you.

1:28:32.5 Mayor Snavely: Chantel?

1:28:35.3 Ms. Raghu: I wanna give a shout-out to Carol Michael. Not only is she the creator and founder of ShareFest many, many years ago and saved literally so many tons, like hundreds of tons of stuff from going to a landfill and to nonprofits who give it to people who need it, but she's also really strong. So she can pick up a queen size mattress on her own and shove it into a minivan.

[laughter]

1:28:58.2 Ms. Raghu: And I am super impressed and I think she's a testament to what happens when one person says, "There is a problem and I'm gonna do something about it," And it's made a huge impact. And I think that the thing that I can take away from this is that what can we do about the things that we can't find a home for? Which is why Carol was picking up every single mattress and shoving it in her minivan and delivering it to someone tonight or earlier today who needed it. Mattresses do not have a home. Whenever you throw them away, there's nowhere we can recycle it. There's no recipient organization that will take it. Maybe we can get lucky on Facebook if someone is in need, but that's few and far between. There are... We are a college town. There's a high

turnover. As Sam has taught me, there's many really nice apartment complexes in town who reuse mattresses. They have nice covers on it. They're really nice apartments and a lot nicer than some of the places that don't reuse mattresses.

1:30:04.9 Ms. Raghu: And so I would challenge us to, how can we, from a policy and a legislative perspective, try to keep mattresses out of the landfill? They should be lasting 12 to 15 years. They are not a disposable item to be thrown away from single year. If you look at... And we might not have seen the trash as much this year because we're a little bit beyond COVID and our trash pick-up was not interrupted, and there were more huge dumpsters. I have tons of pictures if you like to see what those dumpsters look like, and there's a ton of mattresses and other stuff that should have gone to ShareFest, but I would challenge us to look forward to what we can do from a the legislative perspective to incentivize landlords with high turnover to reuse mattresses.

1:30:52.7 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you.

1:30:54.9 Ms. Franklin: Two things, I went to the OCAC, the Oxford Community Art Center movie night, family movie night outdoors last Friday night, and it was a lot of fun. We saw "The Mitchells vs. The Machines". I don't even know it existed, but it was a great, great fun movie, so look out for the other ones coming up. The other thing I wanted to say is that a couple of weeks ago, I got a call from a community member who wanted me to share some compliments with one of our police officers. She saw him interact with an individual in our community who has some mental health challenges, and she thought he handled it very well, but she was also concerned about this individual because he's a large person and he yells and shouts a lot and hasn't been violent with anyone, but she's worried that someone could be violent toward him if they feel intimidated by him.

1:31:46.3 Ms. Franklin: And so we really definitely have some mental health challenges within our community, but I was able to visit OPD and saw the body cam footage from Officer Bobby Reese as he interacted with this gentleman, and it was textbook. He de-escalated. It was really well done, and I know our officers do first aid mental health training and it's showing them, but they can't do it all by themselves. So I'm really excited about the police social liaison position. We've had 40 wonderful applicants. I think we're down to maybe three, but in that one day, I learned that there were four calls for this one gentleman, and he's not the only person in our community that needs support and services. So I just wanna continue to compliment OPD on the good job they're doing, but understand that they need resources and we're gonna try and work to do that. We've lost some services in town, but the Butler Behavioral Health was at least here once a week, and I think they were closed a bit during the pandemic, but now they're no longer here. So we need to find solutions to try and get some of these services closer to home. That's all.

1:32:54.4 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. Jason

1:32:56.2 Mr. Bracken: Nothing for me today.

1:32:58.1 Mayor Snavelly: David.

1:32:58.5 Mr. Prytherch: So two things. One, I just wanna thank Ms. Schnell for asking the question that I've been asking which is, what is our relationship with the township and what are we doing and why? And I think that... I'm glad to hear we're asking the question. I really do think whether... I think looking at a specific piece of legislation, I think it's worth having a wide-ranging

conversation about what are the various goals. I think there are some clear fiscal pros and at one level it makes a lot of logical sense, but I think that it will change the dynamic of the relationship, and I just think we need to think through what that would mean and whether there might not be potential negative repercussions that we're not thinking about. So I think I wanna take a 360 view on it, so that we weigh all the different things.

1:33:49.4 Mr. Prytherch: And for that, I think if we're gonna spend an hour in a work session talking about what's the best way to let people plant grasses in their front yard, I think we could spare a work session to talk about our relationship with the township. The second thing is, is it is super frustrating when I feel like I'm talking about gun violence and as a municipality, how limited what we can do, but I think I'm gonna put together just to do something resolution to ask our legislators in Columbus and DC to do something. They so often preempt or take control over the things that we cannot control and then they don't exercise the problem-solving ability. So it may just be a symbolic gesture, but I'm gonna bring it forward just because somebody's gotta do something and I would hope our legislators in Columbus and DC would do something.

1:34:43.5 Mayor Snavelly: Thank you. I have some thank yous. I wanna thank Casey Wooddell. He did a wonderful job at the opening and made sure that I didn't die when I started the aquatic center. I actually had a really good time and I thank you very much, Casey. The aquatic center just looks great. If you haven't been there...

1:35:06.9 Mr. Elliott: Did you do a cannonball?

1:35:08.7 Mayor Snavelly: I did not. [laughter] I told you I wouldn't. I did go down the big yellow slide, however, which that was pretty cool. I saw a video of previous mayors doing the cannonball, and I think the slide is a better choice.

1:35:26.5 Mayor Snavelly Alright. [laughter]

1:35:27.6 Mayor Snavelly: I want to also thank Jessica for all the work that you and the other staff have done to prepare us for the work session we had today. We know it's a lot of work and we really appreciate what you do. I also wanna thank all the people who apply to boards and commissions. If you heard at the beginning when we read off all those nominations, it may not be clear that there were a lot of other people who also volunteered and we appreciate it, and it's unfortunate that we can't find places for all the people who were interested, and that is a much better situation than one which we have vacancies and nobody is interested in filling them.

1:36:12.8 Mayor Snavelly: So I wanna thank everybody who applied and especially those who were not appointed, and it wasn't really a reflection on you so much as it was the rich nature of the pool from which we selected. Lastly, I wanna let you know that the city manager and I will be absent at our next meeting, and that is because we're representing the City of Oxford in Differdange, Luxemburg for their Sister City celebration, and so we will bring all the good wishes from the people of Oxford. I know you wish them well, I know they wish us well, and so we'll be there for their celebration, and it culminates with the Grand Duke's holiday, and those who've been to Luxemburg know what that means. We'll be at Differdange, not in Luxemburg city, so it will not be nearly as chaotic, and then we'll be back. If there's no other business, I would recommend a motion to adjourn.

1:37:14.8 Ms. Raghu: So moved.

1:37:16.3 Mr. Prytherch: Second.

1:37:17.6 Mayor Snavelly: It's moved and second. All those in favor say aye.

1:37:19.2 Group: Aye.

1:37:19.3 Mayor Snavelly: Opposed? Thank you.