

BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM A, 25325 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015 AT 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman Mark I. Wachter.

ROLL CALL: Present M.S. Horwitz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
 Absent: M.M. Jacobs.
 Also Present: Mayor Gorden, H. Jones, B.A. Realí (arrived at 8:20 A.M.), A. Isaacson

1. Discussion regarding 2016 Consulting Contracts.

Ms. Jones stated there are three Contracts that will be discussed; City Planner George Smerigan; City Engineer Joe Cuini/GPD; and Prosecutor Tom Greve.

Ms. Jones stated that Mr. Greve is the Prosecutor for the City of Beachwood. Mr. Greve has outlined recent changes over the last twelve (12) months with Shaker Heights Municipal Court. Ms. Jones stated that there has been an increase in the volume of criminal cases that the Beachwood Police Department is handling and processing at both Beachwood Mayor's Court and the Shaker Heights Municipal Court. Ms. Jones stated that in 2015 the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the City Prosecutor is now requiring City Prosecutors to review and determine probable cause on every single criminal case which occurs within the City of Beachwood other than traffic citations. Ms. Jones stated that Mr. Greve is asking for an increase from \$65,500.00 to \$75,000.00.

Mr. Pasch stated that full-time Assistant County Prosecutors make \$50,000.00. Mr. Pasch asked the Law Department to check with neighboring cities to see what outside prosecutors are being paid.

Mr. Pasch stated that he knows Mike O'Shea, Prosecutor for the City of Rocky River, and he will check with him regarding his salary for Rocky River.

Ms. Jones stated that she and Mr. Realí are both former Assistant Prosecutors.

Mr. Isaacson asked if Mr. Greve also handles trials.

Ms. Jones stated that Mr. Greve does attend the trials.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he would like to know the volume of Mr. Greve's case load versus case loads of other cities.

Ms. Jones stated that City Planner Mr. Smerigan is not asking for an increase.

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The Legal and Personnel Committee authorized Mr. Smerigan's legislation to be placed on the November 16, 2015 Council Agenda.

Ms. Jones stated that City Engineer Joe Cuini is asking for a 2.25% increase,

Mr. Horwitz stated that if the City had an in-house engineer it might reduce the cost paid to GPD.

Mr. Wachter stated the fees also include initial review of all plans.

Mr. Isaacson asked if GPD was the biggest engineering firm in the area.

Mr. Horwitz asked if we could bid this out.

Mr. Isaacson asked for clarification on whether the amount of money paid to GPD included pass through fees and GPD's Contract amount.

Mr. Pasch stated that Mr. Cuini is asking for the increase but did not give a reason in his letter. Mr. Pasch stated that is this just inflation numbers or are there other reasons for the increase.

Mr. Horwitz asked how much does Mr. Cuini receive of the \$460,675.00. Mr. Horwitz stated that he will have the Finance Department break it down so all the questions can be answered.

Mr. Wachter stated that Mr. Kreczko was the previous City Engineer but he has retired. Mr. Wachter stated that Mr. Kreczko needed help with surveys and GPD would provide that service.

Mr. Horwitz asked about hiring an in-house City Engineer.

Mr. Horwitz asked Mr. Reali what the salary is for the prosecutor in Stow.

Mr. Reali stated the full-time prosecutor in Stow makes approximately \$60,000.00.

Mr. Wachter asked for a survey on prosecutors and assistant prosecutors in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M.I. Wachter, seconded by M.S. Horwitz, at 8:30 A.M., to adjourn the meeting to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	M.S. Horwitz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.

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ADJOURNMENT(continued)

Approved:

Merle S. Gorden, Mayor

Clerk of Council