

ROLL CALL:

Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, J. Pasch M.I. Wachter
Abstain:	None.
No:	None.
Not Voting:	M. M. Jacobs, M. Mintz

MOTION ADOPTED

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MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated that he would like to thank Mrs. Carmen and her team for what they have done in the lobby of City Hall.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

None.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S

None.

CITIZEN'S REMARKS

1. Ms. Kathleen Policy
Communications Specialist
Service Employees International Union

Ms. Policy stated that she represents property service workers across the Midwest including two thousand in Northeast Ohio.

Ms. Policy stated that Service Employees International represents 90% of service workers working in downtown Cleveland and 30% in the suburbs.

Ms. Policy stated that Janitors in our region live on poverty level wages often working multiple jobs and receiving public assistance to make ends meet.

Ms. Policy stated that fewer and fewer jobs are paying a living wage.

Ms. Policy stated that this holiday season and beyond, Janitors and their families are coming together to make things right.

Ms. Policy stated that in the City of Beachwood, Eaton's Janitors are trying to come together to address problems at work.

Ms. Policy stated that those problems include inconsistent pay, lack of benefits and other issues.

Ms. Policy stated that the City of Beachwood and its tax payers make Eaton Corporation possible.

Ms. Policy stated that the areas poorest have been left behind.

Ms. Policy stated that Service Employees International is asking for the community to stand up for quality jobs that will restore prosperity for generations to come.

Ms. Policy stated that Service Employees International hopes to work with the City to make that happen.

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CITIZENS REMARKS (continued)

2. Ms. Sunny Simon
4110 Princeton Boulevard
South Euclid, Ohio 44121

Ms. Simon stated that she wanted to wish everyone Season's Greetings and to present a proclamation to the archives for the Centennial for Beachwood.

Ms. Simon stated that she is extremely proud to represent such a wonderful city.

Ms. Simon stated that she wanted to say farewell to Council President Goodman, Councilman Wachter, and Councilman Mintz.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Submitted to Council an Ordinance appointing Brian A. Reali as Law Director of the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-169 – Introduced by Martin S. Horwitz
AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING BRIAN A. REALI AS LAW DIRECTOR
OF THE CITY OF BEACHWOOD, OHIO; AND DECLARING THIS TO BE
AN URGENT MEASURE

Moved by M.S. Horwitz, seconded by M.I. Wachter, that Ordinance No. 2015-169 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED

Moved by M.S. Horwitz, seconded by M.I. Wachter, that Ordinance No. 2015-169 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE(continued)

2. Submitted to Council an Ordinance appointing Thomas F. Greve as Prosecutor of the City of Beachwood, Ohio and establishing compensation; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-170 – Introduced by Alec Isaacson
AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THOMAS F. GREVE AS PROSECUTOR
OF THE CITY OF BEACHWOOD, OHIO; AND DECLARING THIS TO BE AN
URGENT MEASURE

Mr. Goodman stated that there was a version two of the amendment.

Mr. Goodman asked if there were any additional comments or questions.

Mr. Pasch stated that the allotted amount is \$70,000.00 and not \$75,000.00.

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by F.S. Goodman, that Ordinance No. 2015-170 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED		

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by F.S. Goodman, that Ordinance No. 2015-170 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

3. Submitted to Council an Ordinance confirming the appointment of William Griswold as Building Commissioner for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-178 – Introduced by Mark Mintz
AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM
GRISWOLD AS BUILDING COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF
BEACHWOOD, OHIO; AND DECLARING THIS TO BE AN URGENT
MEASURE

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE(continued)

Moved by M. Mintz, seconded by M.M. Jacobs, that Ordinance No. 2015-178 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED		

Moved by M. Mintz, seconded by M.M. Jacobs, that Ordinance No. 2015-178 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

4. Submitted to Council an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with GPD Group as Consulting Engineers for the City of Beachwood; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-179 – Introduced by Melvin M. Jacobs
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP AS CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE
CITY OF BEACHWOOD, OHIO; AND DECLARING THIS TO BE AN URGENT
MEASURE

Moved by M.M. Jacobs, seconded by M. Mintz, that Ordinance No. 2015-179 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED		

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE(continued)

Moved by M.M. Jacobs, seconded by M. Mintz, that Ordinance No. 2015-179 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

1. Submitted to Council an Ordinance for the payment of Certain Claims (Bills).

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-177 – Introduced by Mark I. Wachter
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS (BILLS)

Moved by M.I. Wachter, seconded by F.S. Goodman, that Ordinance No. 2015-177 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED		

Moved by M.I. Wachter, seconded by F.S. Goodman, that Ordinance No. 2015-177 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Submitted to Council a Motion rejecting all bids for the Ready-Mix Concrete Program and authorizing the Clerk to re-advertise.

Moved by J. Pasch, seconded by M. S. Horwitz, that the motion be adopted.

Mr. Pekarek stated that there was only one bid received and the price also went up nearly twenty dollars a yard.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE(continued)

Mr. Pekarek stated that he expected the price to go up because a new clause was included.

Mr. Pekarek stated that he would like to see another bid.

Mr. Pasch asked for clarification on the new clause.

Mr. Pekarek stated that the City wanted to be able to receive its order within twenty four hours.

Mr. Pekarek stated that in the past the City had problems receiving their order in a timely manner.

Mr. Jacobs asked if the company that bid is the company that the City has been using.

Mr. Pekarek stated that it was not.

Mr. Pekarek stated that the current contract is with Osborne but we did have Medina Supply once before.

Mr. Jacobs asked if Osborne bid on this job.

Mr. Pekarek stated no.

Moved by J. Pasch, seconded by M.S. Horwitz, for the adoption of the motion.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.

MOTION ADOPTED

SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1. Submitted to Council an Ordinance authorizing Change Order No. 1 for RMKole and Associates Corporation for engineering services for the new City of Beachwood Fiber Project; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-180 – Introduced by Alec Isaacson
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR RMKOLE
AND ASSOCIATES CORPORATION FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE
NEW CITY OF BEACHWOOD FIBER PROJECT; AND DECLARING THIS TO
BE AN URGENT MEASURE

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SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE(continued)

Chief Winebrenner stated that this is a Change Order for the amount of money the City is paying RMKole and Associates for Engineering Services for the Fiber Project.

Chief Winebrenner stated that he asked Patrol Officer Grein to speak and explain why the City is paying additional money.

Chief Winebrenner stated that this project was near completion and if Council had any questions, they could ask Patrol Officer Grein.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that the Fiber Project has been underway since spring.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that Gudenkauf is the general contractor that is providing the installation.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that RMKole is proving inspection services and daily monitoring.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that the Gudenkauf Corporation has run behind schedule significantly. As a result of this, the number of hours that were anticipated for RMKole has been exceeded.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that the project is wrapping up. Gudenkauf is still working on the restoration and authorization is needed for the remaining inspection services of RMKole.

Mr. Goodman asked if the City had recourse.

Patrol Officer Grein stated the he and the Assistant Finance Director have spoken to the Law Department and they are currently working on something for the recourse.

Mr. Isaacson asked if Council was approving this in order to be prepared to pay or would the City be able to recover this from Gudenkauf.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that he would defer to the Law Director.

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by M. Mintz, that Ordinance No. 2015-180 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED

SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE(continued)

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by M. Mintz, that Ordinance No. 2015-180 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

2. Submitted to Council an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to purchase one (1) 2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Vehicle to replace Unit #1051 for the City of Beachwood Fire Department from State Wide Ford; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-181 – Introduced by Melvin M. Jacobs
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2016 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLE TO REPLACE UNIT #1051 FOR THE CITY OF BEACHWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM STATE WIDE FORD; AND DECLARING THIS TO BE AN URGENT MEASURE

Chief Kearns stated that this was a replacement vehicle for Unit #1051.

Chief Kearns stated that the Service Director determined that Unit #1051 is no longer serviceable as an Emergency Response Vehicle and should be replaced.

Mr. Jacobs asked how old Unit #1051 was.

Chief Kearns stated that it was a 2008 with 132,000 miles.

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by M. Mintz, that Ordinance No. 2015-181 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED		

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by M. Mintz, that Ordinance No. 2015-181 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

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SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE(continued)

3. Submitted to Council an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Hall Public Safety Company for repairs and changeovers of City vehicles; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-182 – Introduced by Mark Mintz

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY COMPANY FOR REPAIRS AND
CHANGEOVERS OF CITY VEHICLES; AND DECLARING THIS TO BE AN
URGENT MEASURE

Chief Winebrenner stated that Hall Public Safety is the company that the City uses to outfit all emergency vehicles.

Chief Winebrenner stated that when the City purchases a new Police car, Hall Public Safety will install all lights and sirens.

Chief Winebrenner stated that the Service Department and the Fire Department use them as well and the City has used them for ten years.

Chief Winebrenner stated that Hall Public Safety's quality and response to the City is second to none and that is why the City continues to use them.

Mr. Isaacson asked if the City receives parts through Hall Public Safety.

Mr. Pekarek stated that Hall Public Safety provides both parts and installation.

Moved by M. Mintz, seconded by M. M. Jacobs, that Ordinance No. 2015-182 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED

Moved by M. Mintz seconded by M. M. Jacobs, that Ordinance No. 2015-182 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED

SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE(continued)

4. Submitted to Council an Ordinance accepting the quotation of Sound Communication for the purchase of an Audiolog Recorder System for the Police and Fire Radio and Phone Recording System; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-183 – Introduced by Martin S. Horwitz
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE QUOTATION OF SOUND
COMMUNICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AUDIOLOG RECORDER
SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE RADIO AND PHONE RECORDING
SYSTEM; AND DECLARING THIS TO BE AN URGENT MEASURE

Chief Winebrenner stated that this is the device that records all of radio and telephone transmissions.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that the Audiolog Recorder System was originally installed in January 2007. It is a computer device that has a life expectancy that has been exceeded.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that the City tried to hold off on purchasing a new system until it was decided what would happen with the proposed new Dispatch Center.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that the City can no longer hold off. There have been some hard drive failures and a week's worth of recordings were lost.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that the old system is operational.

Patrol Officer Grein stated that Sound Communication provided the older system so they had the best price. Sound Communication continued to maintain the licensing structure and provide the City with the newest and latest system and additional licenses that are needed.

Mr. Isaacson stated that he just wanted to confirm that there was no excess capacity in this system and we are buying just what we need to handle our requirements today.

Mr. Isaacson asked that if the City were to proceed with an in-house dispatch, could we use this system there.

Mr. Grein stated that was correct and nothing would change on the system and it would already be on the network.

Mr. Isaacson stated that this was not something that we are buying to use for a short period of time.

Mr. Grein stated that was correct.

SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE(continued)

Moved by M. S. Horwitz, seconded by M. Mintz, that Ordinance No. 2015-183 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED		

Moved by M. S. Horwitz, seconded by M. Mintz, that Ordinance No. 2015-183 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED		

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE(continued)

5. Submitted to Council an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2015-115 authorizing the Mayor to pay expenses incurred by kglobal for public affairs services for the City of Beachwood; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-184 – Introduced by Fredric S. Goodman
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-115 AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO PAY EXPENSES INCURRED BY KGLOBAL FOR PUBLIC
AFFAIRS SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BEACHWOOD; AND DECLARING
THIS TO BE AN URGENT MEASURE

Mr. Goodman stated that is should be noted that the total amount was not \$1,300.00 but \$1, 305.28.

Moved by F.S. Goodman, seconded by M.I. Wachter, that Ordinance No. 2015-184 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED		

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE(continued)

Moved by F.S. Goodman, seconded by M.I. Wachter, that Ordinance No. 2015-184 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.

MOTION ADOPTED

6. Submitted to Council an Ordinance authorizing a one (1) month extension to the facilities usage agreement between the City of Beachwood and the Beachwood Board of Education commencing January 1, 2016 and expiring on February 1, 2016; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-185 – Introduced by Mark I. Wachter

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION TO THE FACILITIES USAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEACHWOOD AND THE BEACHWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND EXPIRING FEBRUARY 1, 2016; AND DECLARING THIS TO BE AN URGENT MEASURE

Mr. Realı stated that the City is in the process of working on a new Facilities Usage Agreement.

Moved by M.I Wachter, seconded by M.S. Horwitz, that Ordinance No. 2015-185 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.

MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED

Moved by M.I Wachter, seconded by M.S. Horwitz, that Ordinance No. 2015-185 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.

MOTION ADOPTED

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE(continued)

7. Submitted to Council an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to retain Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP to assist the City's Law Department with researching various personnel matters and providing legal advice to City Council; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-186 – Introduced by Martin S. Horwitz
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF TAFT, STETTINIUS & HOLLISTER, LLP TO ASSIST THE CITY'S LAW DEPARTMENT WITH RESEARCHING VARIOUS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND PROVIDING LEGAL ADVICE TO CITY COUNCIL; AND DECLARING THIS TO BE AN URGENT MEASURE

Moved by M.S. Horwitz, seconded by F.S. Goodman, that Ordinance No. 2015-186 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED

Moved by M.I Wachter, seconded by M.S. Horwitz, that Ordinance No. 2015-186 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED

8. Submitted to Council an Ordinance amending appropriations for current expenditures and other expenses of the City of Beachwood, State of Ohio, for the Fiscal Year 2015, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, inclusive: and declaring this to be an urgent measure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-187 – Introduced by Melvin M. Jacobs
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF BEACHWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015, JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015, INCLUSIVE: AND DECLARING THIS TO BE AN URGENT MEASURE

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE(continued)

Moved by M.M. Jacobs, seconded by M.I. Wachter, that Ordinance No. 2015-187 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED

Moved by M.M. Jacobs, seconded by M.I. Wachter, that Ordinance No. 2015-187 be adopted.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED

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Acknowledgement of Councilmen Mark I. Wachter, Fredric S. Goodman and Mark Mintz.

Mayor Gorden stated that tonight is bittersweet. It is difficult to go back and reflect on the last twenty five years.

Mayor Gorden stated that the accomplishments of this administration and the Council Members are too numerous to reflect upon.

Mayor Gorden stated that Council has done some very courageous things over the past twenty five years.

Mayor Gorden stated that Council took a position to expand and connect the exit ramp on Harvard Road and I-271. No other City could do that. Council approved that and gave the City the ability to open up the south end of town for economic development not only for the City of Beachwood but the surrounding communities as well.

Mayor Gorden stated that without Council, that interchange would still be closed today.

Mayor Gorden stated that he is very proud to announce that because of the direction and support of City Council, the City of Beachwood is one of the most thought of economic development communities in the entire state.

Mayor Gorden stated that the City of Beachwood was rated number three for what Council has done.

Mayor Gorden stated that because of Council, the City was able to hire an Economic Development Director.

Mayor Gorden stated that the City went from a lower rating to a triple A bond rating which most suburbs cannot achieve.

Mayor Gorden stated that development is important to government and crucial to the residences and businesses of the City of Beachwood.

Mayor Gorden stated that if Council had not stepped up to the plate over the last twenty five years, the City of Beachwood would be like many other communities that struggle for their residents.

Mayor Gorden stated that he not only calls the members of Council his colleagues but also his personal friends.

Mr. Jacobs stated that it is strange to have three gentlemen with over fifty years of experience on City Council.

Mr. Jacobs stated that Council has had meetings at seven thirty in the morning and meetings until eleven thirty at night.

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Mr. Jacobs stated that Council has put a lot of their time into the community and the government.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the only people he feels sorry for now is their wives Nancy, Janet, and Sally.

Mr. Jacobs stated that now they are home at night and have no excuses to leave early in the morning and no excuse to come home late at night.

Mr. Jacobs stated that these gentlemen have been outstanding for the City.

Mr. Jacobs stated these men are close friends.

Mr. Jacobs stated that there have been some sad times that they have gone through as families as well as happy times.

Mr. Jacobs stated that tonight is a happy time.

Mr. Horwitz stated that it is incredibly difficult to say goodbye.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he has known Mr. Goodman and Mr. Wachter since their daughters were in elementary school together.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he worked with Mr. Goodman as co-presidents of Band Parents.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he had the pleasure of serving on the Beachwood Board of Education with Mr. Mintz prior to his election to Council.

Mr. Horwitz stated that unless you have worked with an elected official or lived with one, very few people can understand the thousands of hours that these three Councilmen have given to this community.

Mr. Horwitz stated that they have been leaders in the City of Beachwood during a time that has seen unprecedented growth and development.

Mr. Horwitz stated that a new City Hall, Community Center, and Aquatic Center has been built that is second to none.

Mr. Horwitz stated that Council greatly improved safety services with Fire Station #1 and a continued commitment to providing the best manpower, equipment, and training to make sure that we are ready to serve our residents and visitors in any emergency.

Mr. Horwitz stated that what he really wanted to say was thank you. Thank you Fred for two decades of service and for being a great president these past two years the City has faced some difficult situations but Mr. Goodman was always considerate of every member's opinion and always kept Council organized and informed.

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Mr. Horwitz stated that most of all, Mr. Goodman maintained his wonderful sense of humor through every meeting, and every phone call.

Mr. Horwitz thanked Mr. Wachter for the depth of legal knowledge that he brought to all of Council's meetings and for all of the important work that Mr. Wachter did on Planning and Zoning.

Mr. Horwitz thanked Mr. Mintz for bringing a unique perspective as a successful business man and lifelong Beachwood resident.

Mr. Horwitz stated that next month, three younger Councilmembers will be sworn in and the only advice to the incoming Councilmembers is to study the legacies of Mr. Goodman, Mr. Wachter, and Mr. Mintz. Look at the work they did that helped this City grow and gain prominence as one of the most desirable places in Ohio to raise a family and grow a business.

Mr. Isaacson stated that Mr. Horwitz has said it all.

Mr. Isaacson stated thank you for making Beachwood what it is today.

Mr. Isaacson stated that on a more personal level, thank you for a two year crash course in being a Councilman.

Mr. Isaacson stated that he has learned more from the three Councilmen leaving than he thought he ever would.

Mr. Pasch stated that a few years ago when he and his wife were trying to figure out where they were going to buy a home and plant their roots, it became pretty obvious that Beachwood was where they were going to live.

Mr. Pasch stated that the City would not be at the growth point it is today without the hours that all three Councilmen have put in.

Mr. Mintz stated that he wanted to thank his friends that came tonight.

Mr. Mintz stated that he wanted to thank his wife Nancy and daughter Kelly.

Mr. Mintz stated that he wanted to thank his family for all the evenings that he was out the past years.

Mr. Mintz stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Gorden, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Goodman, and Mr. Wachter.

Mr. Mintz stated that the past sixteen years have been very special and that Council are all very special friends.

Mr. Mintz stated that looking back on all of the things that have been accomplished all he can say is "wow".

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Mr. Mintz stated that Council could have never accomplished what they did without the help of the Directors.

Mr. Mintz stated that when he was growing up, his father instilled in him that it was better to give than to receive and that he taught by example. Throughout Mr. Mintz' life, he strived to live up to his father's values.

Mr. Mintz stated that now he has come to the end of another chapter in his efforts to give back to his community.

Mr. Mintz stated that the past twenty two years have been very rewarding and fulfilling.

Mr. Mintz stated that he is proud to say that his son Josh is carrying on the family tradition having been re-elected to serve his second term on the Beachwood School Board.

Mr. Mintz stated that he has had the privilege to work with School Board Members and Councilmembers who are very dedicated.

Mr. Mintz stated that they could all come together for what was in the best interest of our Schools and City.

Mr. Mintz stated that during his tenure he has watched the Schools and City continue to remain the envy of other cities not only in Ohio but across the United States.

Mr. Mintz stated that obviously, this did not happen by accident.

Mr. Mintz stated that Mayor Gorden has worked tirelessly and surrounded himself with the absolute best people available who always gave one hundred and ten percent.

Mr. Mintz stated that he takes his hat off to all past, current, and newly elected public officials. Mr. Mintz stated that the job can be an emotional roller coaster with many highs and lows along the way and no matter where you stand on a particular issue, there may be someone who disagrees with your decision. Mr. Mintz stated that at such times, public servants need the courage of their convictions.

Mr. Mintz stated that when he decided to run for public office, it was always his intent to make a positive difference in the City. Mr. Mintz stated that he tried to do what was right for the majority of the residents and the City.

Mr. Mintz stated that it is his hope and belief that Council got it right more often than not.

Mr. Mintz stated that as the City enters into a new era, with new City Council, his advice would be to each person is to be a good listener to the people and the experts and to follow your hearts and work together so Beachwood can continue to be the best place to work, learn, and live.

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Mr. Wachter stated that he has heard from so many people following the election-words of appreciation, and consolation.

Where were you people on November 3rd ?

Mr. Wachter stated that despite the fact that he will be leaving office, please feel free to call him with questions at home, at the office, or on his cell. He will not answer but feel free to call.

Mr. Wachter stated that he had the great privilege to serve with some very fine people on City Council and Planning and Zoning; to name a few, Ron Simon, Danny Marcus, Rochelle Hecht and Bill Davis. He hears the crusty recollections of Larry Small and the critical thoughts of our late friend Ken Kleinman - whose broad knowledge, wisdom and great sense of humor have been missed immensely. Mr. Wachter misses the thoughtful comments of Alice Jacobs, the poking and prodding from Saul Eisen and the historical perspective and innovative ideas of Marty Arsham.

Mr. Wachter stated that he will also miss the camaraderie of the group that he has served with for nearly his entire tenure, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Mintz, and Mr. Goodman.

Mr. Wachter stated that what has been most gratifying was the ability to work together, argue various viewpoints, and reach a consensus, without a hidden agenda and without ambition, but simply to provide the best for Beachwood, and at the end of each discussion, smile, shake hands, and move on to the next challenge.

Mr. Wachter stated that speaking of challenges, those of you who will be on City government in the future will face a number of challenges.

The Media

As long as areas of the media continue to allow anonymous, unbridled commentary, you will continue to be the victims of the internet disinhibition syndrome. This is an exemplary City which is the envy of virtually every suburb in the area, but nameless and faceless critics who do not have the intestinal fortitude to step forward and discuss their concerns in the way that the First Amendment to the Constitution, the right to petition the government, contemplated, will continue to plague you.

Mr. Wachter stated that he is sure that many of these anonymous critics live outside of Beachwood. But he also knows that there are many here in town who, so to speak, “mess their own nests”, rather than participate in the governmental process as responsible citizens.

Mr. Wachter stated that Teddy Roosevelt said, “It is not the critic who counts...The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood...” We have been there, and I am proud of what we have done. Substantively, there will be other significant challenges as well.

Mr. Wachter stated that the 5 Year Master Plan has been proposed, pay attention to the details and try to imagine, as vividly as possible, the impact the various changes not just on the streetscape, but the existing neighborhoods.

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Mr. Wachter stated that Chagrin Highlands still has significant areas for development, those promise to be the future revenue of the City. Make sure that the projects are quality projects that will endure.

Mr. Wachter stated that he has frequently pointed out that the weak link in our economic development plan is Mercantile and Commerce Park. The Master Plan recognizes that as well, that area needs to be updated and refreshed so that it is a natural flow from Chagrin Highlands.

Mr. Wachter stated that the Beachwood Mall is critical, not just to the welfare of the City, but the schools as well, it cannot be allowed to decline, and it must remain a premier Mall, particularly with the competition coming into the area.

Mr. Wachter stated that the City housing stock is aging. The City once experimented with residential zoning that limited house sizes based on the neighborhood, it was unnaturally restrictive. The City has a population which, given time and, perhaps some incentives, will renovate the older homes in the city.

Mr. Wachter stated that while guarding the public fisc is a major responsibility, simply cutting expenses is, as they say, low hanging fruit. Certainly it is important to avoid unnecessary spending, but that is not the pathway to financial security for a municipality, generate the revenue above the line.

Mr. Wachter stated that there was a time when simply because "It's Beachwood" businesses would come here; the great services, clean streets, etc. were the attraction that just will not cut it anymore. Communities throughout the area are offering incentives and economic tools to encourage business growth and with the excellent financial planning that has gone on before Beachwood is in a unique position to offer incentives that will have future payoffs without significant impact on short-term services, that will be the way to build the financial security of Beachwood-not by nickel and dime cuts to the budget.

Mr. Wachter stated that as you address the challenges facing Council; do not get caught up on the buzzword of "best practices." A best practice is a defined term; it is a proven solution to a particular problem and can be replicated. It is fine to look at the experience of other communities to see that how they are handling certain issues, but do not call them "best practices." Nearly every situation is unique and Beachwood is certainly unique. Look at other communities for their experience, generally, but Beachwood should lead the way and create the best practices.

Mr. Wachter stated that with security issues, always be mindful of the unique nature of our community. The Federation did not retain a full-time security consultant on a whim. As our Fire Chief suggested, always think "not where... but when." Every issue regarding security must be taken very, very seriously.

Safety – The City prides itself on response times and safety of our residents and businesses, do nothing to compromise that. Municipal government is intended to do a few things very, very well. The most important is protecting the lives and property of its residents, businesses, and visitors. Do not forget that and do not turn that over to others to handle.

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Service - Clean streets, repaired streets, safe passage, and proper disposal of trash and recyclables are critical, not just to maintain a reputation but because they enhance the quality of life in the City and are another set of tasks particularly suited to municipal government.

Partisanship - There is no place for partisan politics in municipal government. Members of Council run without a party designation and should not be beholden to any party nor should any councilperson act to the benefit of any political party. Beachwood citizens come first.

Support the Mayor, Staff and Administration. - If you do not know by now, Tina and Debbie are essential parts of our administration and I cannot think of how we would operate without their assistance. Similarly, Karen and now Whitney, the Law Department staff, are Council members' best friends.

Mr. Wachter stated that the Mayor brought him into his office on one of the first days at City Hall. The Mayor let him know, right up front, that he was not the first choice to fill the slot vacated by Bob Bloom. Mr. Wachter told the Mayor that he understood, but thought he could fill the role. The City was just coming off the Green Road Campus issues and everyone was a bit on edge.

Mr. Wachter stated that he worked with the Mayor and administration to help soothe some of those wounds and started what has been a valued professional relationship as well as a friendship.

The Mayor is the face of the City, whatever issues or disagreements you may have, failing to support him is a failure to support the City. None of us are perfect and none of us are above criticism. If there are questions or issues, the Mayor has always been receptive and willing to review any decision. Just think how many times he has said to us "I will do whatever Council wants me to do." Support for the Mayor is critical to the future of Beachwood.

Mr. Wachter stated that he has given his viewpoint on a number of issues, but this is perhaps the most important advice he can give as an outgoing councilperson. Take no credit for what you do on Council. If you look at it carefully, much of what you do is approving budgets and expenditures.

Mr. Wachter stated that very little of what you do is policy or program related, that comes from the staff. Support your staff! They are experts! - Fire, EMS, Police, traffic, security, Service, streets, trash, maintenance, Social Service, Finance, Law, Economic Development, Audit, Planning and Zoning, - do not second guess or undermine them. They make you look good, in fact, they are the ones that are running the City. Most of them have forgotten more about their area of expertise than you will learn in your short term on Council. Again, they are the experts.

Mr. Wachter stated that they are appreciative of questions, comments, and happy to discuss how they came to their conclusions on a wide variety of issues. You will learn that the more you respect their judgment, the more they will respect yours. They are a fountain of knowledge on an incredible array of subjects that are necessary to the great operation that is the City of Beachwood. You do not know and will not learn more than they know about their area of expertise. I cannot emphasize it enough. The quality of life in Beachwood is dependent on those folks sitting in those seats and the staffs that they direct. Support them and their decisions.

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Mr. Wachter stated that along the way, he, Mr. Goodman, and Mr. Mintz, have contributed, in some way, to some accomplishments of which we can be proud.

Mr. Wachter stated that for instance the AAA bond rating, the City playground, the tennis and basketball courts, Ahuja Medical Center planning, Eaton World Headquarters planning, and the continuing development of Chagrin Highlands.

Mr. Wachter stated that someone suggested that we should have plaques, with our names and dates of service. Those usually end up collecting dust at home. Frankly, I like the plaques that we have. We have plaques with our names on them at Fire Station #1, the Community Center, the Beachwood Park, the Family Aquatic Center and the City Hall. Those are all the plaques that I need.

Mr. Wachter stated thanks to you all and good luck.

Mr. Goodman stated that as he leaves office, he is proud of the outstanding position that the City of Beachwood is in and proud of his participation to make that happen.

Mr. Goodman stated that during his tenure he always focused on the economic development of the City and the finances to be sure we had appropriate funds to pay for the fabulous facilities and services that the employees of Beachwood bring to the community.

Mr. Goodman stated that this was not an individual effort by him, but rather a joint effort with the Administration and the various City Council members he has served with over the years: Alice Jacobs, Marty Arsham, Si Wachsberger, my good friend Ken Kleinman and most recently Mr. Wachter, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Mintz.

Mr. Goodman stated that this group, along with the Mayor, has created what he believes is the most significant City government in Ohio.

Mr. Goodman stated that our City services are second to none and our financial position is the envy of most cities.

Mr. Goodman stated that our strong financial position has allowed us to remodel City Hall, construct the Aquatic Center, provide for new fire stations, and develop the Beachwood Parks, all at no additional expense to the taxpayers, while maintaining a AAA bond rating.

Mr. Goodman stated thank you for the privilege of serving as Council President these last two years.

Mr. Goodman thanked Mayor Gorden for running a great administration and thank you to all the employees at City Hall for your hard work and dedication to make Beachwood great.

Mr. Goodman stated thank you to the community for your trust and faith in him, allowing him to serve on Council for six terms.

Mr. Goodman stated that lastly, he is turning over the city to the new Council in great shape. KEEP IT THAT WAY!!!

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Mr. Goodman stated that he challenges all of you to look at the issues and make decisions for what you believe will be in the best interests of the city, our employees, the businesses, and, of course, the residents, just as Councils before you have done.

Mr. Goodman thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F.S. Goodman, seconded by M.I. Wachter, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:15 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	Yes:	F.S. Goodman, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs, M. Mintz, J. Pasch, M.I. Wachter
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:

Clerk

Mayor