

BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM A, 25325 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD, BEACHWOOD, OHIO 44122.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Council President Martin S. Horwitz.

ROLL CALL

Present: J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson,
M.M. Jacobs, J. Pasch
Absent: B.B. Janovitz, B. Linick
Also Present: Mayor Gorden, H.L. Jones,
G. Haba, T. Turick

1. Discussion regarding Mall safety and security

Mr. Horwitz opened the meeting and stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss the safety and security at the Beachwood Place Mall.

Mr. Horwitz asked if Mayor Gorden had any reports and he stated he did not.

Mr. Horwitz stated that the concern about what occurred at Beachwood Place Mall was threefold. Number one was that Council wanted a bit more insight into what actually occurred on Christmas and how it was handled throughout the night. Number two was to make sure that if there were things the City can do to help Beachwood Place that we as a City made every effort to make the Mall safe.

Mr. Pasch stated that he had additional questions regarding the strategy and enforcement of a plan of action.

Mayor Gorden stated that the plan of action was developed through GGP and the safety plan goes back several years.

Mayor Gorden stated that since the incident, GGP has been doing things on their own to make sure that their plan of action is most efficient.

Mayor Gorden stated that he was present when GGP unveiled the new curfew and ID program and he was there throughout the weekend to observe the efficiency.

Mr. Horwitz asked if in the Mayor's opinion were most people comfortable with the safety measures that were implemented.

Mayor Gorden stated that he experienced no push back from the visitor's to the mall.

Mr. Horwitz stated he spoke with many people and the concurrence was that the mall was as safe the day after Christmas as it was the day before.

Chief Haba discussed with the Committee the Mutual Aid from surrounding cities that was implemented during the incident. Shaker Heights, Willoughby Hills, Pepper Pike and a few others were on hand to offer assistance to the City of Beachwood as needed.

Mr. Pasch asked when the mall reopened on Christmas night.

Chief Haba replied that it opened around 8:00 PM. Before that time there was no significant amount of Social Media traffic.

Mr. Horwitz asked if Beachwood Place Mall has sufficient security.

Chief Haba stated that he didn't know the ins and outs of security at Beachwood Place Mall but he does know that the manpower is sufficient.

Mr. Berns asked if going forward during Holiday's or special days what would be the plan of action.

Mayor Gorden stated there is a plan in place but that it would not be advantageous to discuss those plans in an open meeting.

Mayor Gorden stated that GGP is receptive to working with the Police Department and the Mayor's Office.

Mr. Pasch asked if the Mayor was aware of a mechanism to notify other malls in emergency situations.

Mayor Gorden stated that he cannot provide an answer to that.

Mr. Pasch asked if the City knows if the GGP security is armed or unarmed.

Mayor Gorden and Mr. Horwitz stated that GGP security has access to both armed and unarmed personnel.

Mr. Pasch asked if the City know what kind of training the mall security personnel have.

Chief Haba stated that the mall security personnel are held to the same OPOTA standards of armed security in regards to training.

Mr. Horwitz asked if there was anything GGP needs from the City of Beachwood.

Mayor Gorden stated that the best thing to do was maintain an open line of communication. At this point, GGP has adequate security standards and personnel and there are additional resources available if needed.

Mr. Horwitz thanked the Mayor and Chief Haba for the actions taken on the night of the incident and thanked Chief Haba and the Mayor for the information that was provided during and after the occurrences of Christmas night.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Berns, seconded by A. Isaacson at 6:52 P.M. to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

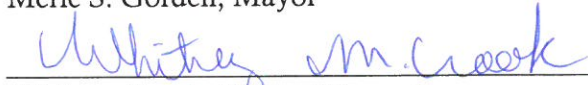
ROLL CALL	Yes:	J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson M.M. Jacobs, J. Pasch
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.

MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:



Merle S. Gorden, Mayor



Whitney Crook, Clerk of Council