BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM A, 25325 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by P.M. by Council President Martin S. Horwitz

ROLL CALL:	Present	J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson B. Janovitz, B. Linick, J. Pasch
	Absent:	M.M. Jacobs
	Also Present:	Mayor Gorden, Hope L. Jones, Karen Carmen George Smerigan

1. <u>Discussion regarding Community Service Park Plan</u>

Ms. Carmen wanted to refresh to Committee's memory about past proposed Community Services Park plans.

Ms. Carmen stated that in July 2014, a possible amphitheater was presented to Council and in November 2014, Council asked the Administration to wait on the Master Plan before a decision was made.

Ms. Carmen stated that in December 2016 the proposed Master Plan was delivered to the City of Beachwood.

Ms. Carmen stated that she is currently asking to send out an RFP for a Town Center that may or may not include an amphitheater. The purpose of the RFP is a "proposal for possibilities."

That RFP is attached herein as a part of the official record.

Mr. Smerigan stated that the Master Plan recommendation was to develop a plan for a town center as a gathering place and focal point for the City of Beachwood.

Mr. Smerigan stated this plan would happen in phases and phase 1 would be evaluating opportunities as well as constraints, costs, and implementation.

Mr. Smerigan stated that proposals from the consulting firms would include a time frame.

Mr. Smerigan stated that the benefit of having the cost open ended is that it would give Council an opportunity to evaluate before any significant money is spent and the preparation for the RFP would cost modest dollars.

Mr. Pasch stated the he would like to build more than just an amphitheater.

Mr. Pasch stated that a central gathering hub is a key element that the City is missing and he would applaud any effort to build such a place.

Mr. Pasch stated that plans should be brought to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Master Plan Committee for consideration.

Mr. Pasch also stated that he would caution submitting an RFP with no budget or cost limit.

Mr. Pasch stated that he believes a cost range is suitable.

Mr. Smerigan replied that it is hard to set limits when you don't know the elements of the project.

Mr. Smerigan stated that Council can look at any plan and see which option they prefer.

Mayor Gorden stated that long before 2014 there was a discussion about a Town Center. At that time the land available was looked at.

Mayor Gorden stated that he agrees there needs to be a budget and thinks Council should have a concept drawn up based on the land available.

Mr. Pasch asked if all potential plots of lands have been considered.

Mayor Gorden responded that several spots have been extensively studied and considered. A few of those include Shaker Median and Chagrin Highlands.

Ms. Janovitz stated that she is concerned that the City is asking a lot of a consultant to work without direction from the City regarding money or vision.

Mr. Smerigan stated that from the proposals, Council will get an idea of the potential of available space.

Mr. Smerigan stated that it is important to keep in mind that an RFP requires no commitment from the City.

At this time Mr. Horwitz asked for closing statements or questions.

Mr. Horwitz asked if anyone on the Committee had a strong objection to moving forward with the RFP.

There were none.

Mr. Linick stated that a Town Center is a "no brainer".

Mr. Pasch wanted to state again that he would like all proposals to go through the Master Plan Committee.

2. Discussion regarding City of Beachwood Charter Review

Ms. Jones presented a PowerPoint which is attached herein as a part of the official record.

Ms. Jones also presented a potential time line to the Committee of the Whole.

After the presentation Ms. Jones asked if there were any questions from the Committee.

Mr. Isaacson asked if there are aspects of the Charter that are in conflict with state law.

Ms. Jones stated that yes, because of the Home Rule Aspect there were conflicts.

Mr. Pasch stated that the things that conflict can conflict.

Mr. Horwitz stated that this seems to be a two year project.

At this point in the Meeting, the Committee of the Whole was recessed and Council President Horwitz stated that he would like to come back in two weeks to discuss what type of committee will be formed.

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by J. Berns, at 6:55 P.M. to recess the Committee of the Whole.

The meeting was called to order 8:06 P.M. by Chairman James Pasch.

ROLL CALL:	Present	M.S. Horwitz, B. Linick, J. Pasch
	Absent:	M.M. Jacobs,
	Also Present:	J. Berns, A. Isaacson, B. Janovitz

Moved by J. Berns, seconded by A. Isaacson, at 8:07 P.M. to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters regarding appointment of personnel.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	M.S. Horwitz, B. Linick, J. Pasch
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED

Moved by J. Berns, seconded by J. Pasch, at 8:20 P.M. to go back on the record.

Back on Record at 8:20 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. M. Jacobs, seconded by J. Pasch, at 8:21 P.M., to adjourn the Legal and Personnel Committee Executive Session to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	M.S. Horwitz, B. Linick, J. Pasch
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.
		MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:

Merle S. Gorden

Merle S. Gorden, Mayor

Whitney M. Crook

Whitney M. Crook, Clerk of Council