

BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM A, 25325 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD, ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 by P.M. by Council President Martin S. Horwitz

ROLL CALL:	Present	J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, M.M. Jacobs, B. B. Janovitz, B. Linick
	Absent:	A. Isaacson, J. Pasch
	Also Present:	Mayor Gorden, Hope L. Jones, Dale Pekarek, Larry Heiser, Tina Turick

1. Mayor's Reports.

None.

2. Holding an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the Employment and Compensation of Personnel– Economic Development

Moved by J. Berns, seconded by M.M. Jacobs, at 5:36 P.M. to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of personnel – Economic Development

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, M.M. Jacobs, B. B. Janovitz, B. Linick
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.
	Not Voting:	None.

MOTION ADOPTED

Mr. Pasch arrived during the Executive Session.

Mr. Jacobs left the meeting during the Executive Session.

Moved by M.S. Horwitz, seconded by J. Berns, at 7:05 P.M. to go back on the record.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Back on the record at 7:06 P.M.

3. Discussion regarding Senior Rubbish Pick-Up.

Ms. Janovitz stated that during her campaigning, she discovered that the number one issue that seniors are concerned about in our community is getting their trash to the curb.

Ms. Janovitz stated that most seniors are afraid that they may be injured while placing their trash out for pickup.

Mr. Pekarek stated that Council can start this program if they want to but if there is not enough money then the program cannot get started.

Mr. Pekarek stated that he met with Mayor Gorden last week and was told that there isn't enough money in the budget for street repairs.

Mr. Pekarek stated that it would cost \$200,000.00 to hire two new employees to pick up trash.

Mr. Horwitz stated that not having statistics about who would need this service makes planning and budgeting difficult.

Mayor Gorden suggested that a survey in the Beachwood Buzz may be a solution to finding out how many residents would utilize this service if it were offered.

Mr. Horwitz asked if this service could be contracted out to a private company.

Mayor Gorden stated that it is his belief that the contracted haulers would not provide the same level of customer service as an employee of the City.

Mr. Linick asked if the City can afford the \$200,000.00 estimate.

Mr. Heiser stated that he would like to wait until the year 2023 when some of the City's debt is gone.

Mayor Gorden stated that if Council would like to go forward then the administration will create a program but there will be a cost that will need to come from somewhere in the budget.

Mr. Linick suggested that the City could charge residents for this service.

Ms. Janovitz stated that she doesn't disagree with the idea of charging for this service but, she would like the City to provide it free of charge if possible.

Mr. Pekarek stated that two people could handle doing this job.

Mr. Pekarek also stated that he preferred to only provide the service for someone who is 85 years and older.

Mr. Pekarek stated that he doesn't want to include people with disabilities that are under the age of 85.

Mayor Gorden stated that he would like the Committee to allow the administration to take a look at this issue, do some research in the surrounding cities, and come back to Council with that answer.

Mr. Horwitz agreed with Mayor Gorden and instructed the Law Department to do some research in surrounding areas and to come back to Council with a solution.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Horwitz asked if there were any further questions regarding Senior Rubbish Pick-up.

There were none and the Committee moved on to the next agenda item.

4. Discussion regarding Charter Review.

The Committee of the Whole was presented with the proposed ordinance that will establish the Charter Review Commission.

Ms. Jones stated that it was time to establish how large the Commission will be.

Ms. Jones proposed that there would be a Commission of 7 members where each member of Council appoints 5 Commissioners and the Mayor would appoint 2 or a Commission of 9 members where each member of Council would appoint 1 person and the Mayor would appoint 2.

Mr. Linick stated that he would prefer the option where each member of Council would appoint 1 Commissioner and the Mayor would pick 2.

Mr. Horwitz stated that the advantage of having 9 people would be that if 3 people don't show up then you would still have an opportunity to have a meeting.

Mayor Gorden stated that he agreed with revising the Charter but there has been a significant problem when it comes to getting people to volunteer for any type of Committee in the City.

Ms. Jones also stated that she would like to propose that the Commission serves without remuneration.

Ms. Jones stated that the City administration is trying to move towards volunteer Commissions and Boards.

Ms. Jones asked if the Committee preferred having the Commission meet once a month or twice a month.

It was agreed that once a month would be sufficient and that more meetings could be decided later in the future if necessary.

Mr. Linick asked if Ms. Jones would be overseeing the Commission.

Ms. Jones replied that she would.

Ms. Jones stated that all Charter issues need to go to the Board of Elections in early to mid-September.

Ms. Jones stated that she would like to hold Council to a deadline of August 15th so that the Law Department can have everything ready to go to the Board of Elections.

Ms. Jones stated that she would like to advertise in the Beachwood Buzz for residents who would be interested in joining this Commission.

Mayor Gorden asked if Ms. Jones would be attending each Commission meeting.

Ms. Jones stated that she would be at every meeting.

Mayor Gorden asked if Ms. Jones would be the Secretary of the Commission.

Ms. Jones stated that the Clerk of Council is required to be the Secretary.

Mr. Berns asked in Ms. Jones opinion how many times does the Commission need to meet each month.

Ms. Jones stated that she would like to have these meetings twice a month.

Ms. Jones stated that she will amend the Ordinance and then she will send it out for review by the members of Council before it goes on the Agenda.

There was nothing further discussed on this item.

5. Any other matters coming before the Committee of the Whole.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

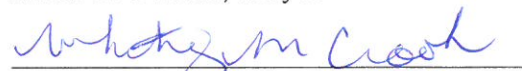
Moved by B. Linick, seconded by J. Pasch, at 8:48 P.M., to adjourn the Committee of the Whole to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:


Merle S. Gorden, Mayor


Whitney M. Crook, Clerk of Council