

BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM A, 25325 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Council President Brian H. Linick.

ROLL CALL: Present J. Berns, B. B. Janovitz, B. Linick
 J. Pasch, E. Synenberg, J. Taylor
 Absent: A. Isaacson
 Also Present: Mayor M. S. Horwitz, H. L. Jones,
 N. Naso, T. Turick

1. Mayor's Report.

None.

2. Executive Session regarding the sale of public land through competitive bidding and the employment and compensation of personnel.

Moved by J. Pasch, seconded by J. Berns, at 6:06 P.M. to enter into Executive Session regarding the sale of public land through competitive bidding and the employment and compensation of personnel.

ROLL CALL: Yes: J. Berns, B. B. Janovitz, B. Linick
 J. Pasch, E. Synenberg, J. Taylor
 Abstain: None.
 No: None.
 Not Voting: None.
 MOTION ADOPTED

Moved by J. Berns, seconded by J. Pasch, at 7:48 P.M. to go back on the record.

ROLL CALL: Yes: J. Berns, B. B. Janovitz, B. Linick
 J. Pasch, E. Synenberg, J. Taylor
 Abstain: None.
 No: None.
 Not Voting: None.
 MOTION ADOPTED

Back on the record at 7:49 P.M.

3. Discussion regarding Council Goals

After the Executive Session, the Committee of the Whole discussed Council goals.

The goals were broken down by Committee starting with the Communications Committee.

Goals of the Communications Committee included updating ordinances including the Planning and Zoning Code and the Traffic and Criminal Code. Mr. Pasch also expressed a desire for gun legislation.

Mr. Pasch also stated that he would like to have a great community center and proposed having “coffee with Council.”

Other goals of the Communications Committee include open house discussions for informal issues as well as having open house discussions for large projects or specific issues.

The Communications Committee would like to see meetings with both the Mayor and Council on a quarterly basis.

It was also suggested that Council as a group could be a featured speaker at one of the Chamber luncheon’s.

Moving on, the Finance Committee spoke about having “advanced financial planning.” Ms. Taylor stated that she would like to have a consistent plan for replacements of larger items and plans for larger projects.

The Finance Committee also spoke about budgeting and having a “performance audit.”

A “Citizens Finance Review Committee” was suggested and Mayor Horwitz stated that the Committee could look at the budget and allow them to review City finances.

Mr. Pasch stated this committee should have no more than five members.

Ms. Janovitz stated that Cleveland Heights has established an advisory committee.

Mr. Linick stated that budget meetings should be held after CAFR notices have been published.

The general Council process was the next item discussed. Some of the goals discussed included real time communications with Council as well as setting rules for Council procedures.

Miscellaneous items discussed included community involvement such as establishing a “youth advisory committee” and a “senior citizens advisory committee.”

Also mentioned under miscellaneous items were technology and finance and regionalization for our emergency services.

Council also desires to have resident surveys for people moving in and out of the community.

Public Works was the next committee. Council would like to establish a recycling program for the apartment complexes in the city.

I-271 signage was the next item discussed and Ms. Turick stated she would look into pulling signage off of the Master Plan.

A connector road is high priority as well as implementing a Fire Engine Replacement Program.

Mr. Berns stated that vehicles, in general, need to be discussed and made a priority. Mr. Berns stated that the City needs a full, efficient fleet of vehicles.

Mr. Berns also stated that traffic signal upgrades need to take priority.

Council asked about an Emergency Notification System and Mayor Horwitz stated that it is his intent to have the new Communications Director take charge of implementing such a system.

Mr. Pasch stated that he would also like to discuss bike lanes and bike trails.

Building and Grounds were discussed next. Mr. Berns stated that he would like to have a plan for the unused space in the Service Center. Mayor Horwitz stated that the space could be rented out.

Police Department renovations were brought up and this remains an ongoing conversation.

The Building and Grounds Committee would like to discuss the sale of excess property and increased development.

Recreation Committee goals were discussed after the Building and Grounds Committee goals.

Ms. Janovitz stated that it was the Recreation Committee's goal to construct a Town Center.

The next items discussed included goals for the Economic Development Committee and the Legal and Personnel Committee.

Mr. Synenberg stated that he would like to update the website to include Economic Development. Mr. Pasch stated that he would like to revisit how the City grants incentives to businesses. Mr. Pasch would like to have a better structured incentive program.

Mr. Pasch stated he would like to have further discussion on the CRA program which includes establishing a CRA district in the Chagrin Highlands.

The Legal and Personnel Committee was up next to discuss their goals. Mr. Pasch stated that his immediate goal is hiring a new Law Director.

Mr. Pasch stated that he would like to discuss the hiring of Law Clerks.

Other goals of the Legal and Personnel Committee include code amendments and establishing a panel for information/education on Opioid addiction.

After Council discussed their goals, Mayor Horwitz discussed the goals from the Mayor's office.

Mayor Horwitz would like to have a bridge over Cedar Road, streetlights, sidewalks, Richmond Road streetscapes, general road and sewer repairs, mini convention space, and a dog park.

There were no questions or further items for discussion.

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

None.

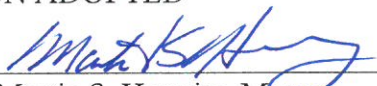
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Taylor, seconded by J. Berns, at 9:37 P.M. to adjourn the Committee of the Whole to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

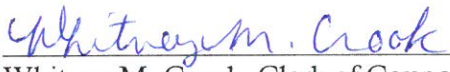
Yes:	J. Berns, B. B. Janovitz, B. Linick J. Pasch, E. Synenberg, J. Taylor
Abstain:	None.
No:	None.
Not Voting:	None.

MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:



Martin S. Horwitz, Mayor



Whitney M. Crook, Clerk of Council

Pursuant to Ordinance Number 2017-107 Council has determined that the official Minutes of its Body, its Committees, and those of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of the Audio Recording of the meetings together with a written synopsis of all agenda items and votes.