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BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM A, 25325 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD, BEACHWOOD, OHIO HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Council President Martin S. Horwitz.

ROLL CALL: Present: J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs,

B. Bellin Janovitz, B. Linick, J. Pasch

Absent: None.

Not present: None.

Also Present: Mayor Gorden, B.A. Reali, B. Griswold, D.A. Pfaff, K. Winebrenner, D.H. Pekarek, R. Brininger, T. Turick, J. Cuini, N. Fini

1. Discussion regarding School Permit Fees

Mr. Horwitz stated that Council briefly discussed the waiver of School Permit Fees at a Committee of the Whole meeting a few weeks back. Mr. Horwitz asked if Council has any questions.

Mr. Pasch stated that at the last meeting there seemed to be confusion regarding the permit waivers.

Mr. Reali stated that the confusion was re-inspection fees.

Mr. Pasch asked if there needs to be re-inspection this legislation does not cover it.

Mr. Griswold stated yes it is the Contractor's responsibility.

Mr. Isaacson asked if an inspection fails who covers the cost.

Mr. Griswold stated that the contractor pays for the permit and if the City has to re-inspect the cost comes out of the contractor's pocket.

Mr. Reali stated that BCO Section 1329.10(a)(e) reflects the contractor licensing provisions and this ordinances does not waive the licensing fee.

Mr. Jacobs asked for an estimate of the fees the City would be waiving.

Mr. Griswold stated between \$30-40,000.00.

Mr. Reali stated that per BCO Section 1329.10(e) those fees will not be waived.

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Mr. Horwitz asked what percentage Council will consider. Council unanimously stated 100% waiver of School Permit Fees.

Mr. Reali stated that the legislation will be amended on the floor to add 100% to the ordinance.

2. Discussion regarding the Richmond Road Reconstruction.

Mr. Cuini stated that construction season is here and Shaker Boulevard is presently under construction, half of the pavement will be replaced and on the inside curb. Estimated completion is 65 days, weather permitting they are on schedule.

Mr. Cuini stated that the Chagrin Boulevard Resurfacing Project cannot start until May and it is a grind and pave from I-271 to the BP gas station. Mr. Cuini stated that the crews will work at night.

Mr. Cuini discussed the Bryden Road issues and the congestion at the intersection of Bryden Road and Richmond Road. Mr. Cuini stated that Signature Square will start construction in the summer.

Mr. Cuini stated that the driveway is always blocked at Bryden Road from the traffic traveling north on Richmond Road. Mr. Cuini is proposing that Bryden Road be a right in and right out only and removal of the traffic light. Mr. Cuini stated that the traffic study and Police Department want to remove the light. Mr. Cuini stated that he would also take the island out that is located at Charter One Bank and make that into two lanes exiting right. He would also have the road fixed and widened by Moxie's.

Mr. Horwitz stated that this all makes sense but did not think that this is right to do to the residents.

Mayor Gorden stated that the original plans for Bryden Road were to be right in and right out.

Mr. Horwitz stated that this is not about history.

Mayor Gorden stated that Council can choose yes or no but at some point the area needs to be reconfigured.

Mr. Cuini stated that they looked at nine different options before coming up with this option. Since construction will be down on the south bound lanes of Richmond Road he thought now would be a good time to present this idea to Council. Mr. Cuini stated he would be seeking authorization to bid from Council at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting.

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Mr. Cuini stated the cost for all that he mentioned was approximately \$300,000.00.

Mr. Linick asked if one lane would be open each way on Richmond Road.

Mr. Cuini stated yes.

Mr. Cuini stated that the project would run from mid-June through mid-September.

Mrs. Janovitz asked about lane closure during the RNC.

Mr. Cuini stated that there will be no construction during the RNC.

Mr. Horwitz asked if the plan was to take out the left turn at Bryden and if there would only be two lanes going north on Richmond.

Mr. Berns stated that the \$300,000.00 is being added to the \$2.1 million already earmarked for the project.

Mr. Cuini stated that if the City waits until next year that \$300,000.00 would increase to \$500,000.00.

Mr. Linick asked what the timetable is for this project in order for there to be time to inform the residents.

Mr. Cuini stated that this project would begin in May.

Mr. Pekarek stated that it is the worst pavement on that section of Richmond Road, it is bad.

Mr. Jacobs asked about the second driveway at Moxies because the traffic is bad in that area.

Patrol Officer Brininger stated that by adding a left turn lane by Moxie's it will keep the traffic moving north and the people turning left will be in a left turn lane.

Mr. Linick asked where the majority of the Chagrin and Cedar traffic is going.

Patrol Officer Brininger stated that the traffic has increased south of Chagrin and the lane usage has become problematic.

Mr. Cuini stated that there is real congestion southbound.

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Mr. Berns stated that people working at DDR cannot turn left onto of Richmond Road.

Mr. Pasch asked if Phase II can be simultaneously done with Phase I and the City can send a notice to residents and have a community meeting.

Mr. Cuini stated that Bryden Road, removal of the street light, and the driveways at Charter One and Moxies are all add-ons to the original project. Mr. Cuini stated that the City is moving forward with the repairs to the two southbound lanes on Richmond Road and it is Council's decision to consider the add-ons listed above.

Mayor Gorden stated that Richmond Road is breaking apart fast and Council does have the option to hold off on the add-ons.

Mr. Isaacson asked if this was on the City's plans to consider the additional work. Mr. Isaacson asked why the administration did not come to Council sooner.

Mr. Pekarek stated that Richmond Road has been planned, the discussion regarding the add-ons came up recently in traffic meetings and the administration is sharing those discussions now with Council for their input.

Mr. Horwitz asked if Bryden Road could be connected to Baywood.

Mr. Pasch asked if the Fire Department's response time will be increased for Bryden Road.

Chief Winebrenner stated no, the Fire Department has access from north and south.

Mr. Pekarek stated that people will still make a left on to Bryden Road. Mr. Pekarek stated that if Council chooses the add-ons they can be done at a later date but the administration suggested making the changes now while the street is torn up.

Mr. Pasch asked if everything can be done except Bryden Road.

Mr. Pekarek stated no, they could not, since north bound Richmond Road is going from two lanes to three lanes.

Mr. Linick asked why the City was leveling out the property in front of Moxies.

Mayor Gorden stated that the City will approach the land owner to participate.

Mr. Linick stated that at every go around Richmond Road keeps getting wider and wider and he would like to make it aesthetically pleasing and asked if the administration plans on

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addressing that.  
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Mr. Cuini stated that the administration could discuss streetscaping.

Mr. Linick asked if the Bryden Road residents will be pushed through Science Park Drive.

Mr. Cuini stated that Phase II needs to be built.

Mr. Linick asked if the back entrance can be done as part of Phase I.

Mr. Linick also asked if a median on Richmond Road could be added to be more aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Cuini stated not at this time. Mr. Cuini stated that Phase II will consist of pushing Corporate Park out to the freeway.

Chief Winebrenner stated that this has been a problem for 20 years at Bryden Road.

Mrs. Janovitz stated that Letchworth is backed up from Halburton and Bryden.

Chief Winebrenner stated that he has the ability to change the timing cycles on the lights.

Mr. Pasch stated that if you live on Bryden Road you would then have to go back to Letchworth or Wimbledon.

Mr. Berns stated that Corporate Park is not a dedicated road.

Mr. Isaacson stated that this will greatly impact the residents on Bryden Road.

Mr. Isaacson asked if the traffic study discussed the left turn on Bryden Road.

Mr. Cuini stated that a right in and right out was discussed.

Mr. Berns stated that it has become a safety concern with a number of rear-end accidents.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he understands the issues but asked if there is a creative way through eminent domain to tie in Wedgewood and Corporate Park with an access street.

Mayor Gorden stated that this was previously discussed when DDR was being built but it meant taking a lot of land in front of Moxies and they do not have sufficient parking as it is.

Mr. Cuini stated that the City does not own that property.

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Mayor Gorden stated that the administration, in the past, had tried to get Baywood and Wedgewood to one driveway.

Mr. Cuini stated that they will move forward with Richmond road only.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by B.H. Linick at 6:51 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,  
B. B. Janovitz, B. H. Linick, J. Pasch  
Abstain: None.  
No: None.  
Not Voting: None.  
MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:

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Merle S. Gorden, Mayor

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Karen M. Navolanic, Clerk of Council