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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, FEBRUARY 22, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Council President M.S. Horwitz, seconded by J. Berns.

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

B.B. Janovitz, B.H. Linick, J. Pasch

Absent: None.

Not present: None.

Also Present: Mayor Gorden, B. Reali, W. Griswold, J. Doutt, T. Turick, G. Smerigan

Moved by M.S. Horwitz, seconded by J. Berns to enter into an Executive Session at 5:31 P.M., for the purpose of discussing matters regarding the purchase of property for a public purpose.

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

BACK ON RECORD AT 6:37 P.M.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he, Mr. Berns and Mayor Gorden met with Mr. Luxenburg, Mr. Hardis and Mr. Rosen from the Beachwood Board of Education to engage in an ongoing joint discussions regarding facilities usage. Mr. Horwitz stated that the City was informed that the actual cost when school is not in session is 1.5 million dollars.

Mrs. Janovitz asked Mr. Horwitz asked what is included in the 1.5 million dollars.

Mr. Horwitz stated he was told custodial and electricity along with other things and that the Board of Education will be presenting the City with documentation. Mr. Horwitz stated that the Schools do not want to engage in discussion at this point because they are already giving the City a discount.

Mr. Berns stated that the Schools feel they are already giving the City consideration.

Mr. Horwitz stated that it was the same discussion with the Schools regarding the City waiving fees.

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Mr. Horwitz stated that the Schools still want the \$60,000.00 waived. Mr. Horwitz stated that once he receives the documentation from the Schools he will have Mr. Reali review. Mr. Horwitz stated that Lyndhurst and Rocky River waive all fees including churches and schools; Solon waives all fees except Review Fees and State Fees; Westlake waives fees for new construction inspection and permit fees but does not waive fees for remodels; Bay Village, Shaker Heights and South Euclid do not waive fees.

Mayor Gorden stated that the Schools want a response now regarding the waiver of fees and to return the \$60,000.00 in fees already paid for the auditorium. Mayor Gorden stated that he is against this but that is his opinion and it is up to Council.

Mr. Horwitz stated that Mr. Hardis was articulate about shared services and other proposals down the road but there is no movement at this time.

Mr. Pasch stated that he would like to collaborate on future projects with the Schools. Mr. Pasch stated that he would like to know the number of permits issued by the Building Department and the number of man hours and man power needed to do the work.

Mayor Gorden stated that the Building Department might need part-time people. Mayor Gorden stated that representatives from the Schools will be meeting with Mr. Griswold on Tuesday, February 23rd and he would have a better idea after that meeting.

Mr. Isaacson stated the City should give the Schools the money it is a show of goodwill and it is good for the taxpayers.

Mr. Pasch stated that he is against returning the \$60,000.00 already paid by the Schools.

Mrs. Janovitz asked how will Council explain to the residents that the City is giving back \$60,000.00 to the Schools.

Mayor Gorden stated that the City has to be clear because there are non-profits located in the City and where does Council draw the line.

Mr. Isaacson stated that Schools are taxpayer funded.

Mr. Horwitz stated that this community is rooted in religious schools and cities such as Lyndhurst and Rocky River waive fees for churches. Mr. Horwitz stated that there are a lot of comments from religious residents.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the City has always asked the Schools to negotiate and they never wanted to.

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Mr. Berns stated that the fee issue is not on the table and Schools want the fee increased too more than it is now

Mr. Pasch stated that the Schools want the fees waived and in the future the Schools and City can talk about future fees. Mr. Pasch stated that it is his choice to contribute to a Synagogue but it is a fiscal obligation through taxes that go to the Schools. Mr. Pasch stated that is a separate conversation because one is a choice and one is a mandate.

Mr. Pasch stated that the City should not pay the Schools anything over what their costs are.

Mrs. Janovitz asked if it was going both ways.

Mr. Pasch stated that there have been long conversations over many months and the City needs to change the business model with the Schools.

Mr. Horwitz stated that the City could build for camps and take it away from the Schools. Mr. Horwitz stated that the City has spent 4.5 million dollars since 1997.

Mr. Isaacson stated that the Schools will recoup costs one way or another.

Mr. Horwitz stated that Council needs to obtain estimates from Mr. Griswold and whether there will be a need to hire additional employees.

Mayor Gorden stated that is a separate topic.

Mr. Linick stated that he can understand public versus non-profit but asked why the City is driven with that process.

Mayor Gorden stated that Ms. Mills needs to bring money into the Schools.

Mayor Gorden stated that there are ramifications such as every apartment building and condominium community in the area have requested rubbish and snow removal. Mayor Gorden stated that he wants to be fair with everyone when it comes to City services.

Mrs. Turick stated that businesses pay the taxes.

Mr. Linick stated that there are tax breaks for the businesses but never for the residents, not apples to apples. Mr. Linick asked what about the JCC what would they say. Mr. Linick stated that people move to Beachwood for the Schools. Mr. Linick stated that it would be cheaper through the City than having the residents taxed.

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Mr. Pasch stated that the City would have no agreement with anyone but the Schools.
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Mr. Berns stated that maybe they could receive a partial break.

Mr. Linick stated that the City's decision will not impact what the Schools decide to do.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he would like to first speak with Mr. Griswold.

Mr. Isaacson stated that he would like to learn more about what the Plans Examiners do.

Mr. Linick asked if you can make past ordinances retroactive.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he is not inclined to go retroactive.

Mr. Berns stated that it would be a show of goodwill.

Mr. Horwitz stated that it would be a one shot deal because of the nature of the project.

Mr. Linick stated why would the City only make this exception one time?

Mr. Isaacson stated that the City has time and the City can present them with a bill?

Mrs. Turick stated that the Schools want to be paid up front.

Mayor Gorden asked Mr. Horwitz to talk to the School Board.

Mr. Pasch stated that he does not care what the money figure is but the City should not generate revenue. Mr. Pasch asked if it costed the City anything.

Mr. Berns stated that the permit fee money goes to the General Fund.

Mayor Gorden stated that the income covers the cost of running the Building Department.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he would talk to the Superintendent.

2. City Council Work Session to Plan Council's 2016 Agenda.

Mr. Pasch stated that it would take a couple of hours to discuss the 2016 Agenda. Mr. Pasch stated that on his list are the following items:

- Guns
- Communications which include the broadcasting of Council meetings on the television, internet and live streaming
- Communication from Council President to Council

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• Ohio Open Checkbook
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- Charter Review
- Update Ordinances
- In-house attorneys, is this a long term decision.
- Salary Study – Cap on Director’s salaries
- Community involvement – Advisory Committee – Council to have heartbeat of community
- Regionalism – partnering with surrounding cities and the County.
- Safety Forces – Dispatch/Regional Dispatch
- Fire Station #2

Mrs. Janovitz stated that she has a lot of the same ideas as Mr. Pasch but offered the following:

- Residents would like to know what is being discussed
- Trash pick-up for seniors and the disabled
- Street lights
- Dog Park
- Advisory Committee made up of residents
- Exit and Enter interviews for business and residents of the City
- Town Hall Meetings
- Council Packet on-line
- Rezoning at Wiggins – Parking
- Point of Sale Inspections
- Annual Rental Inspections
- Free internet around the City
- Public relations in-house
- Structure of Council Meetings – 3 minutes at beginning of meeting and open discussion at end of meeting. Public comments at Planning and Zoning meetings.

Mr. Linick added:

- Open discussion at Planning and Zoning Meetings

Mr. Berns added:

- Committee of Building Owners
- Residential street lighting
- Police Station – Free standing building
- Collaborate with Schools

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Mr. Jacobs added:

- Dispatch
- Fire Station/Police Department

Mr. Isaacson added:

- Role of Council – some of these items fall under Council some do not.
- Salary study
- Videotaping of Council meetings
- On-line posting
- Regionalization
- Oversight – due diligence
- Financial planning
- Retire/Rehire

Mr. Horwitz stated that he agrees with Mr. Isaacson and added:

- Branding

Mr. Linick added:

- Committee for residential development
- Zoning for new residential development
- Incentives to improve existing homes
- Charter Review

Mr. Horwitz added:

- Campaigning/Finance/Ethic Rule – review Ethics Policy
- Retire/Rehire for administration – 14% reduction, Directors do not take the reduction
- Recycling in apartments
- Resources throughout City for younger children
- Deer population
- Creating mini-parks

Mrs. Turick added:

- Dog Parks
- Street Lighting

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- Dispatch
- Police Department Jail/Lockers
- Fiber Network
- Increase wi-fi
- Deer control
- Bryden and Richmond Road
- Amphitheater
- Skate Park
- Ice Skating
- Master Plan
- Overheard walkway at Cedar Road/Acacia
- Improved recreation facilities
- RNC budget

Mr. Linick stated that people who work downtown during the RNC will be off that week and they will not be going into the City.

Mrs. Turick added:

- Update website
- Harvard Connector Road
- Commerce Park Revitalization
- Job Creation and Incentive Programs
- Changeable copy signs
- In-house IT Department
- Bridges – Beautification
- Housing Chambers and CVB
- North end of Service Department Building
- Bike Path
- Document Imaging and Archiving

Mr. Horwitz stated that the Charter Review will be discussed by the Legal Committee.

Mr. Berns stated that Fire Station #2 should be a part of the Safety and Public Health Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M.M. Jacobs, seconded by A. Isaacson at 8:48 P.M. to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Executive Meeting to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT(continued)

ROLL CALL Yes: J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs,
B.B. Janovitz, B.H. Linick

Abstain: None.

No: None.

Not Voting: None.

MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:

Merle S. Gorden, Mayor

Karen M. Navolanic, Clerk of Council