

BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 25325 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD, ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Council President Martin S. Horwitz

ROLL CALL: Present: J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson,
 B.B. Janovitz, B. H. Linick, J. Pasch
 Absent: M.M. Jacobs
 Also Present: Mayor Gorden, B. A. Reali, T. Moore, D.A. Pfaff,
 P.J. Kearns, G. Haba, D.H. Pekarek, K.A. Carmen,
 J. Doutt, T. Turick

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2016.

Moved by B.B. Janovitz, seconded by J. Berns, that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 16, 2016 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by J. Berns, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Executive Session held on February 16, 2016 be approved.

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Gorden stated that there would be Special Council Meetings over the next few weeks that will be before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. Mayor Gorden stated that he does not think the City can wait until a regular Council meeting because they are time sensitive and he asked for Council’s cooperation in scheduling them.

Mrs. Turick asked Council to hold March 28th.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Mr. Isaacson stated that he had the opportunity to watch the Beachwood boys' basketball game, loved the game, but did not like the score. Mr. Isaacson stated that the team lost by one point at the buzzer. Mr. Isaacson stated that he was really impressed by how hard working the players of the team are and how much effort they have put into this and how much heart they have because they clearly left everything on the court. Mr. Isaacson stated that it was a really inspirational game to watch and the most exciting sports game he has seen professional or not in a long time.

Mrs. Janovitz stated that on Saturday, March 5th she attended a newly elected officials training coordinated by Cuyahoga County and the Auditor's Office and they would like everyone here to attend next year because it is not just for newly elected officials.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he was honored to fill in for the Mayor and present a Proclamation to Diversity Matters which is a district-wide program that is dedicated to creating unity, diversity and awareness of the African American culture, education, and community programs. Mr. Horwitz stated that this event was hosted by Ms. Pamela Rhodes and is a part of the celebration of Black History month in February. Mr. Horwitz stated that the event was well attended at the Beachwood High School and there were a number of students that were involved and multi-media presentation with song, introduction to black history and black heritage and a rousing speech by Dr. Todd Davidson of the Antioch Baptist Church. Mr. Horwitz stated that he had to follow Dr. Davidson speech and he felt woefully unprepared because Dr. Davidson is a great speaker. Mr. Horwitz stated that following his speech there was a soul food pot-luck dinner. Mr. Horwitz congratulated Diversity Matters on this event.

Mayor Gorden thanked Mr. Horwitz for filling in for him that day because he had a conflict. Mayor Gorden stated that this program takes place once a year in the schools and the entire community is invited to this event and suggested that anyone who can attend next year should attend.

Mr. Horwitz congratulated the Beachwood School District for being the second best School District in northeast Ohio and the third best in the State of Ohio. Mr. Horwitz stated that the recent test scores became available that deal with common core standards and that is quite an accomplishment. Mr. Horwitz stated that he has had the pleasure of being associated with the Schools for a number of years and he takes great pride in this kind of accomplishment. Mr. Horwitz stated that this community is really made up of the City and the Schools and the Schools are still the primary reason that families move to Beachwood.

Mr. Pasch stated that it is so good to see so many members of the School Board and the School system present this evening. Mr. Pasch stated that Council has internally been discussing building permit fees and internally Council will be receiving a presentation from the Building Department on those issues. Mr. Pasch stated that just like the stadium, his personal opinion moving forward is the hope that the City and School Board work toward a neutral revenue model where the City does not profit from the Schools and the Schools do not profit from the City. Mr. Pasch stated that he would like the City and Schools to cover costs and move forward. Mr. Pasch stated that he will not speak for his colleagues but that is his opinion.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)(continued)

Mr. Pasch stated that in the Committee of the Whole meeting held tonight the City is currently not recording Committee meetings and he would like to state that there seems to be a unanimous consent among Council to move forward with the broadcasting of Council meetings. Mr. Pasch stated that Council just had a discussion in Conference Room A regarding the different methods that will be explored over the coming weeks and months.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S

Mrs. Carmen stated that yesterday was the first day of non-resident camp registration and the earliest parent showed up at 3:36 A.M. and when she arrived at 7:30 A.M. the parents were lined up from the Community Center all the way down to the dumpsters. Mrs. Carmen stated that the parents were outside for 4-5 hours. Mrs. Carmen stated that two of the camps Bison and Teen Travel are sold out and there is a wait list for the other three camps.

Mayor Gorden thanked Mrs. Carmen and her staff who worked the registration.

MAYOR'S REPORT(continued)

Mr. Horwitz introduced Superintendent Mr. Robert Hardis from the Beachwood School Board to make a presentation on the Beachwood Main Stadium.

Mr. Robert Hardis, 23834 Wendover Drive, Beachwood, Ohio, 44122. Mr. Hardis stated that on behalf of the Beachwood City Schools he would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for providing them the opportunity to present plans for the renovation of Beachwood High School Main Stadium. Mr. Hardis also thanked Mr. Griswold, Chief Kearns, Chief Winebrenner for their assistance and responsiveness in helping the Schools expedite the planning for this project.

Mr. Hardis stated that the Beachwood is a landlocked district and the Schools have no additional space to add athletic fields for their growing sports and the City's Recreational Programs and they need to find an additional alternative. Mr. Hardis stated that their fields are used throughout the spring, summer and fall and many of the fields overlap one another which does not provide the time for the areas to recover properly and over time the amount of use has become unsustainable for the Schools. Mr. Hardis stated that the Schools cannot, under the best of weather conditions, maintain the fields optimally. Mr. Hardis stated that building a new main stadium with an artificial turf field and stadium lights will provide the Schools with the ability to place many sports games and practices on this surface without it deteriorating and it will preserve the other fields as functional and effective practice spaces. Mr. Hardis stated that multiple sports at multiple levels are all going to be held in the main stadium, boys and girls soccer, football, girls lacrosse and track and field. Mr. Hardis stated that the Schools lack of space and northeast Ohio weather conditions pose a very real problem for the School District and community.

Mr. Hardis stated that the Schools are pleased to be working with Then Design Architecture or TDA and Mr. Ryan Schmit who is present tonight. Mr. Schmit will present an overview of the project.

MAYOR'S REPORT (continued)

Mr. Schmit stated that that he is with TDA Architecture and lives at 85 Olive Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Mr. Schmit stated that he has had great support from the Mayor, Building Department and City services as they have gone through this process. Mr. Schmit stated that as an overview of this project the Schools wanted to optimize and bring the stadium up to the standards of today in a manner that provided the best safety, security, access, control and all of those features that are necessary to provide a safe environment for students, staff and spectators while maintaining an optimal playing field for the athletes.

Mr. Schmit stated that the Schools will not be affecting the footprint of the track or the field or the extent of the bleachers in any way and that is out of respect for the current restraints of the site. Mr. Schmit stated that he tried to maintain everything in a similar manner that presently exists. Mr. Schmit stated that he will be replacing the synthetic surface that exists on the track with a new modern system and then in-filling the current grass field with a synthetic field which will allow continuous play throughout the seasons. The bleacher system which has a visitor's bleacher and a home bleacher, the visitor's bleacher is constructed of many small pieces and is a low lying style bleacher and will be replaced with something that is in-kind and slightly larger enhancing the seating capacity from 1,200 to 1,300. Mr. Schmit stated that the bleachers will be very similar but brought up to safety standards with aesthetic improvements. Mr. Schmit stated that on the home side the existing bleachers rise up the hill and creates a bowl effect and they will be doing the same and will not be increasing the height of the bleachers and they will remain low to the ground with the intent of having a plaza across the back so that people can walk down into the stadium and down into the seats. Mr. Schmit stated that the press box rests behind the bleachers and he will be creating a nice modern two story feature with concessions in the base of that building and the upper portion being the press box which will mimic the architecture of the rest of the campus.

Mr. Schmit stated that presently there are no lights in the building and they are proposing the inclusion of four stadium light locations and this will provide for the opportunity to organize evening games and events. Mr. Schmit stated that in doing so he is very conscious of the effect that this will have and they are specifying LED lighting fixtures with minimal throw in order to contain all the lighting within the stadium. Mr. Schmit stated that he met with the Fire Department and had discussions with the Police Department and made a conscious effort to maintain all the access paths that presently exist across the site to maintain safety.

Mr. Schmit stated that the process he is going through right now is for the development of the site and the buildings to bring plans to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Isaacson stated that at the end of the field where the new maintenance building will be located was a ballfield, what is the plan for the ballfield.

Mr. Schmit stated that the ballfield is part of the overall master plan that the Schools have been developing and ultimately the goal is to maintain a practice field at that location and also take some of the throwing events that presently occur on the hill and bring them to another location.

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MAYOR'S REPORT (continued)

Mr. Hardis stated at the moment the Schools do not know what they are going to do but there is a long term plan for a softball stadium on the upper fields. Mr. Hardis stated that depending on the building that is being built the Schools might maintain the fields where they are currently located.

Mr. Isaacson asked how long night events can last.

Mayor Gorden stated that the Law Department will review and will make sure that the Schools and residents needs are met.

Mr. Linick stated that that normally a lot of people sit on the hill and one of the lights will be located in that area will the view be obstructed.

Mr. Schmit stated that the pole is an 18 inch pole that extends up vertically so spectators will have an unobstructed view.

Mr. Linick stated that he understands the concepts of pulling the lighting in closer to the field but is there additional lighting that will be placed on the paths.

Mr. Schmit stated that he is looking at low pole lighting that will be thrown on the paths.

Mr. Pasch stated that he sees the four lighting fixtures and asked if lighting is needed for the end zone.

Mr. Schmit stated that for this configuration they are primarily lighting the field to shine on to the field area.

CITIZEN'S REMARKS

1. Mr. Marc Golub
26900 George Zeiger Drive, Unit 521
Beachwood, Ohio

Mr. Golub stated that he is here this evening to let certain members of Council know that they are being watched and they are being scrutinized for everything that they do.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

1. Submitted to Council an Ordinance for the payment of Certain Claims (Bills).

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-44 – Introduced by Alec Isaacson
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS (BILLS)

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by J. Pasch, that Ordinance No. 2016-44 be placed on final reading.

SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE(continued)

Moved by M.S. Horwitz, seconded by J. Pasch, that Ordinance No. 2016-51 be placed on final reading.

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

MOTION ADOPTED-RULES SUSPENDED

Moved by M.S. Horwitz, seconded by J. Pasch, that Ordinance No. 2016-51 be adopted.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

2. Safety and Public Health Committee

Notice to Legislative Authority for a transfer liquor permit from Midas Dublin Management LLC d/b/a Aloft Beachwood, 1010 Eaton Boulevard & Patio, Beachwood, Ohio 44122 to Beachwood Concessions LLC d/b/a Aloft Beachwood, 1010 Eaton Boulevard and Patio, Beachwood, Ohio 44122. **No Action Taken**

3. Safety and Public Health Committee

Notice to Legislative Authority for a new liquor permit for Beachwood Concessions LLC d/b/a Aloft Beachwood, 1010 Eaton Boulevard and Patio, Beachwood, Ohio 44122. **No Action Taken**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by A. Isaacson, seconded by J. Pasch, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:53 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:

Clerk

Mayor