

**BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 25325 FAIRMOUNT
BOULEVARD, ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 P.M. by Council President Martin S. Horwitz

ROLL CALL: Present: J. Berns, M.S. Horwitz, A. Isaacson, M.M. Jacobs,
B.B. Janovitz, Brian Linick, J. Pasch
Absent: None.
Also Present: Mayor Gorden, B. A. Reali, D.H. Pekarek,
W. Griswold, G. Smerigan

1. Discussion regarding Traffic Improvements for Corporate Park and Bryden Road

Mayor Gorden stated that the intersection and all streets have been discussed more than twenty years ago.

Mayor Gorden stated that there are concerns with moving traffic and that the improvements are no small task.

Mayor Gorden stated that there is a lot of traffic in the City of Beachwood and that the City is trying to manage that traffic in the right way. The Police Department is discussing the short term and long term solutions.

Mr. Smerigan stated that traffic flow and safety is what was considered when making the proposed enhancements.

Mr. Smerigan stated that one of the options being considered is gaining ownership of certain property and dedicating it for a public right-of-way.

Mr. Smerigan stated that the City would be in charge of the right-of-way and that it would be extended to Enterprise Parkway.

Mr. Smerigan stated that this improvement would provide enhanced accessibility and frontage on a public street.

Mr. Smerigan stated that the new intersection would not require signals.

Mr. Smerigan stated that also being considered is the creation of additional access on Enterprise.

Mr. Smerigan stated that this area may need an additional driveway but the signal at Richmond Road and Corporate Park could be eliminated.

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Mr. Smerigan stated that Bryden Road should be made into a right turn only and long term if the schools do something with Bryden Elementary then a connector should be incorporated from Bryden/Halburton up to Letchworth.

Mr. Smerigan stated that this improvement could reduce the volume of traffic at Richmond Road and Chagrin Boulevard intersection.

Mr. Cuini stated that the Corporate Park dedicated road would affect three parcels that are owned by the same person.

Mr. Cuini stated that this public road would connect Enterprise to Richmond.

Mr. Cuini stated that a lot split is needed as well as widening of the left turn lane onto Enterprise Place.

Mr. Cuini stated that he recommends rebuilding the street with a dedicated right-of-way.

Mr. Cuini stated that Corporate Park and Enterprise Parkway should be completed first and that could happen this year in the fall.

Mayor Gorden stated that he wanted to be clear that no work was being done at Bryden Road this year.

Mr. Cuini stated that next week they will be closing Hurlingham and that it will be put back exactly the same way.

Mr. Berns asked if Bryden would be right in and right out.

Mr. Smerigan stated that once the connection was built, all entrances would be right in right out.

Mr. Berns asked if there would still be a left turn at Richmond to go Northbound.

Mr. Smerigan stated that the turn would be right in right out.

Mrs. Janovitz asked if that was what was being proposed currently.

Mr. Cuini stated that would be Phase II.

Mr. Pasch asked if the recommendation for a right in, right out at Bryden is based on Bryden School.

Mr. Smerigan stated that the right in, right out is a secondary long-term suggestion.

Mr. Linick asked if the property owners are okay with this decision.

Mr. Smerigan stated that there have been conversations with the property owners and the indication is that they would be willing to dedicate that right-of-way to the City.

Mr. Cuini stated that long-term they would like to make that entrance right in and right out.

Mr. Berns asked if the property owners would be losing some of their parking.

Mr. Smerigan stated that yes, they would lose some parking but the property owners are willing to take the area that is in front of the buildings and turn that into additional parking.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the four lanes on Enterprise from the Porsche dealership is bad during rush hour.

Mr. Jacobs asked how this will affect adding more traffic.

Chief Winebrenner stated that it will all depend on the time of day.

Mr. Berns stated that he is concerned about the sidewalk in the right-of-way.

Mayor Gorden stated that the City would have to take more right-of-way.

Mr. Jacobs asked if Park East and Chagrin Boulevard would be kept as right turn only.

Mr. Cuini stated that it would stay a right turn only.

Mr. Pasch asked who would maintain the road.

Mr. Linick asked if there was a discussion about leaving the left turn at Bryden.

Mr. Smerigan stated that with the left turn more cut through is being invited into the neighborhood.

Mr. Horwitz asked about Baywood.

Mr. Smerigan stated that they are exploring the option of moving the Baywood driveway but no conclusion has been reached to bring to Council at this time.

Mrs. Janovitz asked if temporary left turns have been considered.

Mr. Smerigan stated that people are creatures of habit and that it would be very difficult to enforce a temporary turn.

Mr. Smerigan stated that the City would be better off retraining with a new route.

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Mr. Horwitz stated that consistency is needed and that many still turn left into the high school parking lot.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he would support the Corporate Park plan but he is still having a hard time with Bryden Road and Baywood.

Mr. Pasch stated that Council is not being asked to make a decision about Bryden today.

Mr. Pasch stated that we have Police and a City Planner saying that it has been a stroke of luck that there have been no serious accidents, do we wait until that happens.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he would be happy to close Bryden to the left if residents came in and said that is the thing to do.

Mr. Smerigan stated that there are multiple steps.

Mr. Smerigan stated that the early step is to make the Enterprise Parkway connection and the City needs to go ahead with this part.

Mr. Horwitz stated that there were many steps that needed to be taken before a Bryden Road decision is made.

Mr. Smerigan stated that this should be seen as a Phase I and he would like Council to know that Corporate Park and Enterprise Place are part of Phase I.

Mr. Smerigan stated that he would like to move forward with Phase I and then come back to Council with proposals for Bryden Road.

Mr. Cuini stated that Phase I would start in the fall and that there is no cost estimate yet.

Mr. Cuini stated that he would not like to give a guess.

Mr. Berns asked if the traffic signal would be removed at this time.

Mr. Cuini stated that no, it would not be removed at this time.

Mr. Berns asked if there would be a dedicated left turn.

Mr. Cuini stated that no, there would be not a dedicated left turn.

Mr. Berns stated that down the road, there would be no left turn on Enterprise Boulevard going Southbound.

Mr. Smerigan stated that was correct.

Mr. Smerigan stated that we are taking this one step at a time.

Mr. Jacobs asked if anyone has spoken with BP about eliminating the curb cut.

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Mr. Smerigan stated that no, not as far as the restaurant and BP.

Mr. Smerigan stated that we think this is a possibility to get this done this year.

Mr. Pasch stated that Council needs cost quickly.

Mr. Linick stated that he would like to see an alternative to the right in, right out.

Mr. Pasch stated that he would like several estimates.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he would like to move forward with determining costs.

Mayor Gorden stated that he wanted everyone to understand that Bryden will be closed temporarily to complete Richmond Road.

Mr. Horwitz stated that it is important to make it clear that a Richmond Road closure is temporary.

Mayor Gorden stated that Council has many options to announce the temporary closure.

Mr. Linick asked if there was any discussion about the Fire Department access road.

Mr. Smerigan stated that nothing is being taken off the table and nothing is able to be finalized yet.

Mr. Horwitz stated that he wants to move forward with numbers and needs Mr. Pfaff to speak about the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Pasch, seconded by B. B. Janovitz, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole at 6:33 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Approved:

Clerk

Mayor