

**BEACHWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022, 6:00 PM  
at BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM A,  
25325 Fairmount Boulevard, Beachwood, Ohio 44122**

Mike Burkons  
Alec Isaacson  
Barbara Bellin Janovitz  
Joshua Mintz  
Danielle Shoykhet  
Eric Synenberg  
June Taylor

Agenda Items

1. Mayor's Report
2. Presentation from EDGE SWAT regarding the Purchase of a new Bearcat
3. Discussion regarding Resolution No. 2022-3 A Resolution condemning the recent Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization and the enforcement of Ohio Senate Bill 23
4. Any other matters coming before the Committee of the Whole

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INTRODUCED BY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

**A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION IN DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF OHIO SENATE BILL 23**

WHEREAS, the recent Supreme Court decision combined with the State Senate Bill 23 (Heartbeat Bill) six-week abortion ban will have a far-reaching detrimental impact on the health and individual rights of women in the City of Beachwood by effectively banning access to all legal and safe abortion services; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 23 leaves no exceptions for rape and incest, further intensifying the suffering that sexual assault victims must face and eroding the rights of victims; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Bill proports to save lives, but there are less restrictive policies and services to help reduce unintended pregnancies and promote the success of all families through opportunities like investing in comprehensive sex education, providing better access to contraceptives, and increasing the quality and affordability of childcare in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare supports the health and wellbeing of women and families in the City of Beachwood with numerous benefits like providing safe and healthy family planning options, preventing unintended pregnancies, increasing women's participation in the labor force, and improving economic security for families; and

WHEREAS, abortion access is a key component of comprehensive health care access for women and eliminating abortion access works directly against the individual rights of women in the City of Beachwood; and

WHEREAS, the decision released in Dobbs combined with the Heartbeat Bill negatively impacts the ability of the City of Beachwood to grow, retain, and nurture qualified medical professionals by threatening doctors with prison time and fines for performing their duties in their capacity as medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, the recent Supreme Court decision is a direct attack on freedom, the freedoms of women, and the freedoms of the members of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the Dobbs opinion puts at risk rights long enjoyed by Beachwood and American individuals such as the right to contraceptive, the rights of marriage, the right to sexual intimacy and sexual orientation, and the right to family autonomy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Beachwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: This Council does hereby disagree with the recent Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization and the enforcement of the six-week abortion ban passed by the 133rd Ohio General Assembly through Substitute Senate Bill 23.

Section 2: Our City hereby urges other cities and counties to pass a similar Resolution.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this Resolution that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public where required by Chapter 105 of the Codified Ordinances of the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

Attest: I hereby certify this resolution was duly adopted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, and presented to the Mayor for approval or rejection in accordance with Article III, Section 8 of the Charter on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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Clerk

Approval: I have approved this resolution this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, and filed it with the Clerk.

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Mayor