

CITY OF *Beachwood*

**Beachwood City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 8, 2024, 7:00 PM
at Beachwood City Hall, Council Chambers,
25325 Fairmount Boulevard, Beachwood, Ohio 44122**

Called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Justin Berns

-Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America-

1. Roll Call

Present – Ms. DeLong, Mr. Isaacson, Ms. Shoykhet, Ms. Stern,
Mr. Synenberg, Ms. Taylor

Absent – Mr. Mintz

Others Present – Mayor Berns, Mr. Arrietta, Ms. Bieterman, Mr. Heiser, Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Holtzman, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Roenigk, Mr. Rose, Mr. Schroeder, Ms. Turick

2. Motion to Elect the Council President

Moved by: E. Synenberg, Seconded by: J. DeLong

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Motion to Elect the Council Vice-President

Moved by: A. Stern, Seconded by: A. Isaacson

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Administration of the Oath of Office by Mayor Justin Berns to:

Council President Alec Isaacson

Council Vice-President Danielle Shoykhet

Council President Elect Isaacson then took over the Meeting.

3. **Administration of the Oath of Office by the Honorable Michael J. Ryan, Judge, Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeal to:**
Councilwoman June E. Taylor
4. **Administration of the Oath of Office by Mr. Bill Wexler to:**
Councilwoman Danielle Shoykhet
5. **Administration of the Oath of Office by Ms. Halle DeLong, Esq. to:**
Councilwoman Jillian DeLong
6. **Administration of the Oath of Office by Mr. James Pasch, Esq. to:**
Councilwoman Ali Stern
7. **Administration of the Oath of Office by Mayor Justin Berns to:**
Police Patrol Officer Joseph Sirna

8. Reports

a. Mayor

Mayor Berns made remarks regarding our new and incumbent Councilmembers.

b. Council Member (non-agenda items)

Ms. Stern, Mr. Synenberg, Ms. Shoykhet, Ms. Taylor, Ms. DeLong, and Mr. Isaacson all made remarks regarding tonight's appointment of new and incumbent Councilmembers.

c. Department Directors

Mr. Arietta thanked and welcomed the new and incumbent Councilmembers.

Mr. Schroeder reminded everyone of the change in date for the upcoming February Freeze event.

Fire Chief Holtzman stated that the Fire Department has received a Grant that will go towards a new cot loading system.

Mr. Rose thanked and welcomed the new and incumbent Councilmembers.

Ms. Crook made remarks and thanked Mr. Synenberg for his time as Council Vice-President and welcomed the new Councilmembers.

9. **Presentation by the Beachwood Marketing Junior Achievement Program**

Alli Berns, Camille Gill, and Sarah Berns gave a presentation regarding the Hope Heals program.

10. Citizen’s Remarks (**City Council limits Citizen’s Remarks to five (5) minutes each for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes unless so extended at the discretion of the President or a majority of Council per Council Rules of Procedure, Section 7, Rule 7.2)**)

Kyle Fishman

Mr. Fishman made Citizens Remarks regarding the firing and re-hiring of a Beachwood Police Officer.

11. Approval of Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting held on December 18,2023

Moved by: A. Isaacson, Seconded by: J. Taylor

An amendment to the Minutes was requested by Mr. Synenberg at this time. The requested amendment will read as follows; “Mr. Hildebrand also inquired about the status of a possible investigation about the firing and re-hiring of a Beachwood Police Officer.”

Moved by: E. Synenberg, Seconded by: A. Isaacson

Voice Vote

On the Amendment:

Yes: 3 – Mr. Isaacson, Mr. Synenberg, Ms. Taylor

No: 0

Abstain: 3 – Ms. DeLong, Ms. Shoykhet, Ms. Stern

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Voice Vote

On the Approval:

Yes: 3 – Mr. Isaacson, Mr. Synenberg, Ms. Taylor

No: 0

Abstain: 3 – Ms. DeLong, Ms. Shoykhet, Ms. Stern

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Old Business

Public Hearing

Proposed Ordinance Number 2023-102, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1121 titled "U-4 Integrated Business District" and Chapter 1101 titled "Definitions", of the City of Beachwood, Ohio Planning and Zoning Code

Mr. Isaacson opened the Public Hearing at 7:57 PM and there were no comments. The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:58 PM.

**Placed on First Reading and Referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission:
October 2, 2023**

**Placed on Second Reading and Referred to Public Hearing: November 6, 2023
Public Hearing held on January 8, 2024**

Old Business (continued)

2023-144

An Ordinance Accepting the Planning and Zoning Commission's Recommendations of Approval of a Preliminary Site Plan Approval and Approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow Multi Family Residential Apartments above the First Floor of the Building located at 23240 Chagrin Boulevard; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

Placed on First Reading and Tabled: December 18, 2023

Left on the Table: January 8, 2024

A Motion was made at this time to leave this item on the Table.

Moved by: A. Stern, Seconded by: J. DeLong

Voice Vote

On the Adoption of the Motion to leave on the Table:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

**New Business
Ordinances**

2024-16

An Ordinance appointing the Law Firm of Roetzel & Andress LPA and Attorney R. Todd Hunt as Interim Law Director for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

Moved by: E. Synenberg, Seconded by: D. Shoykhet

Voice Vote

On the Suspension:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

**New Business (continued)
Ordinances**

Consent Agenda for City Staff Appointments

2024-1

An Ordinance appointing Harvey S. Rose as Audit Director for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

2024-2

An Ordinance appointing Nathalie E. Supler as Assistant Law Director/Prosecutor for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

2024-3

An Ordinance appointing Matthew A. Kurz as Assistant Law Director/Associate Counsel for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

2024-4

An Ordinance appointing Whitney M. Crook as Clerk of Council for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; And declaring this to be an urgent measure

2024-5

An Ordinance appointing Veronica Muth as an Assistant Clerk of Council for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

2024-6

An Ordinance appointing Alison Ingham-Smith as an Assistant Clerk of Council for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

Moved by: J. Taylor, Seconded by: J. DeLong

Voice Vote

On the Suspension:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Administration of the Oath of Office by Council President Alec Isaacson to:

Harvey S. Rose, Audit Director

Nathalie E. Supler, Assistant Law Director

Matthew A. Kurz, Assistant Law Director

Whitney M. Crook, Clerk of Council

**New Business (continued)
Ordinances**

Consent Agenda for Boards and Commissions Appointments

2024-7

An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Bryan P. Zabell as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

2024-8

An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Ayonna Blue Donald as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, District 3 for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

2024-9

An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Jeffrey Shoykhet as a member at-large of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Beachwood, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

2024-10

An Ordinance confirming the re-appointment of Mary Ann Pellerano Fletcher as a Member of the City of Beachwood, Ohio Architectural Board of Review; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

Ms. Shoykhet recused herself from the vote as Jeffrey Shoykhet is her spouse.

Moved by: A. Isaacson, Seconded by: E. Synenberg

Voice Vote

On the Suspension:

Yes: 5
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 1 – Danielle Shoykhet
MOTION ADOPTED

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 5
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 1 – Danielle Shoykhet
MOTION ADOPTED

Administration of the Oath of Office by Mayor Berns to:

Bryan P. Zabell, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission
Ayonna Blue Donald, Member, Planning and Zoning Commission
Jeffrey Shoykhet, Member, Planning and Zoning Commission
Mary Ann Pellerano Fletcher, Member, Architectural Board of Review

**New Business (continued)
Ordinances**

2024-11

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the payment of Certain Claims (Bills) for Professional and Other Services; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

Moved by: J. DeLong, Seconded by: J. Taylor

Voice Vote

On the Suspension:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

2024-12

An Ordinance authorizing an Emergency Purchase Order; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

Moved by: J. Taylor, Seconded by: E. Synenberg

Voice Vote

On the Suspension:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

**New Business (continued)
Ordinances**

2024-13

An Ordinance adopting a Moratorium on Applications for, and the Approval of, Zoning Reviews and Permits, Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy, and Other Permits and Licenses for any Building, Structure, Use, or Change of Use that would enable the Cultivation, Processing, Distribution, or Sale of Adult Use Cannabis for a period not to exceed Six (6) Months in order to allow for the City to Review Applicable State and Local Laws; to Plan for Regulations relating to Such Uses; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

Moved by: D. Shoykhet, Seconded by: J. Taylor

Voice Vote

On the Suspension:

Yes: 6
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0
MOTION ADOPTED

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 6
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0
MOTION ADOPTED

2024-14

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program Agreement (MCIP) with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (“NEORSD”) for the Timberlane/Green Sanitary Relief Sewer Project Phase 1; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

Moved by: A. Isaacson, Seconded by: D. Shoykhet

Voice Vote

On the Suspension:

Yes: 6
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0
MOTION ADOPTED

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 6
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0
MOTION ADOPTED

**New Business (continued)
Ordinances**

2024-15

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Branden R. Burns, LLC to provide Pool Management through the 2024 Season for the City of Beachwood, Ohio Family Aquatic Center; and declaring this to be an urgent measure

Moved by: E. Synenberg, Seconded by: A. Isaacson

Voice Vote

On the Suspension:

Yes: 6
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0
MOTION ADOPTED

Voice Vote

On the Adoption:

Yes: 6
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0
MOTION ADOPTED

Motions

A Motion Authorizing the Clerk of Council to advertise for Bids for the application of commercial coatings to the existing roofs at City Hall and Community Center per BCO 121.09 and ORC 7.16

Moved by: A. Stern, Seconded by: A. Isaacson

Voice Vote

On the Adoption of the Motion:

Yes: 6
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0
MOTION ADOPTED

A Motion Authorizing the Clerk of Council to advertise for Bids for the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) Unit per BCO 121.09 and ORC 7.16

Moved by: J. DeLong, Seconded by: D. Shoykhet

Voice Vote

On the Adoption of the Motion:

Yes: 6
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0
MOTION ADOPTED

Motions (continued)

Motion to Authorize the City Administration to initiate a qualification-based selection process for architectural services for the design, construction observation and/or management of various City public improvement projects, including but not limited to a park picnic shelter, a park restroom(s), and/or roof and window replacements for certain City buildings

Moved by: J. Taylor, Seconded by: A. Stern

Voice Vote

On the Adoption of the Motion:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Any other matters coming before City Council

None.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn - Moved by: J. Taylor, Seconded by A. Stern

Yes: 6

No: 0

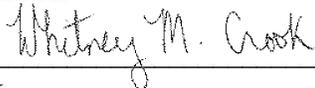
Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

MOTION ADOPTED

Adjourn to the next Regular City Council Meeting at 8:05 PM

Approved:



Clerk



Mayor

Next Regular Council Meeting will be held on: January 22, 2024 at 7 PM in Council Chambers
For all updates regarding Council Meetings, please visit: www.BeachwoodOhio.com

Council Members: Jillian DeLong, Alec Isaacson, Joshua Mintz, Danielle Shoykhet,
Ali B. Stern, Eric Synenberg, June E. Taylor
Clerk of Council: Whitney M. Crook

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A written synopsis of all agenda items and votes shall also be promptly prepared and kept.