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## Beachwood to Hire L. Stewart Hastings, Jr. as Law Director

**BEACHWOOD, Ohio –May 4, 2021–** Pending a vote by City Council on Monday, May 10 at 6:00 PM, the City of Beachwood announced today the hiring of L. Stewart Hastings, Jr. as its new Law Director.

Mr. Hastings comes to Beachwood after serving as Assistant Director of Law and Chief Assistant Director of Law for the City of Cleveland for 16 years.

In that capacity, he engaged in a wide range of legal issues for the City of Cleveland, including defending home-rule authority, serving as a member of the negotiating team for first-responder collective-bargaining agreements, and counseling the administration regarding day-to-day employment and human-resource issues. He was also selected to be the lead counsel for all litigation related to the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland, and worked closely with agents and lawyers in the Secret Service and FBI.

“Mr. Hastings’s experience is an exemplary combination of municipal law, litigation, and the understanding of politics and political structures,” said Mayor Martin Horwitz. “He checks all the boxes for guiding Beachwood in legal matters.”

Prior to working at the City of Cleveland, Mr. Hastings was in private practice for 12 years, serving corporate and insurance-company clients. He was also elected to the Parma Board of Education from 1990 – 1997, serving 3 years as President and 3 years as Vice President.

“Mr. Hastings brings a wealth of legal experience with him to the City of Beachwood from both the private sector and City of Cleveland. We know that our City and Law Department will be in good hands with Mr. Hastings’s counsel. I’d also like to thank Councilman Synenberg for leading the search process; his hard work led to a successful result,” said City Council President James Pasch.

“I extend my thanks to City Council, Mayor Horwitz, Assistant Law Director Nathalie Supler, and Human Resources Administrator Dana Canzone for their work ensuring this hiring process was both open and fair,” said Councilman Eric Synenberg, head of the Legal & Personnel Committee. “This was a competitive field of 21 applicants, and we worked well as a team to interview everyone in an equitable manner.”

Mr. Hastings’s community involvement includes 12 years with The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, Safety Town bicycle-safety instructor in Bainbridge since 2006, and being a Ride Captain of the Shul Boys Motorcycle Club.

**About the City of Beachwood, OH**

Founded as a village in 1915, the City of Beachwood was incorporated in 1960.

Conveniently located along Interstate 271, Beachwood is home to nearly 12,000 residents and 2,500 companies and is well-known for its excellent city services, recreation facilities, highly rated schools, and low property taxes. Its diversity of residents is more than four times the Ohio state average. For more information about living and working in Beachwood, visit [www.BeachwoodOhio.com](http://www.BeachwoodOhio.com).

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