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Beachwood City Council Appoints Peter Smith to Fill Council Vacancy

Beachwood, Ohio (1/21/25)— Beachwood City Council announces the appointment of Peter Smith to serve as the newest member of City Council. Mr. Smith, a dedicated Beachwood resident for 17 years, brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the community. His appointment fills the unexpired term left by Eric Synenberg, who recently departed to represent the 21st District in the Ohio General Assembly. The term expires on December 31, 2025.

Public Service Experience

Council members voted to appoint Mr. Smith after a thorough process that included interviews with nine qualified candidates. Mr. Smith has demonstrated dedication to public service, serving on the Beachwood Civil Service Commission since 2019 and chairing it since 2020. Following his transition to City Council, the mayor will appoint a new member and chair for the Civil Service Commission.

Leadership Statements

Mayor Justin Berns: "I've had the privilege of working with Pete, and I can confidently say he is a tremendous asset to our city and its residents. I look forward to collaborating with him as a council member, knowing he will bring valuable insights and meaningful contributions to our community."

Alec Isaacson – City Council President: "My colleagues and I are pleased to appoint Peter Smith to Beachwood City Council. He brings a strong and complementary skill set and the experience required to hit the ground running, providing strong and positive leadership to our community. We look forward to having him join us at our meeting on February 3rd."

Peter Smith – City Council Member: "I'm honored by City Council's appointment and look forward to serving and making a positive impact on Beachwood and its residents."

Vision for Beachwood

As a council member, Mr. Smith will focus on maintaining Beachwood's economic stability, ensuring public safety, and investing in sound infrastructure. He is passionate about attracting and retaining young and growing families to Beachwood. Mr. Smith aims to build a sustainable energy consumption model and plans to explore sustainable and efficient energy production for public facilities.

Professional Experience

Mr. Smith is an experienced sales and marketing leader in the pharmaceutical field. He has extensive management experience in hiring, training, and overseeing sales teams. Throughout his 25-year career, he's worked with notable companies like Johnson & Johnson and Teva Pharmaceuticals. He is currently a consultant in the field.

City Council looks forward to working with Mr. Smith as he brings his vision and expertise to the role, continuing Beachwood's tradition of thoughtful governance and forward-looking leadership.

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