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**City Ends Contract With Economic Development Consultant,
Seeks to Hire Full-Time Economic Development Director**

(BEACHWOOD, OHIO –AUGUST 1, 2022) – The City of Beachwood will no longer employ the services of James Heller, economic development consultant, and is focusing on hiring a full-time economic development director. Mayor Justin Berns praised his many years of service to the city.

“Jim Heller has been a great asset to Beachwood, and he has offered tremendous historical perspective and wisdom since he has worked here for decades,” states Mayor Berns.

An architect, longtime Beachwood resident and Beachwood High School graduate, Heller aided the city by serving the business community’s needs, along with helping to attract new sources of commercial opportunity. He has been an ardent promoter of the city and has lent the administration his considerable knowledge surrounding shopping centers, one of his areas of expertise. Additionally, his relationships with many developers contributed to his ability to advance projects and expand the city’s tax base.

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