

**SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
HELD ON APRIL 30, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Patten at 5:00 p.m., who read the meeting notice. The clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

**D'AMICO, TROYER, SALVATORE, MENCINI, BURGIO, POWERS, HIGGINS**

Also in attendance were Law Director Jamison, Finance Director Cingle, Mayor Coyne, Service Director Cayet and Safety Director Byrnes.

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**DISCUSSION:**

1. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9895-2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mr. Jamison stated the Finance Director has talked to the Fiscal Officer's office and it has been determined for the tax levy on the real estate taxes cannot be stated for more than one purpose. Initially the legislation read Parks & Recreational Purposes and Senior Citizen activities. In speaking with the Mayor the verbiage Senior Citizen activities will be deleted so this tax will be for Parks & Recreational purposes only.

Mayor Coyne stated the purpose of this was for Parks & Recreation and Seniors and all the cost centers for senior centers activities and Office of Aging will be moved to the Recreation Department by budget; that is what the taxes will be used for. The Office of Aging works out of the Recreation Center so that's where it should be placed.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to place on the Special Council agenda immediately following.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Burgio, Mencini, Powers, Higgins, D'Amico, Troyer  
**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

Mr. Patten stated that will appear under M-1 as Ordinance No. 9909-2014.

2. AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO, THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE GENERATED BY A TAX LEVY OF FOUR AND FIVE TENTHS (4.50) MILLS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19(H) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

**Discussion: cont.**

**Motion** by Mr. Higgins, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the Special Council agenda immediately following.

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Mrs. Powers stated in talking with residents this tax should not appear on any ballot or bringing any increase in taxes forward at this time because the country is in a recession and people are totally maxed out and cannot afford another tax. One constituent stated that instead of putting a tax on the ballot everyone here should take a pay cut.

Mayor Coyne stated no one sitting up here as the right to impose a tax on anybody in the city. The residents have to vote for it so anyone that feels that this is not fair and they don't want to pay then they should vote against it. The people of this city should have a clear opportunity to tell us because residents have never voted for the cost of the Recreation Center and the programs of the city and they should have that opportunity to tell us because it will make our decisions easier.

Mrs. Powers stated when Council voted on the Income Tax legislation I voted yes so that residents will have the right to vote on a tax increase. My objection is what I'm hearing from my residents and also objecting to having these taxes on a Special Election ballot.

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**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Higgins, Mencini, Burgio, Salvatore, Troyer, D'Amico.

**NAYS:** Powers. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

Mr. Patten stated this will appear as M-2 as Ordinance No. 9910-2014.

- 3. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVY WITHIN THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION AND WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK TO BE INSUFFICIENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mr. Patten stated this legislation will be placed on the May 1, 2014 Special Council agenda

**Motion** by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to place on the Special Council agenda of May 1, 2014.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** D'Amico, Salvatore, Troyer, Mencini, Burgio, Higgins

**NAYS:** Powers. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

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There being no further business to come before this meeting Council President Patten declared this meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Michelle Blazak  
Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED June 3, 2014

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NOT TRANSCRIBED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ALTHOUGH ACCURATE.

