

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Patten at 8:00 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

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

Also in attendance were Finance Director Cingle, Safety Director Byrnes, Service Director Cayet, Mayor Coyne, Building Commissioner Hurst, Recreation Director Fields, Law Director Jamison, Engineer Piatak, and Fire Lt. Wright.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Regular Council meeting held on December 2, 2014.

Motion by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Mencini, to approve as printed. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

2. Special Council meeting/Executive Session held on December 9, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Mencini, to approve as printed. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

3. Regular Council meeting held on December 16, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Higgins, to approve as printed. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE (ON ANY SUBJECT):

Tim Jereb

15661 Hocking Blvd.

Mr. Jereb asked if the senior bus has been reinstated as of January 1st and would like for the Mayor and Council to reconsider the senior snow removal program because to date he has spent \$40.00 to have his driveway plowed which is four times the amount spent last year. So not having the senior snow plowing service is putting a major dent on senior citizens that are on a fixed income. Taking a ride down the city streets tonight they are down to clear pavement but yet in one hour's time the city snow plow trucks drove up and down my street at 35 miles per hour with no snow on the street so the time spent on driving up and down to clear streets could be used for plowing senior and disabled driveways.

Remarks from the audience on any subject: cont.

Lt. Matthew Wright
13885 Havendale Drive
President of Firefighters Local 1141

Mr. Wright stated that five firefighters/paramedics-public safety professionals, have lost their jobs on January 1st which means fewer firefighters to respond to emergencies in Brook Park; just so everyone knows there is a minimum number of personnel it takes to be able to handle the city's emergencies and currently the department has been told that number is six. With the layoffs overtime will spike and the department has no control over staffing that is solely up to the Mayor. Clearly this is less safe then what the citizens have come to expect and what they pay in taxes to provide. Six months ago all the city unions worked to save \$425,000 in concessions out of the contracts because all the unions believe in Brook Park. Closing a fire station impacts fire safety, this is just common sense, and through the Mayor's decisions on staffing the crews left to respond must decide on putting out a fire or searching for victims. Additional response times equal additional damage fires double in size every minute. How much larger will a fire grow on the west end before the Holland Road crews can get there? Three studies have been conducted and not one of them recommended the closure of Station No. 2 unless a centralized fire station is built and traffic concerns are addressed. There are some great benefits having operations based out of one station but as everyone is aware it is not currently centralized. There's been much hype by some about why the firefighters are outspoken about these issues; make no mistake the Brook Park firefighters are dedicated to helping the citizens of Brook Park; the fire department is amiable to the citizens and ideas. For-profit private ambulance service creates an atmosphere that the only accountability is to the bottom line of the corporation, not the people. The citizens have paid taxes with the expectation that they would be safe and fewer firefighters and for-profit private EMS (Emergency Medical Service) means less value of citizens tax dollars. At the end of the day one thought rings clear public safety is the main purpose of city government according to citizen survey after citizen survey and many of the proposals and actions I spoke about are contrary to public safety; I joined the fire department and stand here today with one goal to keep Brook Park safe. Also to distinguished Council Members I would like to remind you that you have an open invitation to come by anytime and educate yourselves on the efficiency of your fire department.

Carl Shantz
6140 West 130th Street

Mr. Shantz has been a resident of Brook Park since 1988 and would like to speak on the subject of the John A. Poloyne Community and Recreation Center. There

Remarks from the audience on any subject: cont.

have been some events that have caused some necessary changes but changes in themselves are not necessarily a bad thing and help changes in other ways i.e. attitude; perspectives and the way business is done and helps to create alternative thinking. Think about marketing the Recreation Center like Planet Fitness did and moved in at Brookgate taking residents' away from the Recreation Center. Marketing of the Recreation Center can be done in two ways first open the membership to anyone at a reasonable price to get people from other communities into the recreation center to help support the city's recreation center. Also allow residents to use the Recreation Center as a trial basis free for three months to let them see what the center has to offer; which is more than Planet Fitness who are constantly growing. The center has a pool; track, multiple gyms and large areas that have never fully been used to their fullest extent. Part two of the marketing strategy comes from the advantage that Brook Park has and a lot of communities wish they had which is the advantages of two major highways that intersect; making easy access to the city. The center is also next to the airport and has hotels south of the city at Engle and Bagley Roads; east on Snow Road and I-71 and west at Grayton and I-480 so it may be time to partner up with some of those hotels and turn the community center into more than just a community center. Possibly a mini convention center and invite such activities as coin collecting, stamp collection, quilting, doll and art shows, craft and antique shows. As well as sporting events that would involve the entire family such as Super Bowl Sunday get city businesses to help sponsor large family events with a large screen television to let families come in for pop, pizza, popcorn to enjoy the recreation center and have the community businesses help sponsor this event and charge \$5.00 a head to enjoy what is happening on the inside of the center. Let's think summertime while driving by on a Saturday or Sunday the parking lot is empty and there is a large parcel of city-owned real estate that could be put to use like other communities do. Things like farmer markets, flea markets, swap meets, car shows, concerts, and community-wide garage sales; which is also an opportunity to get the community involved. Charge a few dollars or \$10.00 a table and have use of the concession stand area of the Recreation Center which has never been used near to the extent that it could be used. This is the time to put a big business to use and help create jobs, perform security, get city workers out there, and put the concession area to work as mentioned to help create additional revenue to the city along with the revenues that the businesses would generate. What this will do is allow the residents' to buy into the community center so that the next time a tax increase is proposed, which is a good idea, the citizens have bought into the idea of a recreation center for use of their large city-owned building.

Remarks from the audience on any subject: cont:

Donna Calvey

15400 Muskingum Blvd.

Ms. Calvey stated I have for the past four years done snowplowing for profit and while plowing noticed that there a lot of seniors that weren't getting their driveways plowed so I would do it to keep them safe from falling and being able to come and go. Due to the politics of actually getting the city out there to plow their driveways I will continue to plow senior driveways until an answer is found as to how the city is going to assist the senior citizens. Ms. Calvey continued that there may be a cap at some point but she will plow senior driveways at no cost and can possibly do 20 to 30 driveways and possibly the city could have a fundraiser in order to help keep the senior citizens and all citizens safe. Secondly, she is in support of the Ruple Road Fire Station being reopened and going from one side to the other side of the city is showing citizens the lack of caring about their actual, physical safety. One fire station will not cover from end to end, and I have lived at both ends since 1971 and want to be proud of the city that I come from. When I see that the fire station on the west end is closed and the senior snowplowing services have been eliminated how can I be proud of the city that I grew up in and say nice things about who runs the city; if safety is not provided for our residents. If there was a tragedy at the west end and all the emergency vehicles had to be at this tragedy and on Muskingum my elderly parents are in need of assistance and the firefighters are on the west end taking care of a tragedy there is no one getting to my parents' home for ten minutes. Ms. Calvey is very upset that the city would even consider the thought of one station and everyone involved in making the change and reopen the fire station, even if they oppose it, should remember who elected you into office.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairman, Higgins

Mr. Higgins stated no report this evening.

Finance Committee – Chairman, D'Amico

Mr. D'Amico stated the Board of Control had a special meeting on December 30th and passed nine items and earlier this evening the Board of Control met and approved 44 items.

Legislative Committee – Chairman, Troyer

Mr. Troyer stated there is no legislation on tonight's agenda.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio stated basketball season started this past Saturday and will continue on Saturdays through the middle of March.

Planning Committee – Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated the committee met on January 5th and one pre-preview proposal came forward for a wireless telecommunication tower at 20001 Aerospace Parkway; the committee tabled this request.

Safety Committee – Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated six pieces of legislation discussed at the Caucus meeting held earlier were placed on the next Council agenda.

Service Committee – Chairwoman, Powers

Mrs. Powers stated no report this evening.

Reports from Standing Committees: cont.**Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman, D’Amico**

Mr. D’Amico stated the Board of Zoning Appeals was cancelled for January due to lack of applications; the next meeting is scheduled for February 2nd.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**Southwest General Health Center – Trustee, Salvatore**

Mr. Salvatore stated the next health center meeting is scheduled for February 25th.

Berea Board of Education – Representative, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated at last night’s meeting the board elected new leaders that will concentrate on finances and test scores. With the 3.9 mil levy that was defeated at the polls in November, 2014 those monies would have raised an estimated \$5.2 million dollars for the first year for use with buses, technology and financial reserves. The district the Berea Schools received varied results on new test scores in different schools, grades, and subjects and the district will be looking at weak spots for improvement.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:****REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Coyne stated the leases at the recreation center are being finalized so a special meeting may be called on these issues. Just a couple of comments to the residents who spoke earlier in the meeting Mr. Shantz I couldn’t agree with you more and the city is trying to do all of that. Hopefully one of the interested parties who want to lease the pool and bring a very progressive exercise and training operation to the recreation center will reclaim through the private sector the services the residents deserve. Very soon there will be proposals of moving City Hall operations to the Recreation Center which will enhance the city’s presence and make improvements to the building that will reduce energy costs significantly; that’s all in progress and I thank Mr. Shantz for speaking tonight. Mr. Jereb with the senior snow plowing program you pointed out exactly what has been said for a long time that the snowplowing program was the best deal in the United States of America; unfortunately, the city does not have the ability to do that anymore. There was a referendum on the Recreation Center and programs and the voters defeated that which would have cost most people less than \$150.00 a year. There have been layoffs in the fire department as well as in the service department so the city does not have the personnel to do that work anymore. It is very disheartening to me to have to curtail programs that I

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established in my first career here in the city because of how much they meant but unless and until the city's economic condition gets better the city, so that these programs can be provided, the city is going to have to do the best it can with what the city has. To Ms. Calvey if you leave your contact information I could forward your information to the city's senior program coordinators for snow plowing services; the city tried to gather contractors and, quite frankly, I was disappointed in the responses received. In talking to the Council Members there are things that will be restored to the seniors including the shopping and doctor visits and the seniors are grateful and understand more than anybody because so many of them live on a fixed income but so is the city on a fixed income for the first time ever. If those initiatives get in order and talking with the Members of Council this city will be built back again. There is a video out there quoting me that the city is broke which I never said the city was broke; it's how the monies are spent. The firefighters here this evening and I've never disparaged their efficiency or ability to deliver service at anytime. My difference with them is how the city operates and how the city staffs and as they said it's in control of the Mayor and Safety Director and that's the way it should be; it shouldn't be in control of a union contract. This fight has been going on in this city for a long, long time there have been arbitrations that cost the city hundreds of thousand dollars and there was an election that this was decided at and now there is another one and all it does it talks about is minimum manning. I respect Matt Wright and his negotiating team because my experiences with them is they care about their members and care about their people but there are just some substantial differences about some things and we are going to have that debate. I'm not hiding from anything or anybody to talk about this issue but to suggest that in my role as the Mayor that I don't care about safety is quite frankly ludicrous. As the President of the Union said my most important job as the Mayor is to protect the city and people of this community. I live on the west end and have been for most of my time in Brook Park and this community and my neighborhood are safe. There have been all kinds of studies done and the one study that was done talked about a central fire station in the city and the station on Holland Road is not far and is the best the city has right now. One of the things that I was going to do if the tax levy passed was build a centralized fire station. Mayor Coyne continued with those grade separations and the continuous span of traffic and all those issues have been resolved but there has to be discussion in this community not that Mayor Coyne hates the firefighters and I hope Patti (Astorino) is recording all of this and gets it straight, Tom Coyne doesn't hate anybody in this city even my political foes; I don't hate a soul and have no reason to hate anybody in this city. As the Mayor I'm going to do what is right and I've always done that and as the young lady said with the politics of getting service to our seniors; there is no politics involved whatsoever. I had to face those people, my supporters, the people who elected me time and time again. At the senior center a woman said to me that my mother would be ashamed of me of what I was doing; I listened to what she said and heard what

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she said and did that hurt; yes it did. My mother yelled at me quite a bit and wasn't proud of me all the time in my life but my mother taught me always to do what is right and the best result of that is taking your knowledge and your ability and using it. The very people in this room that oppose me this evening and if all goes right and follow the direction this city will be progressive is going to be a great community. There are people in this room and publications in this city that blistered me for the airport agreement; how could I do this, but it saved this city and in talking about a fire house there would be a City of Brook Park today. Mr. Greenlee doesn't remember writing about the City of Detroit and the City of Brook Park would have been that reality. I took the blistering that I sold this city out and did this and did that but there would be nobody in this room this evening talking about anything and the recreation center would be closed. City residents never voted to pay for the recreation center because the city had the monies and saw a need, as well as the people of this community; past Mayors and Councils as well as the Mayor and Council here; they all saw things to make this community special. At that time the city had the resources to make this city extra special but we don't have that anymore. The major difference here is how Tom Coyne spends the city's money and how the city budget is going to be proposed to Council. I'm going to propose it the way it should be done and that is replenish the city's reserves and return the parking tax, so that neighborhoods can be rebuilt and to bring economic development to Brook Park. So there are resources to pay our employees; staff properly to what the city needs are and to build new facilities and maintain the facilities the city currently has; because right not the city doesn't have that. The great debate in this room with all the different interests whether it is recreation, fire, police, and service but unless the right decisions are made those problems will never be addressed. This Council and Mayor have not even talked about capital needs yet and the very streets the gentleman spoke about with the city plows. The reality is wait until this upcoming spring and see what these city streets look like and people will come up here saying fix the streets because I pay my taxes; yes you do but it won't be enough. So if we don't get our financial house in order in this community and the thing that makes a city are the neighborhoods that will suffer a great deal. I thank everyone who comes to speak and will continue to have talks with Local 1141 and we probably won't agree on a lot of things from the management standpoint but I suppose it's always been that way. At the end of the day my responsibility is to get this city to a point where these great debates don't exist anymore about delivering things and that the city has resources to provide for our people and address problems before they happen rather than while happening.

Questions from Council Members:

Mr. Mencini asked Mayor Coyne for an update on the Community Development Brownfield project?

Reports and Communications from the Mayor: cont.**Questions from Council Members: cont.**

Mayor Coyne responded Mr. Dolan will give Council a report as soon as there is something to report.

Mr. Mencini stated has any feedback been received from Euphoria coming to the Recreation Center regarding the pool, sauna, and steam areas?

Mayor Coyne responded everything has to be negotiated and I'm very thankful that there is an interest. City personnel were over at the Recreation Center the other day with Brewer-Garrett. The maximum cost of the pool is astronomical and right now anybody using the pool would actually be sweating because it is so hot because the way the pool was designed it feeds the whole heating system into the sauna and steam areas. So Brewer-Garrett is coming up with a way that the system can be disconnected and to drain the pool which has not been done this year. Speaking with Euphoria today his architects are working with our architects and with Brewer-Garrett as to what can transpire and I have not heard anything discouraging at this point in time. So I am hopeful and it would be a godsend for the city to have Euphoria come into the center as an operator to make those improvements and use those areas and by working with the schools for diving programs and so forth. If this can work then Euphoria would have the naming rights and it is going to be great but this takes time because Euphoria is going to put a major investment into that building.

Mr. Mencini stated with the senior bus being implemented this will just be for shopping and doctor visits and the recreation center, correct?

Mayor Coyne responded the city is looking at implementing the shopping and am trying to figure out how that will be done while still trying to pass a budget. Shopping would mean Brookgate Shopping Center. With the doctor visits that would be what are the parameters of where the bus is going to travel because with all services this program has parameters. In talking with the seniors this is still a work in progress and right now the seniors are pleased with the way things are going with the city literally building this program going along.

Mr. Troyer asked if the Fire Chief can be in attendance at the January 27th meeting to answer questions about the ladder truck issue.

Mayor Coyne responded if the chief is available, sure.

Mrs. Powers stated the Mayor said that there will be a budget coming up and I would like to challenge everybody up here that this Council does not need to get the budget at the last minute. Meaning that Council should have some type of budget for the meeting of January 27th in order to have time to study and see where real cuts can be made. Instead of cutting the firefighters, police officers,

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service workers and essential services; I would rather see Council cut some of the fat and go into more detail on January 27th where cuts can be made. As far as the people that spoke at this meeting tonight I commend every one of them for doing a good job and I don't want to be discouraging but over the last several months...

Mr. Patten asked Mrs. Powers if this was a question to the Mayor.

Mrs. Powers responded yes, over the last several months we have had many people come in here with ideas as the ones presented tonight and no one up here has picked up on it. Mostly that is the Mayor's job and you haven't taken one good idea to run with it and I am proud of the people that come to speak with well thought out ideas...

Mayor Coyne interjected what is the question?

Mrs. Powers continued would you consider what these people said tonight?

Mayor Coyne asked Mrs. Powers how many questions are you going to ask me and what answer do you want first; do you want the budget first?

Mrs. Powers responded anywhere you want to start.

Mayor Coyne continued the first answer is the budget is being prepared and I have never given you anything late, this is the second time we are having this discussion. How much time you need I cannot determine what that is but you receive items traditionally as it's been done and you also were afforded special time with the finance director. So when something is presented to this City Council, will you look at me when I'm talking to you or is there somebody you need to script you in the audience?

Mrs. Powers interjected no I don't...

Mr. Patten stated let's hold order... Mayor answer the questions and Jan let the Mayor speak...

Mayor Coyne responded I'm going to answer your questions because you keep saying this. Council takes whatever I bring as legislation, and it is the majority Members of Council to decide on how Council is going to proceed. It is open to any Council member at all times to make a motion to amend any legislation brought forward including the budget. As for your second question yes I do listen to what people say absolutely I do and I don't necessarily agree with some of the suggestions because some of them are time-worn. Everything talked about by

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this gentleman the city has already looked at and there are Members of Council that call me all the time such as Councilman D'Amico which is why the city is looking at naming rights because Councilman D'Amico says Mayor here is what is going on in another city; would you go out and take a look because no one would listen to me before. Other Members of Council have done the same thing and the expertise that Council members Dennis Patten, Brian Higgins, Carl Burgio and Rick Salvatore bring forward about things and you can pick up the phone and have a dialogue no one's denying you that. You just assume that I'm against everything and you make assumptions and make statements that aren't true and I told you I will call you on that. We had a meeting just a few weeks ago, you and I, (and I'm glad Patti (Astorino is taping) to discuss this and to bring you up to date. You weren't here you were on vacation which you're entitled to; that invitation is always open to you. Through this year there was a standing invitation open to you on any Tuesday and you don't have to agree with me because there is not a person on this dais that agrees with me all the time but sometimes I'm right. As a matter of fact I probably have the most experience of anybody here in the operation of this city and the management of public operations but that doesn't mean I'm infallible. So all I'm saying is this because you don't want to suspend the rules which is your right and Councils' right to say no we are not going to suspend the rules. We will have three readings but you have to convince your colleagues that you are right. Once I bring that legislation to Council it is up to the Council President and your rules and procedures on how to proceed, not me. I have a seat up here and my only authority is if Council passes something that I disagree with I can veto that, I can debate that but the legislative process is up to you not me and I think that is something you are confused about.

Mrs. Powers responded I'm not confused and I noticed on tonight's agenda everything was brought up under an emergency as was the city's end of the year and temporary three-month budget for 2015.

Mr. Patten interjected Councilwoman you had your question to the Mayor and he answered it we can have these other discussions at a Caucus meeting if you want to talk about that; this is questions to the Mayor so we are going to move the agenda.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mayor Coyne you stated in public and in the newspapers that Council had these budgets earlier like two or three weeks. The fact of the matter is the amended budget, the final amended budget, we did not have until the Friday before the 16th, I think the 12th. Council did not have that final amended budget until the 12th what say you?

Reports and Communications from the Mayor: cont.**Questions from Council Members: cont.**

Mayor Coyne responded what say I Councilman, you got the budget November 28th and had the opportunity to talk with the finance director and I will say to both of you again this is your responsibility as legislative, not mine, to not pass it. You chose not to suspend the rules so don't blame me for your inability to get the information you think you need; seek it and you will get it, I've never denied you that. The fact of the matter is don't blame me convince your colleagues. There's an emergency measure in every piece of legislation and would we like things facilitated absolutely; but it's under your control not mine. Now if you didn't have enough time that's one thing but I think we know better than that. The fact of the matter is maybe you can clarify a statement that attributes to you; you were going to vote for suspension until 6:00 p.m. that evening. What happened to change your mind; you want to enlighten all of us, do you probably not. The other thing we did is when we went through the scenarios of what the budget would look like I asked you, and you can check the minutes, and Mrs. Powers for your proposals; you know what you said to me I'll wait until I get yours. So the fact of the matter is this you have legislative responsibilities so use them if you disagree then voice your opinion and just like I said with all due respect to Mrs. Powers if you wish to amend do so. Your proposals that I looked at basically suggested that the finance director reduce his projections going into the next year. What is that? So it would make whatever you were proposing look like you were changing something to look like it meant something, it didn't. So again your argument is not with me I don't control the legislative process; I go by the rules. There are a lot of things I disagree with that occur but I go by the rules and the process set with this City Council. You're a new Councilman but you're not new anymore you've been here for a year and these are basic processes. I don't know of a time in the history of this city that this was ever done with temporary appropriations, I don't ever recall. I'm not sure that the Auditor of State that we contacted it ever occurred but there are realities and as I said to you, Tom, I've never asked you to suspend the rules on anything in the year that you've been here or Mrs. Powers, I never asked you anything. We had discussion when you and I went and looked at Ruple Road, maybe you'll remember when we went with the service director, that this might be an issue that you may want to suspend the rules because it's an emergency. I would suggest that passing the budget for the city particularly when it's only temporary to get us through the first couple of months for the next year you should have these discussions with your colleagues; debate these things out and challenge them; that wasn't the time but you blaming me I'm sorry has no basis in fact, none.

Mr. Patten moved the agenda.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS,
COMMISSIONS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak reported that the Smith Road Phase III Sewer Project continues in front of Brookgate between Muskingum and Remora with mainline installations and will continue to work south to Holland Road during the winter months. The Quiet Zone Phase II initial notice was sent for the Holland Road crossing between Michael and Middlebrook Blvd. and the city is currently on a 60-day comment period on that notice; after which the second notice can be issued, so the process is moving forward. City personnel have been in discussions with NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) in trying to secure funding for the resurfacing of Snow Road that is still a year or two down the line, but the city is trying to get in line to secure some funding, for resurfacing that stretch of road. Lastly, there will be a public meeting on January 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the Abram Creek Greenway Plan; this is a study to put in a path along Abrams Creek and throughout some areas in the city. Grant monies have been received to do this study from NOACA through their Transportation for Livable Communities.

Mr. Mencini stated with the Smith Road project what is the estimated timeframe for the project to move from Holland Road to Snow Road?

Mr. Piatak responded that's a tough question because the contractors ran into some issues with the storm sewer that services Brookgate that they are boring under and had to demobilize one of their crews in order to continue with the bore because crews were running into each other; so the progress is not stalled but slowed down. My estimated guess would be six or seven weeks the contractors will be south of Snow Road.

Service Director Cayet

Mr. Cayet stated no report this evening.

Safety Director Byrnes

Mr. Byrnes stated no report this evening.

Mr. Troyer asked Mr. Byrnes how many police officers are on the force currently.

Mr. Byrnes responded there is a chief, captain, six sergeants, one lieutenant, three detectives and 24 patrol officers.

Mr. Troyer asked how many fire personnel on the force currently?

Mr. Byrnes responded chief, assistant chief, three shifts of nine and a fire prevention officer.

Mr. Troyer clarified nine per shift?

Reports and Communications from other departments, commissions, public officials: cont.

Mr. Brynes responded there were 32 and five have been laid off leaving 27 members in the fire department as of today.

Mr. Troyer asked how many police officers are generally on a shift.

Mr. Byrnes responded there are eight-hour shifts with the sergeants working 10-hour shifts with two sergeants per shift rotating back and forth. There is a different set of number of patrol officer per what shift it is because each one is a little different. The department is currently working on the process of changing to 12-hour shifts but that has not been set by the chief to date, it is currently being worked on.

Mr. Troyer asked for the response times for all EMS and Fire only for 2014.

Mr. Byrnes responded yes that can be supplied.

Mayor Coyne requested Mr. Patten to put that request through the Mayor's office for policy.

Mr. Patten concurred.

Law Director Jamison

Mr. Jamison stated no report this evening.

Recreation Director Fields

Mrs. Fields wished every one a Happy New Year and reported that as of January 1st the pool, sauna are closed but yearly memberships are being sold and have sold 67 to date, so memberships are on an increase. The center's hours have changed and instead of opening up at 6:00 a.m., Monday – Friday the center will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 8:45 p.m.; Saturdays instead of opening at 8:00 a.m. the center will open at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Mencini thanked Mrs. Fields and her staff for all the work with the Brookpark Memorial playground project. The first basketball game this past Saturday went very well.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle stated no report this evening.

**OTHER COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND VERBAL APPROVAL:
(INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION):**

New Legislation:

1. A Resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer do advanced tax revenues from the proceeds of tax levies pursuant to section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Finance Committee**
2. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for energy-efficient project and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne. **Placed in Finance Committee**
3. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Cleveland for Mutual Aid and Assistance in Fire Protection and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Safety Committee**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS):

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: (FIRST READING):

1. ORDINANCE NO. 9951-2015 APPROVING A LOT SPLIT OF A PORTION OF PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 344-28-029 AND CONSOLIDATION WITH PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 344-28-028 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council as a Whole.

Mr. Patten stated Ordinance No. 9951-2015 has had its First Reading.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 9952-2014 AMENDING SECTION 1313.03 OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT FEES', AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Mencini, Troyer, Higgins, Burgio, D'Amico, Salvatore

Motion by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Burgio, to suspend.

Mr. Troyer asked if Building Commissioner could address Council on why this legislation should be suspended upon.

Mr. Hurst stated this legislation has been a work in progress since August to tighten finances and try and find where the Building Department's shortfalls were. In review, since August, with all the surrounding communities of North Olmsted, Lakewood, Middleburg Hts. Berea, and Brooklyn the city's commercial fee schedule was really archaic in comparison to the surrounding communities. So to assist in the department's funding a recommendation was

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made to the Mayor to bring the commercial fees in line with other communities; the city is still well below the surrounding communities but will bring the city in line and up to 2014 code standards.

ROLL CALL: AYES: D'Amico, Burgio, Mencini, Higgins, Troyer, Salvatore
NAYS: Powers. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Burgio, to adopt.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Hurst for the outline in great detail as to what Council is voting on to help the Building Department grow and shows what the city was charging compared to other communities.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Burgio, Mencini, Higgins, D'Amico, Salvatore
NAYS: Powers. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1. Ord. No. 9952-2015 has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

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THIRD READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

There being no further business to come before this meeting Council President Patten declared this meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Michelle Blazak
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED January 27, 2015

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