

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Patten at 8:05 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, Mayor Coyne, Service Director Cayet, Safety Director Byrnes, Building Commissioner Hurst, Economic Development Commissioner Dolan, Law Director Jamison, Engineer Piatak, Assistant Finance Director Healy, Firefighter/Paramedic Wright.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

1. Special Council meeting held on January 15, 2015.

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

2. Regular Council meeting held on January 27, 2015.

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

3. Special Council meeting held on January 30, 2015.

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

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**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE (ON ANY SUBJECT):**

Ray Peterlin  
5811 Wengler Drive

Mr. Peterlin read documentation of his concerns with the city (on file in the Council office).

Patti Astorino  
6258 Engle Road

Mrs. Astorino asked for permission for the annual sprucing of Kennedy Park by planting flowers for the Memorial Day Parade. Berea City School faculty and children from Brook Park will be helping with the planting of flowers.

**Remarks from the audience on any subject: cont.**

Chris Wcislo  
6369 Wolf Road

Ms. Wcislo thanked Recreation Director Fields, Recreation Department staff and the city for sponsoring the Youth Dance this past Friday; Ms. Wcislo's grandson had a wonderful time and hopefully this will be done again.

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**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:****Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairman, Higgins**

Mr. Higgins stated no report.

**Finance Committee Chairman, D'Amico**

Mr. D'Amico stated the Board of Control met on February 4<sup>th</sup> and approved 15 items and earlier this evening and approved nine items.

**Legislative Committee – Chairman, Troyer**

Mr. Troyer stated Legislative Committee does not have legislation on tonight's agenda.

**Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairman, Burgio**

Mr. Burgio stated the center held the first youth dance on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and was a huge success with over 136 children in attendance and from now on these dances will be held on a monthly basis. The Community Health Fair will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and basketball tournaments start next weekend and registrations for baseball, softball football and cheerleading are currently underway. The center's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for youngsters ages 12 and under. Mr. Burgio continued that anyone interested in attending the seventh annual Beautification & Pride spring luncheon on March 21<sup>st</sup>, see him for tickets.

**Planning Committee – Chairman, Mencini**

Mr. Mencini stated the commission will meet on March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with two items on the agenda. One a 100' wireless telecommunications tower at Aerospace Parkway and a conditional use permit to operate a used car lot, Team Ferrari Auto Sales, at 16010 Brookpark Road.

**Safety Committee – Chairman, Salvatore**

Mr. Salvatore stated one item was removed from this agenda and placed back in committee at the Caucus meeting held earlier and there is one item under Second Reading on this agenda.

**Service Committee – Chairwoman, Powers**

Mrs. Powers stated no report this evening.

**Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman, D'Amico**

Mr. D'Amico stated the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Zoning Appeals meeting has been cancelled due to lack of applications being received.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated the next board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Berea Board of Education – Representative, Mencini**

Mr. Mencini stated there is no school on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and the district has had several snow days this winter. At the last meeting the board approved the Southwest Athletic Conference dues were approved in the amount of \$3,500; Education Service Center of Cuyahoga County tuition for online learning was approved at \$26,900 and the total amount to vendors for the month of February was approved at \$10 million dollars. Pre-school registration for the 2015-2016 school years will be \$50.00 and revenue receipts for the month ending 12/31/14 in the General Fund totaled \$83 million dollars.

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

Mayor Coyne thanked Members of Council for moving along the budget process to get it passed. Negotiations are being finalized with the Bruce Willis Production Company to film part of the new movie at the recreation center by using the deep water diving tank for a fight scene. Mayor Coyne thanked Mr. Peterlin for coming forward earlier and addressing important issues. Once upon a time the standard issue was to plow all the sidewalks in the city but that is no longer possible and the city's policy is after the service crews have done everything else we try to get the sidewalk vehicles out there to do the main areas so that children can get to and from school. The maintenance, condition and removal of snow are the responsibility of the homeowner and same goes for the businesses. To clarify it is not the city's intention to plow any sidewalks, at any time, except on our own property as required to take care of. Under the conditions recently experienced and the reduction of staff in the service department have performed admirably. The conditions of the streets this coming spring are certainly going to be a problem for the community.

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

Mr. Piatak stated the Smith Road Sewer Project – Phase III has been temporarily suspended due to the frigid temperatures will resume on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will be working around the clock to get through the Snow and Smith Roads intersection.

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

Mr. Mencini asked Engineer Piatak if the project is done in front of Brookgate by the Place to Be Restaurant.

Mr. Piatak responded that area is staged for pipes and equipment that are needed to get across Snow Road; within a few weeks once we get across Snow Road that area will be cleaned up.

Mr. Mencini stated probably two months before two lanes are open.

Mr. Piatak concurred.

Mr. Burgio stated in the middle of the street there are loops for the turning lanes and the potholes in the intersection may be affecting those loops that are very fragile. When the contractors go through the intersection the area will they be digging through the loops?

Mr. Piatak responded yes, the loops have been cut in the Smith/Snow intersections.

Mr. Burgio asked when the contractor is through the intersection will the contractor or Signal Service restore the loops?

Mr. Piatak responded the contractor will restore the loops with the project and it is my understanding that Signal Service is the main contractor's sub to do that work.

Mr. Burgio asked when the sewer project is complete will the middle of the road be the only area repaved.

Mr. Piatak stated yes it will be similar as to what was done with Phase II the trench area will be restored and paved, which is how the contract was proposed to Public Works when applying for the money for the sewer project. The road needs attention as well and there have been discussions with Cuyahoga County for cooperation in getting the rest of the roadway taken care of.

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**Service Director Cayet**

Mr. Cayet stated since the last Council meeting the department is continuing to plow and salting and received a delivery on February 16<sup>th</sup> of 500 tons of salt and have another 200 ton coming tomorrow morning. Service crews have been plowing around the clock the last several days and the sidewalk crews have been plowing the sidewalks when everything else is done. Some of the plow trucks are 30 years old and the mechanics are maintaining them to keep them running.

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

Mr. Mencini stated the crews did a good job the last snow storm. With the sidewalk plows I have received calls from residents saying that they don't want the sidewalk plow coming down their street and other residents that think it's a great piece of equipment.

Mr. Cayet responded some residents that can't get out and shovel like to see the sidewalk plow and there are other residents that shovel their sidewalks and don't want to see the plow coming down. The sidewalk plow has a V-blade and are wide as the sidewalks and have the tenacity to turf. In discussions with the Mayor the properties the city owns the sidewalks will be done and will try the very best to make everyone happy.

Mr. Burgio asked how the salt supply is doing for possibly another month of snow.

Mr. Cayet responded at this time the city is in good shape unless there is a constant five-day ice and snow storm that could be a problem; Foremen, Bob Walden, has been an employee with the city for over 35 years and is in charge of the salt supply and is able to distinguish when salt orders are needed.

Mr. Troyer stated all things considered the plow crews are doing a fantastic job. Crews plowed my neighborhood on Saturday night and had it curb to curb. Is there any time that if cars are parked, for instance, at the end of Christene where it dead-ends where cars may park and the area couldn't be plowed. There was an issue on Sunday afternoon and I received a complaint and went out that this area wasn't plowed since Saturday. Could it be that there were cars parked or is there ever an instance that an area can't be plowed because of cars parked?

Mr. Cayet responded car parking on the street is a problem and snow bans alerts have been put out, the only time that an alert was not put out was Super Bowl Sunday. The problem is that residents don't have land-lines so not everyone receives the call of a parking ban. With the situation on Christene it could have been a problem with cars parking there.

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**Safety Director Byrnes**

Mr. Byrnes publicly thanked the police and fire personnel who are working outdoors during the cold weather. Just today there was an accident on I-71 and police officers were outside in the zero-degree weather for approximately 45 minutes.

Mr. Mencini stated the safety forces do an absolute job and one of the things that seems to come up is the parking on the street. Is the department citing people for parking on the streets?

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

Mr. Byrnes responded that he receives a daily report from the police department and there are parking citations indicated on a daily basis. There probably aren't as many now as in the past but the department is enforcing the parking.

Mr. D'Amico stated there have been conversations about safety issues that residents have brought forward on Havendale and I would like to thank you and the police chief for taking care of the situation and helping those residents.

Mr. Troyer stated some of the plow drivers plowing residents' driveways don't have a flashing light on their truck and some of these plow drivers are doing a really bad job. Mr. Troyer asked Safety Director Byrnes if he is aware of the issue on Christene.

Mr. Byrnes responded we talked about the parking issue before.

**Law Director Jamison**

Mr. Jamison stated no report.

**Finance Director Cingle**

Mr. Cingle stated no report.

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

New Legislation:

1. A Resolution in support of House Bill 60, Dick Goddard's Act and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Councilman Burgio. **Placed in Legislative Committee**
2. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Cleveland for mutual aid and assistance in emergency fire protection services and declaring an emergency. **Placed in Safety Committee**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS):****INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: (FIRST READING):**

1. ORDINANCE NO. 9957-2015, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, STATE OF OHIO, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne & Councilman D'Amico

**Introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances: (First Reading): cont.**

Mr. Patten stated that Ordinance No. 9957-2015 has had its First Reading.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 9958-2015, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 344-28-029 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

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

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

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Higgins, to adopt.

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

**NAYS:** None. Ordinance No. 9958-2015, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

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**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: (SECOND READING):**

1. ORDINANCE NO. 9956-2015, 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

Mr. Patten stated that Ordinance No. 9956-2015 has had its Second Reading.

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**THIRD READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**Note:** Ordinance No. 9953-2015 was removed at the Caucus meeting held earlier and placed Back in the Safety Committee.

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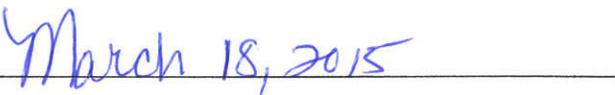
There being no further business to come before this meeting Council President Patten declared this meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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