

**REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Patten at 7:30 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 Safety Director Byrnes, Service Director Cayet, Mayor Coyne, Finance Director Cingle, Law Director Jamison, Engineer Piatak, Building Commissioner Hurst (7:35 p.m.).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Regular Caucus meeting held on April 15, 2014.

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

DISCUSSION:

1. ROCKY RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL – IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS TO ABRAMS CREEK
In attendance: Mel Hauser, Trustee

Mr. Hauser gave an oral report on the Rocky River Watershed Council improvement efforts to Abrams Creek. (**Note:** Information on file for review in the Council office).

Mr. Higgins thanked Mr. Hauser for his presentation and stated that he does work with some of the West Creek Preserve volunteer group and it's amazing what a group of volunteers can do to mobilize and accomplish by acquiring properties through different grants to try and put trailheads together to encompass one city to the next. NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) offers bike and trailway grant applications and I think the City of Brook Park received a grant to put a trailhead down near Abrams Creek near Plant Lane.

Mr. Patten thanked Mr. Hauser for his presentation and his continued efforts.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, that item number one was discussed. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

2. CODE SECTION 141.02 ENTITLED COMPOSITION; EXECUTIVE HEAD –
Councilman Troyer

Mr. Troyer stated the reason this was brought up is that a minimum is needed on staffing not just more than; in light of the fact that the union contracts are not ratified yet, we have to wait.

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Motion by Mrs. Powers, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the next Caucus agenda under Discussion.

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

3. ~~CODE SECTION 143.02 ENTITLED COMPOSITION; EXECUTIVE HEAD -~~
Councilman Troyer

Mr. Troyer stated this is the same deal for the fire department and the city does not have a minimum manning which could be risky; since contracts have not yet been ratified this will also have to wait.

Motion by Mrs. Powers, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the next Caucus agenda under Discussion.

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

4. CODE SECTION 143.026 ENTITLED MINIMUM MEMBERS ON DUTY -
Councilman Troyer

Mr. Troyer stated to Law Director Jamison there's been some question about a ULP (Unfair Labor Practice) filed against one of the union people that whether this issue can be discussed.

Mr. Jamison responded unfair labor practice was filed against the union representing the fire department that is pending and in the investigation stage. As far as terms of whether this can be discussed is something that would have to be analyzed. An unfair labor practice is in the investigative stage and the State Employment Relations Board is conducting that investigation and at the appropriate time if they deem that there's what's called probable cause to go forward; then they will take it to the next step.

Mr. Troyer stated this legislation currently is out of date, partially obsolete, and was passed in 1973 and currently the city is operating outside of the parameters of this legislation. So I have a new amended legislation to introduce tonight and what this is should this pass down the road is to require five firemen at the main fire station on duty at all times and two at the west end fire station on duty at all times and the reason this is being brought forward is for the following reasons: I believe in safety first; I believe response times even with airport fire are too long to the people north of Switzer and that area back there; even with Airport Fire. Also if the city had a regional fire department fire station number two would be utilized and remain open. Mr. Troyer continued the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Police Zone number five starts at Engle Road almost to the number three fire

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station, so they could be that far away with that AED. Also speaking with the Airport Fire Chief he informed me that the city has no first response or same time response agreement. Mr. Troyer requested the legislation be introduced this evening and placed on the next Caucus agenda under Discussion.

Motion by Mr. Higgins, supported by Mr. Burgio, that this was discussed.

Mrs. Powers stated this city cannot have a mutual aid agreement with the airport unless there is mutual aid meaning that if something is given something is received. The mutual aid for the airport that they're taking over the fire response for the west end and for NASA and my concern is that NASA is one of our biggest income producers right now needs to be protected. Will this city be jeopardized if fire protection is turned over to the airport to act as a first responder? Another concern is what is the cost going to be to use them as first responders because a budget was passed that included Ruple Road being open and staffed for this year. The people that came in here the last few meetings and expressed concerns of their lives being in jeopardy I think would be worth more than whatever the cost is for that station to remain open.

Mr. Mencini asked for clarification if there is an agreement with the airport.

Mayor Coyne stated let me say this it was my decision to close the station on Ruple Road and I maintain that position today. It had nothing to do with the first responder agreement with the City of Cleveland Fire Department, absolutely nothing; it wasn't even an issue. The safety director and I visited the operation at Cleveland Hopkins Airport that this city has a mutual aid agreement with and talked to the chief was excited about possibly expanding the ability of his folks to use their skills because they are limited in their ability to do so at the airport. As a matter of fact he said if there could be a simultaneous alarm with the city that would even better and had nothing to do with my decision to close that fire station. Since that time with them and without them response times have been within six minutes to the west end of this city. The only time they were not is the eleven minutes when the fire truck took the crossing that was blocked instead of going down Fry Road. Mayor Coyne continued this is a city of 19,000 people and it is our job to protect every single person in this city and there will be inconsistent times all over this city for various reasons. It's interesting that this city had a very nice agreement with the City of Cleveland voluntarily by them and all of a sudden this came to their negotiation table just like minimum manning continues to come to this city's negotiating table, for the sole purpose of augmenting income and not protecting anyone. What I've said to everybody in this city and I've said it for 20 years is one station centrally located in this community to fight fires and provide service would be ideal. That's why the road was built by the IX Center and the grade separation on Snow Road all with federal grants and all by fighting for this city. This has been a political decision for many years and to not address this problem it becomes more

of a political issue between the unions and the administration and sometimes Members of Council. The best was said by the chief who addressed the last group of people when he said to people in my neighborhood is that station is mythical. Mayor Coyne stated response times on Ruple Road at one time could be three minutes, another time six minutes, another time seven minutes but an ambulance from fire station no. 2 to Greystone takes six minutes. The reason is that fire personnel are not at the station they are responding to other issues in the community. So to have them spread out in a small area of our city like your minimum manning suggests makes no sense to deliver services to this whole community. I'm not going to change my mind and people can run up and down the streets of the west end and get folks to sign petitions. This is the right decision to make now and Council funded a budget to provide for the safety of the people of this community and I have to negotiate within that budget. I'm not certain that we have enough policemen and firemen in this town, I'm not certain of that, but I'm going to find out. Right now we have to work with what we have and I'm not going to let the people's safety of this city be played with for negotiating purposes. This community voted down a Charter provision that the state said all city workers and all public workers should have the right to negotiate contracts; then the city's fire union puts a measure on the ballot going right around what was said. There is not a fire operation in the southwest of this town or any place I know of that doesn't depend on other communities and that's a fact. It is a shame for whoever was responsible for driving that wedge between the City of Cleveland and the City of Brook Park because actually it gave the people on the west end a better protection situation than anybody else in this city. It is a shame that people politically stuck their nose in to take that away from the people of the west end and having said that west end people are going to receive the same quality of service and safety that is good or better than anyplace in this community, because when our folks arrive there's nobody better. I'm not going to change my mind and this is the right decision for this city and Mr. Troyer is a new Councilmember and I have tried to my best to work with him to get him to understand what is best for this city but let me assure you as I am sitting in this seat. We are going to get things straight and all the political mistakes that we made because we had money and threw it down the drain is going to end. Mayor Coyne continued this whole manning thing and why has it been violated since 1973 is first of because one of the stations closed and I hope you're right Mr. Troyer no one would like to see regional safety services more than me but I doubt that facility will ever be used for that. All cities should centralize because that's where cities can give the greatest effort to the suppression of all things. Someone mentioned why not wait until a station was built on Snow Road? It's a block away and there's no difference in the response time from Edgepark to the person at the very end of West 130th Street or in your ward, Mrs. Powers, or on Brookpark Road where there are a lot more people employed than what is at NASA. This city cannot protect NASA without the airport and the airport can't provide protection to their people without our squads and they will tell you that; it's all about mutual aid. This city had a nice little thing that nobody else had but folks in their greed couldn't see that happen because every one of these measures that have been shown in negotiations is about only one thing and it's not

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about safety. Councilman Troyer should fight for his ward to a point beyond common sense; this is beyond common sense because it's not going to deliver these folks anything and because of the politics of this situation they have lost something that would have been added value. I'll say this for the final time this had nothing to do in my equation with providing service to people of this whole city and I want a real fire department and I'm going to suggest to you right now that we don't have one. Mrs. Powers for most of my time here you know who provided more aid than anybody this city did and now it's not a choice. The City of Berea has four-man shifts and I would never want to see that happen here but there is no way that union contracts are going to manage the operation of this city and until I'm gone from this seat that will not happen I can assure you; this city has paid that price for a long, long time. Should our people be fairly compensated absolutely, should they have reasonable bouts of overtime yes but that should be managed by civilian control that provides services. I have never seen and I've been gone for 12 years and negotiated most of the conditions in the labor contract that these unions would go to other cities and state were pretty good. I have never seen collectively and I'm not just picking on the fire department but employees attitudes in general from the day they begin work to what benefits they will get when walking out the door. It was always about service so again introduce your legislation and if it is successful I will veto it but I think what we need to do is get on with managing this city and getting it moving forward for the way we're going to operate in the future. If regionalism comes or that tax does not pass you haven't seen nothing yet. Council members better get their buckets and hoses and some training in the range because that's where were going to be and that's what I would like to concentrate on and if I can do that everyone will be pleased with the results. Mr. Chairman we have discussed this and have met with the public and this is my final comment on this issue tonight.

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

NAYS: Powers, Troyer. The motion carried with a vote of 5-2 that item number four was discussed.

5. 2014 SIDEWALK PROGRAM – Councilman D'Amico

Mr. D'Amico stated in the past this program has been a good valuable program and residents responded well with this program in past years. Mr. D'Amico asked Law Director Jamison if the city marks the blocks and sends letters out and if residents don't want to participate is there a liability after blocks are marked.

Mayor Coyne stated at the beginning this program was for sidewalk code violations and how this program started was that residents had to correct the problem because sidewalks are residents' responsibility. So the city came up with a 50/50 program so the answer to the question is yes the sidewalk gets fixed and the resident would be assessed like any other improvement the city makes.

Discussion: cont.

Mr. Higgins asked will there be a particular inspector marking the sidewalks?

Mayor Coyne concurred.

Mrs. Powers stated why the city would do anything until the fire station issue is resolved. This sidewalk program should take second seat to the safety of residents. Instead of having someone mark the sidewalks why not have the residents come in or call in saying that sidewalks need to be replaced; there are several neighbors on my street who recently had a driveway and sidewalks replaced without any assistance from the city.

Mayor Coyne responded that's the purpose of this program is for homeowners who are not responsible as your neighbors. Some of the sidewalks in Ward 3 are some of the worst and what also happens in this program is city personnel goes out and gets a price; so it's important to have an inspector mark the sidewalks so the city knows how much concrete and cubic yards is needed for the bidding process. What's happened in the past is residents say that the need a new driveway or other items need fixing and the contractor as a separate item would give the residents in aggregate the same price that the city was getting; so it became a good deal and worked as a community development program. So the whole purpose is to fix sidewalks that are in violation and if residents replace them on their own the city thanks them very much and residents who state they don't have the money by law must maintain the sidewalks. As far as your first statement capital expenditures are not related to operating expenses and all of us have an obligation to protect the city and make sure that people can walk on the sidewalks safely.

Mr. D'Amico stated that the 20% split was brought up for capital improvement expenditures that Council approved during budget talks and has nothing to do with safety.

Motion by Mr. Higgins, supported by Mr. Troyer, that item number five was discussed.

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

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

6. FLOODING UPDATE – Councilman D'Amico

Mr. D'Amico stated throughout the years including the recent May 12th storm there have been many issues with basement flooding and/or sewage. Mr. Piatak is analyzing and gathering data to bring forward to further discuss the flooding issue. Mr. D'Amico handed out historic rain dates information regarding the 100-year rain storm and the city's sewer system (on file in the Council Office). Mr. Cayet and the service crews have done a great job trying to respond to residents' calls on Robert, Wengler, Shelby, Doris, Ashland, Harrison, Montvale, Smith, Barbara Lane, Liberty Bell and some on Michael Drive that experienced flooding during the recent May 12th storm.

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Mayor Coyne commented that Euthenics would like to have a flooding meeting with City Engineer Piatak and Rich Wasosky in attendance.

Mr. Troyer stated it's been a long time since some Ward 1 residents on Grosse, Scott, Emory, Highland, Dale, Sylvia, Leslie and Liberty Bell many others experienced water in their basements, including myself for the first time in 22 years. Mr. Troyer continued that in 1972 Mayor Wedo sent a card out to residents asking if they received water and what the situation was so possibly something like that could be done.

Mayor Coyne interjected the city will be doing that.

Mr. D'Amico stated that the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office has a form that can be filled out for destroyed or damaged real property (on file in the Council Office).

Motion by Mr. Higgins, supported by Mr. Mencini, that item number six was discussed.

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

7. TRAIN NOISE – Council President Patten

Mr. Patten stated that information has been sent to the Mayor and he has received the same as well as Members of Council about the parking of trains abutting residents' homes. This has never happened before and the trains are being parked and idling for days which is causing aggravation.

Mayor Coyne stated that a conference call has been scheduled tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. with CSX and later this week with Norfolk-Southern for several different issues with both railroads; this is an unbearable situation for residents.

Mr. Mencini stated to Safety Director a memo was sent over about the tracks between Michael and Middlebrook from approximately 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. youths are hanging out on the tracks. CSX personnel have been notified as well as the police chief to give this area special attention.

Mr. Burgio thanked Council President Patten and Mayor Coyne for following up on this situation because several emails have been received.

Mr. Troyer stated an email was received saying that over the Memorial Day weekend that a train was idling and running up and down with loud hissing noises and whooping sounds. Also it is my understanding that when trains idle like that and a train goes by the whistle is blown so the quiet zones are useless. Mr. Troyer continued that the Eastland-Route 237 railroad tracks should become a quiet zone because this is where the majority of extra trains were taken out of Lakewood and

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sent through Brook Park and the whistles can be heard through both wards one and two.

Mrs. Powers stated on Hummel Road and West 130th street residents have stated that for 23 hours trains pulled forward a short distance and pull back in order to be in compliance with the rules and codes; this crossing should also be a quiet zone.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Salvatore, that item number seven was discussed.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

8. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED 'INVESTMENT AND DEPOSITORY POLICY' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mr. Jamison stated on the Council agenda this evening the city's investment policy is under First Reading; in existence there was a Chapter 136 which dealt with some of the same subject matter. In going through this legislation so there would not be any conflict between the new policy and the existing Chapter 136 sections three, four and six were deleted from the existing chapter so that the new policy will augment and supplement what the city already has.

Motion by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Higgins, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

Mrs. Powers stated Council is constantly being told that the city is financially constrained and still have monies to invest. In reading this legislation it says that the city has diversified an order to avoid incurring potential loss caused by changes in market conditions. The investments will be made considering the probable safety and probable income to be derived and will be invested for a period of five years. The banks and investing institutions are not paying very much interest currently so does this city have the money to tie up for five years. If the city does not have any money or operating at the bottom end of the finances how can there be monies to invest. Didn't this city learn from a few years ago with the market money funds and probable safety and income and the avoidance of potential losses and diversification and having the banks bailed out by the government but the people failed.

Mr. Higgins stated this was discussed at the last meeting with an in-depth explanation.

Mr. Jamison stated to Mrs. Powers that this city would be negligent if monies taken in weren't managed and the Finance Director has an obligation to take monies

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coming in and put it in the appropriate place to maximize for the benefit of the city. You're talking about losing money and not trusting banks and that's a totally different issue and what this is saying is its developing detailed guidelines for the Finance Director to follow to prevent what you just said; from what you're saying monies should be put in a safe in the Finance Department which makes no sense.

Mayor Coyne stated to explain the budget to you the city has a structural deficit and is spending reserves to operate; all the more reason that this city should have a sound investment policy. So that whatever can be made to add to the operational funds of the city is the wisest thing to do. As the law director said to let the money lay fallow and not get a return no matter how small is not sound fiscal policy and in tough times one could argue that it's the smarter way to go.

Mrs. Powers stated Council was told at the beginning of the year that the city is operating in a deficit and has \$1.2 million dollars that is unencumbered, which is not a lot for a city this size with a budget of this size. If the city only has \$1.2 million is that all that will be invested and can this city look five years down the road with monies tied up to be in the same situation or a better situation.

Mr. Cingle stated to Councilwoman Powers that Senate Bill 81 requires the city to have an investment policy as the city currently has. What is before Council tonight adds a little more depth than what the city currently has on the books and as far as the five years the depository agreements with the banks last for a period of five years and then are renewed. The investments that the city enters into can last no longer than five years and typically the city invests for 90 days; six months or maybe a year and usually at the most it is a two-year commitment. I am not aware if this city has ever gone five years but the maximum the city can invest out to is five years. This legislation and the investment policy the city currently has will give more depth and more options that can be undertaken to improve the interest being earned. The main objective of the investment policy is to protect the principal of the city's dollars.

Mr. Higgins stated the rest of the conversation at the last meeting was is this policy protects the city so that the Finance Director doesn't go down to the Rocksino with city monies so this is a protection policy for city funds and doesn't allow the gambling of city funds.

Mrs. Powers stated in Section 136.02 the last line reads 'The Depository agreements shall last for a period of five years'

Mr. Cingle stated the depository agreement is an agreement with the bank that will read the investment policy and sign off that the investment policy was read; understood and abide by it. The agreement lasts for five years but the city may not use one of the banks that provided agreements to city because the rates may not

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be attractive or offerings that the city is looking for. There is a mix of apples and oranges because there is an agreement that is in place for five years and the investments can last up to five years but normally the city does not invest out that long.

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

Mr. Patten stated this will appear under M-4 as Ordinance No. 9916-2014.

9. A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JULY AS 'BUY AMERICAN MONTH' IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Introduced by Councilwoman Powers and Council Members Troyer, Mencini, Higgins, D'Amico, Burgio, Salvatore, Council President Patten And Mayor Coyne

Mrs. Powers stated that lawmakers attention is needed that jobs are needed in this country and one way to do this is for people to nationally declare to buy American during the month of July, since it is the birth of our nation. If for one month the entire country would not buy anything that is not Made In America in order for manufacturers to see products left on the docks that are coming into the country because there would be no place to disburse it because nobody was buying it. This would make a better statement to manufacturers that jobs are needed to be brought back to America.

Mr. D'Amico stated that throughout life he has always supported buy American to bring monies and not send jobs overseas.

Motion by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mrs. Powers, to amend the seventh Whereas last line by deleting the words 'of July' and insert the words 'year especially in July' to read as follows 'for all year and especially in July' to bring jobs back to America; Members of Council voted AYE. The amendment carried.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

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

Mr. Patten stated this will appear under M-5 as Resolution No. 15-2014.

10. 2015 TAX BUDGET – Mayor Coyne

Motion by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the Council agenda immediately following under Verbal Approval.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN, D’AMICO:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.09 OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED ‘BONDS’ Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mayor Coyne stated that monies will be saved in the amount of \$50,000 by combining both the Finance/Tax Director into one position and the Clerk of Courts will remain the same.

Mr. Troyer stated that the legislation shows the amounts of the bonds as being less is that because the city’s liability is less?

Mr. Cingle responded the amounts of the bonds is less and the reason is when going through the city’s insurance analysis and asking the insurance agent to review the required bonds. It was the insurance agent’s recommendation based on current city coverage to reduce the amounts from \$75,000 for each position to \$50,000.

Motion by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the Council agenda immediately following. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

Mr. Patten stated this will appear under M-6 as Ordinance No. 9917-2014.

SERVICE COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN, POWERS:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO HIRE AN INSPECTOR FOR THE 2014 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mayor Coyne stated in order to start this program an assessment has to be done of what repairs are needed, this allows for the hiring of an inspector.

Motion by Mr. Higgins, supported by Mr. D’Amico, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

Mrs. Powers stated instead of hiring an independent person to inspect the sidewalks why can’t service personnel who drive the rubbish trucks make a list of the locations where the broken sidewalks are located.

Mr. D’Amico stated the whole purpose of this project is when it was first brought forward the proper way to do this is for people who are in violation with the sidewalks that are not in code. The coding is done by the Building Department and specialized people and the inspector would be the signalized person to mark the blocks for a total of blocks to be put out to bid; an inspector is needed for this particular position.

Service Committee – Chairwoman Powers: cont.

Mr. Higgins stated as former service director this is a little bit more complicated than it seems. Other than the inspector complying that list once this program is put out to bid there is actually an inspector to follow the crews to make sure that no damage is done to residents' properties. The inspector makes sure the right amount of concrete is used and the crew isn't busting gas lines; the utilities are marked so there is little bit more to this program than having a rubbish person write down an address of a broken sidewalk.

Mayor Coyne stated someone has to establish the quantities that have to be put out for bid and these projects actually become more complicated than some of the larger city projects because of being in residents' front yard. The sidewalks are the homeowners' responsibility and this program was established so that neighborhoods will have safe sidewalks and hasn't been done in a long time. So not only does this inspector have to go out and measure and give the quantities to the engineer but once the project starts it has to be managed and then as part of the project. They have to fill in the forms for concrete to be poured and when the forms are taken out that sometimes becomes more difficult than putting the sidewalks in.

Mr. Mencini stated as a former rubbish person there is a lot to watch while driving these trucks even with the automated trucks because the driver needs to watch the vehicles behind the truck; placement of cans in the in the right position after emptying and looking at the cameras. Also for the residents who don't want to participate it probably wouldn't go over too well that city personnel is handing a notice to a resident that sidewalk(s) need to be replaced.

Mr. Troyer asked this will be one inspector for the initial inspection?

Mayor Coyne responded the inspector hired will do the entire project from the beginning to the end.

Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

Mr. Patten stated that will appear under M-7 as Ordinance No. 9918-2014.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Burgio, to go to the Addendum. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

ADDENDUM**DISCUSSION:**

1. REVISED TEAMSTERS 436 AGREEMENT - Mayor Coyne

Addendum: cont.

Mayor Coyne stated this protracted and became effective with action not being taken by Council but what wasn't done is the changing of the date to make this agreement effective May 12, 2014. This was a clerical error and if no action is taken then there would be a 30 day wait period to take effect.

Motion by Mr. Higgins, supported by Mr. Burgio, to place on the Council agenda immediately following under Verbal Approval. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

2. PROPOSED 2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES – Mayor Coyne

Mayor Coyne stated this is the result of the split that is available and not encumbered for other issues. Monies are included for the Sylvia-Leslie program; the sidewalk program and crack sealing. There wasn't anything under Council but listed under emergency there is \$16,000 that will be applied plus the reduction of some other costs because approximately \$40,000 is needed to fix the air conditioning unit in this building.

Mrs. Powers stated instead of fixing the air conditioning unit why not get estimates to replace the unit because it's so antiquated; why put more money into fixing it.

Mayor Coyne responded that is exactly what is going to be done and the city started getting estimates and one of the estimates proposed was for a rental replacement for a few thousand dollars a month. So the service director is currently getting estimates and hopefully this will be resolved during summer session.

Mr. D'Amico asked Mayor Coyne what is the timeframe, how many years, for the leases on the rubbish packers; jet truck and the four ATV's?

Mr. Cayet responded there is a couple of different avenues that can be taken and Mr. Cingle will be making the decision on how long of a lease for these items.

Mr. Cingle stated normally the leases are for three years; five years or seven years.

Mayor Coyne stated on the rubbish packers the city is proposing to get two for the handling of yard waste only with specific containers; because city personnel is being lost due to the volume and weight of the yard waste. Mr. Cayet is going out to Cuyahoga Falls to see the program that city has to see if trucks the city currently has could be interchangeable for the capacity needed.

Motion by Mr. Higgins, supported by Mr. Troyer, that item number two was discussed. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

Council/Administration comments:

Mrs. Powers stated that recently there was a dog running loose that seemed vicious and a resident feared that the dog would attack. The resident thinks that the city needs stronger laws on animals and heftier fines and to have no vicious animals in the city. Mrs. Powers continued with possibly getting an RTA bus line back in the city or maybe a small van for residents to be able to get to work. Mrs. Powers stated that the road running from West 150th Street to Rocky River Drive in the City of Cleveland was in deplorable condition with chuckholes and in one month's time both the north and south sides of the street were repaved with new curbs. Looking at some of the city projects such the Engle Road - Henry Ford Blvd it seem like these projects take a long time to complete.

Mr. Patten stated patching holes is one thing but a resurfacing project is totally different and the two cannot be compared. When budgets are being looked at to see where dollars are being spent it wouldn't be a good investment for an asphalt patch being laid just to grind the roadway a few weeks later.

Mrs. Powers stated the city has a railroad overpass between Michael Drive and West 130th Street that beautifies the city with streetlights. Perhaps when city plants and/or replaces tree lawn trees they could be small flowering trees that will not grow into the power lines. Mrs. Powers also suggested possible new signage be located at areas coming into the city showing an old Model-A representing Ford Motor or NASA insignia for more visibility.

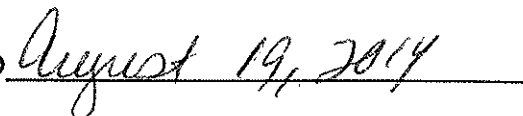
Mr. Troyer stated that he is currently working on legislation regarding the 'Bagsters' that people are using when doing construction on homes and when filled a crane comes and picks them up for disposal for a charge. If any Council Members have had any experience or suggestions about these please let him know.

There being no further business to come before this meeting Council President Patten declared this meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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