

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 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:

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

Also in attendance were Recreation Director Fields, Safety Director Byrnes, Service Director Cayet, Finance Director Cingle, Engineer Piatak, Law Director Jamison, Mayor Coyne and Building Commissioner Hurst (8:55 p.m.).

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

1. Regular Council meeting held on June 16, 2015.

**Motion** by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Mencini, to approve as printed. Members of Council voted AYE with the exception of Mr. Higgins who abstained. The motion carried.

2. Special Caucus meeting held on July 20, 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 July 20, 2015.

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

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

Tim Jereb

15661 Hocking Blvd.

Mr. Jereb stated to Mayor Coyne that I kind of gave you a heads-up when we were outside about this. There's been an ongoing feud between the people that live next door to me and I've tried to do everything by the book. I call the police nothing is done and the last time I called the officer and 22 year old kid that I'm complaining about so laughing and joking around; so my complaint goes unnoticed. I contacted the law department told him what was going on and he recommended a mediation meeting that was held on July 1<sup>st</sup>. I was in attendance and I asked my Councilwoman, Jan Powers, to accompany me and when my first go-around at the meeting was up they asked us to leave and called the neighbors in; Jan offered to sit in the meeting with the neighbors and was told very abruptly I don't need or want you in here, so Jan respectfully left. Jan can attest to the fact that I dropped 98% of my requests in order to keep the peace the two things I asked for they will not do. Every Monday through Friday you can set your clock the live-in boyfriend will go out in the garage start his Harley up pull it to the front of the house and park it between the houses so it echoes and leaves it running for five

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to ten minutes, just idling, then shuts it off and goes into the house. Five minutes later comes back out starts the bike back up and goes to work. Mr. Cayet I know that you ride and I have nothing against Harleys and used to ride until hip replacement. Do Harleys need a five to ten minute idling time before getting on and riding? Mr. Cayet responded not mine. Mr. Jereb continued no Harleys that I know of need that they're doing it just to aggravate me. They threw landscaping timbers on the edge of their lawn butting up against my driveway and I don't have a problem with that but it makes it a little difficult to cut the lawn but I work around it. They still can't roll in the driveway without hitting those planks that go into my yard and if I don't catch it until a day later the grass is matted down and browned out. One night watching television at midnight the ex-boyfriend comes to pick up their ten year old child who is dragging to get in the car and the woman is confronting the ex-boyfriend at midnight with no clothes on except panties. Her 22 year-old son is an equal suburban offender and has been in courts in Brook Park, Berea, Middleburg Hts. and Strongsville and has two cases on August 13<sup>th</sup> with one being in Brook Park. Brook Park police just pulled him over, I found out from an officer, about a week and half ago on I-71 clocked him at 114 mph. This is the type of people that I live next door to and none of them work but roll up in the fancy bikes and trucks. So I'm going out on a limb to say that their primary job is sales, if you know what I mean because deals have gone down on my treelawn. I have been verbally threatened by one of the friends and I didn't say a word. Yesterday when a young mother came to pick up her twins from that residence and the little girl was fussing the friend who threatened me says I'm getting my gun back tomorrow, which would be today. I will put a bullet in your brain and will shoot up your truck and I will shoot whoever is driving it; really do I have to live next door to this. I've gone to the police and to the law director and have asked Mr. Jamison to write them a letter advising them you have to be civilized. Mr. Jamison says he can't do it so Mayor Coyne I'm dumping this in your lap because this is an ongoing thing every day or night and the next time it happens I'm going to start giving you a call and maybe you can come out to the street to observe what is going on. Maybe if you talked to them things will settle down I'm not the only house on the street that's watching them. There is at least six or seven houses on the street that is watching them but the problem is they don't want to get involved. A couple of them do call but I'm doing the majority of making the calls. There are also two houses on another street that is watching these people and everybody is fed up with this. This is why I want a block watch instituted on my street because there are drug dealings going on in front of my home and have seen bags of weed hanging out of the pocket and now I have to worry about possible gunfire. Something has to be done I didn't sign up to live like this when I purchased my house. I take pride in both the inside and outside of my house and am not going to deal with this; it's going to get ugly. Because one of these days one of these punks are going to do something and I have my limits; I want this situation taken care of. There is a young couple across the street with three young children that won't allow them to play in the front yard because of the speeders. Mayor I showed you on July 1<sup>st</sup> the pictures taken in front of my home with the burnout marks that are three and one half (3 ½) houses in length on both sides of

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the street. One was done on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m. and the other one was done eight (8) days later at 3:00 a.m. We can't sleep and it seems like the street thugs have taken over the street and the good people on my street as well as myself don't deserve this and I really want someone to pay attention to this. The kid has a wrap sheet longer than his arm with two upcoming cases and the upcoming speeding case; if you want I can give you the address and a name after the meeting; I want something done about this and so does everybody else on the street.

Susan Barbour  
5819 Robert Drive

Ms. Barbour stated to Mayor Coyne I know the deadline is coming up for signing the ordinance to fix city streets and read in the paper that you weren't going to sign and we're going to wait until the new Council comes in. I think this is wrong because city streets are bad so I would think as an honorable man that you would sign and pass the legislation and let the residents' decide; if its written right it will get passed. Because having some money to fix the streets is better than no money. So I'm hoping and praying that you do that because I don't think you'd want me to bring my car repair bills to city hall.

Melody Thomas  
13517 Middlebrook Blvd.

Mrs. Thomas stated I am an animal lover and have been up to the animal shelter on Smith Road and am very disappointed. I've been up there numerous times to get an animal and I've been there the most twice and can't get in there. Every time I go up there, I've only been there twice; I talk to the guy and understand that he has to go on local calls. The second time was this morning and my husband went up there two weeks ago and seen a nice dog I thought I may be interested in. He told him be right back I'm going to get my wife he didn't care they took off; I came back this morning and it seemed like he didn't care at all. Been up there pounding on the door, ringing the bell and heard dogs in there and the lights were on but nobody answered. Sat in my vehicle for a few minutes nobody showed up but the truck was there. First time we saw him he told us if the truck is here then somebody is here and waited nobody showed up. Went home called him and left a message with name and number and to please call me so that we can come back up there; nobody called and I knew that dog would be long gone. Turn around and went up there a second time and there are two dogs up there when I went this morning and they have hardly any water; no food; cages were a mess and wouldn't even put my dog in one of those cages, I've got one dog and looking for another one. That was really disappointing and hurt my heart and there's no reason for that. The first time I went up there the guy came out of the backroom half asleep and I told my husband that's ridiculous he is there to take care of the animals. That place needs cleaned up and workers in there to take care of the animals that people care about. The cats I seen a cat there all you can see is the body of the cat because the towel covered the whole cage, to where you couldn't see inside the cage. I

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called Mrs. Powers and told her that something needs to be done about the animal shelter because the guys didn't seem to care at all. I would never, ever put my animal in that place that is totally disgusting. There's hardly any water and with all the respect to all of you what if nobody left you in a cage with no water or food. Animals are a big part of our lives they are used for rescue, fire department, health, the military, and police use animals and I am going to try and help Dick Goddard fight the bill about cruelty to animals. It takes more than one person to help these animals and clean up the mess and get people in there that do care about these animals.

Jim Astorino  
6258 Engle Road

Mr. Astorino stated my questions deal with the tax issues that was passed, the Ordinance and the Resolution. I have a few questions that I would like to have clarified hopefully sometime during the meeting. The Charter under the Duties of the Mayor on the Legislative part talks about within ten days: Question number one I have is are those days calendar or business days; would it be Sunday through Saturday or Monday through Friday. The other question I would have is from what I've seen on the Board of Elections website the deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup>. I was wondering if there is any possibility or any potential for the City of Brook Park to possibly put in for a late entry and ask for some sort of exception or extension of the deadline, if they wanted to, or is that prohibited by law. Does the city have the ability because by my calculations I think the tenth day is August 6<sup>th</sup>; if I'm wrong please correct me. If the Mayor takes no action and doesn't do anything then it would be considered signed on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Would the City of Brook Park either through the law director or some Member of Council would you be allowed to approach the Board of Elections and get some sort of exception to extend the deadline to get that on the ballot?

Diane Doraty  
6391 Smith Road

Ms. Doraty stated she purchased her home in 1987 and the last year or two that's turned into nothing but Dragway 42. There are little children across the street and on bikes and things like that and these idiots are out there late afternoon and on through the evening and night speeding from Holland to Sheldon and Sheldon to Holland; hitting 80 to 90 miles an hour and pretty soon there's going to be a bad accident. I sure hope a child or somebody else or run into someone's home; something needs to be done. I would volunteer my driveway to the police officers to sit and watch and make revenue for the city with all the tickets. I'd like to see something done about it because there's nothing being done about it we have no police presence; once every three months I might see an officer a lady or older gentleman a ticket but nobody is doing anything about these punks.

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**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 met on July 21<sup>st</sup> at a special meeting and approved ten items and met earlier tonight and approved 14 items.

**Legislative Committee – Chairman, Troyer**

Mr. Troyer stated Legislative Committee has nothing on tonight’s agenda.

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

Mr. Burgio stated the concerts in the gazebo will be on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. rain or shine starting August 6<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>. The last day for the nine YOU workers is Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. The center has two interns that made a community garden between the Recreation Center and Waterpark area; the Waterpark closes on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The next Parks & Recreation meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Committee – Chairman, Mencini**

Mr. Mencini stated the commission met on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> the commission tabled a request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate Airport Express Parking at 5240 Smith Road due to not having a visible aesthetic site plan. The second request was for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a used car sales and repair shop at 13501 Brookpark Road located in the U7-D District. In that area located by Metro Toyota for someone to sell used cars they also must sell new cars and the owner has fixed up the location but needs to come back with another viable plan. The commission met on August 3<sup>rd</sup> with two requests the first one being a 400’ square foot double sided sign at 15200 Hummel Road for Auto Loan Sales that the commission tabled. The commission granted preliminary approval to Engle Road Rental Purchase at 14770 Snow Road, the old post office. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

**Safety Committee – Chairman, Salvatore**

Mr. Salvatore stated the Safety Committee has three items on tonight’s agenda pertaining to safety forces agreements.

**Service Committee – Chairwoman, Powers**

Mrs. Powers stated no report this evening.

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

Mr. D’Amico stated Board of Zoning met last night, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the zoning board approved some variances for signage for a business located at 15200 Brookpark Road who are changing their way of doing business and with Harley Davidson coming in is the start of a new corner at West 150<sup>th</sup> Street and Brookpark Road. I congratulate this business for what they’ve done and they are trying to bring in new clientele. The next Zoning Board meeting will be September 7<sup>th</sup> providing applications are received.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated at the July meeting Chairman Pandrangi formed an Ad-Hoc Committee for the purpose of establishing a new vision for the future of Southwest; with representation from the Cities of Berea, Columbia Station, Middleburg Hts., Olmsted Falls, Strongsville and I will be representing Brook Park.

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

Mr. Mencini stated the first day of school is August 18<sup>th</sup> and most recently Governor Kasich in a line-item veto an adjustment that would have prevented the Berea City School District from losing State Reimbursement payment in the second year of a recently enacted state budget. As a result of that veto the district will lose close to approximately \$2 million dollars in 2015 and 2017. Based on the proposed law the school district could lose as much as \$9 million dollars by the year 2021 or 11% of the current budget. State lawmakers in Columbus did pass funding for local school districts and the two factors are used in several different ways to determine how much state funding a district receives. Both property value and incomes of residents are considered in calculating the district's ability to raise money locally. The rankings in the State of Ohio are 610 school districts and the Berea School District is ranked 548 which is a good thing being closer to the bottom which would be \$2,600 per pupil; the City of Cleveland was ranked 77<sup>th</sup> and close to \$8,000 per pupil. Last year the school district had 20 retirements and the temporary appropriations for 2016 is \$76 million dollars and in 1986 the expenditures were \$86 million dollars. Polaris Career Center is officially Polaris Ohio Vocational Career Center to meet state standards. The State of Ohio legal name for the high school is Berea City School District.

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

Mayor Coyne stated I saw several Members of Council at the Harley Davidson opening that the city is very proud of and in one weekend this business brought several thousand people to the city. The city has already seen a transformation of one business that was not exactly desirable and is currently putting in several hundred-thousand dollars to improve their facility; this business was at the Planning Commission last night to request permission to improve the exterior of the building. Mayor Coyne continued with the old Enterprise Rental building on Brookpark Road there have been preliminary discussions with an outfit to demolish those buildings and bring in a family indoor recreational experience that has only one other place like it in Las Vegas, Nevada, so that will be coming forward. Mayor Coyne addressed residents' who came to the microphone earlier in the meeting. To Mr. Jereb thank you for the warning shot before

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the meeting, however, there is a reason why the city has established the neighborhood mediation program; because as you said before there is a neighborhood feud. It's not the city responsibility nor does the city have the authority to conform neighbors to get along with one another unless someone breaks the law. As far the mediation is concerned parties can require that a lawyer be present or their Council Representative in there but if the neighbor doesn't want the Council Member in there they don't have to have them in there. This program is for neighbors' to vent their issues and frustrations and if the city can bring the neighbors together it's ideal; does it work most of the time no it doesn't because it's more deep-seeded than that. What concerns me is that your assertions that there are drug dealings going on there and if that's the case then the police should be informed of that. If someone is threatening that they are going to shoot you. I'm not going to speak for Law Director Jamison but you should file that complaint and have it on record that your life was threatened; no one should have to live with that. Again, you have to be a witness and have to testify and the legal issues have to be remedied in a court of law. There will be a city-wide neighborhood block watch presentation very soon and the city has had them over the years in troubled neighborhoods. It still requires not only a vision by citizens but also citizens to come forward if they see activities going on and become witnesses if necessary; in most cases it is necessary because we are not there. Therefore, the city will continue their efforts but if you have specific things that are in violation of the law then I think you have to bring them to our attention for investigation and possible prosecution that I'm certain the city's prosecutors would take on that responsibility. To Mrs. Thomas I understand that you're an animal lover and want to be a volunteer in our shelter. It's interesting to me and I have to say this because the only one besides you that I've ever heard complaints about the animal shelter, that seems to be an ongoing item, is Mrs. Powers. In my previous 20 years there were all kinds of issues with the animal wardens and as far as citizenry is concerned it is my belief that the city's pet population may be as much or little bit more than human population in this city. I have received very little as a matter of fact not any complaints about the city's animal control officers and, quite frankly, what I'm really surprised at is that at one time there were two full-time wardens and now have one full-time and one-part time animal control officer. When the shelter was moved to the old firehouse unless something drastic has happened there it's very clean. Your criticism about food and water is shocking to me and we will go check and verify if your complaint is legitimate or not. As a matter of fact when we met with the animal control officers when moving to the Smith Road location they were concerned that the volunteers, who have a secure way to enter the building, were feeding the animals too much. A secure area has been made for the food to make sure the access was limited so there was no over abuse and we will look into your concerns but this criticism up to this point I don't think is warranted. To Mrs. Doraty's complaint with the speeders if you could stay after the meeting so that the safety director can speak with you about this matter. The city has the STOP Program and speeding is a big thing for the city and if you would like to come to Mayor's Court on Wednesday you will see that tickets are being written all over the city; much to the chagrin of many of our citizens.

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The safety director can make arrangements with the police to schedule special attention to the area in question. To Mrs. Barbour and Mr. Astorino who are concerned with my stance on the tax and when I write my veto it will be very clear as to why I'm going to take this action; I have the authority under the Charter of the city. I haven't had to use this action very many times and as far as the extension of the deadline from the Board of Elections; I served as Chairman of the Board of Elections and have never been aware that the board has ever extended a deadline for a measure like this, or for any elected official that has taken lawful action and that is something for a lawyer to challenge.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mayor Coyne with the speeders residents' want to see police in places they've never seen them before to catch the speeders. I tell them are you willing to take that risk because you might be one of them getting the ticket. With the animal shelter possibly the volunteer system can be brought back to care for the animals.

Mayor Coyne interjected the city still has the volunteer program in place to care for the animals at the shelter.

Mr. Higgins thanked Mayor Coyne for the nice job done on the Harley Davidson dealership and, being a rider I haven't had a chance to get over there yet. There are a number of my friends asking what is going on with the building next to the dealership so later this week I will be reaching out to you to discuss the structure next to the nice Harley dealership over there. I received a phone call yesterday about some properties on Brookpark Road and allowing their facilities for airport parking and will call you later this week but congratulations on a nice project.

Mayor Coyne stated to Council as well; Council made it possible.

Mrs. Powers stated to Mayor Coyne there have been many meetings with many people from many different streets who have the same complaint as Mr. Jereb; there are other people in this room that we have met with and nothing has been done. People say that they observe what is typically the signs of drug activity and drug deals going down and the police do nothing. We come and say these are the streets that have problems and the police do nothing or say they don't have time and they don't need to be driving every minute but sometimes they should make a drive down the problem streets and when a time has been reported then the police should be traveling that street at that time. There is no reason why anyone should have to live with this or with the speeding; if you know that the speeders are on a certain street then get a police officer out there at the hours that it is occurring. Would the Mayor get a police officer out there to patrol these neighborhoods where the residents' are afraid to come out of their house...

Mayor Coyne interjected the question is would I? I do every single day and I want say something to you Councilwoman. I have met with them and as a matter of fact

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one night you raised an issue up here that the car that you thought was doing a drug deal was our undercover policeman doing their job. You're not supposed to know that they are there in those kinds of situations ever; ever should you know that; so you're continuing assault on our police department is totally unwarranted. You have no basis and facts to make those kinds of things and these mediations between neighbors are issues with one another such as the call I get about a tree needing trimming or this ought to be done; these problems are between neighbors that need to be worked out. I want to tell you about our police department any complaint of any activity we know the bad characters in this town and also heard Mr. Jereb say this gentleman is going to court; we must have charged him with something. What I'm saying to you is that you come up here and sensationalize these things they're not easy. They take residents' and I understand why resident's are reluctant to come forward but if someone threatened to shoot me I have to tell you this. I would go to the police first and the prosecutor because after that then I have a right to protect myself under the Second Amendment of this country. So what I'm saying to you is you minimize and sensationalize and keep doing the same things over and over. There are neighborhood meetings and we talk to the people after talking to you and ask what is it and the response is well, it's an issue with the kids and I remember over the years that once the kids move away the problem goes away but for you to suggest that we have a drug-laden city is way out of line unless you can prove to me different. Our STOP Program with our police officers and this Mayor's Court and this is not about generation it is showing that the police officers are enforcing and will reach the highest level of ticket writing in its history. So the police officers are out there and doing their jobs and as far as I'm concerned I don't even want them on the Interstates, I truly do not, I would rather have them in neighborhoods all the time but we have an obligation to do both. Again, I will challenge you to the statements that you're making have no basis and fact including about our animal wardens as well. So would I? Yes, I do every single day and any Council person that has asked for special attention they get it. Now would I love our police officers to drive down the street and this has been a standing thing with me for 20 years to stop the car when you see someone out there walking around. Say hello to a neighbor I would love for them to do that but they're a little busy doing their jobs. So for you to come up here and continue to say our policemen aren't doing anything is the wildest statement I've ever heard a Councilperson make because there is no basis and fact. You get your citizens, just like Mr. Jereb with the threat, to file a charge and we will investigate and prosecute that charge if it's unlawful.

Mrs. Powers stated clarify something for me and Mr. Jereb. You said to contact the police and the law director. Shouldn't the law director not have in that instance file a court action?

Mayor Coyne responded I will let Mr. Jamison speak for himself but you have to have evidence and will Mr. Jereb file a complaint. I can't imagine if a resident signed an

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affidavit that this man threatened to kill me that the law department wouldn't pursue that I would find that...unless it wasn't factual but Neal can speak for himself.

Mrs. Powers stated he did not threaten he said I have a gun and can use it and when you say that in somebody's presence.

Mayor Coyne interjected that's not unlawful

Mrs. Powers continued that's not unlawful and it's not unlawful I suppose for somebody to pull up in a car and talk to somebody for a few minutes and pull away, that I've been hearing about for years.

Mayor Coyne interjected Mr. Chairman I would suggest and my challenge to the Councilwoman is this she asked me a question would I and I responded I do everyday. Secondly, if you have specific information to show that our police are not doing their jobs or enforcing the law provide those to me; that's all I'm asking you to do.

Mrs. Powers continued about the animal shelter are you aware and David Byrnes concurred that our full time animal warden is also employed full time in the City of Cleveland. If you would make random visits up there you would see what this resident mentioned tonight and what I have told you in the past. You know when they are there and know when they leave and before the volunteers come in to clean up the mess you will see animal neglect.

Mayor Coyne stated yes I am aware but I did not hire them they were hired before I came here and I have not heard any complaints about our animal wardens other than from you and I certainly don't expect them to be sitting in that shelter 40 hours a week. They are out there in neighborhoods dealing with various issues from skunks to raccoons to deer. Just like I don't expect the police officers except the sergeant or lieutenant in charge of the station sit in the police department and the same with the service director sitting in the service garage. Again, if you have specific issues to back up what you're saying and the purpose of the volunteers is to supplement those people being on the road; I can't believe that we're doing this with it one and a half employees.

Mr. Patten suggested that Mrs. Powers meet with the Administration to go over her concerns.

Mrs. Powers continued that the City of Parma has 80,000 people and one animal warden with a part-time for the summer months; this city has 20,000 people and one

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full time and part time animal warden. As of two or three days ago there were ten cats and two dogs and that was more than what is usually at the shelter. Volunteers are supposed to be there to socialize the animals to treat them as their own pet and get them ready for...

Mr. Higgins – Point of Order, this is no question to the Mayor; this is a speech.

Mr. Patten stated to Mrs. Powers to meet with the Mayor and the Administration to go over your concerns.

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

Mr. Piatak stated the Sylvia-Leslie Reconstruction Project started last week and as of today there are about 900 feet of eight inch waterline in and four or five hydrants installed. This morning the contractors hit an unmarked gas line and the fire department responded and evacuated one resident due to safety concerns. Dominion Gas Company was out to make the necessary repairs and gas service was restored before the end of the day. The Smith Sewer Project – Phase III has about 18 house connections left to do south of Snow Road; all the ones north of Snow Road are completed. The city is currently working with the contractor to get the paving north of Snow Road underway.

Mr. Mencini stated is the city still looking at mid-September timeframe to finish the project.

Mr. Piatak concurred there are 18 house connections left and the paving and landscaping usually goes pretty quick; so I'm comfortable with the mid-September deadline.

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**Service Director Cayet**

Mr. Cayet stated no report this evening.

Mr. Mencini stated with the memos sent to the service department by Council is a log kept on them and is there a timeframe of when the memos no longer exist.

Mr. Cayet responded any memos sent from Council I put them in priority as seen fit to do that work along with the department's daily tasks.

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

Mr. Byrnes stated with school beginning shortly there drills taking place at Ford Middle School with both police and fire departments to prepare if something would happen during the school year; so some activity may be seen with flashing lights between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon; be aware this is just a drill. The city has addressed the issues that Council has called me about relative to the speed trailer and it usually runs five or six days before it can get it from one street to another; if anyone has any requests please get them to me.

Mr. D'Amico expressed gratitude from the residents' about the three poles that had transformers blown out. The safety forces were out in masses as well as CEI with the power outages in the Michael, Fayette, Snow and Smith areas. Residents' are grateful to the safety forces in keeping order and people safe. With CEI and everybody this matter was done within two hours and power was restored.

Mr. Mencini thanked Safety Director Byrnes for getting the speed trailer on Fry Road.

Mr. Troyer stated there's been a question as far as the block watch and people being afraid to call in. With the non-emergency number does the caller ID work, when someone calls the non-emergency number does the caller id working and dispatch knows who is calling. I know you can dial \*67 first to have it blocked but does our system still give them the number. A lot of problems with people calling in with issues is they want to be anonymous. We need a way to have the residents' be able to call in and be anonymous when reporting issues.

Mr. Brynes stated I can tell you that at least on the phone at my desk if someone calls with a restrictive or blocked number all I get is zeroes. I believe when someone calls from a cell phone I don't think there is technology to do what you've suggested, I don't think that happens now. People have called not leaving their name and the police still respond so if anyone has problems as the Mayor stated. If they call the dispatcher a police unit will also will be sent out even if it's the most inane issue they send them as fast as possible. Now there may be an occasion where there is a time delay because we are a very busy city and have a lot of calls but every single call gets addressed and people show up. So I don't think the requirement to give your name is necessary to give a police response and I don't believe we have equipment, and I will verify it, but I don't think we have the equipment to unmask a blocked number.

Mr. Troyer stated so what I'm looking for is to get this verified that people can call by dialing \*67 first and will not be identified as to who they are. With 911 it's always.

Mr. Brynes concurred that 911 is always; and can verify that and let you know tomorrow. I have sat in the dispatchers' office and frankly 90% of the calls coming in

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

unless they asking for police reports or something come in on 911. I think that's the well known number and don't think that many people in Brook Park really off the top of their head know the non-emergency number of the police department. If anything we get occasionally non-emergency calls on 911 so it actually works the other way.

Mr. Troyer stated also if we let the people know to dial \*67 and dial the non-emergency number because people are worried about being called out by calling the police; worried about retaliation and people being able to get public records to see who called in; that's what the people are worried about. The meetings I've been too we just need to show the people that they can call in to a number and not be identified and get these reports and there will be a lot more people calling in and be aware of more things going on in the city.

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**Law Director Jamison**

Mr. Jamison stated to address Mr. Jereb I have talked to him over the course of the last three or four months numerous times on the telephone and in person. During the course of those conversations he has related to me his concerns about what is going on in his neighborhood and during the course of those conversations I then referred him to the city's mediation program; which he participated in. It's a mediation attempt to try and bring the parties together to let folks know what the issues are between the two parties and try and find some middle ground. I've been doing this for 28 years, 20 as the Prosecutor and eight as the Law Director and have been involved in many different mediations and attempts to resolve neighborhood disputes; other than sitting up here it's probably the hardest thing that I've had to do with dealing with neighbors that don't get along. As the Mayor related the city can only respond to those situations where either an Ordinance is being broken or if a law is being broken at the state or local level. The city can't weigh in on one side of the other where there is a dispute about people not getting along. About a boundary line dispute or about trees growing onto someone else's property; those are all private civil disputes between the neighbors. The city has attempted to try and work with the people, over the course of time, to try and get people together to at least understand how each party feels and to try and get them to at least coexist. As I said it's probably been one of the biggest challenges in my career, at this level, to try and deal with those situation because they're obviously emotionally charged and that people have deep feelings about; that being said sometimes meditation works and sometimes it doesn't. Where the city gets involved as the Mayor related is when there is an issue where a law is being broken and that's what I tell people all the time. As the safety director just informed if somebody is breaking the law call the police; the police will respond every time. It's not like the boy who cried wolf the police will respond every time and will in due course investigate and determine

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whether a law has been broken and whether charges should be filed. In regards to the point made by Councilwoman Powers about the law director filing lawsuits against a resident in that situation that is a private civil dispute between the parties if it revolves around statements that are made, about boundary line disputes, property disputes and things of that nature. The city does not have the ability or power in those neighbor issues to weigh in and do that. To Mr. Jereb I'll sit down with you again, I think a week a half ago at one of the special meetings I sat outside with you for about 15 minutes to talk about what was going on after the mediation; I'll sit down with you after the meeting tonight and we can talk again and you can call me whenever you think you need to talk to me. I would relate though that if you observe criminal activity you think is taking place call the police. If you feel that this person...my understanding of the incident was that you weren't threatened by the gentleman he was threatening someone else and your concern is that what if it's me next time, I think that's the way I understood it. I would say to you though that if you feel threatened or feel that something is happening call the police; sometimes they're not there to arrest somebody it's to keep the peace and so I would strongly suggest that if situations arise you should call the police. As it relates to the issue about alleged drug activity taking place I would strongly suggest you contact the safety director and police chief and talk about them what you have observed. They are the professionals who do that kind of work and I think I've related that to you over the course of time and might be aware of what's going on already and there could be an ongoing investigation that you or I don't know about and don't want to compromise. I would suggest that if you have concerns in that regard that you contact the safety department; particularly the safety director and police chief and they will walk you through that and listen to what you have to say. In regards to Mr. Astorino's question it is my understanding that in regards to getting something on the ballot for the November election it has to be done by August 5th; I am not aware of anything that allows that deadline to be extended, that is something I can look into but I've never heard of that before.

Mr. Troyer stated on the other question as far as the tax issue goes, when would be the ten days? Do you count the day it was passed or start counting the next day; at what point would it be ten days.

Mr. Jamison responded I'll have to look at that. This is the first time I'm hearing about this so I will research that and figure that out.

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**Recreation Director Fields**

Ms. Fields stated the end of the summer dance will be held on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The annual dog swim will be on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. free pictures with your pet will be going on. A marketing brochure has been distributed to Council and colleagues

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and my ideas were that we need to try and get as many people into the Recreation Center and let them know that we are still open and viable. Hopefully, with the September special of half-off memberships will bring people back to the recreation center. Ms. Fields thanked Councilman Mencini and Fran Benak from the Beautification and Pride Committee for the additional flowers planted and being maintained at the entrance of the Recreation Center.

Mr. Troyer thanked Mrs. Fields for the brochure and stated marketing is what the city should be doing.

**Finance Director Cingle**

Mr. Cingle stated that July month-end reports will be distributed within the next few days and will be available on the website.

**OTHER COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND VERBAL APPROVAL:  
(INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION):****MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS):****INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: (FIRST READING):**

1. ORDINANCE NO. 9968-2015, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BROOK PARK POLICE SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS, OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mr. Patten stated Ordinance No. 9968-2015 has had its First Reading.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 9969-2015, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOK PARK FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE 15, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mr. Patten stated Ordinance No. 9969-2015 has had its First Reading.

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

- 3. ORDINANCE NO. 9970-2015, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MUNICIPAL FOREMENS' AND LABORERS' UNION LOCAL 1099 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mr. Patten stated Ordinance No. 9970-2015 has had its First Reading.

- 4. ORDINANCE NO. 9971-2015, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOK PARK FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1141, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, AFL-CIO-CLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mr. Patten stated Ordinance No. 9971-2015 has had its First Reading.

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

**THIRD READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

There being no further business to come before this meeting Council President Patten declared this meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED   
 Michelle Blazak  
 Clerk of Council

APPROVED 

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