

**REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015**

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:

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

Also in attendance were Mayor Coyne, Recreation Director Fields, Safety Director Byrnes, Service Director Cayet, Finance Director Cingle, Economic Development Commissioner Dolan, Engineer Piatak, and Law Director Jamison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

DISCUSSION:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BROOK PARK HOME MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (HMAP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Introduced by Mayor Coyne. **Discussed at the 12/1/15 Caucus.**

Mayor Coyne stated that Economic Development Commissioner Dolan is in attendance to answer any questions to this legislation.

Mr. Salvatore stated in Section 1, number 1, of the legislation who will maintain the records for the grants and loans?

Mr. Dolan responded the Administration basically the Economic Development office same way that is done for the tax abatement records and so forth.

Mr. Salvatore continued with a few concerns as to the loan portion, I understand the grants, but on the loan portion the people have to occupy the dwelling, is that correct?

Mr. Dolan responded yes.

Mr. Salvatore continued in the event that during that time the money is being loaned to them the people decide to move and rent out the property does the city automatically call for the funds and get it back immediately, or how will that work?

Mr. Dolan responded no, the purpose of the program is to assist homeowners to improve their property. The ultimate goal is to make sure that the housing stock of the City of Brook Park is maintained and is in fit condition and there are many residents' who are low to moderate or struggling to do that to the extent that this is a matching program.

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If a resident comes in and is above the low to moderate federal income guidelines and have a \$10,000 repair whether it's a roof, furnace, kitchen or some other major capital improvement to the property. You make that and put your money into that the city will match it on the backside by paying 50% to the contractor then the resident decides to move, in my opinion, from a practical standpoint it doesn't really matter because the lien is attached to the property and the city is secured on that.

Mr. Salvatore stated that was my next question with the lien. Is the city going to do any lien checks if a property has a first or second mortgage will the city still continue to be put in the third position?

Mr. Dolan responded the short answer to that is yes, there is no way a bank is going to allow the city to take a first position mortgage ahead of it.

Mr. Salvatore interjected that's not my question I understand how that works. My question is will the city be putting itself in that position; the banks aren't going to do it, but is the city going to?

Mr. Dolan responded there is no other position to take and asked for clarification of the question.

Mr. Salvatore stated will the city put itself into a high risk situation in the form of a loan that a resident may have a problem paying back. In other words if a property is worth \$80,000 and the mortgage is \$90,000 or \$100,000 will the city loan these residents' another \$5,000?

Mr. Dolan responded there is risk to it because the bottom line goal is to maintain the housing stock. So it's not a situation that if they fail the worst case scenario the city still has a house that has been repaired with capital repairs that maintains the home's fair market value. The converse argument could be put that this may be the only loan the residents' can secure to make necessary capital improvement to the property. Without that property the city goes from \$80,000 to \$60,000 and three years later that property is down to \$30,000 and then the home ends up the county demolition list; of which there are substantial homes in the city that qualify.

Mr. Salvatore commented I think the program has a lot of merit and I want to do something in this direction but also want to protect the city in every possible way.

Mr. Dolan responded I understand and ran a similar program like this through the United Labor Agency for many years and my experience with the program was that the agency made sure the people were income qualified and looked at the improvements the people wanted to make and obviously that was different time pre-2007-2008. Many of the people that took advantage of the program and currently on my desk the people who want to take advantage of this program are disabled people and seniors on limited

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income that probably aren't going anywhere they just simply want to improve and maintain their home with fundamental items such as non-operational windows, leaky roof or old furnaces. When talking on a house to house basis the maximum loan amount is \$5,000 so is the city going to put themselves at risk, the answer to that would be yes but the maximum limit on the risk is \$5,000. In order to give residents incentive to invest in their homes and help them so there are marketable properties in the city the city should assist those residents; it's not a huge risk.

Mr. Salvatore stated it is if the city wants to make this a success it's only \$100,000 so a lot of people won't be helped with that amount. The only way to continue the program is to hope the money comes back so it can be reinvested to more homes and help more residents. When the city entered into the Heritage Loan Program there were very minimal conversations with a couple of people do you see that happening again?

Mr. Dolan responded the Heritage Home Loan Program is a good program but very selective with respect to the type of home for which they will do work on. For example, a resident cannot have a home with aluminum siding and can't use this program if a resident would want to put aluminum or vinyl siding on their home the resident is disqualified if that is what the resident wants to do. By the same token if a resident doesn't want to have the highest quality wood faced aluminum windows in the home the resident is disqualified from the program; so the standards in that program are for historic and preservation type standards. Many residents who inquired about the program were told because of the finishes that existed on their home or the way the home was originally constructed those residents would not qualify. When working with this program in the City of Cleveland these same problems came about and by the very nature of the program many homes are disqualified because they're not historic or have been modified with materials that the Heritage Home Program deems to be not architecturally significant.

Mr. Salvatore commented with that program driveways could not be repaired.

Mr. Dolan concurred.

Mr. Salvatore stated HMAP Program if a resident wants to do a driveway assuming that a driveway can be done for \$10,000 and the resident had \$5,000 that could be done.

Mr. Dolan responded there is a prohibition in the legislation that there no driveways.

Mr. Salvatore asked for clarification of the legislation.

Mr. Jamison commented the prohibition is no sidewalks, driveways are allowed.

Mr. Salvatore continued I would like to see more of the exterior investments made on the initial movement on this program because people will see the homes improve from

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the exterior but do understand the concerns with a resident having a furnace problem or not being able to open a window because it is broke and can't afford to get the necessary repairs or replacement. With the residents who have started contacting your office is more exterior or interior so far?

Mr. Dolan responded it is a blend there are a lot of residents in need so on my desk there are several applications of people who are very low income and are looking at windows, roofs, furnaces and things of that nature. With the \$100,000 the city could help 20 residents and the majority of the people who have reached out, even though this was written in the Mayor's spring newsletter, hasn't been overwhelming flow of people seeking the program.

Mr. Mencini stated I understand the outdoor improvements but there are residents that have financial problems and would need a furnace in the middle of winter. With the 2015 federal income guidelines when looking at that I look at the number of households with two people the income is \$42,000 that is a low barrier. When you had this program in Cleveland how did it work out?

Mr. Dolan responded it was a great program and my experience was that the majority of people who qualified were seniors on pensions who needed to update their properties whether it was a kitchen or major repair. The program allowed the residents to have a certain quality of life on their property and also maintain the housing stock so that the house was viable, commercial ready and sellable.

Mr. Mencini clarified most of those were two family households.

Mr. Dolan concurred.

Mr. Troyer stated with the program you just mentioned was that for grants or loans for the seniors?

Mr. Dolan responded it was grants actually federal blocked dollars allocated to me and I contracted with the United Labor Agency that is an independent organization to pre-qualify residents based on their need and meeting of the federal guidelines; if the residents were above the federal guidelines there was not a loan program. In this program the city has had people who came in who had a fairly substantial household income between the adults that have been turned away for reasons of having substantial income in the household and will not qualify.

Mr. Troyer continued according to this sheet all residents need to qualify for the loan is to own and occupy a home in the city and a single person can make over \$37,050. Mr. Dolan concurred and stated what the city requires as far as the due diligence is the residents tax return from the last year of anybody living in the home over the age of 18. There was a homeowner that came in and wanted to take advantage of the program but

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there were three adults in the home earning a gross income of approximately \$98,000. The explanation given was that the wife and husband were tapped out with a third income of the mother in law who had a healthy income but didn't want to ask the person for assistance.

Mr. Troyer asked why that isn't stated. I would like to see a 125% maximum of the federal income assistance guidelines. If the federal income assistance guideline for a single person is \$37,050 and going 125% that would bring it up to almost \$47,000. I think a high limit is something the city needs to have in writing in the legislation not just residents come in and someone gets to decide whether the residents get the monies or not. It is a slippery slope when people are saying this resident gets it or doesn't the city should have that in writing; isn't that something that should be in the legislation.

Mr. Dolan stated to Councilman Troyer you are free to amend the legislation and put a cap on it. There is only \$100,000 in the budget and there are probably more claims from low-moderate income people who have submitted requests there is monies available.

Mr. Troyer commented exactly the city doesn't want somebody coming in with a higher income before the people who really need those monies; so I think there should be an upper limit.

Mayor Coyne stated the residents have to come in and let's say today based on your 125% nobody comes in or less people don't come in; the city won't know. The city will have a more detailed experience of this once people start talking about it just like any other program the city offer and successful then the city will see the residents coming in. The fact of the matter is your capped by the vary appropriation that Council has and remember residents have to put up on the loan side of 50%. So all I'm saying is I don't object to the changing of the language but I think until the city has the experience that we don't want to be able turn people away either while there is still funding available. So by the vary cap of the appropriation that will cap the city's experience and everyone coming in has needs and the city needs improvements to the neighborhoods. No matter how residents qualify if the improvement is made in the neighborhood that's what the city is after.

Mr. Troyer stated personally I would rather protect people, the lower income people, and have some left over then to have the program open to everybody making \$100,000 or \$200,000 coming in and grabbing the monies before the lower income people have a chance; there should be some kind of a limit. My fear is that if a person says you get the money but this person does not with no real guidelines it might end up as a legal matter for the city.

Mayor Coyne stated to do it the way you're suggesting the city might have legal problems. I'm a taxpayer for the City of Brook Park and qualify for a program legally

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based on the criteria set forth then I think I should be able to do it; of nobody else applies for it. The bottom line is I hope this program is successful so that the Administration has to come back to Council asking for more money but we only know that by the experience, there's no other way to know.

Mr. Dolan stated the background goal of the legislation is to assist residents but the bigger goal is to maintain the housing stock. The city wants vibrant, healthy, robust housing in the city and after 2008 there is a great need for repairs. I hear your concern I just don't think you will have a flood of people who have too much money trying to take advantage of a low interest loan program in the city. This is for people who are above federal amount it is a low interest loan program. The county has a low income interest loan program that is open to anybody as long as they qualify, there must be equity in the home is what the county's requirement is. I hear your concern but think there is a lot of pressing need and if somebody comes in and want to take advantage of a \$5,000 loan for a \$10,000 repair and are financially healthy. Then that satisfies Councilman Salvatore's need that there are good people in the city doing good things and helps stabilize the community.

Mrs. Powers commented I am very familiar with low income people and to many citizens in this community \$37,000 is a small fortune; there are many people living in this community that live on less than \$20,000. What I would like to know is number one is will the word get out to the entire community before starting to hand out loans. Number two if somebody especially in the higher income, I realize that people have health problems and medical bills and so on and so forth, but anyone owning a home needs to know that upgrades are needed and they should be putting aside monies every month; so they have some cushion for when the furnace breaks or roof leaks or whatever the problem may be. My concern is that people in the higher end income range of this \$37,000 if they haven't been able to do that what is wrong? Also, if they need a loan and aren't able to get it at a bank with equity in their house why is there credit in such disarray that they don't qualify for a bank loan. So to me the city is looking at some very high risk loans and how will the residents pay them back? Most people living in the \$20,000 range, maybe some of them higher than that, but most of the older people who really need the help are homeowners but don't have enough income to maintain it. How are those people going to be reached because my main concern is the city is going into a high risk loan that even the banks won't touch? Can the city afford to do this when city can't afford to repair streets?

Mayor Coyne stated I knew that closing was coming somehow it's something that has been refrained for 365 days. Council appropriates monies for various issues in the city; roads is one of them, police, fire and so forth.

Mrs. Powers concurred.

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Mayor Coyne continued this is a serious need in our community and the newsletter has been put out to inform residents of this program. What's interesting to me is that you may find that, at least what I found is our long time senior citizens have some of the best properties in the city.

Mrs. Powers commented absolutely, I agree, some of them don't.

Mayor Coyne continued so the city has a myriad of problems here there are residents that inherited their grandparents' house and took out loans and had problems paying them back, there's a myriad of issues, this program was catered by programs that are run all over Cuyahoga County. The fact of the matter is whether you are old or young the city has to be able to attack this problem ideally through making these improvements. If not the city has to demolish homes and is part of that program and offer those lots. This city has to get young people in this town, there's no question about it, what I'm saying to you is.; you keep saying these things. This city is catering these things for the people who kind of fall through the cracks and want to give incentives for them to take care of their property in this city. So if a \$100,000 investment in this community at \$5,000 a piece is what the city is risking. I'm going to bet that the people in this community who are next to a substandard property would welcome this program and monies well spent. So if the city gets monies to fix our roads which is a multi-million dollar problem, not a \$100,000 problem; that keeps getting talked about and the remedy to that is one that is beyond this body right here. Then we will see if residents want to make sacrifices to do these projects and not sure where you get you're information about the earnings of residents in Brook Park, they might not be as dire as you think, there are some. Particularly when the Administration did some of the checking for residents who wanted to qualify for the snow removal program the city found out that residents are substantially better off they originally thought. Similar guidelines were used in that which is a constant guideline for these kinds of programs probably throughout the nation, not just in this region. The fact of the matter is that this city needs to get going forward and if there are pitfalls or a problem the bottom line is that Mrs. Powers gave me two people and those residents want to the money to start their projects. I think the greatest thing is no matter what newsletter the city puts out the fact of the matter is by word of mouth for this program. I think what will be seen is the greatest economic development change or curb-side change in neighborhoods is with the sidewalk program, there were residents getting stoops, driveways and all kinds of things all on their own once that program started. This city is at the beginning of making change that will be positive and would like Council's support and if that is taking a chance then I suppose that's what this city has to do is take a chance, take a bet, on residents. That they will put up part of their own monies and be partners with the city in rebuilding neighborhoods and I don't think that's debatable. When this city had the Town Hall meeting and showed the slide with the dots of over 300 homes in various neighborhoods in this community; that was the greatest AWE that I heard and people are realizing what the situation is. This city can't solve the problem if the city doesn't offer some remedy and incentives and Mr. Dolan has fashioned a good program to begin

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and as with anything else this city does for the first time can make corrections if it doesn't work properly.

Mr. Higgins shared a real life example of somebody in my ward looking to access these monies. It's not that they don't earn income, there are two people on this Council that sell real estate, and can understand that if a home was purchased in the community in 2004 through 2007 those people probably paid top market. Once the real estate market took a dive and when some people's loans went underwater part of the problem as Mr. Dolan is they can't get a home equity loan. Part of the problem as Mr. Dolan can probably tell us with the city's housing market is when people paid more than the home is worth four or five years later they quit paying their loan. People lost \$30,000 on their home why should they pay a loan when their home isn't worth as much as they're paying for. A particular example that I have from a resident that reached out to me was they paid \$150,000 for their home and the house is worth \$150,000 and they're still paying their mortgage and want to borrow some monies and aren't able to get a home equity loan because the appraisal says that home isn't worth \$150,000. Here are some good hard working people that want to keep their housing stock good, be a good neighbor and keep their home up but because of their particular situation, I'm sure this from both ends of the spectrum, but there's a real life example of someone looking to access this money and can't because of that situation.

Mrs. Powers commented the Mayor is always concerned with my outlook on the money and is always bringing up these million dollar projects. I just want to point out one think that million dollar project starts with one dollar so we need to watch the dollars; whether one dollar or \$100,000 we need to watch the money so that this city has money for those million dollar projects. I hope the next million dollar project this city gets looks better than Smith Road because Smith Road is an embarrassment.

Mr. Troyer pointed out that the interest on this the federal government would be charging as of today would be .25% (quarter percent) and the city is paying 3% plus on the money the city is borrowing. Even if this program were to work perfectly and the city gets all the monies back it will still costing the city because of the paying 3% and getting less than 1%, just a fact. Also I would like to point out the wording from page one to page two doesn't flow.

Mr. Jamison stated after the word 'to' on the first page the word remediate should be inserted to read 'to remediate'. Mr. Jamison also suggested that an amendment be made to include the word 'remediate' on the last line after the word to. Also in talking to Mr. Dolan on page 2, Section 1, first line would be amended by inserting the words 'Not withstanding any other Codified Ordinance' then continue as written.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to amend to include the word 'remediate' on page one last line and also Section 1 amend the first line to read 'Not

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withstanding any other Codified Ordinance' then resume as written. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by, to amend Section 1 item number 5 to include a limit of 125% of the federal income assistance guidelines; residents wouldn't be allowed to make over 125% of the federal income assistance guidelines.

Mr. Higgins stated I can understand where Councilman Troyer is going with that but I just gave an example where residents made over those guidelines but are underwater with the mortgage on their home and not being able to get a loan. If in fact if the discretion is left to Mr. Dolan that is going to review the applications maybe there won't be residents who make 125% and under applying for these monies; so that the city can shut those residents out that make above it. That can be left to the discretion of Mr. Dolan if there are lower income residents I'm sure he would moving forward with them but why close out the people that make money that might be underwater and still want to upgrade their property if the monies are available; that would be my hesitation on that issue.

Mr. Troyer asked Mr. Higgins how many people are in this household, the household of four people at 125% would be \$66,000. If the city went to 133% it would be \$70,000 and so on and so on; there has to be some kind of number to be inserted in there.

Mr. Higgins stated you can but I don't see the reason for it.

Mayor Coyne stated the city is using those guidelines for a reason and here is my suggestion. The city doesn't know what the experience is going to be with this program so let's take a year of experience and if there are problems with any of these programs we're going to come back to Council and say here is how they can be improved or if the city runs into place that are problems we can do that as well; let's see where this goes and then make changes accordingly.

Mr. Jamison pointed out as the city goes through this process understand the lower income people are going to be getting the grants. So anybody that falls under those federal guidelines are not going to be taking a loan out it will be the people who are at higher risk are getting the grants. I think that is lost in the discussion tonight is that the people at risk are the ones getting the grants and think that is the way Mr. Dolan crafted this legislation in terms of providing those individuals not having to repay. For those who fall above it the interesting thing will be anybody that is going to do any kind of home improvement, be a roof, driveway even a furnace in these days, will probably need more than \$5,000. So if residents are making well above the federal guidelines you don't want to be constrained by just borrowing this amount of money. Putting a ceiling as Mr. Higgins related Council would be stifling the ability for residents to get the loans in this situation and I would suggest as going forward let's see how this plays out. If only ten people apply for grants and loans then it's a non-issue but if there are 100

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people applying then that is something that will be needed to be looked at but understand the dynamics of this. The ones that are more at risk are not taking or getting the loan they are getting the grant; it's the people who fall above it based on their income are the ones getting the loans. If residents have income of such nature those residents aren't necessarily going to go through this program because they will probably need more than for what they want to do.

Mr. Troyer stated I was talking about the loan portion but a thinking person would go out and get the \$5,000 and go out and get another loan if able to, there are a lot of different scenarios out there. I understand with what you're saying let's try this out and see what we can do but my issue is that there is \$100,00 sitting there at risk where I think we would be better off doing it differently. I like a lot about this program and really want to help the residents out but am also want to reflect as Councilman Salvatore said and as I mentioned two weeks ago the city shouldn't be allowing bathroom and kitchen remodels. Furnaces I can deal with because even with the furnace not sure if residents can apply for this program before freezing to death. I would like for this to be aimed at more exterior items and agree with Mr. Salvatore on that but don't like the fact that the city is risking any money just to see how the program is going to work; I think we should err on the side of cautious.

Mayor Coyne commented you can do nothing and your problem is not solved. You're investing \$100,000 in partnership with your citizens to help rebuild neighborhoods; there's not a risk at all. You're risk is continuing to have the depleted tax duplicate that's where we're missing the boat here; maybe this should be ten thousand loan increments and ten thousand investments with the residents we don't know until we see what is out there. I have to tell you something if anyone whether they are old or young comes in and said I need a loan. I can't keep my family warm in my house and qualify and would like to be able to do this because maybe if I get the loan on this I can take care of my property. So there is no risk the risk is allowing things to continue to decline that's the larger risk. So everything invested in this city whether it's the Smith Road sewer because there wasn't enough money to redo the whole street, we just had to do the sewer when examining the project. You're limited by the resources that you have but everybody is in competition, our neighborhoods, our recreation and everything else so this is a small step in beginning to try to solve those problems. Because if you don't they're only going to get worse and at the end of the day you might see more than \$100,000 at the end of the year less in taxes that you're getting from the property taxes because the housing stock continues to deplete which affects the evaluation of the homes around it and you're in a never ending spiral of decline. If you can't be addressed then vote no but I think to me we don't know what these standards and how they're going to drive people to come in. I hope we have the problem of coming back to Council next year and saying we didn't have enough money but there were 20 houses, ten houses or six houses that took advantage of this program, that is what I'm hoping and why this program was proposed. Is it perfect I'm not certain and don't know because the city hasn't done this before.

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Mr. Troyer stated to Mayor Coyne you try to put words in my mouth or tell everybody how I feel when it's not what I'm saying so you can do that all you want. I'm just trying to protect to make sure that this money is used for the people who really need it. Your scenario was there are people who really need it but people can also take advantage of this who don't really need it that is the issue.

Mayor Coyne interjected that's not true. I don't put words in your mouth. What you said is you are taking a risk and what I said to you in my words not your words you're taking a risk in doing nothing. You can set so many criteria barriers for people that they won't access the program; these are my words not yours. I'm saying that to do nothing is a greater risk then trying to do something. I don't put words in your mouth at all I state what my analysis of what your statements are.

Mr. Troyer stated again, I never said I didn't want to do anything...

Mayor Coyne – I didn't say you did either...

Mr. Troyer – Okay thank you.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Patten stated that will appear under M-2 as Ordinance No. 9993-2015.

Motion by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to go to the Addendum. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

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ADDENDUM

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROOK PARK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE WESTERN STAR 4700SB CAB & CHASSIS TRUCK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mayor Coyne stated monies were appropriated for part of this and the prices came in higher and the city is spending less on plow blades and Council will be making the changes in the appropriations this evening. In order to get the truck order in and move forward these ordinances have been provided.

Motion by Mr. Higgins, supported by Mr. Burgio, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

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

NAYS: Powers, Troyer. The motion carried with a vote of 5-2.

Mr. Patten stated that will appear under M-3 as Ordinance No. 9994-2015.

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON PRODUCTS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE DUMP BODY AND PLOW PACKAGE FOR WESTERN STAR CAB AND CHASSIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Mayor Coyne stated this is the same situation as the previous legislation.

Mr. Troyer stated will this total package be on a truck that the city is replacing a current vehicle or an additional vehicle.

Mayor Coyne responded this is for the vehicle under item number one on this agenda.

Mr. Troyer continued the vehicle that these products, the dump and plow package, is that a replacement or an additional vehicle.

Mr. Cayet responded eventually it will replace the circulating the trucks because a couple of them are 29 to 30 years old; so this is replacing a vehicle.

Mr. Troyer stated Ford Motor doesn't make a truck that would cover the city's needs on this?

Mr. Cayet responded this is what the department has been using with the city's fleet; Ford Motor doesn't make the big pump trucks anymore.

Mr. Troyer stated after this legislation passes and Mayor signs the legislation how long until the truck will be ready with equipment installed and ready to go.

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Mr. Cayet responded probably March, 2016.

Mr. Troyer commented so there would be no rush.

Mr. Cayet commented to order the vehicle legislation must be passed otherwise it would be July or September.

Mr. Troyer clarified what I mean to say is no rush for the winter.

Mr. Cayet responded these monies were allocated in the 2015 Capital budget for the Service Department and it's almost 2016 so the monies have been sitting waiting for Council to act.

Mr. Higgins stated the last piece of legislation was State Cooperative and this is the National Joint Alliance for the additional equipment. I utilized those for the last 12 years in my full time position and am very comfortable with it so I will be supporting this legislation.

Mrs. Powers stated I noticed that on items number 1 and 2 we're not being told what any of this is going to cost. So what is being talked about in money and why do we need this now? Obviously if this truck isn't going to be ready until June the city won't be plowing any snow with this truck and with the lower employees in the service department will there be anybody available to drive it when the department gets it; I don't see a rush in this.

Mayor Coyne stated through the Chairwoman of the Service Committee this is your department and I don't want to see condescending at all but I'm sorry. The fact of the matter is these trucks are used all year long and you heard the service director talk about the age of the city's trucks and on any given day any one of those trucks can break down and have to be replaced. The city is replacing part of the city's fleet and hope to do that and used to do this a lot more with two or three trucks a year. The fact of the matter there will be someone to operate this truck and the fact of the matter is these trucks are not sitting there waiting for somebody to buy them like in a car showroom. These trucks have to be ordered with all the equipment that goes with these trucks just like with police cars that hopefully will be done next year.

Mr. Mencini stated to Service Director Cayet this is an all-season truck, correct?

Mr. Cayet responded it is a do-all body and can be used for other things.

Mr. Mencini asked when the last time one of these snowplow vehicles was replaced was.

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Mr. Cayet responded not under me.

Mr. Mencini stated do you have any dates on these trucks such as what is the oldest one?

Mr. Cayet responded 29 to 30 years. old.

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

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

NAYS: Powers, Troyer. The motion carried with a vote of 5-2.

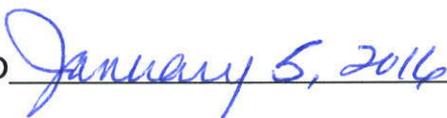
Mr. Patten stated this will appear under M-4 as Ordinance No. 9995-2015.

Mr. Salvatore commented at the appropriate portion of the Council agenda there is a vacancy on the Recreation Commission and it’s Council’s appointment to replace that vacancy and I will be bringing a name forward at the appropriate time for consideration.

Mr. Patten stated Mayor Coyne did bring over several appointments for Council’s consideration at the Council office and those appointments will appear under item L – Miscellaneous Business (Appointments, Confirmations) as well as Councilman Salvatore’s appointment to the Recreation Commission.

There being no further business to come before this meeting Council President Patten declared this meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 

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