

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Pro-Tem Higgins at 8:01 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 Service Director Cayet, Recreation Director Fields, Finance Director Cingle, Engineer Piatak, Law Director Jamison, Mayor Coyne.

Mr. Higgins excused Council President Patten from tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Regular Council meeting held on November 5, 2014.

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

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE (ON ANY SUBJECT):

Brian Beyer
6045 Alvin Drive

Mr. Beyer stated that he is the steward for Local 1099, Service Department workers; Mark Morgano is the Vice-President of Local 1099 and Assistant Steward Joe Bachie. Council we are aware in the near future, or even closer, that all of you are up against a lot of challenges and issues. We also know that the service workers' union, as well, are up against a lot of issues and have come up with some things for Council to consider and think about during these hard times; that would possibly help the city in the near future. (attached to these minutes)

Mr. Mencini commented that Local 1099 is the union that I am from and like all other departments if you bring forth important issues and there are many of them that are on agendas. Council will definitely look at and discuss these issues and everyone is nervous as to what is going to transpire. Mr. Mencini thanked the union members for coming to this meeting.

Mr. Salvatore stated I would like to thank the gentlemen for coming forward it's good to see that you care to come to the podium and conduct your business as gentlemen. Not only how you felt but taking the time to provide Council with some of the service workers' ideas and possible solutions that can be weighed against what the other options are.

Remarks from the Audience on any subject: cont.

Mr. Troyer commented thanked the gentlemen for coming up and will give your information full consideration.

Mr. Higgins recognized the President of the firefighters union here too and stated that Council has not received any alternate proposals for any city department and when received I'm sure Council will take a good look at them and have spirited discussions in regards to them.

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 earlier this evening and approved 12 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 seniors will be having a special guest, Santa, on Tuesday, December 16th at 9:30 a.m. and will be getting their pictures taken. Santa will be touring the city on Saturday, December 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. At the Recreation Commission meeting on December 20th the Recreation Director mentioned that there is now a 211 number for Toys for Tots.

Planning Committee – Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated the Planning Commission met on December 1st with two items on the agenda; one tabled request and placed on the agenda was for aesthetic approval for a temporary carport at the property located at 15325 Brookpark Road – Sahara Social Center in a U-7C District the commission approved this request with no problems. The second request was for a lot split of 85' x 125' for PPN 344-28-029 American Legion Park owned by the City of Brook Park to consolidate with the adjacent permanent parcel number 344-28-028 at 6296 West 130th Street; the commission approved this request.

Safety Committee – Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated at the Caucus meeting held prior a Resolution was moved to the next Council agenda honoring a young man.

Service Committee – Chairwoman, Powers

Mrs. Powers stated the Service Committee has no report this evening.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman, D'Amico

Mr. D'Amico stated due to lack of applications the December 1st Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on January 5, 2015 providing applications are received.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center – Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated the board met on November 24th and through the month of October the volume hospitalization patient is up 4.6% versus the overall market average of .05%. The health center has been notified by the Joint Commission that Southwest was named as one of the top performers in quality delivery of care and as a result of that one of the insurance companies will increase the revenue to the hospital by 1%. That may not sound like much until put up against a \$40 million dollar annual fee; that is a significant sum of money. The arrangement between Southwest and University Hospital continues to be very strong and University Hospital will be building a new rehabilitation center in Avon and the arrangement between University and Parma hospitals are starting to show favorable conditions at Parma Hospital.

Berea Board of Education – Representative, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated the results for a 90-day test of high performance clean diesel for the school buses showed an 11% improvement in fuel efficiency with pollution being reduced and a savings of \$.20 to \$.25 per gallon. Five students from Berea-Midpark were honored for the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. The Brook Park Memorial Handicapped Accessible Program is looking for \$50.00 gift certificates from merchants with a drawing to be held in February.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

I've called for an Executive Session for next week to discuss personnel issues and currently city personnel is in discussions with all the unions and have just concluded discussions with Union Local 1099 and hope to be in continuance with the other unions to the close of the year to discuss decisions that have to be made. I am pleased with the presentation given earlier this evening by union officials and respect all members of the city unions who are concerned. City personnel is doing their due diligence and are going to make decisions based on what needs to be done to secure the immediate financial future of this city as well as the long-term plans. While all of us might have a great deal of emotion and affection for all of the people that work for this city unfortunately these decisions have to be made with what the financial condition is. We can debate numbers but to some people no matter how much you give them black and white something is going to be gray. I can assure Council that they will have all the information needed to make their decisions because we're painstakingly making sure we're leaving no stone unturned in trying to get this city on solid footing. I have been working not only on that issue but in addressing how this city may or may not be able to keep the recreation center

Reports and Communications from the Mayor: cont.

operating after the first of the year; there are some leases that are being negotiated and I give credit to Councilman D'Amico on suggesting naming rights issues to keep the center open. I have met with people again today so hopefully within the next week or two we will have something going forward on whether this will or will not happen. We are doing everything possible to provide the level of services residents expect without increasing the revenue or asking them to give anymore at least through this year. We have been inundated with public record requests so there may be a delay in responses to memos sent to my office. Also, the finance director is working on a way to electronically get the State of the City address to people who have requested it. We are also trying to find a way to get these meetings televised because whatever happened in the linkage up to the cable systems don't exist anymore. So we're trying to find a way that this can be done because going forward the more people that can see the decision process and the proposals that are before us I think will go a long way enlightening the residents with the facts. Because at the end of the day folks need to get information and I think when they get it they will clearly understand the city's plight and make an evaluation of the recommendations being made. A lot of good comments were received about the finance director's presentation at the State of the City because residents were informed and learned more about what the city faces and what the issues are and what the future may hold.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mayor Coyne that several calls were received from people that could not attend the State of the City address and what they heard from other people that attended is that the presentation was very informative. Is there any intention to do the State of the City again in the near future so that more people can have the opportunity?

Mayor Coyne responded that matter has been talked about that and I am considering not only doing that on the finances but logistically with the operation decisions that have to be made. Showing how things are going to work because, needless to say, there is a great deal of information if we make one decision as to how the quality of service is going to be affected in many ways.

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

Mr. Piatak stated with the Engle Road Resurfacing Project temporary striping was installed last week north of Snow Road; signage and barrels are being removed and the contractor will be back in the spring to install permanent pavement markings and landscaping matters. The Smith Road Sewer Project Phase III work started at Hummel and Smith early last week and will continue to move south; hopefully the Smith and Hummel intersection will be open to traffic by the end of this week. The application for the Smith Road Sewer Projects from October scored well enough to be in the first tier of the rankings from the District One Public Works committee, which is

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

encouraging and the schedule shows that the final recommendations to Columbus will be made at the December 18th meeting.

Mr. Salvatore asked for an update on the rail crossing between Michael Drive and Middlebrook Blvd. I noticed that all four gates are now installed and the last time we talked it was mentioned that there was a problem with the application.

Mr. Piatak responded the application cannot go in until all the work is done and there is certain items that have to be in place before the application can be submitted for the quiet zone; so that application has not gone in. CSX is still finalizing their work and I have not received final word from the Ohio Rail Development Commission from CSX from PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio) so the quiet zone application is still on hold.

Mr. Mencini stated on the Smith Road project will there be a time when Smith and Snow Roads will be closed and for how long?

Mr. Piatak responded that intersection will be blocked and to date I don't have time frame as to when the intersection will be closed and for how long. Traffic will be maintained and the contractor will most likely be working at night through that intersection to minimize the impact of traffic. Once the project gets closer to that intersection I can send out a notice to everyone to make them aware. With the Agnes Drive project the contractor did a super job on the tree lawns because I have not received one call.

Mr. Burgio stated with the Phase III Sewer Project is most of the work being done in the center of street and will that continue as the project moves south; keeping one lane open on each side?

Mr. Piatak responded yes, the primary corridor for the new sewer transfer will be down the center of the road, so the outside lanes will remain open.

Mr. Burgio asked for a timeframe on this project about a year?

Mr. Piatak responded I would say it was a year from the notice to proceed (360 days) but will be mid-to-late summer 2015.

Mr. D'Amico stated with the Michael – Middlebrook quiet zone the application once it is sent in could take one to two years to get approval and processed.

Mr. Piatak responded what I'm basing that on is how long it took phase one to be approved and there might be a little different avenue to take and may not need a

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

certain agency's approval on this because of some of the measures that went up; so there may be a glimmer of hope that the Holland Road crossing, on the east side of town, won't take as long.

Mr. Higgins asked Engineer Piatak the application put in for the phase IV sanitary sewer grant in October isn't that the one that Council moved from a Caucus to a Council meeting and passed the same night?

Mr. Piatak responded yes.

Mr. Higgins continued the reason why I bring that up is it is important sometimes, because we talk about three readings, that night we had a Council Member that didn't vote to move that. I looked at those application awards that are going to get forwarded and I think that is a \$2.7 million dollar project...

Mr. Piatak interjected yes...

Mr. Higgins continued by thanking Engineer Piatak for all his hard work, but they are going to forward that with about a \$1.1 million dollar grant and a \$486,000 loan along with that. So sometimes it is important for us to move on some legislation without the three readings, and there is a perfect example of an item that came before this Council that was important to move on there. Again, thank you Ed for your good, hard work on that and it looks like the city will be awarded some good money on that project.

Mr. Salvatore stated concurred with Councilman Higgins but have this Council not done that and waited four more weeks the deadline would not have been made and even be considered.

Service Director Cayet

Mr. Cayet stated service crews are still picking up leaves and will continue until the snow starts falling. Mr. Cayet commended the men and woman of the service garage for spending part of their Thanksgiving holiday behind the wheels of the plow trucks to keep the city safe during the recent snowstorm.

Mr. Mencini concurred with the snow plowing crews that was done very well this year my question is with the bulk pickup is that done all year?

Mr. Cayet responded that is done every other week and calls should be made to the service department by the Friday before at 12:00 noon.

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

Law Director Jamison

Mr. Jamison stated no report this evening.

Recreation Director Fields

Ms. Fields stated the annual craft show will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The center has been added to the 211 call list for Toys for Tots. So if needy families in the area call the 211 number they will be directed based on their zip code and will be forwarded to the recreation center to sign up for Toys for Tots.

Mr. Salvatore asked Recreation Director Fields with the Toys for Tots program if someone wanted to bring a gift to the Recreation Center it would then go to a Brook Park child, is that correct.

Ms. Fields responded we could do that and I think that is what Brook Park did in the past. Right now the center is just registering families; there are over 40 needy families with probably over 60 to 70 children registered. The center is currently just taking their information and forward that information to the Marines and then the Marines provide the toys to the center for distribution to the families. So the center is not collecting toys the center is the point person in between the families and the Marines for distribution of the toys to the families.

Mr. Salvatore commented that is an excellent program and a few years back I was asked to be Chairman for the airport area and collected seven truckloads of toys and delivered them to the Marines.

Mr. Troyer commented that Audrey's Outreach distributes toys locally if anyone has toys to donate.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle stated the November monthly reports will be distributed in the very near future. If there are any questions about the reports or the appropriations amendments that were discussed at the Caucus meeting held earlier please call me. Also, if anybody wants a copy of the State of the City address a link can be emailed to individuals and is also available on the city's 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. 9947-2014, PROVIDING FOR A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to suspend.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. D’Amico, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to adopt.

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

NAYS: None. Ord. No. 9947-2014, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: (SECOND READING):

THIRD READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

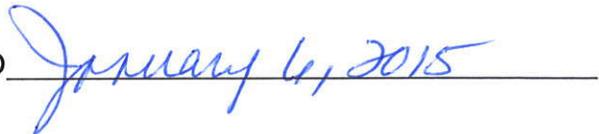
There being no further business to come before this meeting Council President Pro-Tem Higgins declared this meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



THESE MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY BROOK PARK CITY COUNCIL ARE A SYNOPSIS, NOT TRANSCRIBED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ALTHOUGH ACCURATE.

Rcd. 12/2/2014

Tuesday December 2, 2014

To The Honorable Members of Brook Park City Council,

Over the past year we understand that there have been many challenges in our community both financial, as well as operational. As members of Laborers Local #1099 we come to you with a plan which will have a positive financial and operational outlook on city services, and in many cases set a standard for city services as we move forward in these ever changing economic times. We ask you to please review the information and plan that we have put together to address the issue of public refuse & recycling collection services within the city of Brook Park. There are many dynamics and levels of refuse & recycling collection within a community that many may not be aware of. We respectfully ask you to review the information we have provided so you can see how our plan addresses revenue, operations and most of all the public service that will be provided. We understand the challenges that our community faces moving forward. We have worked with the previous administration in the past to always provide a service at a very high level despite the economic times that have and continue to be a threat to outstanding public services. As many of you know, we have a vested interest in providing outstanding services to the community of Brook Park. Many of us reside here and many of us have family that reside here as well. It is not only critical to be financially responsible but it is equally critical that we protect the integrity of our community by providing public services at a high level so we can protect the value of our community. We understand that there will be sacrifices that we will have to contend with, but at what point does the extent of that sacrifice jeopardize the integrity and value of a community. We are committed to serving and providing the best public service the community and with your help and consideration we will continue those outstanding services and provide them at a very high level. Thank you for your time and consideration and please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark Morgano


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Scenario 1

- If council doesn't pass garbage fee.
- Eliminate yard waste
- 3 rubbish trucks
- 50,000 dollars per truck for maintenance
- 66,000 per truck for fuel cost
- 4,000 dumping fee
- Total savings 353,000
- Free up six employees

Bulk pickup change to 12 pick-ups

- Savings in:

*Salary- \$21,950.00

*Fuel- \$14,500.00

*Maintenance- \$10,800.00

Total- \$47,250.00

Savings for both- \$400,250.00

Healthcare savings per service department- \$93,000.00

Grand total of \$493,250.00

\$10.00 garbage fee generates \$876,000.00

Scenario 2

- If council approves for refuse collection
- Three laborers work 4 ten hour shifts
- Blue cans become yard waste cans
- Pick up garbage first, dump it, then pick up yard waste and dump it
- Manually pick up recyclables
- Laborers savings: \$203,840.00
- No new trucks: \$132,000.00
- Two less manual trucks: \$232,000.00
- Total savings: \$568,540.00

Bulk pickup change to 12 pick-ups

- Savings in:

*Salary- \$21,950.00

*Fuel- \$14,500.00

*Maintenance- \$10,800.00

Total- \$47,250.00

- Total savings of \$568,540.00 + \$47,250.00 = \$615,790.00
- \$10.00 garbage fee generates \$876,000.00
- Healthcare savings per service department- \$93,000.00
- Total money generated \$1,584,790.00