

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Astorino at 7:00 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

SCOTT, BURGIO, SALVATORE, TROYER, POWERS, McCORMICK, MENCINI

Also in attendance were Mayor Coyne, Service Director Cayet, Safety Director Byrnes, Finance Director Cingle, Law Director Horvath, Fire Chief Maund, Fire Department Personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

Motion by Mr. Salvatore to go out of the regular order of business to Item G, supported by Ms. McCormick.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, McCormick, Mencini, Powers, Troyer, Burgio, Scott.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATIONS:

1. SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CENTER AWARD PRESENTATION TO BROOK PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR WORK WITH CARDIAC PATIENTS

In attendance: Southwest President/CEO William Young, EMS Coordinator, Jackie Haumschild and Brook Park Fire Chief Maund

Ms. Haumschild, presented two awards representing excellence in cardiac care on behalf of Southwest General Hospital and the communities they serve and presented a document of appreciation to the EMS providers and congratulated the Brook Park Fire Department for their assessment and care of patients with cardiac related symptoms. This is the third consecutive year that not one patient suffering from a heart attack was missed in the field; every patient was provided the highest quality of care possible. Ms. Haumschild stated the Fire Department will receive the Mission Life Line Aware from the American Heart Association recognizing them nationally for excellence in cardiac care. Southwest General Hospital President/CEO William Young commented this demonstrates how a strong partnership with fire and EMS providers in the community and the hospital working together is making a difference for the people that they serve. They are proud of the outstanding cardiac and stroke care that they provide and thanked the team that serves the community.

Introductions of Resolutions of Commendations: cont.

Fire Chief Maund thanked Southwest General Hospital and the American Heart Association on behalf of the Brook Park Fire Department for their recognition and stated only a team can treat a cardiac patient. The team extends beyond three men treating a patient it extends to the citizens, the Administration, the Mayor, and Council that supports the Fire Department. There would be no awards without that support and every city department touches the fire department in one way or another.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Troyer to go back to the regular order of business.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Troyer, Powers, McCormick, Mencini, Scott, Burgio.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairwoman, Powers

Ms. Powers stated the airport renovation and rapid station should be completed in time for the RNC and Boss Go Carts is getting ready to open.

Finance Committee – Chairwoman, McCormick

Ms. McCormick stated the Board of Control met earlier this evening and there were nine items agenda. The finance committee has legislation under First Reading authorizing the transfer of funds to Audrey's Outreach that will hopefully be passed this evening.

Legislative Committee – Chairman, Troyer

Mr. Troyer stated there are six items on tonight's agenda that will, hopefully, pass.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated that summer season sports have started and the water park is open. Habitat for Humanity is collecting items listed on the website and applications are being accepted for Miss Brook Park and Miss Junior Brook Park, Safety Town starts next week and registration begins this month for football and cheerleading.

Mr. Mencini continued the Beautification & Pride Committee, Impact for Youth Mentoring and the Neighborhood Block Watch are three great programs that are in need of volunteers and information is on the website.

Planning Committee – Chairman, Troyer

Mr. Troyer stated the Planning Committee met yesterday and approved the following two items: An electronic sign at the intersection of Engle and Holland to be located on top of the current Brook Park sign, and the widening of Fry Road.

Safety Committee – Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore congratulated the firefighters for being recognized this evening and thanked Southwest General Hospital CEO for attending the meeting recognizing the firefighters.

Service Committee – Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio stated no report this evening.

Reports of Standing Committees: cont.

Mr. Mencini commented the service garage lost, Mark Peskura, one of his coworkers who was 48 years old and had a big heart.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals met yesterday and unanimously approved the sign mentioned earlier by Mr. Troyer.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center – Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated the board met on May 25th and the Trustee Education Committee gave a presentation. On October 7th The Advanced Education Program will address several topics and a report will follow. A report was provided by CEO, William Young, regarding National Nursing Week and National Hospital Week, recognizing nurses and physicians for a job well done. Staff turnover, due to incentives offered by other hospitals, is being addressed. An update on completion of the Electronic Medical Records' System, the cancer center and the wound center was provided. A new nursing unit with 32 private rooms will open shortly and Life Work's outpatient pediatric rehab unit should be completed in mid-July. Southwest received high honors regarding patients' safety along with several additional awards. Mr. Salvatore continued that he will be replacing the chairman of the nominating committee who is currently stepping down and will also be serving on the strategic Planning Committee and will be providing a meeting schedule as there may be a conflict with some Council meetings.

Berea Board of Education Committee – Representatives Burgio, McCormick

Mr. Burgio reported the school board met yesterday and some of the topics were the technology plan, treasurer's update, superintendent's highlights, district facilities, study update and the Southwest General Health Center agreement were discussed. Two committee members discussed, in depth, the new technology plan, asking questions about pros and cons and how it would be implemented related to that as part of the treasurer's report recommendations were provided for the contracting with Adobe E Sign because it can integrate with other systems and was much more flexible to use; that contract was later approved by the board. The treasurer also provided an update on credit card processing and online registration, which was previously introduced. The superintendent's report discussed the upcoming bond issue and showed a new question and answer sheet that just came out with questions pertaining to the 2016 bond issue. Anna Chapman, Board President, mentioned that if not passed funds would have to be pulled from the General Fund for necessary work on the buildings and also mentioned the need for a full-fledged campaign. The superintendent met with architects and reviewed renovation costs and stated projected costs at the facility meetings were very close. Ohio Senate Bill 210 requires school districts to set standards for all food and beverages sold to students during the school day and to report annually to the Board of Education of compliance; Berea schools are compliant. Lastly, the Board

Reports of Special Committees: cont.

of Education approved the agreement between the Ohio Association of Public School Employees.

Co-Chairman McCormick had no report.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Coyne congratulated Councilman Salvatore on his new Southwest General Hospital assignments and stated that Brook Park has been part of the hospital's strategic planning and enabling protection of assets going forward from mergers and acquisitions; it is important for Brook Park to have Mr. Salvatore on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mayor Coyne stated he will have the sad honor of doing Mr. Mark Peskura eulogy on Friday, and the Service Department will be closed in recognition; Mark was a great friend, supporter and will be missed. Mayor Coyne mentioned the events for Home Days that will be held on July 8 - 10 with flyers being distributed.

Mr. Mencini stated the Mayor gave a great speech on Memorial Day at the memorial where he touched on getting more participation and asked if he could cover that and flags.

Mayor Coyne stated in the past Brook Park was the Flag City USA with the largest American Legion Post in Ohio primarily because the city was built on the GI Bill with 90% of original settlers financing houses as World War II and Korean Veterans. There is no excuse for a lack of turn-out on Memorial Day and the goal will be to get as many people as possible to that memorial service next year. The schools are asking for a levy and it would be respectful for some band members from each of the three communities in the school district to participate in all Memorial Day and Home Day's gatherings as part of their curricular. The citizens can show the people that built Brook Park and their children or grandchildren that the veterans are not forgotten because this town would not be here without their sacrifice.

Mr. Mencini stated he is involved in many activates throughout the city daily and he has noticed that Kennedy Park is looking very nice.

Mr. Troyer asked the Mayor for an update on the central dispatch.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor: cont.

Mayor Coyne stated his understanding was July but it has been more complicated than anticipated and the goal is that it functions one-thousand percent.

Mr. Astorino stated at the next caucus he would like to suggest recessing the 1st and 2nd weeks of July and August, but first wanted to be sure that would fit with the Mayor's legislative schedule.

Mayor Coyne stated that he would make it work.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak stated that Phase II of the Sidewalk Program is currently focused on sidewalks between Holland and Sylvia and is moving north; to date the contractor has repaired over 540 blocks; the resident participation is over \$105,000 and the project continues to grow, construction should be wrapped up by the end of the month. Inspections on the next phase should start over the weekends for a jump start on Phase III. The Phase IV bid submittal date for the Smith Road Sewer Project was extended by one week due to some contractors requesting additional time to put their bids together because of the Memorial Day holiday; bid results should be ready by the next Council meeting. The contract sale date for the Snow Road Resurfacing Project, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) project, is set for June 16, 2016, hopefully, those results will be ready for the next meeting as well. A flyer was distributed regarding a June 9th public meeting hosted by the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for the West 130th Resurfacing Project from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall on West 130th in Cleveland.

Mr. Troyer asked if anything was accomplished regarding the issue on Leslie?

Mr. Piatak stated the location of the damage has been narrowed down and the contractor was made aware of the situation, but has not responded. Mr. Piatak will continue trying to get the issue resolved and would will keep Mr. Troyer apprised.

Mr. Mencini said a lot of people are very satisfied with the sidewalk program but there is one resident on Agnes that was initially unhappy and that problem was taken care of to the resident's satisfaction.

Service Director Cayet

Mr. Cayet stated this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is Shred It day for residents at the Service Department.

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

Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Cayet for the quick response regarding a request to remove a tree.

Safety Director Byrnes

Mr. Byrnes thanked Council for allowing Southwest General Hospital to present the awards to the Fire Department. Mr. Byrnes also asked that residents secure their pets as there have been a lot of strays running around the streets. Mr. Byrnes stated to Council members requesting the speed trailers should send their requests directly to the Mayor to be placed on the list. Mr. Byrnes commented with the dispatch center mentioned earlier, attempts to get this together have been ongoing for several months and the process is harder than anticipated. The Chiefs have been meeting with City of Parma and some of the things expressed on the radio have been changed. New equipment has been ordered and new jailers are being trained along with preparations being made for the move scheduled to begin on July 1st. There is a possibility that the RNC (Republican National Convention) may stop the transition slightly with the dispatchers are being trained in Parma. Identification numbers of fire vehicles have been changed and police identifications will be changing as well.

Mr. Mencini asked if there were a lot of complaints regarding skunks and deer.

Mr. Byrnes replied that traps have been set.

Mr. Mencini asked about having a police officer stationed at an area where people are repeatedly speeding.

Mr. Byrnes replied that he would talk to the Police Chief.

Mr. Mencini said that he hears good things about the police, fire and service departments when he is out and about throughout the city.

Mr. Burgio commented on an online autism roster program that provides crucial early access information necessary to successfully defuse a crisis situation or to locate a person that has wandered away from safe surroundings. Mr. Burgio asked if this could be looked into as the Lakewood Police are utilizing the program; contact information from the City of Lakewood will be forwarded.

Mr. Byrnes stated he would ask the chiefs to check with Lakewood.

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

Mr. Scott asked Mr. Byrnes to tell Chief Foster that residents were pleased with the outcome of the recent situation on Elmdale and Holland regarding Gallatin Park.

Law Director Horvath

Law Director Horvath had no report.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle stated the 2015 audit is in its final stages and must be completed no later than June 30th, when completed the CAFR will go to the printer; when received back from the printer copies will be made available to Council, the Mayor, department heads and residents requesting a copy. The Administration appreciates Council's consideration of the 2017 tax budget and if approved this evening will be forwarded to the County for review and processing of the tax rate resolution that City Council must approve later this year.

Mr. Astorino asked about the tax budget on this evening's agenda regarding projected 2017 transfers. Projected income tax revenue is \$19.3 million and the tax on that was going to be \$16.2 million for the general fund and \$2.8 for capital improvements for the 2016 budget. On this tax budget the projection is \$19.5 million, but the general fund split is only just under \$15.6 million; that is \$700,000 less than what was budgeted for this year. How did that calculation come about?

Mr. Cingle stated the difference is the beginning balance. The beginning balance projected for the 2017 tax budget was \$50,000 at the beginning of 2017. The beginning balance was much higher at the beginning of 2016 so that is the difference in the amount that is projected to be split in 2017 versus the actual amount or the projected amount for 2016.

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

Verbal Approval:

1. 2017 Tax Budget

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Troyer, to verbally approve.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Troyer, Powers, McCormick, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

2. American Legal Annual Payment Internet Renewal Fee for Codified Updates - \$495.00

Mr. Astorino explained the update for the codified ordinance was on second reading and was not passed because we were waiting to get some information about items number two and three.

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

Verbal Approval:

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mrs. McCormick, to verbally approve item number two.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, McCormick, Powers, Troyer, Salvatore, Burgio, Scott.
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

3. American Legal Payment for Folio Views CD for use by Council office staff – \$458.25

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Troyer, to verbally approve item number three.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Troyer, Powers, McCormick, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

New Legislation:

1. A Resolution urging the Berea City School District to build a new elementary school on the current site of Brook Park Memorial School and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Councilman Mencini **Placed in Legislative Committee.**
2. A Resolution urging the Berea City School District to build a new high school on the current site of Ford Intermediate School and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Councilman Mencini **Placed in Legislative Committee.**
3. An Ordinance authorizing the City of Brook Park's participation in the State of Ohio Purchasing Program, for the purchase of strength equipment, cardio equipment and treadmills and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Finance Committee.**
4. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with G&G Fitness for the purchase of performance cardio equipment and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Finance Committee.**
5. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Brook Park Safety Dispatchers/Clerks Fraternal Order of Police Association Safety Dispatchers/Clerks and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Finance Committee.**
6. A Resolution honoring Clare Davis for her many accomplishments. Introduced by Councilman Troyer **Placed in Legislative Committee.**

Introduction of New Legislation: cont.

- 7. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to allow transfer of a parcel of property located at 16513 Hummel Road and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Finance Committee.**
- 8. A Resolution urging residents of the City of Brook Park to cease the use of toxic pesticides. Introduced by Councilwoman Powers **Placed in Aviation & Environmental Committee.**
- 9. A Resolution honoring the Polaris Career Center’s Culinary Team in winning the 2016 National Prostart Invitational Culinary Team Competition and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Councilwoman Powers **Placed in Legislative Committee.**
- 10. A Resolution accepting the recommendations and approving the minutes of the Housing Council on the City of Brook Park’s Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreements and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Legislative Committee.**

Mr. Astorino stated this item is time sensitive.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Burgio, to suspend the rules and place this item on first reading on tonight's agenda.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Burgio, Scott, Salvatore, Powers, McCormick, Mencini
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

This item will appear as M-7 Resolution No. 15-2016.

- 11. An ordinance authorizing the city to make a distribution from the Mayor’s Court Fund to the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Legislative Committee.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THE ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS THAT PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Ms. Kathy Stautihar
6288 Saylor Drive

Ms. Stautihar stated that she works with families affected by addiction and is a member of Robby’s Voice, a foundation specializing in education and prevention. The city should not support the marijuana legalization and expressed being not in favor of the proposed resolution. The city should support the 911 Good Samaritan

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THE ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS THAT PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

law or the Comprehensive Addiction & Recovery Act. 80% of medical card holders in California tried marijuana before the age of 19 and the current average initiation age for marijuana is age 12. A drug that is considered safe destigmatizes it for children who think it is okay to use especially if given by a doctor and that is not the right message for children. Marijuana is not considered an opiate, but is still considered a dangerous drug and hopes the resolution would be removed from the agenda.

Ms. Brandy Reynolds
6060 Middlebrook Blvd

Ms. Reynolds distributed information on the monarch butterflies and stated monarch butterflies are attracted to 5 species of milkweed native to the northeast region of the country. This plant can be invasive and the sap is toxic to animals, humans; citizens should research plants before planting for everyone's safety.

Mr. Robert Kowalski
Dayton, Oh

Mr. Kowalski stated at age 18 he joined the airforce and deployed to Iraq in 2007. After returning from Iraq he experienced severe nightmares due to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); prescribed medications to treat symptoms being ineffective. In 2012 he moved to Arizona and became a legal medical marijuana patient, stopped the use of all medications, walked unassisted, and, was able to speak publically for veterans on the issues of cannabis. Studies show marijuana treats 75% of PTSD symptoms and the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) approved a smoking study held in Arizona and at John Hopkins University allowing veterans to smoke cannabis to help with PTSD symptoms. As stated by the Mayor earlier, Brook Park was founded on the GI Bill so there is a big influence for veterans who live here. Mr. Kowalski continued that he is 28 years old, disabled and has been unemployable since age 25, was married eight months after being strictly on cannabis and had his first child born after two years of use; everyday veterans seek help and no one has answers on how to help them. Reportedly, twenty-two veterans take their lives daily due to their struggle, and in reality the number is probably closer to 56; please keep this in mind when considering HB 523.

Ms. Joan Markusic
13911 Bellbrook Drive

Ms. Markusic stated there have been repeated discussions regarding Audrey's Outreach; the Mayor mentioned paperwork must be filled out for a donation. Council Members who find this an important issue are not seeking information needed to ensure that Audrey's Outreach has what is needed to support them so they can be a community service. Ms. Markusic continued that she is tired of this

Remarks from the Audience on the Ordinances and/or Resolutions that pertain to items on the agenda: cont.

happening every single week and rather than unnecessary weekly meetings, Council and those running programs need to pay attention, do their paperwork and follow through. Those going without meals is an important issue for Council and every resident and it is appalling that people with paperwork in front of them every single meeting are not reading and retaining it sufficiently to ensure that Audrey's Outreach is being sponsored or getting access to funds to function as a service.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. ORDINANCE NO. 10024-2016, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE BROOK PARK FOOD PANTRY TO AUDREY'S OUTREACH AS A DONATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Introduced by Councilwoman McCormick & Council Members Troyer, Mencini, Powers, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore, Council President Astorino and Mayor Coyne.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, supported by Mr. Troyer, to suspend.

ROLL CALL: AYES: McCormick, Troyer, Powers, Mencini, Scott, Salvatore, Burgio.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Scott, to adopt.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore, Powers, McCormick, Mencini.

NAYS: None. Ord. No. 10024-2016 passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 10-2016, HONORING HEAD COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES FOR VOLUNTEERING IN COACHING BROOK PARK SPORTS PROGRAMS FOR THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Introduced by Councilman Mencini and Council Members Troyer, Powers, Scott, Burgio, McCormick, Salvatore, Council President Astorino and Mayor Coyne

Motion by McCormick, supported by Mr. Burgio, to suspend.

ROLL CALL: AYES: McCormick, Burgio, Scott, Salvatore, Troyer, Powers, Mencini.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to adopt.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore, Troyer, Powers, McCormick.

NAYS: None. Res. No. 10-2016 passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 11-2016, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JULY AS 'BUY AMERICAN MONTH' IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Introduced by Councilwoman Powers and Council Members Troyer, Mencini, Scott, Burgio, McCormick, Salvatore, Council President Astorino and Mayor Coyne

Motion by Ms. McCormick to suspend, supported by Mr. Troyer.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: McCormick, Troyer, Powers, Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Ms. McCormick supported by Mr. Troyer, to adopt.

Ms. Powers stated it is important to get the attention of the entire country so put your computers to good use by utilizing social networking by notifying everyone you know.

ROLL CALL: AYES: McCormick, Troyer, Powers, Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore.

NAYS: None. Res. No. 11-2016 passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 12-2016, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JULY AS 'PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH' IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Introduced by Councilman Burgio and Council Members Troyer, Mencini, Powers, Scott, McCormick, Salvatore and Council President Astorino

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore, Troyer, Powers, McCormick.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Troyer, to adopt.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Scott, Troyer, Powers, McCormick, Mencini, Burgio, Salvatore.

NAYS: None. Res. No. 12-2016 passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 13-2016, SUPPORTING 'OHIO HOUSE BILL 523' TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN THE STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Introduced by Councilwoman McCormick

Motion by Ms. McCormick, supported by Mr. Troyer, to suspend.

Ms. McCormick noted that HB 523 was approved by the House and Senate in the State and is just waiting for the Governor's signature. She hoped that after hearing Mr. Kowalski speak earlier that everyone would consider the help this could provide for veterans as well other people suffering from chronic pain.

Mr. Scott stated this is asking the House and Senate to support the issue, however, they have already approved it.

Ms. McCormick stated this also encourages the executive branch to pass it as well; so it would not be futile to pass this at this point.

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

Mr. Scott said proposed amendments to this bill have been mentioned regarding smoking, food and pills so there may be more pieces to this soon. Also, the same group supporting recreational use may be pushing for it along with the medical

use at some point; the city cannot support something like this right now if there are going to be changes down the road.

Mr. Mencini asked Ms. McCormick if this was still sitting on the Governor's desk.

Ms. McCormick concurred.

Mayor Coyne stated his concern is the tragedy of addiction and the tragedy of not providing relief to veterans; the dilemma is in writing of the rules. Will this become another prescription drug without the proper rules to add to the already perception drug epidemic? Who is prescribing, who is using and how much, and the criminal element of how payment will take place should this be considered. This is primed for addiction and a lot of other issues and there needs to be an understanding of how the rules are going to be written. Is addiction going to be paramount in the minds of those writing the rules as well as providing relief primarily if its proved to be successful for our veterans? That is a balancing act that is not here. The legislature reacted to preempt a valid issue without thinking through all of the various pitfalls. The attorney general's office should address enforcement of this and make sure allotments and prescriptions are not creating a larger problem for the state; right now that is where we should concentrate our efforts. Form a resolution addressing those issues as opposed to supporting a bill that is passed with no rules that nobody understands because we might be creating a bigger problem and not the kind of relief that our veterans need; the bill passed supporting this really has nothing to do with anything. Mayor Coyne suggested researching and reviewing the bill and examining how Congress and pharmacies and, if there is any other agency writing these rules, that we might encourage them to write something better that will provide a relief mechanism for those who need it and include a control to prevent addiction by those who are going to crave it and be a detriment in their life as opposed to relief.

Ms. McCormick believed the bill had a provision to set aside funding for addiction prevention programs and education, and it would be a shame not to support this. Not only veterans benefit from this, but children with seizure disorders as well. There needs to be some kind of resolution. I would not want to deny anyone their right to access treatment that they cannot find anywhere else. It is something that can only treat some things, like PTSD; there are not many treatments available.

Ms. Powers stated years ago marijuana was a prescription medicine, but for some reason was discontinued. Many new drugs advertised as working miracles are also

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

advertised as having many side effects, death being one; marijuana is not any more dangerous than any other drug, a lot of drugs are more addictive and more dangerous. One being Oxycodone, OxyContin, meant only for people in the last stages of life. However, it was being prescribed for anyone and created an addiction problem. Marijuana was a safe medicine at one time and it should be available for people who can make their own decision as to whether they want to use it or not. If a doctor prescribes OxyContin a patient should have the privilege of refusing that drug and asking the doctor to find another drug instead. It does not have to be taken just because it is available, but if a person wants to try a medication to see if it helps them then it should be there for the people who need it.

Mr. Astorino said HB 523 already passed so it cannot be amended and the Mayor had a valid point regarding rules. However, passing support of this bill does not stop Council from continuing to have a voice regarding rules that are being developed. It actually might increase our voice if we voice that we support the bill, but we have concerns about it. We are not just trying to say no to the bill by making rules too stringent we are just trying to make rules that are effective.

Mr. Scott stated that earlier he was referring to amendments on the November ballot regarding smoking of marijuana.

Mayor Coyne stated his opposition to the bill, even though already passed, is the concern about who is writing the rules. The legislature enacted this in a hurry to act before ballot language was passed, bills passed like that are not effective. The pharmaceutical industry and doctors prescribing prescription drugs have created an Epidemic, therefore, they would be prescribing, and pharmacies would be issuing, prescriptions for marijuana for various treatments. In the case of veterans, if it is helping them, that makes sense but it also provides for the same people that are causing addiction of the general populous right now. A bill should provide that the attorney general's office writes the laws and the bills. And, how will payments be processed? In Colorado people are paid in cash and purchases are made with cash, they cannot use federally chartered institutions and this bill does not address any of those kinds of issues. It already passed and there will probably be something substituted and put on the ballot; who knows what will be put there. In Ohio things should be done right and reap from the mistakes of everybody else. There were long deliberate hearings on this and we heard from the veterans; I'm sure that they did testify. I do not know from the addiction community how much input they have, but there was a rush to pass something to off-shoot a ballot initiative because the legislature did not want to be in the position they were put in with gaming. That is not enough for the people of the state, it is not enough for the veterans and it is not enough for those who deal with addictions on a daily basis. Including veterans who have addictions from the medications that Mr. Kowalski mentioned earlier, that he was on for a long time. It is a more complex problem than just being on the

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

Governor's desk, it was not given the attention and time necessary to move a bill in Ohio providing for needs for relief and concerns over addiction.

Ms. McCormick stated regarding the ballot initiative, that they had already gathered hundreds of thousands of signatures to get a similar initiative on the ballot this November, that was withdrawn the day after it was passed by the House and Senate. They are no longer seeking to have that on ballot and they announced that, also, Ohio is behind the times and we are not in any kind of rush. There may be a conflict of interest with the Mayor as one of his biggest supporters was involved with Issue II last year, which also included recreational use and when the Mayor was campaigning...

Mayor Coyne asked Ms. McCormick who she was referring to and she replied Mr. Tony George, his son was connected with it.

Mayor Coyne said well he is not Tony George.

Ms. McCormick stated she followed the issue very closely and knows what took place.

Mayor Coyne stated an accusation has been made against an individual and he wanted to be sure it was on the record.

Ms. McCormick stated that during the campaign for Mayor, he said in front of a number of residents, that he supported even the recreational use of marijuana and she had witnesses willing to come forward; believed the Mayor had other motives behind his opposition.

Mayor Coyne stated he did not know what conflict of interest there is if people abide by the State Constitution, and that Ms. McCormick had supported people that had initiative petitions. He understood the son was involved with a group of people that would have a farm and did not recall making a statement that he supported legalization of marijuana; there is no conflict of interest whatsoever. Ms. McCormick is trying to pass a resolution for a bill that has already passed and that is ridiculous, he is not challenging the bill itself or a ballot initiative; this is about who writes the rules. It is the same people who clearly have a conflict of interest, pharmacists; those are his objections. This resolution has no impact for something that has already occurred.

Ms. McCormick stated it has not been signed by the Governor so, therefore, it is not officially fully passed.

Mayor Coyne said yes it is.

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

Ms. McCormick stated we can still show support.

Mayor Coyne said Ms. McCormick was wrong.

Mr. Astorino stated suspension of the rules is being considered and discussions was allowed and opinions have been stated.

The clerk called the roll by Mrs. McCormick, supported by Mr. Troyer to suspend the rules.

ROLL CALL: AYES: McCormick, Troyer, Powers.

NAYS: Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore. The motion failed 3-4.

Mr. Astorino stated Resolution No. 13-2016 has had its First Reading.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14-2016, ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO CREATE MONARCH BUTTERFLY WAY STATIONS Introduced by Councilwoman Powers and Council Members Troyer, Mencini, McCormick and Council President Astorino

Motion by Ms. McCormick to suspend, supported by Mr. Troyer.

ROLL CALL: AYES: McCormick, Troyer, Powers, Mencini.

NAYS: Scott, Burgio, Salvatore. The motion failed 4-3.

Resolution No. 14-2016 has had first reading.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 15-2016 in its entirety because it was added to the agenda and not properly posted.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 15-2016 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COUNCIL ON THE CITY OF BROOK PARK'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Introduced by Mayor Coyne and Councilman Troyer

Motion by Ms. McCormick, supported by Mr. Burgio to suspend.

Mr. Salvatore asked for a copy of the Resolution and copies were distributed.

Mr. Salvatore asked if this was approved by the Housing Council.

Mr. Astorino stated, yes, they met this afternoon and this was received late this Afternoon; the Housing Council approved and stated this is time-sensitive.

Mayor Coyne stated these are people who all qualify under the Community Reinvestment Area; a review is done every year to verify that the properties are occupied and that there are no violations of the agreement.

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

The clerk called the roll by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Burgio, to suspend.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Burgio, Scott, Salvatore, Powers, McCormick, Mencini.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Scott to adopt, supported by Ms. Mencini.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Scott, Mencini, McCormick, Powers, Troyer, Salvatore, Burgio.

NAYS: None. Res. No. 15-2016 passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 10022-2016, APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PUBLISHING THE ENACTMENT OF SUCH NEW MATTER; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Introduced by Council President Astorino

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mrs. McCormick, to suspend.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, McCormick, Powers, Troyer, Mencini, Scott, Burgio.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Troyer, to adopt.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Troyer, Powers, McCormick, Mencini, Scott, Burgio.

NAYS: None. Ord. No. 10022-2016 passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Mr. Jack Thomas

15913 Remora Blvd.

Mr. Thomas stated that there is a confusing situation on Snow Road coming from the airport regarding a left-hand turn lane; not being marked well on the street, the situation should be looked at to prevent a head on collision.

Ms. Joan Markusic

13911 Bellbrook Drive

Ms. Markusic stated that Councilman Salvatore had requested holding Caucus meetings before Council meetings. The week that Council is not at a Caucus meeting and at a Council meeting would be a good time to review the agenda so everyone is on the same page when addressing one another and the public. Everyone would be more clear about exactly what is going on and what is being

Remarks from the audience on any subject matter: cont.

presented and discussed. Having all of the agenda rather than bits and pieces shows you are more cohesive and you know what is going on in the city. If Council people do not have information and are not aware of what is being discussed, the city cannot move forward; case in point is Audrey's Outreach and the marijuana bill. Passing a bill when nothing is clear or set in stone, or no one has any idea of what is in the item they are passing is ridiculous. However, that has become the focus at the Council meeting when other issues need to be addressed. Ms. Markusic continued that she was not concerned with who is or is not smoking marijuana; it is accessible to people who need it, they can get it on the street. Her concern is that Council needs to focus on what helps the city, not a law in the government that we basically, have no control over at this point in time. Council needs to step up its game.

Ms. Powers asked if she could comment.

Mr. Astorino asked Ms. Powers to speak from the podium.

Ms. Jan Powers

16110 Harrison Drive

Mrs. Powers stated milkweed is the only plant Monarchs lay eggs on and the cocoon feeds off the plant; as a butterfly it feeds off any available plant. The bitter sap, when ingested becomes part of the body of the butterfly that is its defense system against predators wanting to eat it. Mrs. Powers continued that she played with milkweed as a child and was exposed to the sap and the pods and has not heard of any human or animal being ill due to milkweed. If there is a concern, do not plant it, however, not all of us have pets or children to be concerned about. Ford Middle School will start a milkweed Monarch butterfly garden this fall in their courtyard, and she also spoke with the MetroParks about growing it as it is a native plant.

Ms. Brandy Reynolds

6060 Middlebrook Blvd.

Ms. Reynolds stated that there are very invasive rhizomes from milkweed plants that can grow into neighboring yards. Animals are dying, people are losing their vision if the substance gets on their hands, small children touch their faces and mouths and eat things they are not supposed to eat and dogs can be exposed to toxins by eating leaves and grass that comes into contact with milkweed. Ms. Reynolds urged people to be aware of what they plant and where, and who will be around the plants.

Ms. Elizabeth Sayers

23065 Cedar Point Road

Ms. Sayers thanked the EMS for assisting her neighbor and glad the fire station is open. Also, officials should not argue among themselves, but should

Remarks from the audience on any subject matter: cont.

work together for the betterment of the city and to get her neighborhood cleaned up.

Mr. Salvatore stated this segment of the meeting is for residents or nonresidents who would like to speak, and Ms. Powers has the right to speak from her chair. The podium belongs to the residents and anyone else who would like to speak and stated that he would propose a Council rule change if necessary, that Council be allowed to speak from their chair and not take time away from residents.

Mr. Astorino stated this was discussed at the organizational meeting and the orientation meeting and the procedure was established. This segment of the meeting is remarks from the audience on any subject matter and Ms. Powers is an audience member if she wants to be and he is following the agenda. The rules and procedures were supported unanimously by Members of Council and Mr. Salvatore's objection now is different from what his objection was then.

Mr. Troyer said we are all residents and can speak at the podium if necessary.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Burgio, to reply to the audience who spoke at the podium.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Burgio, Scott, Salvatore, Powers, McCormick, Mencini.
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Mencini agreed with Ms. Sayer's earlier comment that healthy discussions are more productive than arguing and also agrees with many of Ms. Markusic's comments, particularly regarding Facebook. Members of Council have to know what they are doing and most of the time they do and has noticed a positive movement in the city. Volunteers are needed on committees and Ms. Markusic would be good on some of them, the community has to get involved; Council cannot do it all. Councilman Mencini thanked residents Markusic, Sayers and Thomas for speaking.

Mr. Burgio said there is a barrier between Council and the residents that he would like torn down. Mr. Burgio thanked Mr. Thomas for the safety concerns mentioned earlier, and stated the safety director was informed last week about resolving this problem.

Mr. Scott agreed with Ms. Markusic that the city has to address bigger issues and needs to get revenue funded to take care of buildings and streets. Mr. Scott is not against milkweed but residents have to know the pros and cons and that it is toxic for animals

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and children. Mr. Scott mentioned he did not vote for suspension because there has to be dialect to inform the people and thanked Ms. Reynolds for commenting on this issue.

Mr. Troyer took offense at the comment that Council does not know what they are doing or that they are misinformed because he studies issues thoroughly. There is a lot of information available to anyone who wants it via his website, Council's website, and the city's website. The entire Council packet is online and can be reviewed and printed; the Clerk of Council will print it as well for a small fee, there should be nothing that Council does not have. A few times something may be an emergency and a hard copy is not available, but the issue tonight was an annual housekeeping issue and the Council Clerk read the legislation in its entirety. It was not that Council did not have it, it was that the Housing Council meeting took place this evening and Council had to act on the issue so it could be sent to Columbus in time. There is nothing to fill out for Audrey's Outreach that is something the Mayor talked about, but we do not have that. The money that was left over from the old pantry will now go to Audrey's to be used properly.

Mr. Scott commented there will be a Ward IV picnic on June 25th as advertised in his newsletter and food and games will be provided.

Mr. Astorino asked if other Members of Council were invited and Mr. Scott replied that they are more than welcome.

Ms. Powers said in Ward III there will be a classic car show at Brookgate Shopping Center every Friday until mid-October, weather permitting, for the entire city.

Mr. Astorino said Members of Council and the Law Director are sponsoring a senior health resources fair on June 16 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, all seniors are welcome. Regarding Council needing to step up its game and get things done, we have worked together to pass a balanced budget with a lot of capital improvements. Three streets are being done, grass cutting for seniors is being reinstated, Phase IV and the sidewalk program are starting; all of those things are being done. We are taking care of city business and passing resolutions to set the tone to establish a friendly community atmosphere. Open debate is how government works as well as reviewing and questioning things and watching over tax dollars. We are working on controlling arguments and keeping personalities out of things. We put a lot into the Community Development and supported a lot of the Economic Development. We are working at it and getting it done; we have stepped up the game.

Mr. Mencini stated he is always available if needed by residents and will have a newsletter out by the end of the month. Things are getting done and he is hearing a

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lot of good things and the city needs to get a revenue source. There are streets and buildings to take care of, as well as the seniors, the children and ourselves for the future, not for just this year or next year; need to have a dedicated program for today, five, ten, fifteen, twenty years from now.

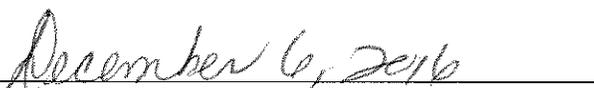
There being no business to come before this meeting Council President Astorino declared this meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

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