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REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING OF THE  
BROOK PARK CITY COUNCIL  
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Transcript of Regular Caucus Meeting of the  
Brook Park City Council, commencing at  
7 p.m., Tuesday, August 9, 2016 in the City  
Council Chambers at 6161 Engle Road,  
Brookpark, Ohio 44142.

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MR. ASTORINO: Good evening,  
everyone, welcome to the August 9th,  
2016 regular caucus meeting for the  
City of Brook Park. I will ask the  
clerk to please call the roll.

THE CLERK: Scott?

MR. SCOTT: Here.

THE CLERK: Burgio?

MR. BURGIO: Here.

THE CLERK: Salvatore?

MR. SALVATORE: Here.

THE CLERK: Troyer?

MR. TROYER: Present.

THE CLERK: Powers?

MRS. POWERS: Here.

THE CLERK: McCormick?

MS. MCCORMICK: Here.

THE CLERK: Mencini?

MR. MENCINI: Here.

MR. ASTORINO: I will ask  
everyone to please stand and join us  
in the pledge of allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

1                   MR. ASTORINO: Item number 3  
2                   on the agenda is approval of the  
3                   minutes of the preceding meetings.  
4                   We have one item on tonight's agenda  
5                   for that, the regular caucus meeting  
6                   that was held on March 22nd, 2016.

7                   MR. MENCINI: Motion to approve.

8                   MS. McCORMICK: Support.

9                   MR. ASTORINO: There has been  
10                  a motion to approve, properly  
11                  supported. Is there any discussion?

12                  Seeing no discussion, call  
13                  the role.

14                  THE CLERK: Mencini?

15                  MR. MENCINI: Yes.

16                  THE CLERK: McCormick?

17                  MS. MCCORMICK: Yes.

18                  THE CLERK: Powers?

19                  MS. POWERS: Yes.

20                  THE CLERK: Troyer?

21                  MR. TROYER: Yes.

22                  THE CLERK: Salvatore?

23                  MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

24                  THE CLERK: Burgio?

25                  MR. BURGIO: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Scott?

2 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

3 MR. ASTORINO: The minutes for  
4 the March 22nd, 2016 meeting have  
5 been approved. And we move to item 4  
6 on the a agenda, which is legislative  
7 committee chairman Troyer.

8 MR. TROYER: Thank you,  
9 Mr. Chairman. We have 2 items on the  
10 agenda tonight.

11 The first item, the person  
12 who is sponsoring this asked me, said  
13 he really didn't want this taken on  
14 at this time, so I am going to remove  
15 it from the agenda.

16 MR. SALVATORE Mr. Chairman.

17 MR. TROYER: The second item  
18 --

19 MR. SALVATORE Mr. Chairman, I  
20 would like to speak to that. You  
21 can't take it off the agenda without  
22 a vote anyway. I would just like to  
23 have it moved to the next regular  
24 caucus meeting, I would like to have  
25 somebody come to speak to that.

1                   MR. TROYER: I did not bring  
2                   it out of committee, I am taking it  
3                   off the agenda today, so I will bring  
4                   it out for you the next caucus  
5                   meeting then.

6                   MR. SALVATORE    Mr.Chairman, it's  
7                   on the agenda, I just want to make a  
8                   motion to put it on the agenda for  
9                   the next caucus meeting.

10                  MR. TROYER: I did not read  
11                  it, so it's not on the agenda, it's  
12                  taken off.

13                  I will continue to number 2.  
14                  Number 2, a resolution honoring our  
15                  local military veteran and supporting  
16                  National Veterans Awareness Week,  
17                  introduced by council members  
18                  McCormick, Powers and council  
19                  president Astorino. Council member  
20                  McCormick would you like to speak on  
21                  this?

22                  MS. MCCORMICK: Sure. Back in  
23                  May, if you guys recall, we passed 3  
24                  resolutions to honor purple heart  
25                  veterans. And at that time there was

1 criticism from some that we are not  
2 honoring all veterans. And, you know,  
3 I promised then for Veterans Day that  
4 we would be doing, or I would at  
5 least try to attempt to do something  
6 and then hoping the rest of council  
7 would join with me in supporting this  
8 resolution. This is a resolution to  
9 honor our local military veterans and  
10 supporting National Veterans  
11 Awareness Week, which this year is  
12 November 6th through 12th. The idea  
13 behind this is to honor those  
14 veterans and during Veterans  
15 Awareness Week to have a couple of  
16 events that we could put on to help  
17 support. If anybody would like to be  
18 a co-sponsor on this?

19 MR. ASTORINO: All that would  
20 like to be a co-sponsor on this piece  
21 of legislation please raise your  
22 hand. That's everybody, clerk.

23 MR. MENCINI: I should ask if  
24 we talk about this?

25 MR. ASTORINO: Anybody else?

1 Mr. Mencini, go ahead.

2 MR. MENCINI: No, I would  
3 co-sponsor it. Let's move on.

4 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Anybody  
5 else like to speak on this?

6 Council, what is your  
7 pleasure? Oh, I'm sorry, law  
8 director?

9 MRS. HORVATH: Yes.

10 Mr. Chairman, I would indicate that  
11 the law department has not seen this  
12 particular piece of legislation. I  
13 assume it's an oversight based on the  
14 fact I was on vacation. I just  
15 wanted to indicate I would take a  
16 look at it and the next time it comes  
17 forward you had should have a signed  
18 copy corrected to legal form.

19 MR. ASTORINO: To show that's  
20 correct legal form?

21 MRS. HORVATH: Correct.

22 MR. ASTORINO: OKAY, thank you  
23 for that.

24 Councilwoman McCormick, go  
25 ahead.

1 MS. MCCORMICK: I would like  
2 to make a motion to place this on  
3 next regular council meeting,  
4 September 6, I believe.

5 MR. MENCINI Second.

6 MR. ASTORINO: Motion to place  
7 the on next regularly scheduled  
8 council meeting in September,  
9 properly seconded. Clerk, please call  
10 the role.

11 THE CLERK: McCormick?

12 MS. MCCORMICK: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Mencini?

14 MR. MENCINI: Yes

15 THE CLERK: Powers?

16 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Troyer?

18 MR. TROYER: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: Salvatore?

20 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Burgio?

22 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Scott?

24 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

25 MR. ASTORINO: That's it for

1           A VOICE: Go ahead, Mayor

2           A VOICE: The meeting had been  
3 called to order, you are the  
4 chairman, you will conduct the  
5 meeting.

6           For the record, I stated this  
7 last night, everything, these rules  
8 that the council president talks  
9 about only exist in his imagination.  
10 So, therefore, it is nothing  
11 improper, we have a memorandum from  
12 the law director, advised by the law  
13 department, we should proceed, if he  
14 chooses to abdicate his  
15 responsibility as chairman, it is  
16 your duty to convene the meeting.

17           I would suggest to you, sir,  
18 to this body, to the people of this  
19 city, that there are codified  
20 ordinances in this city that deal  
21 with obstruction of official business  
22 in this city. After this evenings  
23 meeting I intend to consult with the  
24 law department relative to that  
25 matter. So Council in my view can

1           move forward to advise the  
2           administration is ready to present  
3           any information council needs on  
4           these ordinances.

5                     Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6                     MRS. POWERS: He only stated his  
7           opinion, just his opinion. Not a  
8           fact.

9                     MR. MENCINI: Quiet. We are  
10          going to C remarks from the audience  
11          on these ordinances. We will go to L  
12          remarks from the audience on  
13          ordinances and resolutions that  
14          pertain to the agenda, that's on the  
15          3 pieces that we have right now.

16                    When you come up, please  
17          state your name and addresses. Thank  
18          you.

19                    MR. JEFFREY DUKE: My name is  
20          Jeffrey Duke, 15914 Ramore Boulevard,  
21          Brook Park, Ohio 14412. And I would  
22          like to talk about tonight the items  
23          that are on second reading. First I  
24          would like to address item number 1,  
25          the ordinance authorizing the Mayor

1                   Discussion on the  
2                   motion? Seeing no discussion, we will  
3                   call the role on the motion.

4                   THE CLERK: Salvatore?

5                   MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

6                   THE CLERK: Scott?

7                   MR. SCOTT: Yes.

8                   THE CLERK: Burgio?

9                   MR. BURGIO: Yes.

10                  THE CLERK: Mencini?

11                  MR. MENCINI: Yes.

12                  THE CLERK: McCormick?

13                  MS. MCCORMICK: No.

14                  THE CLERK: Powers?

15                  MRS. POWERS: No.

16                  THE CLERK: Troyer?

17                  MR. TROYER: Yes.

18                  THE CLERK: Motion carries 5  
19                  to 2.

20                  MR. SALVATORE: Can I speak to  
21                  it, Mr. Chairman?

22                  MR. ASTORINO: Go head,  
23                  Mr. Salvatore.

24                  MR. SALVATORE: At this time I  
25                  would like to ask all members of

1 council if they would like to  
2 co-sponsor it, it has always been a  
3 courtesy extended by all members  
4 especially me to ask all members if  
5 they would like to co-sponsor the  
6 legislation. All I am asking it gets  
7 moved to the next caucus meeting so I  
8 could bring somebody from this  
9 organization to speak before council,  
10 so council will have all the  
11 information they need in order to  
12 vote intelligently as to what this  
13 organization does for people who are  
14 involved in this type of situation.  
15 That's all I am asking. Thank you,  
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you,  
18 Mr. Salvatore. First of all I did not  
19 read the ordinance so we are really  
20 not under discussion on it. I would  
21 like to say this briefly, one  
22 question, do you have anybody lined  
23 up to speak yet?

24 MR. SALVATORE: I'm working  
25 on it.

1                   MR. ASTORINO: When you have  
2                   that person lined up you let me know,  
3                   it will be scheduled on the next  
4                   caucus meeting, I guarantee you.  
5                   Okay?

6                   MR. SALVATORE: My next  
7                   question is, if anybody would like to  
8                   co-sponsor, please raise their hands.

9                   MR. ASTORINO: The piece of  
10                  legislation, I haven't read it, so it  
11                  is not up for discussion or any kind  
12                  of action.

13                  MR. SALVATORE: Mr. Chairman,  
14                  can I make one more comment before we  
15                  leave? If anybody would like to  
16                  co-sponsor please contact the clerk  
17                  and have your name added to it.

18                  MR. ASTORINO: Thank you,  
19                  Mr. Salvatore.

20                  Back to you, council  
21                  president.

22                  MR. ASTORINO: Okay, that  
23                  concludes the items on the  
24                  legislative committee.

25                  We have no further business

1 for this caucus meeting.

2 **MR. BURGIO** Motion to adjourn.

3 **MR. SCOTT** Support.

4 MR. ASTORINO: There is a  
5 motion to adjourn, properly  
6 supported. I think it's not  
7 necessary, but I will allow it, we  
8 will call the role on adjournment.

9 THE CLERK: Burgio?

10 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Scott?

12 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Salvatore

14 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: Troyer?

16 MR. TROYER: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Powers?

18 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: McCormick?

20 MS. MCCORMICK: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Mencini?

22 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

23 MR. ASTORINO: Okay, motion  
24 carries, the regular caucus meeting  
25 is adjourned.

1                   We will take a short break  
 2                   and reconvene the meeting after a  
 3                   short break.  
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 5                   (Meeting adjourned.)

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