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3 THE CLERK: Testing. Testing. Today is
4 Tuesday, October 4th. We have a council meeting
5 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

6 MR. ASTORINO: Good evening, everyone.
7 Welcome to the Tuesday October 4, 2016 regular council
8 meeting for the City of Brook Park. I'll ask the clerk
9 to please call the roll.

10 THE CLERK: Scott.

11 MR. SCOTT: Here.

12 THE CLERK: Burgio.

13 MR. BURGIO: Here.

14 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

15 MR. SALVATORE: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Troyer.

17 MR. TROYER: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Powers.

19 MRS. POWERS: Here.

20 THE CLERK: McCormick. Mencini.

21 MR. MENCINI: Here.

22 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Let the record show
23 that Councilwoman McCormick did notify us that she's off
24 ill tonight, so she won't be at the meeting. So an
25 excused absence.

1 Please stand and join us in the Pledge of
2 Allegiance.

3 (Thereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
4 recited.)

5 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Thank you. We have no
6 items under letter C of the agenda. So we'll move to
7 letter D of the agenda, which is Reports of Standing
8 Committees. We'll go to aviation and environmental,
9 Councilwoman Powers.

10 MRS. POWERS: No reports this afternoon,
11 Mr. President. Thank you.

12 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. We'll move to
13 finance committee. Councilwoman McCormick is not here.

14 THE CLERK: Troyer.

15 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Troyer, you're the
16 Co-chair.

17 MR. TROYER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18 Finance Committee has quite a few items -- well, no.
19 That's actually Service. Let me look real quick. I
20 think Finance Committee has one or two items on
21 tonight's agenda. That's it. Thank you.

22 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. We'll move to the
23 Legislative Committee. Councilman Troyer.

24 MR. TROYER: Me again. Thank you, Mr.
25 Chairman. Legislative Committee has one item on

1 tonight's agenda. And I'd like to submit the caucus
2 coming up next week. I would like to remind my fellow
3 councilmen, if you have anything on my committee, please
4 shoot me an e-mail and let me know if you would want to
5 take it out and I will take it out. Thank you.

6 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. We'll move to
7 Parks and Recreation, Councilman Mencini.

8 MR. MENCINI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9 October is half month off for the rec memberships. So
10 if you would like to get up there and get in shape for
11 the holidays, it would be great to see you get up there.
12 It's a great opportunity. We are starting to pick up
13 some more members there. I just think it's a great
14 deal. So we would love to see you over there.

15 The fall flyers went out to every resident.
16 Check it out. See all the great programs we have, the
17 activities, everything we have going on. Hopefully
18 there's a lot more on the way.

19 Football is underway. Maybe Saturday
20 afternoons, a little on Wednesdays. And you'll even see
21 the peewee clinic. Actually, you'll seen them over
22 there tonight. Stop by. Watch the cheerleaders also.
23 It's a fun time. We had a good time on Saturday. Brook
24 Park teams are all doing really well.

25 We are really taking registrations now for

1 youth co-ed volleyball, youth co-ed dodgeball and
2 women's volleyball.

3 The flu shots, I had mentioned at the last
4 council meeting two weeks ago, will be Friday,
5 October 7th, from 9:00 to 12:00 at the rec center. So
6 if you need them, that's, again, October 7th from 9:00
7 to 12:00 at the rec center.

8 The senior social's Thursday, October 13th
9 from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. Come enjoy the refreshments and
10 meet some new people. And you can get a nice little
11 workout after and burn some of them calories off from
12 all the little goodies they have over there.

13 If you haven't noticed, we've got our
14 electrical sign up, over there on Engle and Holland. It
15 looks great. I hope everybody has seen it. A lot of
16 good advertisement over there. Tell you about all the
17 programs we've got going, everything we have in the
18 city, the events, activity and important city
19 information. So if you haven't seen it yet, get a
20 chance, go get a good look and see what we have going
21 on.

22 Maryann, our Recreation Director, was able to
23 write a grant from the Walmart Foundation, for \$1,000
24 dollars. And it's going to pay for our annual
25 youth Halloween party. That will be Sunday,

1 October 23rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. So get the
2 kiddies, grandkids, your kids, everybody, even yourself,
3 get dressed up. It will be a good time over
4 there.

5 The rec commission meeting will be held this
6 Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. instead of the
7 normal scheduled date, the third Thursday of the month.
8 Should be a good meeting, very good meeting we're
9 hoping. There are some good things on the way we're
10 hoping so...

11 The Post Office wheels is going to be at the
12 Recreation Center on Tuesday, October 11th from 10:50 to
13 11:15 a.m., that is. 10:50 to 11:15 a.m. This is held
14 at the recreation center every Tuesday of every month.

15 Couple other things, the Brook
16 Park Impact will have their kickball game over at
17 Kennedy Field at 1:00 p.m. on October 14th. The kids
18 are out of school. So, your kids, anybody's kids, have
19 them come over there. Cindy Shick and the gang do a
20 really good job.

21 The Brook Park Beautification and Pride will
22 have their winter application evening October 12th.
23 It's an evening to honor all the people that won the
24 awards this year and hopefully they'll get some new
25 members on that committee.

1 One last thing, for all of you
2 we are all one here, so I put a card for the Barr
3 girl, Sophia and Sierra, if you want to sign it and
4 contribute, it's right in the little box here in the
5 front row. Council and the directors, we're all going
6 to sign it and we're going to get it out to them. And
7 for everybody's information, they've been moved to
8 Fairview, to the Cleveland Clinic Pediatric on Martin
9 Luther King Boulevard ICU, doing better. I know there
10 was a lot of worry about Sophia having a tough time,
11 and she was; she was able to tell her mother, whose
12 birthday it is today, I love you. So good sign.

13 So I'll leave it at that. Thank you for
14 listening. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

15 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Thank you. Move to
16 the Planning Committee, Councilman Troyer.

17 MR. TROYER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
18 have good news from the Planning Committee. Last night
19 we did have a meeting and we approved the request for
20 conditional use permit and project approval to construct
21 and operate a new 12,000-square-foot, multi-tenant
22 building, located at 1611 -- 16110 Brookpark Road,
23 located in U 7-B and U 7-E District. If anybody doesn't
24 recognize that address, that's the Luni Wurz Company is
25 going to go ahead and take us up on that demolition

1 eventually. So they're going to build a new building,
2 demolish the other building, the Quonset Hut(phonetic).
3 And then eventually, phase two is to build another
4 building on the other side of where the Quonset Hut was.
5 So that's going to be a great improvement for the city.

6 And they're also going to -- they're going
7 to -- there's multiple lots. They are going to
8 consolidate the lots. So we are going to be looking at
9 some legislation to do that. Hopefully we can get that
10 done. It's going to be -- of course, that's zoning. So
11 we are going to -- well, we're going to rezone the one
12 lot because they are zoned differently. So we are going
13 to have to rezone, do some zoning changes. And
14 hopefully -- that's going to take three readings,
15 hopefully we can get that done as fast as we can. It's
16 going to take three readings.

17 So, anyways, this is good news. And I guess
18 that's the end of my report.

19 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. We'll move to the
20 Safety Committee. Councilman Salvatore.

21 MR. SALVATORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22 Safety Committee does not have legislation on tonight's
23 agenda.

24 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Thank you. We'll move
25 to the Service Committee, Councilman Burgio.

1 MR. BURGIO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The
2 Service Committee has several items on tonight's agenda.
3 Among them are the purchase of the 2017 package for
4 Two Mack Chassis for the Western Star. 4700 SB truck.

5 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

6 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. Board of Zoning
7 Appeals, Councilman Scott.

8 MR. SCOTT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Board
9 of Zoning met yesterday. There was one piece on the
10 agenda, that was to request a variance property, the
11 electronic message board at 13425 Snow Road. That's the
12 Sun Plum Farmer's Market, located in the U-3, A-3 zone.
13 That was passed unanimously last night.
14 They're moving forward over
15 there and will be opening up pretty soon.

16 Thank you. That's it.

17 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Thank you. Move to
18 Reports. Item E, Reports of Special Committee,
19 Southwest General Health Center, Trustee, Councilman
20 Salvatore.

21 MR. SALVATORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We
22 haven't had a meeting since my last report. But I will
23 be attending an all-day trustee advance this Friday.
24 And our next board meeting is scheduled for October
25 12th. I'll complete a report for council then.

1 I can give you a brief update on the
2 Strategic Planning Committee that I'm a member of, from
3 the hospital. We're just about ready to present our
4 future plan and recommendations to the systems board.
5 I'm pretty sure we should have that complete by the end
6 of the month. So we should be presenting that at a
7 special board meeting on the 26th. And I'll report back
8 to council immediately following that.

9 And finally, I would like to publicly thank
10 Southwest General for joining with the City of Brook
11 Park and making the month of October Breast Cancer
12 Awareness month. In fact, we'll be honoring a gentleman
13 that was also instrumental. He met with the Mayor on
14 several occasions and was very instrumental in helping
15 putting this together. And I would certainly hope that
16 the people of Brook Park take note of such a tragic
17 situation, this cancer. And an I hope that a lot of
18 people are taking heed of this and getting in and
19 getting checked as often as possible.

20 That completes my report, Mr. Chairman.

21 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. We'll move to the
22 Berea Board of Education Committee, Councilman Burgio.

23 MR. BURGIO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
24 have a short report tonight. And it's nice to have
25 Corey Farris, from the school board, joining us tonight

1 glad you could make it here tonight.

2 The 26th -- September 26th school board
3 meeting, the Strongsville Psychological Agreement was
4 approved. The policy -- or the Police Rate-of-Pay was
5 also approved. And the 2016/17 Appropriation
6 Modification was also approved. The board also approved
7 the purchase of one school bus.

8 The Education Alternatives was approved,
9 which provides the district with three choices for IEP,
10 the individual education placement.

11 And the Echo program, which is a
12 nontraditional learning environment for at-risk
13 students; and the Coral Autism program.

14 The agreement between the Berea School
15 District and the Ursuline Graduate Department of
16 education was also approved, which was for suitable
17 observation of field work, clinical student teaching,
18 experience for those seeking careers in education.

19 Jesse Weinberger, who I'd mentioned in my
20 last report two weeks ago, she was the one who gave the
21 presentation at the Berea Midpark High on the 29th of
22 September about Internet safety. Was also in the
23 district for a week and at Ford Intermediate School
24 September 27th and gave a talk previously.

25 Mr. Pellegrino gave an update on facilities

1 at Ford at the school board meeting. Much of the
2 changes were in response to a parent survey take. And
3 among the changes mentioned were expanded orientation
4 and transition activities, adding a small team option
5 and creating a p.m. afternoon homeroom to improve the
6 student overall experience. It has been four years
7 since Ford has been an intermediate school. According
8 to polls, 71 percent are satisfied with the change.

9 And, lastly, two of the three informational
10 nights have taken place. If there are more questions, I
11 would encourage the residents to attend the last one,
12 which will be October 25th. That will be at Middle
13 Brook Junior High.

14 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

15 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Thank you.

16 All right. That concludes the items under
17 letter E. We have no items under letter F, which is
18 Reports of Boards and Commissions. So we will move to
19 letter G, which is Introduction of Resolutions of
20 Commendation. This is where we have placed the
21 presentation to the Celtic Club of Ohio To Fight Cancer.

22 I ask Mr. Salvatore and, actually, I'd ask
23 Mr. Colliver, if you can come to the podium for the
24 presentation.

25 MR. SALVATORE: Mr. Chairman, will you be so

1 kind as to have the Clerk read the whereas before the
2 presentation?

3 Whereas, Breast cancer is the most common
4 cancer in woman in the United States and second leading
5 cause of death in women. And Whereas the City of Brook
6 Park hereby designates the month of October 2016 as
7 Breast Cancer Awareness month in the City of Brook Park.

8 Whereas the city along with Southwest
9 General Health Center is reminding and urging women to
10 schedule a mammogram screening.

11 Whereas on Friday, September 30, 2016
12 the seventh annual Celtic Club Fights Cancer will
13 display an exhibit along the Snow Road bridge overpass,
14 Engle Road and Route 237, in front of the Ford Motor
15 Company, Cleveland Engine Plant.

16 Now therefore it be resolved of the
17 council and the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that
18 section one that if this council does hereby designate
19 the month of October 2016 as breast cancer awareness

1 month in Brook Park. And we'll show our support by
2 lighting up the gazebo in pink lights.

3 Section two, we encourage our residents to
4 join us in the witnessing of the Bras Across the Bridge
5 exhibit in Brook Park on September 30, 2016, beginning
6 in the morning and ending in the evening, to show our
7 support of breast cancer awareness.

8 **Mr. Salvatore:** Thank you

9 MR. SALVATORE: On behalf of the Mayor and
10 all the members of council and the entire City of Brook
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12
13 Park, we are proud to represent -- I'm proud to
14 represent the city in presenting this resolution for all
15 that you've done to create this awareness program that
16 you've put together.

17 I don't think there's anybody in this room
18 that couldn't stand up here and talk for an hour about
19 how many people we've lost that are close to us from
20 cancer. I lost my father. I lost one of my sisters. I
21 lost several uncles. I've lost many, many friends. And
22 I'm still losing friend to cancer.

23 But today, we're talking about what you did
24 and what motivated you to come up with this idea to
25 present the awareness and the way you did it and how you

1 did it. And it's really successful. I'd really like
2 the people in the audience and people at home that are
3 watching to hear from you.

4 So congratulations for your input. Thank
5 you for being a part of this. Thank you for meeting
6 with the Mayor and helping put this together. And,
7 again, from all of the council and the Mayor and
8 everyone in Brook Park, thank you.

9 MR. COLLIVER: Thank you very much. I really
10 appreciate this. I want to thank everyone in the
11 council for taking the time to put this together to
12 present this to me. It means an awful lot. Like
13 everyone else here, you know this is a really personal
14 thing for me. I really want to thank Lou and everybody
15 in the Service Department with the help in putting this
16 display up.

17 Our members -- it's like a typhoon out
18 there. I've been drying everything at home on the deck,
19 in the garage, living room. We've got fans going.

20 But we're ready for next year. Really, you
21 know, look forward to coming back next year and maybe we
22 can get ahold of Dick Goddard and Mark Johnson and get a
23 nice, warm day.

24 But this started in Downtown Kent, in
25 September 2010 on the Cuyahoga River Bridge. Me

1 girlfriend had passed away from cancer. We had a lot of
2 -- my grandmother, I had some aunts with breast cancer.
3 I mean, it's unfortunately very common thing in our
4 family.

5 And the Celtic Club had been around since
6 about 2002. And my girlfriend passed away in 2007. And
7 I wanted to do something in memory of her, my
8 grandmother, all the friends who we'd lost. And I just
9 had the idea that brought us across The Crooked River,
10 which is what it was originally called. Might be
11 something that would strike a chord in the community,
12 and it did.

13 We just had the one display that year. The
14 next year -- each year we've had different -- we've
15 added different displays. The one we had on your
16 bridge, that was the 30th one we've had. This is the
17 seventh year. We'll have one more later this month in
18 Kent. But we've had them in seven counties in Northeast
19 Ohio. And we've donated over 10,000 bras to battered
20 women's shelters.

21 And I just -- the way this worked out here,
22 I was picking up a friend of mine at the airport and
23 drove over the bridge. I've been over that quite a few
24 times before. And I just thought, this is the place.
25 And I called City Hall. And before I knew it, I heard

1 back from Patty Oakar and she said that the
2 Mayor was would be happy to allow us to do it. And, I
3 mean, we look forward to coming back next year. If you
4 look on our Facebook page, which is Celtic Club Fights
5 Cancer, there is probably thousands of pictures.
6 There's a lot of videos, I know. Fox 8 has a video up
7 on their website of the display. Just can't thank you
8 enough. And we're really looking forward to next year.
9 But thank you very much.

10 MR. SALVATORE: Again, I want to personally
11 thank you, from myself and the entire council. I did
12 talk to the Mayor and he relayed to me that he'd be very
13 disappointed if you don't come back next year. We'll
14 come looking for you. We want you back next year.

15 MR. COLLIVER: Well, we'll put it on our
16 calendar. And, Mayor, we have another event called
17 St. Pets Day, which I -- obviously, something you might
18 be interested in. It's a play on St. Patrick's Day, but
19 it involves pets.

20 MR. COLLIVER: It would be an event that
21 would benefit your K-9 Unit. And we're going to have --
22 you're all invited March 4th to come down to Stow High
23 School. We're going to have a lift-a-thon for boys and
24 girls, you know, any athlete that would like to

1 participate. And we're just asking them to solicit a
2 donation, like, 5 cents per pound, that they can bench
3 press. And then everything is going to go to the K-9
4 Unit.

5 But because it's close to St. Patrick's Day,
6 you can imagine the Celtic Club knows how to put on an
7 Irish party. We are going to have Irish dancers. We're
8 going to have Irish bands. We're going to take over the
9 high school.

10 But we would like to do something similar
11 here, if there might be any interest. At least the
12 lift-a-thon part, unless we did it in March --

13 MAYOR COYNE: Mr. Chairman, if I may? Are
14 you suggested that people on the east side put a better
15 St. Patrick's Day party than the people on the west
16 side?

17 MR. COLLIVER: Well, I'm actually from the
18 south side.

19 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. All right. Maybe we'll
20 get a challenge. Maybe we'll get our policemen and
21 firemen to issue a challenge and east and west and maybe
22 we can do something together. Our service guys are
23 pretty strong, but it's a good idea.

24 I want to thank you for doing this. And
25 when you come up with an original idea, you cannot

1 believe now what people want us to hang on the bridge.

2 MR. COLLIVER: Uh-oh.

3 MAYOR COYNE: Okay? So I might be calling
4 you for some consultation, because literally, the
5 attention that you got, which is exactly what we wanted
6 to happen, for all kinds of things. And our community's
7 always open to support people that are afflicted with
8 whatever circumstance in life. That's always been the
9 trademark of our community. So we thank you for
10 choosing us. Choose us again. We'll get with the
11 Safety Director. We'll get a challenge with our
12 policemen and firefighters and service workers again and
13 maybe somebody else for this lift off.

14 If you lose, I don't want you crying. Okay?

15 MR. COLLIVER: No problem. But thank you
16 very much.

17 MAYOR COYNE: Okay.

18 MR. COLLIVER: This is --

19 MAYOR COYNE: Very good.

20 MR. COLLIVER: not an easy thing for me to
21 talk about. You could probably tell that. But, you
22 know, thank you so much.

23 MAYOR COYNE: Thank you, sir. Thank you.

24 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. That concludes item G.
25 We'll go letter H, Reports and Communications from the

1 Mayor, Mr. Mayor.

2 MAYOR COYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
3 First, I want to say to all Councilmember's
4 There are 'Me Too' for verbal approvals for this
5 evening. And I hope you consider it at the appropriate
6 time. I believe you also had a ruling from the Law
7 Director on this issue. And I hope we can proceed and
8 get these matters behind us.

9 First of all, I would be negligent if I
10 didn't recognize the efforts of Councilman Salvatore
11 with the Southwest General Hospital and securing our
12 community electronic message board. Over the last
13 several years he's been asking them nicely, pushing
14 them, tripping them, I don't know if he hit them, maybe
15 knocked them down in the corner, but I want to thank you
16 for what you did at the hospital. And it's going to be
17 used for so many things to get our people information
18 and you know, everyone's always telling me and all the
19 Councilmembers, we don't know about anything, now
20 There'll be no excuse. I'm not sure if the Council
21 President will be getting any sleep with the brightness,
22 but he might have to get some of those shades so he can
23 sleep at night.

24 Next, I'd like to comment on something I
25 don't usually do but I think it's in order to do. So as

1 we've had a lot of banter this weekend on the Facebook
2 page. And I usually review those to see what folks are
3 talking about from time-to-time. I might contact the
4 resident, ask them to call me relative to something so
5 they can get some information that it appears they would
6 need in making a decision or forming an opinion.

7 And while private citizens basically I think
8 can say anything they want, I think elected officials
9 have some responsibility when they make comments, they
10 need to be close to being factual.

11 And first I want to say this: There seems
12 to be a great deal of concern about what Mayor Coyne's
13 going to do about the school levy, which is on the
14 ballot in November. I will do the same thing I've been
15 doing since the day I voted, and that's why I will be
16 voting for the school levy.

17 It is not a perfect plan. Not in any way,
18 shape or form. Closing of schools, residual problems
19 with losing employees, children being inconvenienced,
20 maybe teachers being reduced, staff being reduced,
21 things like that. But it's a reality that I'm very
22 familiar with, because we have the same problem here in
23 the city. Aging buildings, loss of population, changing
24 the way we deliver services.

25 Last Thursday evening -- I am a graduate of

1 St. Edward's High School. My children went to public
2 school from kindergarten. They are both graduates of
3 Midpark High School, which I think most people know. I
4 was fortunate or I was a problem enough that my father
5 made me go to Catholic schools so I would learn how to
6 behave myself and keep my mouth shut appropriately. And
7 I guess the brothers of Holy Cross didn't do as much as
8 they should have.

9 But I went to St. Edward High School and we
10 were recognized one of the three best high schools' in
11 the country for the progressive curriculum that they
12 offer there. I hadn't been back at the school for a
13 number of years. And, believe me, the people I went
14 there with were hundreds, thousands of dollars of
15 donators, millions of dollars of donators. I'm around a
16 thousand. I try to keep that to my alma mater.

17 And they announced that evening that they
18 had raised \$13 million from their alumni to provide for
19 additional new kinds of operations. They have a robotic
20 program at St. Edward's. They have an engineering
21 program at St. Edward's. And these are all the kinds of
22 things I heard the superintendent of Berea schools talk
23 about.

24 And I met with him last week about the
25 residual effects of the closing. And I'm kind of

1 comfortable that we can come to some kind of an
2 agreement on what we are going to do.

3 And I don't know whether a levy is going to
4 pass or not, but I'm going to say this: Our children in
5 this community need these improvements more than anyone.
6 And today, you know, it's simple for people to look at
7 buildings and say, you know what, you ought to be able
8 to conduct business in a building as it is. We all know
9 that that's not true. And you certainly can't educate
10 children for the 22nd century without having the
11 amenities that they need to support their growth from an
12 educational standpoint and their growth as a person.
13 And therefore we will lose that ability if kids aren't
14 in an environment that means more to them than probably
15 any of us. A lot of us went to school and we wanted to
16 get out, until we got out and wished we were back in.
17 Okay?

18 So I am supporting the school levy. Not
19 withstanding most of the things I disagreed with. And
20 despite what Mr. Cingle said, I didn't get my way
21 parochially. So I'm still going to vote for the school
22 levy. Let's clear that up right off the bat. And I
23 hope that clarifies that thing.

24 More closer to home, we had discussions
25 about compensation for our employees. And we passed the

1 compensation packages back in the early spring, after we
2 -- after we approved the budget. And ordinarily, that's
3 when that happens.

4 We passed the budget, those are
5 appropriations that we tried to put everything in that
6 we possibly can. And we did have some increase in
7 compensation. But not everything because things are
8 unforeseen.

9 For instance, council saw fit to address 40
10 time -- 40 part-time people's salaries. They increased
11 them 23 percent. And I did not sign that ordinance. It
12 became law without my signature, because I didn't
13 believe I had it in my budget. But I understand the
14 changes we are going to make to facilitate expenses
15 other places. I wasn't successful in convincing council
16 of that.

17 Subsequently, we passed a pay ordinance that
18 provided for other employees that are not covered by
19 union contracts. And that seems to be where we always
20 have a problem here.

21 And there were statements in there, that I
22 hurriedly, without forethought or consideration, gave
23 the members of my administration outlandish pay raises
24 that nobody else got. The fact of the matter is, that's
25 just not correct. Those positions were given two

1 percent pay increases. There were salary steps in that
2 schedule passed by council that provides for increases,
3 minimum and maximum every year. The union contracts --
4 and I'll go through this a little bit because it's
5 important. And I'm glad you're smiling, Councilman,
6 because maybe you'll be enlightened.

7 The fact of the matter is, for two years
8 these people received zero, zero increase of
9 compensation. And for two years they did not receive
10 the salaries of the people that they replaced. Okay.
11 So therefore if I applied traditional, because part of
12 the comment was, from the finance chairman in
13 particular, that I just did this. Okay.

14 Let's look at the firefighter contracts.
15 They receive their starting salary, and after 12 months,
16 automatically by contract, they get 8.33 percent
17 increase, automatically by their contracts. After 24
18 months, they get 9.6 percent increase. So within 24
19 months, there's almost 17 percent. None of these people
20 even received close to that amount. Not even close.
21 And again. This was provided for by council.

22 The suggestion was in there that I have to
23 come back to get these things approved. The facts is
24 that what we pass a budget and then when other things
25 are enacted -- and if you read in section two of these

1 ordinances, it says, Moneys that were appropriated or to
2 be appropriated.

3 So therefore when Council enacts the salary
4 schedule, the Finance Director and I are compelled to
5 adjust the appropriations to reflect this compensation
6 or any other measure that is worded that way. So,
7 therefore, we make adjustments. When I was on city
8 council, we did it every month. When I was Mayor, we
9 started doing it quarterly when I first started. And we
10 changed it, doing it three times a year, so they know
11 there will be a final appropriation, as well.

12 And the fact is, we're adjusting these
13 appropriations because we have surpluses that we didn't
14 spend all the money on any of these call centers, and
15 other areas that are shortfalls. And I believe the
16 Finance Director provided for the Council President
17 where those are at. And those are in salaries clearly
18 and overtime and compensation, benefit changes,
19 communications. And these are all normal things of the
20 City of Brook Park.

21 So to say that I enacted and gave these
22 people exorbitant raises is just not factual. It's
23 according to a salary schedule that was enacted and has
24 been time honored.

25 As a matter of fact, if you'll look at what

1 these people did over this period, getting their raises
2 this year, presently, they are getting compensated two
3 percent more, two percent more in their third year, than
4 the people who left in Mayor Elliot's administration,
5 before I became Mayor. And that's just factual. It's
6 not a fallacy. It's factual.

7 Let me also say about the hypocrisy of some
8 officials. Now, being a manager of not quite 200
9 employees anymore, but 140 something, 138 something,
10 maybe 180 something with the part-time people, I
11 administer their salaries according to law of the City
12 of Brook Park. The fact is that, again, a Council
13 person majority Members of Council, four members of
14 Council saw fit to increase 40 part-part time employees
15 23 percent, 23 percent. Also the Council employee,
16 which -- I want to show you the gross and fairness. A
17 fine clerk, who has been here a long time, got a nine
18 and-a-half percent pay increase. Does she deserve it?
19 You're damn right she does. As a matter of fact, why
20 she's not at the top of her scale, to me, is criminal
21 and unfair. But that's the decision that was made by
22 council. Council President, who administered the
23 office, signed off on that recommendation.

24 So, again, the hypocrisy of going publicly
25 and making these statements when our arguments and our

1 discussions should take place here on the council floor,
2 not on the internet.

3 The most outrageous statement made in this
4 whole diatribe over the weekend was, is that the
5 firefighters are being punished. The firefighters of
6 the City of Brook Park are being punished. And I've
7 said it a million times when they're at your door, they
8 are just the best there are. I have difficulties in
9 negotiations with them, as I should. Because they
10 should represent what they think is best for their
11 members and I must represent what is best for the people
12 of the City of Brook Park.

13 Our employees can't remember the last time
14 they got a pay increase. They can't remember. But this
15 year they did. And we open negotiations and what was
16 their problems. I reduced the number of employees in
17 the city substantially and changed the way we delivered
18 services, that's why we're able to offer pay increases
19 to our employees for the first time. And they can't
20 even remember.

21 Doing that to the unions, we had legacy
22 cost, like the auto workers or steel workers. And one
23 of our glaring legacy costs was an access benefit that's
24 paid the retirees to subsidize their hospitalization and
25 their retirement. And that's a worthy cause. And

1 that's a good thing. Except for the fact that the
2 matter is, it costs \$300,000 a year. In our budget,
3 it's a gaping hole that has to be addressed and I
4 intended to address it. Council President benefits from
5 that very fund.

6 So we proposed to every single union in the
7 city that if they would take the retiree language out of
8 their contract, we will deal with the employees
9 generally, which I will and I'll address that later.
10 And that we will propose them a two percent increase in
11 compensation and they would not have to bear the cost,
12 if any, in increase of the hospitalization. So, in
13 essence, got them about a three percent raise.

14 Every single union made that concession and
15 agreed with us and we moved forward except one. They
16 were struggling with it and I can understand. I think
17 most of them would like me to make the decision to
18 change that benefit, so they wouldn't have to agree to
19 do that. But in the real world, it doesn't work that
20 way.

21 If the city has to spend \$300,000 on any
22 program, on any program, it still leaves less than what
23 is needed to handle the problem.

24 So this punishment, the fact of the matter
25 is, the firefighters did not agree. We went through the

1 fact finding and the whole game on the issues of
2 compensation. When they refused to alter the retirement
3 benefit, their members had to pay the increase in
4 hospitalization this year. And I think it was unfair to
5 their members, but nonetheless, that's the deal that
6 they made, and they understood going forward what that
7 cost was going to be.

8 So going with the fact finders decision, they
9 got two percent like everybody else. They did not get
10 an increase in holiday time. But they're the only union
11 that stayed through to that for five and six weeks
12 vacation for their members. This will be the cost to
13 the city of \$150,000. \$150,000. It's almost a one
14 percent pay increase for everyone in the city. But the
15 sad thing about it is, more time off costs us money in
16 every single division and department in the city. And
17 who gets six weeks vacation anymore in the reality of
18 the world?

19 So no one is being punished. It's fair and
20 open negotiations. We win some and we lose some. And
21 in this case, the city prevailed. If you look at the
22 issues, we went there. And we're still outstanding on
23 trying to get some kind of resolution, a fair resolution
24 of our retirees. This access benefits, what's fair to
25 them and cost effective for the city. Because what the

1 unions learned this year, and believe me, the
2 firefighters learned, if we don't handle this, it's
3 coming out of your pocket. It's coming out of your
4 pocket. We just can't do both.

5 And let's look at these cost of
6 negotiations and they're interesting. Because what
7 seems to be -- and maybe it's not just me. But it's
8 been the history of this city that the longest
9 negotiations always seem to take place with the
10 firefighter's union. And nobody's punishing anybody.
11 They are exercising their right. And we're exercising
12 our responsibility.

13 So let's look at 2015, which really nothing
14 happened because we were on freeze, we had no money. We
15 expended \$11,000 in negotiations for the city. Of that
16 amount, 87 percent was paid in the firefighter's
17 negotiations. A little over \$10,000 of the \$11.

18 2015, we expended \$49,000 this is just in
19 negotiations. This isn't it grievances and things like
20 that. We expended \$49,000 in total for all negotiations
21 for all of the unions. Of that \$41,000, almost
22 forty-one, five or 85 percent was spent in firefighter
23 negotiations. Again, they have that right but for anybody
24 to suggest they are being punished is absolutely
25 incredible.

1 So for negotiations for all of the other
2 unions, cost \$90 per employee. \$90. For the
3 firefighter negotiations, it averaged \$1482 per employee
4 for negotiations. And let me tell you the one that
5 gulls me the most and I can go through this thing.
6 This year alone we've spent almost \$20,000 on
7 non-negotiating items that exist. Arguments about the
8 me-too clause and things like that, again, when they
9 made their decision not to accept the issue on the
10 retiree legacy.

11 Okay. In 2014 we had a grievance, I believe
12 everybody in the City of Brook Park, the union families
13 know what a grievance is. The grievance that was filed
14 was the union did not want the fire chief riding in a
15 squad. As the way I recall it, we had an extra squad
16 there and the chief said to one of the Lieutenants let's
17 get in the squad and go down. We have an issue and we
18 have all the squads there. And he helped perform
19 whatever procedure to the people that were afflicted.
20 And the firefighters filed a grievance that said the
21 chief could not ride in the squad.

22 I think the fire chief can ride in any fire
23 apparatus that he sees fit. Do you know what the cost
24 of that grievance cost the city? \$14,562 in legal fees
25 for that ridiculous grievance. And there's more.

1 So I'm going to say to you, when someone
2 says that we're punishing the firefighters, absolutely
3 not. Are we aggressively negotiating with them? As I
4 respect my opponents more than anybody and I respect
5 people that are tactful and are successful. And the
6 fact of the matter is to make a statement that they are
7 being punished flies in the face of what is factual.

8 I don't respond to Facebook things, but I
9 thought it was important that I did this weekend. And I
10 hope it's the last time that I have to do it because
11 everything can be discussed right up here, and that's
12 where it should.

13 You can disagree with me on any matter that
14 you wish. And you can present your arguments and I'll
15 present mine. But I'm not going to let this continue to
16 go by, to set a false narrative, that the city has all
17 kinds of money, that we're foolishly spending money
18 because nothing could be further from the truth.

19 And I suppose this was burned by the
20 statement that I made the other evening saying what
21 we're talking about giving \$50,000 to charity, that I
22 said next year is going to be a challenging year for us.
23 Every year is a challenging year for us. And as I said
24 to the people of the City Council, that we can afford to
25 operate our city if we make the right choices.

1 So why did I make that statement? Why is
2 next year going to be different than this year? Because
3 the Council President and I -- not the Council
4 President. The Finance Director and myself are
5 discussing next year. And believe you me, we start
6 talking about -- we had a one-time payment from Ford
7 that was pretty substantial, that we won't have this
8 year. So if we stay within our limits, if we're careful
9 about our choices, we should have no problem on the
10 operating side. Our challenge continues to be on the
11 capital side. And that's what needs to be addressed.

12 And I'm going to have one final thing here,
13 that, again, I think that Council needs to address here.
14 And I gave this to the Council President the last record
15 Council meeting. And I'm sorry that Julie's not here
16 this evening and I hope that she feels well. But as a
17 Councilperson, her rants on Facebook are getting to the
18 point from the ridiculous to the sublime. And I've
19 endured this since she's come on City Council accusing
20 me or suggesting that I either broke in her house,
21 robbed her house, threatened her or coerced her or did
22 whatever she says that I've done. Last week it was her
23 children were not safe in school, and everyone should be
24 assured that. But these things continue to go on.

25 And the one that disturbed me, there was one

1 on December the 14th. And I gave this to the Council
2 President. I'm going to pass it out to everybody. And
3 I believe that, certainly not myself or the law
4 director's in the position to review this, but I think
5 the Council is, and they should. Because it accuses me
6 of controlling the Law Director, and that in itself you
7 can say dismisses as political banter.

8 It goes farther to say that she has evidence
9 of the law being broken. And I think that should
10 concern Council, as it does me. Because whether it's me
11 or any Member of Council or the Law Director, if you
12 have knowledge that a law has been violated, you have an
13 obligation to bring that to the proper authority. And
14 maybe a way to do that is for Council to take a look at
15 this issue and determine exactly what the she's
16 talking about. Because, quite frankly, I do not know.

17 Finally, I'm going to tell the people of the
18 city again, these are open meetings. You can come up
19 here. Council members can talk about whatever they
20 would like on any issue they would like. But I'm not
21 going to sit by for another year with people creating
22 false narratives and poison your decision-making
23 process, because we've got important decisions going
24 forward in this city, just like the school board did.
25 We've been putting it off and putting it off because of

1 political banter. That's not going to happen anymore.

2 So when these things occur, I'm not going to
3 get on Facebook and get in 50 threads with folks. We're
4 going to talk about them right here. And we're going to
5 face each other and talk about them, as good or as bad
6 as they may be. Because if not, this city is not going
7 to move forward. It's going to be stuck in the quad
8 mark. And despite imaginations every day, you just
9 heard the Ward One Councilman talk, we are bringing
10 industry; we are bringing jobs; we are bringing
11 investment to the city and we are pulling ourselves up
12 slowly but surely. And no one's going to impede that
13 process and the progress that we're making. Nobody. So
14 I implore the Councilmembers, again, or whoever else,
15 let's have our discussion about our city here at this
16 Council meeting, where it belongs.

17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you, Mayor. Council
19 any questions to the Mayor?

20 Councilman Troyer.

21 MR. TROYER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 Mr. Mayor, in the State of the City, 2015
23 last year, you intimated that you called me your
24 conscience. And you referred to me, as I have written
25 down as a quote, me as your conscience. And I will

1 continue to do that. I'm glad you gave me that
2 authority or that position.

3 And based on what you just said, I mean, are
4 you saying -- I think what you're saying is, and what
5 I'm seeing is that most employees got two percent. But
6 you're giving -- and didn't get anything last couple of
7 years. But you're going to go ahead and give certain
8 people in certain positions two percent for all those
9 years plus.

10 MAYOR COYNE: No. No.

11 MR. TROYER: I mean, that's what it adds up
12 to. You're talking six to nine --

13 MAYOR COYNE: Okay.

14 MR. TROYER: -- talking six to nine
15 percent --

16 MAYOR COYNE: Can I answer the question that
17 you asked me, or are you going to answer --

18 MR. TROYER: When I'm done.

19 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. Well, ask me a question
20 and I'll answer --

21 MR. TROYER: When I'm done, if you will.

22 So my first question is -- well, point is,
23 that you can of course reply to, is that -- I'm got
24 going to go too much in the unions because that's a
25 negotiation you do, you and your people do that

1 negotiation. Council has no part of those negotiations.
2 That's something that is born on you. And what happens
3 there, whether it goes through an arbitrator or
4 whatever, is based on some of these negotiations skills.

5 And I'd just like to point out, as far as
6 unions go, when --

7 MAYOR COYNE: What's the -- Mr. Chairman,
8 point of order. What is the question?

9 MR. TROYER: When the things do go to court,
10 the union also has a cost too; is that not true?

11 MAYOR COYNE: Yes. That's correct.

12 Now you want me to answer the first part of
13 your thing? You understand it to be wrong. They didn't
14 get two percent every year. As I said to you, that the
15 salaries, when they -- when I assumed office, all of my
16 people received substantially less than the people that
17 they replaced for two years. So therefore, you passed a
18 salary schedule. You have it. Let's see, what was the
19 ordinance number? I have it some place.

20 You passed the salary schedule. And that
21 provided for the minimum and the maximum, to be
22 determined by me. Just like your Council Clerk
23 You gave nine percent to and I think it's shabby the
24 way she's being treated, very candidly.

25 You passed -- you passed for Board Members

1 23 percent for 40 positions. You follow me
2 so far? So therefore, they got two percent upon their
3 minimum and maximum is what they got.

4 And let me explain to you, if you'd like,
5 give you a little more information. Why do we have
6 minimum/maximum, not automatic increases after two
7 years, like the unions do? It used to be that way. I
8 changed it. So if I have an employee that's a problem,
9 is not working up to snub, it's not good enough to
10 suspend him or her. If I say, look it, I'm cutting your
11 salary for the next six months, because I can do it
12 within that range, I have the authority if you don't
13 perform. So that's how it got that way. So your
14 statement is not correct. They didn't get two percent
15 every year, okay? They got -- they were at their
16 maximum. They've been here 24 months. And I will argue
17 one of the best administration going.

18 And yes, in fact, the firefighters do incur
19 expenses. You know what? I don't give a damn. Because
20 it doesn't affect the money you claim you are going to
21 protect. I'm just pointing out, when someone makes a
22 statement that they've been punished, they have a right
23 to go, according to the collected bargaining bill, and
24 protect their rights.

25 And I think in this case if you look out,

1 it's beyond the point of ridiculous. And if you think
2 \$14,000 is worth us expending \$14,000 to the tax payers'
3 money for a grievance -- as a matter of fact, the
4 Council President testified in, that the chief shouldn't
5 ride in the squad, is absurd.

6 So don't say that they are being punished.
7 Are they tough negotiations? Yes. Did they have tough
8 decisions to make? Yes, they did. Just like I do.

9 But a public official has no right to lead
10 people to believe that the firefighters are being
11 punished because it's just not factual.

12 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Troyer, anymore
13 questions for the Mayor?

14 MR. TROYER: Yeah. Mr. Mayor, you said last
15 meeting, last Council meeting that the -- that the new
16 essential dispatch will be up and running October 1st.

17 MAYOR COYNE: Correct. It's still here.

18 MR. TROYER: Still here?

19 MAYOR COYNE: That's correct. And if you
20 could see the skin on the back of my director's head for
21 moving this forward, and that's why we had to make
22 another adjustment. But I cannot move these operations
23 until everybody's -- now the problem's in Parma, okay?
24 So I -- being my conscience, I couldn't agree with you
25 more, Councilman, how frustrated I am. But I can't take

1 the chance of having a symptom that will not work. And
2 then we have problems with AT&T. Anyone at home that
3 calls them, if you have them for a landline, we had
4 problems with getting them to make our symptoms work
5 over here. And these are all things that would have to
6 happen.

7 So with that, I will agree with you. So
8 now I'm told by the director, it shall be in November.
9 And if you want a letter from the City of Parma -- as a
10 matter of fact, the way I feel about it, if they don't
11 have them there by November the 1st, I think we should
12 withdraw from the coercion and find something else.
13 That's my opinion.

14 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Mencini.

15 MR. MENCINI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 Mayor, I'm going to go kind of a little bit of a
17 different direction, probably with a comment and then
18 right into a question. Being the Councilman of ward 2
19 I did my drive around. I had my complaints
20 grass, things of that sort. And as I drove through the
21 ward and did the whole ward, I seen a lot of good
22 things. So I think maybe I'm going to go on that
23 direction a little bit. I see a Kennedy Park that Service
24 Director and his crew has tailored, I don't know if
25 Kennedy Park looked that good in a long, long time. The

1 streets, I know we need a lot of the streets. I'll get
2 to that in a minute. But I think a lot of the homes,
3 Building and his crew -- I didn't have as many at all as I
4 thought when I drove around. Last year at this time I
5 had a lot more. So it tells me some things are getting
6 done. Instead of seeing two houses on every street are
7 bad, it's down to one.

8 Again, we've gone from 300 foreclosures,
9 under -- I believe it's up under 100, if I'm not
10 mistaken. I'm pretty close in the geographic area. So
11 I'm seeing a lot of good things.

12 And I agree with you, there's going to be
13 challenges every year. On that and on the improvements,
14 I know we have a big commission meeting on Thursday and
15 I hope that's a start of maybe going in an another
16 direction getting some things done and it will hopefully
17 start over at that rec center.

18 So I say with the schools, to have a good
19 community, you have to have good schools. To have good
20 schools, you've got to have a good community. There's a
21 little bit of a cost. And I know a lot of times, you
22 take my little saying. I say, What kind of community do
23 you want? Because sometimes there's a bit of a cost to
24 have that.

25 My question to you is, you know, after we

1 have this meeting on Thursday and then we are going to
2 start looking at the roads. We have a school levy
3 coming in and before you know it, that will pass. Will
4 we have a plan for the City of Brook Park coming at us
5 for the year 2017? Is there going to be a plan to get
6 our streets done, to get the rec center
7 state-of-the-art, the way we were hoping to take it?
8 Are we going to have a master plan or anything of that
9 sort to get us going? I know I hit you sometimes in
10 different directions with this, but this is what I'm
11 asking here tonight.

12 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. If I may, Mr. Chairman?

13 MR. ASTORINO: Go ahead, Mayor.

14 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. As far as the rec
15 center is concerned is this: My financial analysis of
16 the city three years ago has not changed from the
17 capital side. The voters are never wrong. They said
18 that they didn't want to pay increased taxes for the rec
19 center, so therefore, we were charged with the task of
20 how we're going to keep it open.

21 There's a program under state law that
22 provides for energy savings, to make improvements in the
23 rec center. So if Council passes this and the people
24 are supportive of it, there will be no increases of
25 taxes for anybody and the rec center will not have

1 anything to do with our Capital Improvement program at
2 all.

3 The roof alone is \$2 million. And most of
4 the things that are wrong with the rec, people don't see
5 when they walk in. They are going to get new equipment.
6 We're going to paint some things. The locker
7 rooms are atrocious, some of the steams are nonfunctional.
8 The swimming area needs we are going to address without
9 having a huge pool. And we are going to bring them to
10 the Rec Commission first. And I want to have a public
11 hearing on them so people can see and we can explain to
12 them how this decision goes forward. And then we're
13 going to bring it to Council and Council, I'm sure
14 will go over this thoroughly, as they should. It's a
15 novel way of addressing this program. But quite
16 frankly, it's the only way, short of folks paying more
17 money. And the last time I looked, they don't want to
18 pay more money. All right.

19 And finally, on the roads. We don't need a
20 master plan. We need to set a schedule. And after the
21 November elections and after the rec is over, we have to
22 sit down and have a candid analysis of what this city
23 needs.

24 And, Councilman, you are talking about the
25 neighborhoods. Robert and Wengler and Sylvia. How many

1 more streets? Richard Drive, Fry, the other side of Fry
2 Road.

3 **Mr. Troyer:** Calvin.

4 MAYOR COYNE: I'm just saying. You all
5 know, they're tens of millions of dollars.

6 **Mr. Troyer:** Christine.

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8 MAYOR COYNE: Tens of millions of dollars
9 that have to be addressed. And you go over -- go over
10 to Agnes Boulevard. Go over to Leslie Drive and look at
11 those streets. And go to Robert and Wengler. So even
12 if you have a house that doesn't look too good, with
13 that new street and that new driveway, it transformed
the street scape of the neighborhood. And it's a

14 profound statement of what needs to be done. We can kid
15 ourselves to rebuild our town.

16 So the answer to your question is, we don't
17 need a master plan. We can give you a schedule of what
18 needs to be done and how much it's going to cost. But
19 make no mistake about it, that will not solve our
20 problems. The way they should be solved and the fashion
21 they should be solved is not going to be within the
22 existing confines of the revenues that this city has.
23 And that's a fact. So that's for another day.

24 But let's not mistake anything right now.
25 The rec improvements, the way we are proposing them has

1 nothing to do with any other capital improvement
2 project. So it's not that either or. I'm not going to
3 get into that. It's not an either or. This is an
4 amenity for our city. If you want to make this decision
5 and finance it in this fashion -- and if you don't, I
6 think we have some real hard choices to make. So I'm
7 glad that you asked that question, but I want to make
8 that clear before the critiques are out there, that,
9 awe, they're going to spend the money on the rec and not
10 going to fix the roads. It is not an either or. They
11 are not related. It will be related if we don't go in
12 this fashion and we have to spend capital improvement
13 money to fix the roof at \$2 million, to replace the unit
14 at a couple hundred thousand, to change this, to change
15 this, to change that. And you piece-meal it to death and
16 then it will affect other things that you are doing in
17 the city. I hope I answered your question.

18 MR. MENCINI: You did, Mayor. Thank you.
19 And just so you know, on these projects, and I'll wrap
20 it up with this. And Fry Road, Smith Road, it's getting
21 done in my ward, that -- you know, I had a couple people
22 call last week because we just started getting
23 construction done, so they -- you know, barrels are
24 out --

25 MAYOR COYNE: Haven't seen them in a while,

1 have they?

2 MR. MENCINI: They haven't seen them for a
3 while. And did they have a couple little issues maybe
4 with the way traffic, the signs, people coming through,
5 City Engineer Piatak handled it very well.

6 But what they did say to me after they told
7 me their problem is, Well, Jimmy, I'm over the moon with
8 these projects -- I'm over the moon with the road
9 getting done. You know, I'll settle for maybe for two
10 weeks walking the groceries, or what have you, all the
11 way to the house. But I'm glad my street is getting
12 done.

13 So that's what they said. So hopefully down
14 the road here, we can start getting a lot more done.
15 But I appreciate that answer. Thank you. And thank
16 you, Mr. Chairman.

17 MR. ASTORINO: Your welcome.

18 Councilman Salvatore.

19 MR. SALVATORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

20 Through the chair to the Mayor, Mayor, I
21 just want to let you know that as Chairman of the Safety
22 Committee, I totally agree with you on issue of, if we
23 can't get this resolved with Parma, I totally agree that
24 there's got to be another way we could pull out and
25 start over. I think we've waited long enough. And I

1 think the Safety Director and you both have put in a lot
2 of work and effort trying to make this happen. And if
3 it's not going to happen, I think we move on. And I'm
4 behind you 100 percent on that. Thank you.

5 MAYOR COYNE: If I may, my biggest regret --

6 MR. ASTORINO: Was there a question,
7 Councilman, for him or --

8 MR. SALVATORE: No. I just wanted to make a
9 comment that I think --

10 MAYOR COYNE: If I may, Mr. Chairman. And
11 you worked on this. My biggest regret is that we
12 couldn't be in Southwest Hospital. I was really hoping
13 that and actually having a central dispatch and
14 central booking with central jail with the Berea Court
15 was really my ideal, but thank you.

16 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Troyer.

17 MR. TROYER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
18 would have pulled out of that agreement a few months
19 ago.

20 MAYOR COYNE: What did he say? I didn't
21 hear what he said.

22 MR. ASTORINO: Could you repeat that,
23 Councilman, for the Mayor?

24 MR. TROYER: I was just making a statement.
25 If I had it my way, I would have pulled out of that

1 agreement a few months ago.

2 MAYOR COYNE: Well, it's easier said than
3 done. But I think we -- if I try to be -- you're my
4 conscience, I try to be your patience. See how that
5 works. Thank you, Councilman.

6 MR. ASTORINO: You are going to be someone's
7 patience, Mayor?

8 MAYOR COYNE: I am.

9 MR. ASTORINO: There's new territory.

10 MAYOR COYNE: You should know better than
11 that than anyone.

12 MR. ASTORINO: There's new territory for
13 you.

14 Council, any other questions?

15 Actually, Mayor, I have a couple questions
16 for you.

17 As far as the employees that you gave pay
18 raises for that are covered by the ordinance, were
19 evaluations done for these employees, annual evaluations
20 or any type of employee evaluation.

21 MAYOR COYNE: No, they were not. These are
22 all experienced professional people with several years
23 experience in their field. And I knew them well. I
24 wouldn't have sought their appointment in confirmation
25 if I didn't have confidence in them.

1 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. And then you expressed
2 some concern, it sounded like to me, about the 40
3 part-time employees that you said received a 23 percent
4 increase by action that Council took. Do you remember
5 at the last meeting where the Finance
6 Director identified -- I think he was asked a question
7 maybe by one of the Council people. And he identified
8 that the increase to the part-time employees from going
9 to 8.10 an hour to \$10 an hour was just under \$8,000 for
10 the year?

11 MAYOR COYNE: Yes. But it's still 23
12 percent.

13 MR. ASTORINO: Okay And your reference to

14 Facebook, you know, I'm -- I posted something after you
15 made a comment about a fallacy that was created.

16 MAYOR COYNE: That was in response to what
17 you said, sir. That's the fact.

18 MR. ASTORINO: Because the comment wasn't
19 that it was outlandish pay increases. My comment was
20 that it was huge pay increases. And I would just want
21 to -- do you dispute the fact that the five positions
22 that I posted, your three directors and two
23 commissioners, got an increase from the five positions
24 of \$28,488?

25 MAYOR COYNE: I do dispute it. Because you

1 are wrong. The positions received two percent on their
2 maximum. The individuals within the ranges received
3 increase of compensation. So, again, you are not
4 factual.

5 MR. ASTORINO: So you dispute -- because,
6 actually, the numbers that I obtained was from a Finance
7 Director. The Finance Director provided me with what
8 these people were paid in 2015. One of the people --
9 one of the individuals was paid \$90,000. And his pay
10 has been increased to \$97,217, which is an increase of
11 \$7,217 from what he made last year.

12 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. Again --

13 MR. ASTORINO: Do you dispute that number?

14 MAYOR COYNE: I do dispute what you are
15 saying. The fact of the matter is that is what he was
16 compensated. As a matter of fact, the director -- I
17 started him off lower than the service director. If you
18 could see, they have similar salaries. So the fact of
19 the matter is, within the range of the compensation, I
20 am entitled to provide that salary compensation to those
21 folks. So the positions received two percent within
22 their range after 24 months, which is consistent with
23 union employees. They received their wages.

24 And the fact of the matter is, I could have
25 paid them in compensation when I walked in this door.

1 And I didn't do it because I recognized what their
2 situation was.

3 And the fact of the matter, if you want to
4 get into this, your very first act -- your very first
5 act as a Council President was to impanel a finance
6 committee. That was not according to the rules, as a
7 matter of fact, I think it violated law.

8 As a matter of fact, you proposed, as a
9 matter of fact, cutting the safety director's salary
10 \$50,000, others \$12,000, \$10,000. So the point is here
11 you continue in your -- how did you put it?

12 These people should experience pain, was
13 your words I believe in the media. So you went on this
14 gallivant. You had this meeting. Again, you said with
15 really no concise study of any kind -- so the reality
16 is, you targeted these people since the day you walk in
17 the door as Council President. And that's a fact. And
18 --

19 MR. ASTORINO: So what concise --

20 MAYOR COYNE: I'm saying to you.

21 MR. ASTORINO: I -- I want to know what
22 concise study you've done to --

23 MAYOR COYNE: I haven't done any.

24 MR. ASTORINO: Okay.

25 MAYOR COYNE: And I don't have to.

1 MR. ASTORINO: Okay.

2 MAYOR COYNE: The fact of the matter is, you
3 will see --

4 MR. ASTORINO: So another director that was
5 last year paid \$83,000, and he's now being paid \$89,415,
6 that increase is \$6,415. Do you dispute that number?

7 MAYOR COYNE: The increase of the position
8 or the increase in their compensation?

9 MR. ASTORINO: To --

10 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. The fact is, sir --

11 MR. ASTORINO: Excuse me, most people in the
12 public -- I'll answer your question. To most people in
13 the public, when you talk about a pay raise, they talk
14 about, well, what did I make last year and what was it
15 increased to this year.

16 MAYOR COYNE: That is correct.

17 MR. ASTORINO: So if I went from \$90,000 to
18 \$97,217, I wouldn't sit there and look at anybody and
19 say, I got a two percent pay raise.

20 MAYOR COYNE: Would you --

21 MR. ASTORINO: If I got a two percent pay
22 raise, I would be paid \$91,800; isn't that correct?

23 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. The fact is, sir, that
24 there's a salary schedule, just like a schedule is
25 enacted for a union employee and within that schedule I

1 have authority. You increased -- I can sit here and
2 argue it's a fallacy that your Clerk got a nine
3 and-a-half percent pay increase, by your recommendation.
4 The fallacy is her salary is substantially more than
5 that. So it's unfair to her. So you have that
6 authority within that pay range to pay that. Your
7 creating a straw dog to deflect from what you're real
8 animus really is.

9 It's been your goal since you've been here.
10 The \$2 million cabinet, does the public remember that?
11 This is ridiculous.

12 MR. ASTORINO: Does the public remember --

13 MAYOR COYNE: Just like --

14 MR. ASTORINO: The \$3 million deficit --

15 MAYOR COYNE: Sir, could I --

16 MR. ASTORINO: Does the public remember -- I
17 asked you a question.

18 MAYOR COYNE: They do. And --

19 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

20 MAYOR COYNE: Sir, why don't we do this:
21 Why don't you announce your candidacy for Mayor today
22 and I can assure you that I will run. And it will be
23 you and I. And we'll face the public on these issues.
24 And we'll see who's telling the truth and who's not.
25 You created a whole scenario that the city had all kinds

1 of money for roads, they had all kinds of money. And
2 you try to come in here and buy 7 --

3 MR. ASTORINO: I did not -- I did not --

4 MAYOR COYNE: Borrow \$7 million. Let's have
5 it. I'm challenging you. Start today. Let's you and I
6 start today.

7 MR. ASTORINO: Let's answer --

8 MAYOR COYNE: Because there's nothing to
9 you.

10 MR. ASTORINO: -- the question there.

11 MAYOR COYNE: You're an empty suit.

12 MR. ASTORINO: Okay, Mayor. I'm an empty
13 suit?

14 MAYOR COYNE: You're an empty suit, sir.

15 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Some people try to
16 keep it a little bit professional --

17 MAYOR COYNE: Oh, give me a break. You
18 know, sir, the fact of the matter is --

19 MR. ASTORINO: Now as far as --

20 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

21 MAYOR COYNE: This is back and forth. And
22 they're liars --

23 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

24 MR. ASTORINO: I'm asking you questions,
25 Mayor.

1 MAYOR COYNE: And I answered them for you.

2 MR. ASTORINO: Right. You talked about the
3 grievance that was filed for the chief.

4 MAYOR COYNE: Right.

5 MR. ASTORINO: Because the union said he
6 shouldn't ride the squad.

7 MAYOR COYNE: Correct.

8 MR. ASTORINO: Wasn't the grievance more
9 along the lines of, that the chief was doing bargaining
10 unit work? That the --

11 A. No.

12 Q. -- union never objected to him --

13 MAYOR COYNE: No. No, it wasn't.

14 MR. ASTORINO: -- that the union -- you're
15 saying that the union never --

16 MAYOR COYNE: My --

17 MR. ASTORINO: -- made a statement that --

18 MAYOR COYNE: My --

19 MR. ASTORINO: -- don't object to the chief
20 riding on a squad as long as the bargaining unit is the
21 seven --

22 MAYOR COYNE: I don't --

23 MR. ASTORINO: That exists --

24 MAYOR COYNE: I don't feel --

25 MR. ASTORINO: The seven people it existed

1 plus the chief, they were okay with that. In fact --

2 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. Why -- then if that's
3 the case, why in God's name -- this is really the
4 problem. And I hope the public sees this. The chief --

5 MR. ASTORINO: I think the public sees more
6 than you know.

7 MAYOR COYNE: Oh, Jim, give me a break.
8 Here's the reality. Why would a union object to a chief
9 that's trained as a paramedic respond at a scene,
10 whether he rides in a truck or not?

11 MR. ASTORINO: The union --

12 MAYOR COYNE: It's absurd.

13 MR. ASTORINO: The union --

14 MAYOR COYNE: Doing their work. It's
15 absurd.

16 MR. ASTORINO: You asked a question. Do you
17 want the answer? The union --

18 MAYOR COYNE: I got the answer.

19 MR. ASTORINO: The union does not object to
20 it.

21 MAYOR COYNE: Let's --

22 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

23 MR. ASTORINO: You're using him to reduce
24 the staffing and endangering the safety.

25 MAYOR COYNE: Oh, my God.

1 MR. ASTORINO: The standards were --
2 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

3 MAYOR COYNE: Is this my report or your
4 report?

5 MR. ASTORINO: -- and the chief. This was
6 your report. It's my questions to you.

7 MAYOR COYNE: All right. I'm done answering
8 your questions. I'll be more than happy to have a
9 public debate. As I sent to you on the internet. And
10 you began this conversation. This is where we should
11 have it, right here, like we're doing right now. I
12 don't have a problem with that.

13 MR. ASTORINO: Yeah. But the problem is --
14 actually you do have a problem with it.

15 MAYOR COYNE: No, I --

16 MR. ASTORINO: Because during your report,
17 you went on uninterrupted. You don't have the
18 ability --

19 MAYOR COYNE: As I should.

20 MR. ASTORINO: You don't have the ability to
21 actually let someone talk without interrupting them and
22 talking over them and going off topic and making
23 everything --

24 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. First of all, sir --

25 MR. ASTORINO: Case and point --

1 MAYOR COYNE: -- you have no right --

2 MR. ASTORINO: -- example right now.

3 MAYOR COYNE: You're -- this is my report,
4 sir. You're interfering in my report.

5 MR. ASTORINO: This is not your report.

6 MAYOR COYNE: You're interfering --

7 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

8 MAYOR COYNE: Have you ended my report,
9 Council?

10 MR. ASTORINO: You've completed your report.

11 MAYOR COYNE: Can anybody tell me that?
12 This is ludicrous.

13 MR. ASTORINO: You keep --

14 MAYOR COYNE: You can't preside over a
15 meeting.

16 MR. ASTORINO: We will move the agenda --

17 MAYOR COYNE: You're unachievable.

18 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

19 MR. ASTORINO: -- department's commissions
20 and other public officials.

21 MAYOR COYNE: The firefighters are being
22 punished.

23 MR. ASTORINO: -- Mr. Piatak.

1 MAYOR COYNE: They're being punished.

2 MR. ASTORINO: Mr. Piatak.

3 MR. PIATAK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4 MR. ASTORINO: You're welcome.

5 MR. PIATAK: Couple items to report on
6 tonight that 2016 sidewalk repair project, we're still
7 accepting money for sidewalk blocks for residents' in
8 that phase. The resident's cost is \$105 a block. The
9 2006 crack -- the 2016 Crack and Joint Sealing Project,
10 we opened bids on that contract on September 27th. I
11 believe that was on Board of Control tonight. There
12 were three bids that were received. The low bid being
13 about three percent underneath the engineer's estimate.
14 I do anticipate getting that project going here a little
15 bit later. Once we a get a little cooler temperatures,
16 but it will be a 2016 calendar year project.

17 Smith Sewer, Phase Four, main line sewers
18 well underway, actually, we're almost wrapping up over
19 there with the main line. We've got over 2100 foot of
20 24-inch sewer in a place as of today. Anticipate to
21 start the service connection work later this week into
22 the end of next week. And we still anticipate a
23 December completion date.

24 Michael Drive, Phase Five, that's between Snow
25 and Hummel today we had our first pour.

1 We poured the west side or southbound lanes; we started
2 that this morning and wrapped up this afternoon.
3 Anticipate getting in there tomorrow and the next day
4 doing the under drains and doing the aprons so the
5 residents on the west side can get back
6 into their driveways. So hopefully by this week,
7 they'll have their access back.

8 Fry Road Reconstruction, Phase One, that's
9 between Holland and Sylvia we're doing catch-basin and
10 replacements and doing some catch-basin and installing
11 some new man holes. Anticipate that work taking another
12 week and-a-half to two weeks, at which point we'll start
13 doing the pavement removal. So we still have a couple
14 of weeks of underground work for that project.

15 Lastly, I met with the sewer district this
16 morning to go over a project that we're looking to bring
17 forward, possibly under the Member Community
18 Infrastructure Program that I talked about I think at
19 the last meeting. This is a program where the
20 district's looking to complete projects that improve
21 water quality, improve the environment. What we're
22 proposing is maybe to do a sanitary sewer along Sheldon
23 Road and east of Engle Road, where there's still 10 or
24 so houses that are on septic systems over
25 there, that are failing. So we felt that this would be

1 a good project to fit that program. Applications for
2 that program are due at the end of the month and we are
3 still looking into some of the details on that program.

4 That's all I have this evening.

5 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. Council, any
6 questions to the engineer?

7 Councilman Burgio.

8 MR. BURGIO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I
9 think I saw the landscapers out the other day on Smith
10 Road, looks like they are reseeding?

11 MR. PIATAK: Yes.

12 MR. BURGIO: And I'm glad to see that.
13 Also, looks like the trees were replaced. I mentioned
14 that to you before and it looks like and I just want to
15 thank you for doing that.

16 MR. PIATAK: I believe there were five trees
17 that didn't make it.

18 MR. BURGIO: Yeah.

19 MR. PIATAK: And I think all five of them
20 have been replaced.

21 MR. BURGIO: I just want to thank you for
22 that, I know the residents appreciate that.

23 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

24 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you.

25 Councilman Mencini.

1 MR. MENCINI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

2 And I want to thank you on the help we got
3 last week on Fry Road, I know there were some concerns
4 with residents over there. And obviously, it's the
5 first time -- as the Mayor said, had a lot of
6 construction in a quick time. And I think they are
7 going to get used to it. I want to ask you, has the
8 traffic slowed down a little bit over there?

9 And I want to give
10 a compliment to the guys there, at least, that I know
11 of. The people I've talked to over on Smith Road. And a
12 lot of residents seem to tell me that the guys are
13 great. That, you know, they get trucks out of the way
14 as soon as they can, you know, they are friendly enough
15 to come out of the way and wave them across, things of
16 that sort. I heard a lot of good things.

17 And actually two residents called me late
18 Sunday night to tell me of all the times, but that's
19 okay. So if you could let me know
20 how that's going over on Fry Road real quick.
21 Thanks for all the help.

22 MR. PIATAK: Yes. I'll pass along to the
23 guys in the field the compliments on their cooperation
24 to the public.

25 I've been out on Fry Road quite a bit. You

1 know, during the day, I think people are starting to get
2 the hint that -- to go around, find another route.
3 There's a lot of other ways to get, through
4 that section of town. So, again, I think that
5 the traffic has died down, I'm sure. You know, in
6 the morning rush and in the afternoon rush, you are
7 going to see more cars going through there. But during
8 the day, you know, for the most part, when I've been
9 there, the traffic has been pretty calm.

10 MR. MENCINI: Okay. Thank you. And thank
11 you, Mr. Chairman. That's all I have.

12 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Scott.

13 MR. SCOTT: Through the Chair to add, are we
14 are still looking at the end of the October to start the
15 Phase Three Sidewalk repairs?

16 MR. PIATAK: Yes.

17 MR. SCOTT: You are looking at about a month
18 for that to be completed?

19 MR. PIATAK: Well --

20 MR. SCOTT: Or until the snow flies?

21 MR. PIATAK: We'll continue until, you know,
22 the weather prohibits us from continuing and then
23 we'll pick back up in the spring.

24 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thanks. That's all.

25 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Troyer.

1 MR. TROYER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 Through the Chair to the engineer.

3 Mr. Piatak, sorry to ask you this every
4 time, but I haven't seen it done yet, I haven't been
5 out there. I didn't notice it for a week or so, but on
6 that corner and the grass still hasn't grown. Can
7 we do anything on the corner of Plant Lane and Leslie
8 yet?

9 MR. PIATAK: You know what? I'm glad you
10 brought that up. I'll definitely -- I'll bring it up
11 with the contractor over there.

12 MR. TROYER: Okay.

13 MR. PIATAK: I know that on Smith they were
14 out, you know, wrapping things up. And I meant to drive
15 over to Sylvia and Leslie today to check on that.
16 But I'll be out again tomorrow and I'll take a
17 look and definitely bring it up to the contractors'
18 attention, that he still needs to get out there and get
19 that --

20 MR. TROYER: Okay.

21 MR. PIATAK: taken care of. Thank you.

22 MR. TROYER: Great. Thanks. That's it.
23 Thanks.

24 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Seeing no other
25 questions, thank you, Mr. Piatak.

1 We'll move to our service director,
2 Mr. Cayet.

3 MR. CAYET: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, couple
4 things. This Saturday will be the shred-it day.
5 Residents from Brook Park can bring their classified
6 papers, important papers, things they don't want to put
7 in the garbage can to be shredded. Those hours are
8 between 10:00 and 1:00 o'clock. And that is this
9 Saturday.

10 A reminder, the second Monday of the month
11 is coming up which is bulk Monday. So I ask the
12 residents to give us a call at the rubbish hotline,
13 433-7189. Leave a message on there with your address,
14 your information, what you're putting out, and we'll see
15 you on Monday to pick that stuff up.

16 I had the clerk give word to the Councilman,
17 and the Council at Large, information that I
18 received from First Energy. They are planning on
19 trimming the trees in the certain areas the addresses
20 Councilmen Mencini I don't know if any
21 You may want to get a copy and take a look at it
22 Take a look at it.

23 MR. MENCINI: Thank you

24 MR. MENCINI: Thank you.

25 MR. CAYET: But that will give you

1 a chance to go and talk to these folks and let them know
2 that the power will be off with the cover letter.

3 **Mr. Mencini:** We plan on doing that when?

4 MR. CAYET: Okay. They give gave an
5 optional date on there, too, I believe, if Tuesday
6 the 18th wasn't sufficient for them to trim the trees.
7 They probably are going to shut the power off while they
8 are trimming the trees there so they don't get
9 electrocuted.

10 Other than that, that's all I have.

11 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Actually, Council --
12 Mr. Director, as far as the shred-it day, is there a
13 limit for the residents?

14 MR. CAYET: No, there's not.

15 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Thank you.

16 Councilman Burgio.

17 MR. BURGIO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The
18 Island on the Snow Road Grade Separation, unless one of
19 the fluted poles are missing, I assume that's in order?
20 The one on the east side, at the island.

21 MR. CAYET: Through the Chair, to Councilman
22 Burgio, if my memory reflects right, the last two times
23 those poles got hit, it takes a while to get them.
24 Number one, you have to go through the insurance
25 companies to prove it. And the insurance adjuster has

1 come out to review the damage and review the pieces,
2 parts that we pulled off the island there and brought it
3 up to the Service Department. So that goes through Law
4 Department, so we're waiting for that.

5 And the contractor that put those poles in
6 and have made repairs on them before is well aware of it
7 to order one of those. They just don't have one
8 sitting in a warehouse somewhere. So they basically
9 have to make them, because they're custom poured.

10 MR. BURGIO: Poured. Right. How many have
11 been hit there.

12 Since I've been here, this is the third one.
13 One has been hit twice.

14 MR. BURGIO: Is there any way -- I know we
15 used to call them the slums, putting something in front
16 of them as the protector to the fluted poles on each end
17 of the island. Do they do still do that or is that
18 permissible? Something needs to be, like, steel and
19 concrete inside.

20 **Mr. Cayet:** Well, through the Chair, I
21 think that would be a safety issue if you put some type
22 of concrete or rock or something.

23 MR. BURGIO: Well, it's something I thought
24 they may have something more up-to-date that's
25 acceptable now. Do they have anything like that, that

1 would maybe slow a car down so it wouldn't -- maybe do
2 damage to the car, but would protect the pole, too? Or
3 is there anything like that, that they have?

4 **Mr. Cayet:** We can check in and see what
5 the cost of it would be.

6 **MR. BURGIO:** Might save us in the long-run.
7 Okay. Thank you so much.

8 **Mr. Cayet:** I think if folks learn how to
9 drive, we wouldn't have this issue.

10 **MR. BURGIO:** Well, I think, you know,
11 because the island is pretty low, when wintertime comes
12 and it could be hazardous because of icy roads and so
13 forth. But that's just a thought.

14 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

15 **MR. ASTORINO:** Councilman Mencini.

16 **MR. MENCINI:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
17 Monday on the second Monday of the month, if I stand
18 corrected, they will not take anything unless it is
19 called in the Friday before, right?

20 **MR. CAYET:** Through the Chair, typically,
21 what we like to do, Councilman, is get a head count of
22 how many folks have stuff out so that we have the
23 available trucks and the crew members out there to do
24 it. Typically, we can have anywhere between four and
25 six, 700 stops in any given day.

1 MR. MENCINI: Okay. Thank you for that
2 answer. And one more real quick on that water break
3 down there on Holland we had last Tuesday.

4 MR. MENCINI: Thank you. That's all I have,
5 Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

6 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Troyer.

7 MR. TROYER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
8 through the Chair to the Service Director, Mr. Cayet, I
9 just want to run something by you. There's a -- I got a
10 complaint about some bushes. Somebody pulled some
11 bushes and put them on the tree lawn over on Southway.
12 I did notice them the other day, but I didn't realize I
13 didn't call them in. So is there something we can do
14 about that? It's about halfway in the middle of the
15 street on the north side, the non-house side.

16 But somebody put a bunch of
17 bushes out there on the tree lawn. So can we either
18 take care of that or, you know, put it on Monday's pick
19 up?

20 MR. CAYET: I'd seen that and addressed it
21 already.

22 MR. TROYER: Did you? Great. Thank you.
23 That's it.

1 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. We'll move to the
2 Safety Director, Mr. Byrnes.

3 MR. BYRNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
4 want to address the dispatching situations, I know it's
5 an issue. It's a very complex process. We've been
6 working on it for about 10 months and we're at the final
7 stages now. To give you an idea, a little bit of the
8 complexity of this, we're trying to mix communications
9 stations from three -- four different cities, merging
10 into one. There's a training aspect that must be done.
11 There's a technology matching that must be done. It's
12 been painstaking, undertaking, but it's apparently in
13 the final stages now. There's meetings virtually every
14 week, sometimes twice a day, just working out the final
15 technical issues. We have some issues in our building
16 as well that we've been working on. But I'm really very
17 confident that this will happen in the early part of
18 November.

19 The reason I'm reluctant to give a date is,
20 frankly, we have a human cost here. We have four
21 full-time dispatchers that have been working here most
22 of them in excess of 20 years, clearly more than 16,
23 they're going to be losing their jobs. They are
24 entitled to some certainty and they are entitled to know
25 when this will happen. But we can't give them a date

1 until we know that we can move. So it's kind of hard to
2 say for certain it's going to be October 30th or
3 November 9th, but once the date is set we have to give
4 them a few weeks notice so they can acclimate themselves
5 of moving to a new location.

6 There's conditions here we have to meet,
7 it's a very complex thing. It's a very complex process
8 that the police chief, the fire chief, the assistant
9 chief, the captain, myself, the two Mayors of the
10 community, their safety directors have been involved
11 since the beginning. And it's just about there. And we
12 want it to be seamless.

13 We don't want something to happen where we
14 switch over, and suddenly there's a loss of
15 conductivity, we want to have it smooth and that's
16 going to take some practice. We're almost done and
17 we've made some progress.

18 Like the Mayor, I agree. I am also
19 irritated it's taking so long. But I'm irritated
20 because I deal with the dispatchers and the union rep,
21 and it's difficult. But we're close to getting done.

22 And I think when it's done, the city will be
23 much better served by having more dispatchers, rather
24 than just four handling our calls. We're going to be --
25 right now we use police and fire on a periodic basis

1 when there's a shortage of dispatchers or somebody has a
2 doctor's appointment or calls in sick. This has all
3 been working until this point.

4 So we're really close. And it's got to be
5 really good for the city when this is done. I just ask
6 for a little bit of patience and understanding because
7 of what's involved with the people that work there.

8 I also want to report that in the last
9 couple of weeks, we've been very busy in the Safety
10 Department. Our runs seem to have spiked a little bit.
11 We had several significant calls, but we're still
12 responding to every call.

13 And I want to remind people, if they see
14 anything, please call the dispatcher. Call the phone --
15 call the police. Report it right away. Doesn't do any
16 good -- I've had a couple people call me, in my office,
17 the next day telling me something happened last night
18 and that doesn't do us any good. Really, call the
19 police dispatcher. We'll send somebody right out. And
20 if people do that, we might get some better results.

21 Mr. Chairman, that completes my report.

22 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Thank you. Any
23 questions to the Safety Director? Councilman Troyer.

24 MR. TROYER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I
25 may, I'd like to make a comment, first about the calling

1 dispatch.

2 The dispatchers are trained to know what
3 priorities are and whether it -- whether we have
4 send our police, where the priorities are. So
5 let them make that decision. You know, call if you see
6 something. Call and let the dispatchers make that
7 decision on the priority. Because they are trained to
8 do that.

9 And through the Chair, to the Safety
10 Director. Mr. Byrnes, you said that we're using some
11 police and firemen to man, when we have -- when we are
12 short on dispatchers. How does that work? Are we --
13 are we -- are we bringing somebody on duty and calling
14 somebody in on police and fire, or are we -- how is that
15 working? I mean --

16 MR. BYRNES: The answer to that, Councilman
17 through the Chair, I guess it depends on the scenario.
18 If it's a short period of time during the day, we've
19 used some on-duty people. If it's a long period,
20 we've actually called somebody in or tried to call
21 another dispatcher in. But it's been largely the
22 employees in the Service Department -- I'm sorry, in the
23 safety building. Both police and fire have been largely
24 cooperative with this and it has worked. And there's
25 been very little, if any, difficulty with it.

1 But I think the city will be much better
2 served when this merger is completed.

3 MR. TROYER: I agree. Or another one.
4 Thank you.

5 MR. BYRNES: You're welcome.

6 MR. ASTORINO: Seeing no other questions,
7 thank you, Mr. Byrnes. We'll move to the Law
8 Department.

9 Did you have one? I'm sorry. Councilman
10 Mencini, to the Safety Director.

11 MR. MENCINI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Real
12 quick on this dispatch. I'll make it real quick. You
13 say it's very complicated. It's been quite a while.
14 It's a very, very, very important issue. I mean, my
15 thing to you is, you're saying you think it's going to
16 be a -- I hope it is. I really do.

17 Okay. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
18 Thank you.

19 MR. BYRNES: I don't know what the question.

20 MR. MENCINI: Well the question was --

21 MR. BYRNES: Is this time and a half for
22 this? No.

23 Jim, we all worked on this. And the police
24 chief and fire chief, everybody wants a seamless
25 transfer of the service and --

1 MR. MENCINI: I want it to be a success.

2 MR. BYRNES: -- the reason it's taking so
3 long is we want to make sure there are no errors. And
4 it's the same process that Parma Heights went through,
5 that Brooklyn went through and even that Parma went
6 through. I'm pretty confident at this point, based on
7 the skill of the technical people involved, that this is
8 going to work and we're going to be ultimately better
9 served as a community. Thank you.

10 MR. MENCINI: Time will tell. Thank you.
11 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

12 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. We'll now move to the
13 Law Department. Ms. Horvath.

14 MRS. HORVATH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
15 just have one item for discussion tonight.

16 Apparently questions arose as to whether or
17 not the various me-too clauses could be approved by
18 verbal approval. After looking at the issue, I feel
19 that verbal approval is sufficient to be able to pass
20 those clauses. I think everyone -- Council is in
21 possession of a written legal opinion to that effect and
22 I just wanted to note that.

23 I also wanted to make a very brief, personal
24 statement to dispell any rumors or speculation, I
25 control the legal department, I make the decisions in

1 the legal department. Obviously, I reserve the right to
2 consult with others about those decisions, but I'm the
3 sole decision maker and I endeavor to make sure that when
4 I make those decisions, I make them with the best
5 interest of the City of Brook Park in mind. And I also
6 want to assure you, I'm unaware of any area of where I
7 may have violated any law.

8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. Any questions of
10 the Law Director? Councilman Salvatore.

11 MR. SALVATORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 Through the Chair to the Law Director.

13 Carol, I'm not one that wants to try to
14 discuss things that are being posted on Facebook, and
15 I'm got going to start now. But if I could, could I
16 have about five or 10 minutes of your time after the
17 meeting. Because when I see words like, terrified, I'd
18 certainly like to talk to you on a one-on-one basis and
19 get your take on that. So if you could give me five or
20 10 minutes after the meeting, I'd appreciate it.

21 MRS. HORVATH: Absolutely.

22 MR. SALVATORE: Thank you.

23 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

24 MR. ASTORINO: Any other questions of the
25 Law Director? Councilman Troyer.

1 MR. TROYER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 Through the Chair to the Law Director.

3 Law Director, on these me-too clauses, do
4 these have to be -- would these have to be on the agenda
5 first before we pass them?

6 MRS HORVATH: That's somewhat of a problem
7 and somewhat of a pickle. They are not on the agenda
8 now. I suppose there may be some way that I'm unaware
9 of, of getting them on the agenda. That certainly would
10 be fruitful topic for discussion. I don't know -- you
11 know, Councilman Salvatore's been here a long time. I
12 don't know if Council President Astorino or Mayor have
13 some idea of how best to get it on the agenda. But, you
14 know, I certainly think this is housekeeping that should
15 be taken care of as soon as possible. And I'd be open
16 to any thoughts, as from anyone, as to how to get it on
17 the agenda tonight.

18 MR. TROYER: Thank you.

19 MAYOR COYNE: Mr. Chairman, if I may.

20 MR. ASTORINO: Mayor, go ahead.

21 MAYOR COYNE: Thank you. As I requested the
22 section of the Council meeting provides for that.
23 Section J, the Communications, Petitions and Verbal
24 Approval provides for that. And that's how requesting
25 Council approve it under that section.

1 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Troyer, on this
2 subject?

3 MR. TROYER: Yes.

4 MR. ASTORINO: Because --

5 MR. TROYER: Through the Chair, Law
6 Director Madam Law Director, wouldn't that be read in
7 full?

8 MRS. HORVATH: I think that would be
9 prudent.

10 MR. TROYER: Thank you.

11 MR. ASTORINO: And to answer the question,
12 because this was -- this document was given to all
13 Members of Council just prior to the meeting. But we
14 have posting requirements for items that are on the
15 agenda. And we have items that we set the agenda, on
16 Friday. This was not -- this was not decided prior to
17 then, so it was not placed on the agenda. So we do not
18 meet the posting requirements for this.

19 And one of our rules, which is found on page
20 three, also says, In the event of additions to the
21 agenda for Regular Council or Committee of the Whole
22 meetings, a supplement agenda showing new additions
23 only, shall be given to each Member of the Council prior
24 to the meeting.

25 We would be -- we're not in compliance with

1 that rule. So in the past, when Council has added
2 things, there's actually a supplemental agenda that was
3 provided to Members beforehand that could be done within
4 the 24-hours notice. So the Charter requires us to make
5 notice on these things.

6 So verbal approval for tonight would be in
7 violation of our Council rules and our Charter
8 requirements on the postings, regardless of, you know,
9 someone just thinking that it's okay to do that. They'd
10 have to cite some sort of legal authority. Because the
11 Charter requires notification.

12 It's not just -- as you all know, this is
13 not just for the Council people, but you have to have
14 notices that are published so that the public has access
15 to it, too. So we can't just add things. And our rules
16 require that if we are going to add things to the
17 agenda, that we would have to have a supplemental agenda
18 that would show the new additions.

19 So the only area that I know of in our
20 Charter that allows something to be added to the agenda
21 is under Section 4.08 for legislation that someone from
22 Council or the Mayor wants to introduce emergency
23 legislation. Verbal approval is not legislation. It
24 would have to be either an Ordinance or Resolution.

25 So there is no ability of Council to deal

1 with this tonight. And it's my --

2 MAYOR COYNE: Mr. Chairman, if I may.

3 MR. ASTORINO: Go ahead, Mayor.

4 MAYOR COYNE: Thank you, very much.

5 The fact is, this was presented to Council
6 some time ago. I presented it to the Clerk for verbal
7 approval on numerous occasions. You'll have copies of
8 the correspondence back and forth on this issue.

9 The fact of the matter is, because the
10 Council President had some issues with it. And my
11 correspondence to him said, that's fine. Put it on the
12 agenda for discussion.

13 He does not have the right, once again, to
14 preclude my proposals, whether it be legislation or it
15 be Resolutions or anything else from discussion before
16 Council because he has problems with it. That's
17 not his role.

18 I believe that the Charter refused it. As
19 long as it's approved, it really doesn't make any
20 difference to me. But I want to state for the record
21 and all of you know what's going on here.

22 And this stuff has to stop. It's not just
23 what he thinks should come before this Council. And you
24 do it yourselves and the people in the service that want
25 to talk about the people. But this is all -- this whole

1 plan to obstruct and hinder.

2 If you have a problem with something, this
3 is the body that you discuss this with before.

4 And quite frankly, I don't believe that I
5 need any approval from anyone. We are doing this as a
6 clarification for the Finance Director for audit
7 purposes only. I don't believe -- just by the me-too in
8 the contract, I believe I have authority to enforce
9 this. This is the way we've always done this. So let's
10 show for the record.

11 And I believe for that posting provides for
12 Resolution and Ordinances only. I just want to get it
13 approved. It's been put overlong by the interference of
14 the Council President for no good reason whatsoever.

15 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Just for
16 clarification -- I'll get to you Ms. Director.

17 First off, an argument that contains the
18 phrase, "this is the way we've always done it", in my
19 mind is a weak argument. Because if you remember, we
20 just changed something at the last Council meeting
21 because there were -- we were designating our
22 depositories through a resolution even though the
23 Charter said -- specifically says that that has to be
24 done by Ordinance. So we made to make an amendment.

25 As it turned out, the Clerk did research on

1 that and found out that it's been done by resolutions
2 since 1959, which was prior to the Charter. So once the
3 Charter was implemented and it said it has to be done by
4 Ordinance, it was never done by ordinance.

5 MAYOR COYNE: Mr. Chairman?

6 MR. ASTORINO: No, Mayor.

7 MAYOR COYNE: Sorry. When you're done I
8 just want clarification.

9 MR. ASTORINO: Please.

10 MAYOR COYNE: I agree with you so far.

11 MR. ASTORINO: You know, and this constant,
12 to use a term that I've heard tonight, this constant
13 false narrative about obstruction and hindering, this
14 item came to us. And once it came to us in the middle
15 of September, we contacted the Law Department and asked
16 for proper legislation to be introduced so that we could
17 accept these amendments. They're contract amendments
18 that the Finance Director has indicated to us that it's
19 going to cost the city over \$150,000. So this is not
20 just some little item that's just housekeeping. This is
21 a matter of we're amending contracts that exists, we're
22 inserting language that didn't exist when we passed this
23 contract in May. And the fact of the matter is, if the
24 Law Department in the middle of September would have
25 just drafted up the legislation, and instead they seemed

1 to want to have this battle on what the Charter is
2 supposed to be requiring. Well, when I took office, I
3 swore an Oath to support the Charter, and I see the
4 Charter as it has to be by Ordinance because that's what
5 the Charter tells us. It's not just a matter of verbal
6 approval for contract amendments especially contract
7 amendments that cost additional money.

8 And it's apparent by one of the Ordinances
9 on here that we're transferring money to adjust those
10 wages, to adjust the appropriations. So this wasn't
11 something that was thought about in May; this is
12 something that exists right now. And it's an additional
13 change that has to be done.

14 So rather than just draft an Ordinance back
15 then and this would go through, because I'm certainly
16 not in opposition to any of the these things. It's --
17 the concern is that the Charter requires us to behave in
18 certain ways when I've raised the questions. I've asked
19 for legal authority that shows this. And I'm just
20 simply being told, well, no. That's the way it's
21 supposed to be with no legal authority to support any of
22 this situation.

23 MAYOR COYNE: Mr. Chairman, are you done?

24 MR. ASTORINO: No, I'm not, Mayor. As soon
25 as I'm done, I'll recognize you, okay?

1 MAYOR COYNE: Okay.

2 MR. ASTORINO: So this false narrative that
3 I have some sort of plan to obstruct and to hinder,
4 actually, when I was elected, I swore an Oath to support
5 the Charter. And as Council President, it's my duty to
6 make sure that legislation moves through this body in a
7 proper manner, not just for the benefit of the Mayor,
8 not just for the benefit for anyone on Council, but for
9 the benefit of the community. Because it's their money
10 that we're spending.

11 And so, it should be handled properly and an
12 explanation of, well, that's the way we've always done
13 this, is about the weakest argument I've ever heard in
14 my life.

15 MAYOR COYNE: Okay.

16 MR. ASTORINO: So now I'm done, Mayor.

17 MAYOR COYNE: Thank you very much.

18 MR. ASTORINO: You can tell me how wrong I
19 am.

20 MAYOR COYNE: The fact of the matter with
21 what you say is, we. Who is we? You -- the argument
22 you just presented right now is a good argument. Why
23 wasn't it processed? You took it upon yourself, to say
24 that an Ordinance needed to be passed. You decided
25 that. Despite what the Law Department told you and

1 the argument is, there are -- I heard you asked -- argue
2 past practice. Was the fact finders report approved
3 verbally, sir?

4 MR. ASTORINO: Yes, it was.

5 MAYOR COYNE: Okay. All right. Putting
6 your union hat back on now. I know you're retired now,
7 but I don't think you forgot. So therefore, the me-too
8 clause is going in affect. So just by the enforcing of
9 the ordinance that was passed by Council, they become
10 enforceable and payable by the Finance Director; they
11 all involve compensation. They all involve time off.
12 Could we do it the way you suggested? We could.

13 MR. ASTORINO: And if you would've done it

14 --

15 MAYOR COYNE: But the fact of the matter is,
16 who are you to tell me how to proceed with my proposals?
17 This is the point; you're not elected to do that. So
18 therefore, we could've had this -- and this is not the
19 first time that you've done this, by the way. So
20 therefore, we could have had this discussion before
21 Council. You took it upon yourself not to bring my
22 request before Council. You do not have that right,
23 sir.

24 And if I am proven wrong, I will be the
25 first one to say so. The fact of the matter is, the

1 Charter does not preclude this. As a matter of fact, I
2 believe by the existing contract, we are compelled to do
3 this.

4 However, in discussion with the Finance
5 Director, he felt better if it was clarified. So there
6 -- can we do it your way? Yeah. But it's not
7 necessary. And I didn't request your way. But you
8 impose your will on this process. And what I'm doing is
9 getting the employees what they need and to move on.

10 And I'm glad you clarified the \$150,000.
11 And maybe now you'll recognize how we got to that point.
12 So, again, if I make a request to the Clerk, I believe
13 that should be presented to Council and if Council
14 determines and the Law Director determines or somebody
15 else and we come to a consensus on something, that's
16 what's supposed to happen. You don't have the authority
17 to preclude my measures from being heard on the City
18 Council. And in my communications, I said that to you,
19 just like I said to you in response to your Facebook,
20 let's have a public discussion. For some reason you
21 don't want to do it. The reality is, you want to do it
22 your way.

23 MR. ASTORINO: I want to do it the way --

24 MAYOR COYNE: You want to do it -- the
25 Charter doesn't say -- the Charter doesn't address this,

1 and you know it.

2 MR. ASTORINO: Yes, it does. And, actually
3 --

4 MAYOR COYNE: Show me --

5 MR. ASTORINO: After I did receive the
6 legislature, the request to amend the contract, and I
7 did put the request in to the Law Department to draft
8 legislation, we received communications back from the
9 Law Department that said, they received our request
10 yesterday asking that the legislation be drafted,
11 authorizing the Mayor enter into the amended contractual
12 agreements. Be advised that the Mayor has already
13 requested that the Law Department prepare this
14 legislation.

15 MAYOR COYNE: I did not.

16 MR. ASTORINO: So that's not factual of
17 what I'm reading here, Mayor.

18 MAYOR COYNE: But then again --

19 MR. ASTORINO: You may dispute whether or
20 not you did it or not, but --

21 MAYOR COYNE: I'm telling you I didn't.

22 MR. ASTORINO: Well --

23 MAYOR COYNE: What I'm telling you,
24 regardless, you asked the Law Department for opinion, I
25 did not. You interfered with the process of what I

1 requested. I have a right to request something.

2 You can -- like you're having a discussions
3 right now, my back is killing me.

4 MR. ASTORINO: Okay.

5 MAYOR COYNE: Okay? So the fact of the
6 matter is, this discussion we're having right now is the
7 discussion we should have. You have no authority or
8 right to preclude a measure that I --

9 MR. ASTORINO: I'm not precluding the
10 measure.

11 MAYOR COYNE: Yes, you did.

12 MR. ASTORINO: I'm not precluding the
13 measure.

14 MAYOR COYNE: You put it on the agenda --

15 MR. ASTORINO: I'm doing it with --

16 MAYOR COYNE: All you had to do was put it
17 on the agenda --

18 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

19 MAYOR COYNE: -- had this discussion. You
20 interfered, sir.

21 MR. ASTORINO: Section four --

22 MAYOR COYNE: I don't care --

23 MR. ASTORINO: You don't care about Section
24 four on the Charter --

25 MAYOR COYNE: I care about you interfering

1 with the process. Read the section that provides for
2 the duties of the Council President. It's preside over
3 the meeting according to the rules. You don't have any
4 right to preclude discussion of a measure I bring before
5 this Council, interfere with that process. If you
6 would've had this discussion at that meeting when I
7 asked it to be processed, we could've had the Law
8 Director, and all of us have that discussion.
9 You want to impose your will without authority, sir. I
10 know that Charter better than you'll ever know it in
11 your life.

12 MR. ASTORINO: And as I explained to the Law
13 Director when I talked to her --

14 MAYOR COYNE: You overruled the Law
15 Director, too.

16 MR. ASTORINO: Oh, really? Okay. Go ahead.

17 MAYOR COYNE: You do.

18 MR. ASTORINO: Go ahead, Ms. Director.

19 MS. HORVATH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
20 know you have a sincere desire to make sure that
21 everything we do conforms with the Charter. It may be
22 you forgot our discussion that we had on September 16th,
23 sometime between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., where I told you
24 that I felt it would be appropriate to put this measure
25 on for verbal approval. I also indicated to you that

1 I'd be going out of town on vacation, and I would return
2 on September 26th. I also informed
3 Mr. Sackett, who filled in for the meeting on the 20th
4 for me of this particular issue. And I was
5 surprised that it wasn't put on the agenda for
6 discussion.

7 So, you know, I understand your concern that
8 we conform to the Charter, but this particular measure,
9 I mean, obviously at this point, whether Council
10 approves or disapproves really doesn't matter.
11 There's no need for legislation; this is something
12 that's automatic. We are probably out of time, as far
13 as the time period to disapprove it and there's no
14 ability to disapprove it anyway. It's part of the
15 collective bargaining agreement. And if for some reason
16 you voted it down, you know, it probably could go
17 forward at some sort of grievance or some sort of issue
18 for arbitration.

19 So I guess what I would note is, once again,
20 we're spending a lot of time on procedure and rules, and
21 unfortunately not a lot of time on substantive issues.
22 And, you know, the Law Department has spent a tremendous
23 amount of time looking at these procedural issues. And
24 I hope that we can fast track this verbal approval. And
25 also in the future, avoid looking at things from a

1 procedural standpoint more than is necessary, and
2 instead, move on and deal with some other issues that
3 our city has.

4 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Ms. Director, I did
6 not forget the conversation we had on September 16th, I
7 remember our conversation. And when we concluded it, I
8 said that I would take a look at it. And I provided
9 additional communications to you and I also met with
10 you to talk to you about it.

11 I disagree with the Mayor's statement about
12 the me-too just being an automatic thing. And your
13 situation, saying it's just a housekeeping thing.
14 Because 20 something years ago, I participated in a
15 dispute that the Mayor said the me-too doesn't kick in
16 automatically. And as it stands right now, I believe
17 the Mayor may have reported, if he didn't in his Mayor's
18 report, about a current grievance that's going on about
19 the me-too agreement.

20 So me-toos are not that automatic. And I
21 also would question whether or not Council does have the
22 authority to reject this. This is a contract amendment
23 that the Mayor negotiated with all of the different
24 unions. It has come back to Council for approval. We
25 are amending contracts.

1 So Council has the ability to say they don't want to
2 spend that extra \$150,000 or the extra \$100,000,
3 they have that ability. I wouldn't expect them to do
4 that because I would expect them to honor the me-too.
5 But they have that ability to do that. This is not just
6 something that automatically kicks in because this was a
7 change, an increase to the sixth week. And what he
8 negotiated then that was different, from my
9 understanding, on the fact finding, is the cash payout
10 for this year. That's a separate agreement. So we are
11 amending a contract that's going to cost the city money.
12 It takes legislative action to do such a thing.

13 So I heard your thing on the 16th.

14 I told you I'd take a look at it. From what I
15 looked at it and done my inquiries about, is that it
16 requires legislative action. It's been done that way in
17 the past, which is not a strong argument. But the
18 Charter is clear to me. And I have not been shown any
19 legal authority, other than, well, just because we say
20 so. And that's what we think it should be.

21 MAYOR COYNE: No.

22 MR. ASTORINO: And, again, rather than
23 dispute and argue about this, if it would have just been
24 handled a certain way back in mid September, we would be
25 done about this and not having these disputes.

1 MAYOR COYNE: Mr. Chairman --

2 MR. ASTORINO: For some reason, it has to
3 be --

4 MAYOR COYNE: Has to be your way.

5 MR. ASTORINO: Has to be one way.

6 MAYOR COYNE: Has to be your way.

7 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

8 MAYOR COYNE: You have interfered and
9 therefore, what you could've done -- you have no right
10 to --

11 MR. ASTORINO: Mayor --

12 (Thereupon simultaneous speaking occurred.)

13 SPEAKER: Point of order.

14 MAYOR COYNE: -- a bunch of BS --

15 SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, -

16 MAYOR COYNE: -- interfered with the
17 process --

18 **Mr. Mencini:** I could care if you guys go to
19 11:59. Don't step on each other, all right? Let's have
20 a civil dialog here --

21 MAYOR COYNE: Be a good Councilman and step
22 up and take your responsibility. Call the roll. You
23 are interfering with the Council doing their business,
24 not interfering with me.

25 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Law Director, is that

1 the conclusion of your report?

2 MRS. HORVATH: Yes. My conclusion is, that
3 a verbal approval sufficient for these issues. I don't
4 believe that legislative action is necessary. And I do
5 not look at this as a modification or an alteration of a
6 contract. It's enforcing a provision that's already
7 contained in all of these various union contracts, they
8 all have me-too provisions. And that's the official
9 opinion of the legal department.

10 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Any other questions of
11 the Law Director? Councilman Salvatore.

12 MR. SALVATORE: Not a question, but a
13 comment. I would just like to say that, with the
14 legislation or without legislation, I do think that the
15 me-too clause goes into effect because it's in contract.
16 It's already been previously negotiated.

17 That would be like saying -- I think you
18 touched on it and I think the Law Director touched on
19 it. If we have legislation and voted it down, the
20 me-too clause would still go into effect with or without
21 the legislation.

22 The verbal approval is just a formality to
23 give it a little pat on the back and say everybody
24 supports the me-too clause and allows for the additional
25 vacation time or increase in rates or whatever it was.

1 So I disagree with the fact that legislation
2 is required and I think that the verbal approval would
3 be sufficient to acknowledge the fact that we're
4 endorsing the me-too agreement. But I think the only

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9 argument we have tonight is how do we get it on the
10 agenda. And if getting it on the agenda isn't proper or
11 shall it take a motion to put it on the next Caucus
12 meeting under discussion to be moved to the Council
13 meeting for approval. I think that's the argument that
14 we should be undertaking tonight.

15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. Any other
17 questions, comments to the safety -- to the Law
18 Director? Councilwoman Powers.

19 MS. POWERS: I guess this is to the Law
20 Director. We do have a Charter and the Charter does
21 have Section 4.08 about having the meetings. The
22 meeting, whatever is on the agenda is supposed to be
23 posted 48 hours, two business days, prior to the Council
24 meeting. So this was -- we weren't given this 48 hours.
25 We were given this five minutes before the meeting.

1 So, no. I don't feel this is appropriate.
2 No. I cannot go along with it. And it also says that
3 you need the approval of six members of Council.

4 So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 MRS. HORVATH: Okay. I guess I'm going to
6 divide things into different boxes here. The issue as
7 to whether or not verbal approval is sufficient
8 appropriate for these me-too clauses, that's one issue.
9 The issue of whether or not you could put verbal
10 approval on tonight's meeting is a different issue. And
11 I'm not sure I understand your majority question, so
12 we'll double back to that.

13 But certainly it's clear that it's
14 appropriate to do this by verbal approval. So that's
15 already been determined. The problem that you have is
16 it was not put on tonight's agenda. And the Charter
17 says that, you know, you have to do that. So Councilman
18 Salvatore's suggestion that maybe that be done certainly
19 is a good one. Because while Council can suspend rules,
20 those are only Council rules and you can't suspend what
21 the Charter says. So that may be your only recourse at
22 this point in time to move this along, and is to move
23 that it be place in Caucus and then go to another
24 meeting, that's the case.

25 But the fact that it's not on the agenda

1 tonight, does not affect the fact that verbal approval
2 is sufficient. So I hope I answered your question.

3 MS. POWERS: Thank you. Thank you,
4 Mr. Chairman.

5 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Mencini.

6 MR. MENCINI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 By no means, it wouldn't be the first time
8 I've see things come up pretty quick, but we'll skip
9 that now. But what you kind of said, Madam Law
10 Director, is we've already approved a contract. And
11 this is just, more or less, just saying, if I could be
12 simplified as best I can, kind of just an add on, an
13 extension. Is that kind of what you are saying, if I
14 could round that all off?

15 MRS. HORVATH: Right. In other words, all
16 the unions have a clause that say if another union gets
17 something, a pay raise, some sort of benefit, maybe an
18 extra vacation day or an extra holiday, then all the
19 other unions get the same thing. Hence the term, me-too
20 clause.

21 So it is probably viewed as an automatic.
22 It's already in the contract that for each of these
23 various unions that Council has approved. So, I mean,
24 there really isn't any approval or disapproval in my
25 mind as to what you may or may not do with regard to

1 that particular clause. I mean, it's in the Collective
2 Bargaining Agreement for each union.

3 MR. MENCINI: It is.

4 MRS. HORVATH: You know, someone else got a
5 benefit. So it's automatic that all the other unions
6 would get the same benefit. So for that -- that's one
7 of the reasons why I don't believe that the Ordinance is
8 necessary.

9 MR. MENCINI: Thank you, Ms. Law Director.

10 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

11 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you. Any other
12 questions? Seeing none, we'll move to the Finance
13 Director, Mr. Cingle.

14 MR. CINGLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The
15 reports for September will be distributed in the next
16 few days. As always, if there are any questions, please
17 don't hesitate to give me a call. And also, the Finance
18 Department thanks Council in advance for their
19 consideration on the Ordinances on the agenda tonight.
20 Hopefully those can be passed here in a timely manner so
21 that we can move forward with closing out or working to
22 close out fiscal year 2016 and beginning to prepare for
23 the budget for 2017.

24 And that concludes my report today.

25 MR. ASTORINO: Council have any questions of

1 the Finance Director?

2 MR. SALVATORE: Mr. Chairman.

3 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Salvatore.

4 MR. SALVATORE: Through the Chair to the
5 Finance Director, real quick. You're requesting the
6 approval for the me-too clause for what reason?

7 MR. CINGLE: Through the Chair to Councilman
8 Salvatore. The me-too clause -- the fact finder awarded
9 the me-too clause, which granted an additional week of
10 vacation for individuals that had -- that had 15 years
11 plus of service time. The fact finder didn't make a
12 recommendation on how that extra time off was going to
13 be administered. The fact finder just said that these
14 affected employees would get an additional week --
15 additional week off. So paid leave.

16 The Mayor has made an agreement with the
17 unions to pay these employees, these affected employees,
18 in lieu of taking the time off. So there's -- these
19 employees are going to be compensated if they so choose
20 to be compensated for the time off rather than take the
21 time off.

22 With that being said, my opinion is -- and I
23 talked with the Law Director and she agreed, that there
24 has to be some type of legislative action taken to grant
25 these employees pay for, you know, not taking the time

1 off, the vacation time.

2 Whether it's in the form of a Verbal
3 Approval or an Ordinance passed by Council, that's the
4 determination of the Law Department. And once it's
5 audited, you know, the auditors will look at was there
6 approval. And they'll defer to the Law
7 Director as to how that approval was maintained.

8 So we do need approval. The argument isn't
9 in the me-too part of this. The argument is in

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11 How is that me-too going to be administered.

12 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Salvatore.

13 MR. SALVATORE: If I may continue, over the
14 years, when something similar to this, maybe not
15 exactly, but similar, through union negotiations and
16 contracts for the me-too clause or whatever the case may
17 be, how many times was it administered through
18 legislation and how many times was it administered
19 through a verbal approval?

20 MR. CINGLE: Mr. Chairman, is that question
21 to me?

22 MR. ASTORINO: Yes.

23 MR. CINGLE: I think that's something that
24 needs to be researched by the Council office.

25 MR. SALVATORE: I don't know. You requested

1 it. So how many times did you request it before?

2 MAYOR COYNE: Mr. Chairman, point of
3 clarification for the Councilman. If I may.

4 Okay. Here's the situation, the fact of the
5 matter is, the fact finder awarded this to the
6 firefighters' union. We sat down and negotiated with
7 them how it would be implemented. And the payment of
8 that week vacation was the implementation of that fact
9 finder's report. So the fact of the matter is this,
10 then that, therefore, has to be offered to the rest of
11 the unions. And therefore, they accepted that, that
12 option. The reason that we did that is because we're at
13 the end of the year and we can't afford any time off.
14 So having the discussions of this -- and we have a
15 dispute amongst ourselves of what needs to be done here.

16 So to just verify that fact, this is
17 understanding we're submitting to city council. Do I
18 think we have to? I don't. However, it's to satisfy
19 all parties.

20 Let me finally say here to you right now. I
21 don't really care how you approve it. My only issue
22 here is the way it's being processed. If I request
23 something, it's presented before Council and we have a
24 discussion like we have right now.

25 Council President does not have a right for

1 that -- I may agree with him. Some of what he says, I
2 agree with. But the fact of the matter is, that is
3 discussion we should have had several weeks ago when
4 I submitted this, not tonight.

5 So from my standpoint, as a layperson, in
6 negotiating contracts for 30 years, I believe the
7 contract provision in there provides any protection we
8 need from any auditor, the Finance Director happens to
9 disagree. Whether it's the payment of money or time
10 off, it's compensation any way you look at it.

11 To satisfy his concerns, I submitted for
12 verbal approval. The Law Director concurs. So I don't
13 care how Council approves it. My objection again is,
14 you're interfering with my process of presentation.

15 So I think we heard from the
16 administration's standpoint. If Council will put it on
17 the next Caucus for discussion and move it to the
18 Council meeting, I'm happy with that. And however we
19 solve it is fine. But don't interfere with my ability
20 to present what I think is the remedy and we can have
21 these discussions. That's my only issue.

22 MR. SALVATORE: Mr. Chairman.

23 MR. ASTORINO: Go ahead, Councilman.

24 MR. SALVATORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
25 would like to see this put on the next Caucus

1 agenda under discussion, Mr. Chairman.

2 **Mr. Troyer:** Point of order, we're on
3 discussion with the Finance Director. I don't think
4 this is the appropriate time. Wouldn't it be under J?

5 **MR. SALVATORE:** I'm just asking for some
6 cooperation so we could move forward and try to get this
7 resolved. If we could resolve this at the next Caucus
8 meeting, whether it's legislation or verbal approval, I
9 think that might be appropriate.

10 **Mr. Troyer:** I concur. But we're in questions
11 and answers from the Finance Director. I think we
12 should get through that and then go ahead and add that
13 motion.

14 **MR. ASTORINO:** Councilman, my suggestion to
15 you, just to clear things up, would be, you could make a
16 motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of doing
17 what you're looking to do. And if Council approves --
18 because we are under item I, which is not necessarily
19 appropriate. But if you want to make a motion to
20 suspend the rules --

21 **MR. SALVATORE:** The motion is always in
22 order. But I'll proceed to your request and I'll
23 withdraw the motion until the discussion is complete and
24 make it again.

25 **MR. ASTORINO:** So you'll make a motion to

1 suspend the rules so you can make the --

2 MR. SALVATORE: Mr. Troyer had some
3 questions that he wanted to ask Mr. Cingle. I don't
4 have any --

5 **Mr. Astorino:** Councilman, it's much like this,
6 again, there's a way to solve the problem if we both
7 just compromise. I've offered to compromise. If you
8 want to do it -- if you don't want to accept the -- the
9 compromise would be, let's suspend the rules so that you
10 could make your motion to place it on the Caucus agenda
11 right now. Right now we can't do that.

12 MR. SALVATORE: I just went through my
13 motion so we could do that.

14 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. So you want to make
15 that motion, Councilman?

16 MR. SALVATORE: Yeah. Make a motion to
17 suspend the rules.

18 **Mr. Troyer:** Support.

19 MR. ASTORINO: Discussion? Seeing none,
20 we'll call the roll on suspending the rules and allow
21 the motion to put on Caucus.

22 Clerk, please call the roll.

23 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

24 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: Troyer.

1 MR. TROYER: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Powers.
3 MRS. POWERS: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Mencini.
5 MR. MENCINI: Yes.
6 THE CLERK: Scott.
7 MR. SCOTT: Yes.
8 THE CLERK: Burgio.
9 MR. BURGIO: Yes.
10 THE CLERK: Unanimous.
11 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. The rules are
12 suspended. Councilman.
13 MR. SALVATORE: I'd like the motion to place
14 on the next Caucus agenda under discussion.
15 **Mr. Scott:** Support.
16 MR. ASTORINO: Discussion? Seeing none,
17 please call the roll.
18 THE CLERK: Salvatore.
19 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.
20 THE CLERK: Scott.
21 MR. SCOTT: Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Burgio.
23 MR. BURGIO: Yes.
24 THE CLERK: Troyer.
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1 MR. TROYER: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: POWERS.

3 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Mencini.

5 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Unanimous.

7 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. So the me-too

8 provisions have been placed on the next Caucus agenda

9 for discussion. Thank you for cooperating, Council.

10 Any other questions to the Finance Director?
11 Councilman Troyer.

12 MR. TROYER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 Through the Chair to the Finance Director, Mr. Cingle.

14 I can't remember my question now. There was some talk

15 about dispatch and how some police officers

16 needs to be used in there sometimes firemen. And

17 sometimes they are just taken off, for a short

18 period of time. And sometimes when it's a whole shift,

19 they bring over -- they bring other firefighters in for

20 replace or policemen in to replace on that shift. Now

21 my question is, is that all accounted for? I mean, are

22 we -- is it causing the police and fire more overtime?

23 Is it, is that -- whatever hours they are working on

24 dispatch, is that charged to dispatch? Is that all

25 appropriately clocked?

1 MR. CINGLE: Through the Chair to Councilman
2 Troyer. All the hours are accounted for. So they are
3 all accounted for in the appropriation report. So all
4 the expenses are accounted for. If a fireman or a
5 policeman works dispatch for an hour or two is there
6 time charged to safety building? No, it's not. It's
7 still charged to the police department and the fire
8 department. Those hours will be tracked by the Safety
9 Director and/or the chiefs for further detail.

10 MR. TROYER: Okay. Through the Chair to the
11 Finance Director, Mr. Cingle. What about when it's a
12 full shift?

13 MR. CINGLE: Through the Chair to Councilman
14 Troyer. What do you mean if it's a full shift?

15 MR. TROYER: A full shift, a 12-hour shift.
16 It's a full shift of -- well --

17 MR. CINGLE: Oh, I see what you are asking.

18 MR. TROYER: Yeah. When it's a full shift,
19 a full shift of the dispatcher.

20 **Mr. Cingle:** An eight-hour day.

21 MR. TROYER: When they have to call somebody
22 in on overtime or the fill that spot on police or fire.

23 **Mr. Cingle:** I understand.

24 MR. TROYER: How is that handled?

25 MR. CINGLE: I understand. Through the

1 Chair to Councilman Troyer, again, those hours were
2 probably be accounted for, but they'll be accounted for
3 in their respective departments. So if a police or a
4 fireman worked an eight-hour shift in dispatch, they are
5 paid for that day, for those hours, would be accounted
6 for in the police department or fire department.

7 **Mr. Troyer:** So as far as our budget goes,
8 we're not tracking actual overtime and either police or
9 fire. It's not actually what was used to keep our
10 firemen in service and/or police in service?

11 **MR. CINGLE:** Through the Chair to Councilman
12 Troyer. We are tracking the overtime. The way it's
13 submitted to my department, it's submitted in total.
14 It's not submitted based on the activity worked for
15 overtime. It just comes over in total hours of overtime
16 hours worked for -- for that pay period.

17 **MR. TROYER:** Okay. So -- but what I'm
18 saying is, when we read the budget or the monthly
19 reports, it's telling us so many hours, so much costs of
20 overtime. That may include some time like dispatch?

21 **MR. CINGLE:** Through the Chair to Councilman
22 Troyer. It could. Yeah. I mean, you'd have to get --
23 we'd have to get a detailed report from either the chief
24 or the Safety Director to delineate the activities that
25 each overtime hour was used for, during that time

1 period.

2 MR. TROYER: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Finance Director, I
4 just have a couple questions, if you don't mind. And
5 it's more questions if you could provide the information
6 at a later time because I'm sure you don't have it at
7 your fingertips. The grass cutting
8 services that we provided for this year, would you be
9 able to provide me the dollar amounts that the city paid
10 out for that? And the same for the last year's snow
11 plowing for the winter season, what we paid out to the
12 contractors for that. And one other, the last
13 question I have on that is, if you remember, and I think
14 it was in September of 2014, you identified the cost per
15 event for a snow plowing was, like, \$3,400. And at one
16 time you changed that, you amended that to give an
17 update on that. If you could find the number that you
18 provided the update on because I can't find my notes on
19 that. I would like you to let me know --
20 because I know it wasn't it \$3,400 anymore. You
21 increased that amount, taking into consideration some
22 other items.

23 MR. CINGLE: Will do.

24 MR. ASTORINO: Thank you very much.

25 MAYOR COYNE: Question to the Finance

1 Director if I may, Mr. Chairman.

2 MR. ASTORINO: Go ahead, Mayor.

3 MAYOR COYNE: Mr. Finance Director, could you
4 provide me with information what it would cost to hire
5 10 people in the Service Department.

6 I'd appreciate that. Let me know and I'll
7 walk down the hall and get it from you.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Mr. Finance Director,
10 you can just e-mail that information, if you want, you
11 don't have to stop by your office, I don't think.

12 MR. CINGLE: Will do.

13 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Any other questions of
14 the Finance Director? Seeing none, we'll move the
15 agenda.

16 We move to letter J, which is Other
17 Communications and Petitions and Verbal Approval.
18 Introduction of New Legislation, does anyone have any
19 new legislation they are looking to introduce?

20 MAYOR COYNE: I do, Mr. Chairman.

21 MR. ASTORINO: Nothing coming forward from
22 Council first? We have an Ordinance authorizing the
23 Safety Director to prepare specifications for police,
24 auto cameras and video with sound recorders and further
25 authorizing the Mayor to seek such proposals in

1 declaring an emergency. This is introduced by Mayor
2 Coyne.

3 We will place this on the Safety Committee.

4 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Mayor --

5 MAYOR COYNE: That's it.

6 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. I don't want to cut
7 anyone off in the middle, so that concludes letter J.

8 We have nothing under letter K.

9 Miscellaneous Business, Appointments and Confirmations.

10 So we will move to letter L, which is Remarks from the
11 Audience on the Ordinances and/or Resolutions that
12 Pertain to Items on the Agenda.

13 We have 10 items that are under first
14 reading. The appropriation -- we're amending an
15 Appropriation Ordinance. We have a distribution for the
16 Mayor's court to the Domestic Violence and Child
17 Advocacy Center. We have an Ordinance dealing with the
18 Ohio Public Works Commission, an Ordinance that is
19 advertising for bids to enter into a contract for
20 disposal for composting facility and solid
21 waste. We have an Ordinance authorizing the Director of
22 Public Service to prepare specifications and advertise
23 for bids for the collection of solid waste, yard waste
24 and recyclables and bulk materials. We have an
25 Ordinance authorizing the City of Brook Park's

1 participation of ODOT Cooperative Purchasing, for the
2 purchase of a Western Star truck. And we have an
3 Ordinance authorizing participation in the ODOT
4 Cooperative Purchasing for one plow assembly for that
5 truck. And an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter
6 into an agreement with Henderson Products for the
7 purchase of one dump body and a plow package for that
8 truck. The ninth item we have is an Ordinance
9 authorizing the Mayor enter into an agreement with the
10 Best Environmental Equipment Company for the
11 lease/purchase of two Mack Chassis with LABRIE automated
12 side loaders. And then we have a resolution authorizing
13 the Mayor to prepare and submit an
14 application to participate in an Ohio Public Works
15 Commission State Capital Improvement Program. So those
16 are the 10 items that we have on the agenda under first
17 reading.

18 And we have an item under N on the second
19 reading. It's an Ordinance amending Section 121.01 A
20 and B of the Brook Park Confide Ordinances, relating to
21 the President of Council and Members of Council and
22 declaring an emergency. This items appeared, just so
23 people in the audience know and Council Members are
24 aware of, this item appeared on the agenda because we
25 have a rule 12 J that states that any items that was

1 placed on the table -- because this was tabled -- an
2 item that was tabled. But after 90 days, it has to come
3 back to the Council meeting for official legal action.
4 So we are required to take some sort of action on that
5 item in tonight's meeting.

6 So if anyone wants to speak on items on the
7 agenda, please come to the podium, give your name and
8 address for the record.

9 Okay. Seeing no one come forward, we'll
10 come back up here and move to letter M, Introduction of
11 Ordinance and Resolutions Under First Reading. Item
12 Number One, Clerk, please read.

13 THE CLERK: Ordinance Number 10,038-2016
14 introduced by Mayor Coyne, amending Ordinance Number
15 10,007-2016 the appropriation ordinance for the city of
16 Brook Park and declaring an emergency.

17 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Ordinance Number
18 10,038-2016 has had its first reading.

19 Okay. Item two, Ordinance Number
20 10,039-2016.

21 THE CLERK: Introduced by Council member
22 Salvatore and Scott, Troyer, Mencini, Powers, Burgio,
23 McCormick, Council President Astorino and Mayor Coyne.
24 Authorized in the city to make a distribution from the
25 Mayor's Court Fund to the Domestic Violence and Child

1 Advocacy Center.

2 MR. ASTORINO: Ordinance Number 10,039-2016
3 has had its first reading. Move Item Number Three,
4 Ordinance Number 10,040-2016.

5 THE CLERK: Introduced by Mayor Coyne,
6 authorized in the consulting engineering to prepare an
7 application to participate in the year 2017 Ohio Public
8 Works Commission State Capital improvement and/or local
9 transportation improvement program or programs for
10 financial assistance, on the Holland Road reconstruction
11 project and declaring an emergency.

12 **Mr. Salvatore:** Motion to suspend.

13 **Mr. Mencini:** Support.

14 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. There's been a motion
15 to suspend, properly supported. Discussion on
16 suspension. Seeing none, we'll call the roll on
17 suspension.

18 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

19 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Mencini.

21 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Powers.

MRS. POWERS: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Troyer.
2 MR. TROYER: Yes.
3 THE CLERK: Burgio
4 MR. BURGIO: Yes.
5 THE CLERK: Scott
6 MR. SCOTT: Yes
7 MR. ASTORINO: Suspension is approved,
8 **Mr. Salvatore:** Motion to adopt.
9 **Mr. Burgio:** Support.
10 Mr. ASTORINO: motion to adopt. Any discussion? We'll call
11 the roll on adoption.
12 THE CLERK: Salvatore.
13 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.
14 THE CLERK: Burgio.
15 MR. BURGIO: Yes.
16 THE CLERK: Scott.
17 MR. SCOTT: Yes.
18 THE CLERK: Mencini.
19 MR. MENCINI: Yes.
20 THE CLERK: Powers.
21 MRS. POWERS: Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Troyer.
23 MR. TROYER: Yes.
24 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Ordinance Number
25 10040-2016 has been adopted under suspension of the rules.

1 THE CLERK: Ordinance No. 10041-2016, introduced by Mayor
2 Coyne authorizing the director of public service to
3 prepare specifications and to advertise for bids and
4 further authorizing the Mayor to enter into a
5 contract with the lowest and/or best bidder for the
6 disposal of solid waste in a EPA approved composting
7 facility and declaring an emergency.

8 **Mr. Mencini:** Move to suspend.

9 **Mr. Troyer:** Support.

10 MR. ASTORINO: There has been a motion to
11 suspend properly supported. Discussion on
12 suspension? Seeing none, we'll call the roll on
13 suspension.

14 THE CLERK: Mencini.

15 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Troyer.

17 MR. TROYER: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Powers.

19 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Scott.

21 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Burgio.

23 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

25 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

26 MR. ASTORINO: Suspension's been approved.

1 **Mr. Mencini:** Motion to adopt.

2 **Mr. Scott:** Support.

3 MR. ASTORINO: There's been a motion to
4 adopt, properly supported. Any discussion on adoption?
5 Seeing none, we'll call the roll on adoption.

6 THE CLERK: Mencini.

7 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Scott.

9 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Burgio.

11 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

13 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Troyer.

15 MR. TROYER: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Powers.

17 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

18 MR. ASTORINO: Ordinance Number 10041-2016
19 has been adopted under Suspension of the rules.

20 We'll move to Item Number Five, which is
21 Ordinance Number 10042-2016.

22 THE CLERK: Introduced by Mayor Coyne,
23 authorized in the Director of Public Service to prepare
24 specifications and to advertise the bids for the
25 collection of solid waste, yard waste, recyclables

1 materials and bulk materials, and declaring an
2 emergency.

3 **Mr. Mencini:** Move to suspend.

4 **Mr. Salvatore:** Support.

5 MR. ASTORINO: There's been a motion to
6 suspend, properly supported. Seeing no discussion,
7 we'll call the roll on suspension.

8 THE CLERK: Mencini.

9 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

11 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Burgio.

13 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Scott.

15 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Powers.

17 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Troyer.

19 MR. TROYER: Yes.

20 MR. ASTORINO: Suspension's been approved.

21 **Mr. Mencini:** Motion to adopt.

22 **Mr. Burgio:** Support.

23 MR. ASTORINO: There's been a motion to
24 adopt, properly supported. Seeing no discussion on
25 adoption, we'll call the roll.

1 THE CLERK: Mencini.
2 MR. MENCINI: Yes.
3 THE CLERK: Burgio.
4 MR. BURGIO: Yes.
5 THE CLERK: Scott.
6 MR. SCOTT: Yes.
7 THE CLERK: Salvatore.
8 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.
9 THE CLERK: Troyer.
10 MR. TROYER: Yes.
11 THE CLERK: Powers.
12 MRS. POWERS: Yes.
13 MR. ASTORINO: Ordinance Number 10042-2016
14 has been adopted under Suspension of the rules.
15 We'll move to item number six, which is
16 Ordinance Number 10043-2016.
17 THE CLERK: Introduced by Mayor Coyne,
18 Authorizing the City of Brook Park participation in the
19 ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase
20 of one 2017 Western Star 4700 SB truck, and declaring an
21 emergency.
22 **Mr. Burgio:** Motion to suspend.
23 **Mr. Scott:** Support.
24 MR. ASTORINO: There's been a motion to
25 suspend, properly supported. Seeing no discussion,

1 we'll call the roll on suspension.

2 THE CLERK: Burgio.

3 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Scott.

5 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

7 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Troyer.

9 MR. TROYER: No.

10 THE CLERK: Powers.

11 MRS. POWERS: No.

12 THE CLERK: Mencini's not here.

13 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Suspension failed. So

14 Ordinance Number 10043-2016 has had its first reading.

15 We'll move to Item Number Seven, Ordinance
16 Number 10044-2016.

17 THE CLERK: Introduced by Mayor Coyne,
18 authorizing the City of Brook Park's participation in
19 the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase
20 of one plow assembly for a 2017 Western Star 4700 SB
21 truck, and declaring an emergency.

22 MR. ASTORINO: Ordinance Number 10044-2016
23 has had its first reading.

24 We will move to Item Number Eight, which is
25 Ordinance Number 10045-2016.

1 THE CLERK: Introduced by Mayor Coyne,
2 authorizing the Mayor to enter in an agreement with
3 Henderson Products for the purchase of one 2017 Dump
4 Body and plow package for a Western Star truck, and
5 declaring an emergency.

6 MR. ASTORINO: Ordinance Number 10045-2016
7 has had its first reading.

8 Well move to Item Number Nine, which is
9 Ordinance Number 10046-2016.

10 THE CLERK: Introduce by Mayor Coyne,
11 authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with Best
12 Environmental Equipment Company Incorporated for the
13 lease and/or purchase of two new Mack Chassis with
14 LABRIE automated side loaders, and declaring an
15 emergency.

16 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Ordinance Number
17 10046-2016 has had its first reading.

18 We'll move to Item Number 10, Resolution
19 Number 35-2016.

20 THE CLERK: Introduced by Mayor Coyne,
21 authorizing the Mayor to permit the application to
22 participate in the year 2017 Ohio Public Works
23 Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local
24 transportation improvement program and/or programs and
25 to execute contracts as required and declaring an

1 emergency.

2 **Mr. Salvatore:** Motion to suspend.

3 **Mr. Burgio:** Support.

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5 MR. ASTORINO: There's been a motion to
6 suspend, properly supported. Seeing no discussion,
7 we'll call the roll on suspension.

8 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

9 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Burgio.

11 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Scott.

13 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Mencini.

15 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Powers.

17 MRS. POWERS: No.

18 THE CLERK: Troyer.

19 MR. TROYER: Yes.

20 MR. ASTORINO: Resolution Number 35-2016 has
21 had its first reading. That concludes the items under
22 letter M.

23 We'll move to letter N, which is Second
24 Reading of Ordinance and Resolution. We have one
25 Ordinance under there. As I stated prior, this by Rule

1 12-J in our Council rules states that if on the table
2 for 90 days, the item must be placed -- must be returned
3 to the floor for legal action at the next regular
4 scheduled Council meeting. So, Council, I would need to
5 entertain a motion to remove from the table.

6 **Mr. Salvatore:** Mr. Chairman.

7 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Salvatore.

8 **Mr. Salvatore:** Motion to place back
9 on the table

10 **Mr. Troyer:** Support.

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12 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. There's been a motion
13 to place this back on the table, properly supported.

14 Discussion? Seeing none, please call the
15 roll, Clerk.

16 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

17 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Troyer.

19 MR. TROYER: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Powers.

21 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Scott.

23 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Burgio.

25 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Mencini. Sorry.

2 MR. MENCINI: You're fine. Yes.

3 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. So the ordinance is
4 before you Members now.

5 MR. SALVATORE: Mr. Chairman, if I may.

6 MR. ASTORINO: Go ahead, Councilman
7 Salvatore.

8 MR. SALVATORE: Sir, I'd like to ask my
9 colleague, Councilwoman Powers, if we could -- if she
10 would consider going back to Item Number 10, voting for
11 suspension and you could vote your conscience on
12 adoption.

13 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman, we have to deal
14 with -- I mean, we took the Ordinance and placed it back
15 before us, and removed it from the table.

16 MR. SALVATORE: I'm talking about the one
17 from in M. The one that's --

18 MR. ASTORINO: Right. I understand what you
19 are doing, but we need to address Ordinance Number
20 10026-2016. It was tabled. We took it
21 from the table. It's before us now. So...

22 MR. SALVATORE: I just wanted to give her
23 some time to think about it.

24 MR. ASTORINO: Okay.

25 MR. SALVATORE: Now you've got some time to

1 think, I'm going to ask --

2 MRS. POWERS: I've already thought about it.

3 MR. ASTORINO: Okay.

4 **Mr. Salvatore:** Mr. Chairman, move to place
5 Item number N-1 back on the table.

6 MR. ASTORINO: It's on the table. The
7 motion would be to table it again.

8 **Mr. Salvatore:** Take it --

9 MR. ASTORINO: We took it from the table to
10 put it back before us.

11 **Mr. Salvatore:** So we took it from the table.
12 I'm putting it back on the table. I'm tabling it. Motion
13 to table it -- to retable it.

14 **Mr. Troyer:** Support.

15 MR. ASTORINO: Timeframe for the table? Did
16 you make the motion to place it?

17 **Mr. Troyer:** No. Indefinitely. So it would be
18 90 days.

19 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. There's been a motion
20 to table Ordinance Number 10016-2016 to table it
21 indefinitely. You will support?

22 **Mr. Salvatore:** Right.

23 MR. ASTORINO: Any discussion? Seeing none,
24 we'll move on with the motion.

25 THE CLERK: Troyer.

1 MR. TROYER: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

3 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Burgio.

5 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Scott.

7 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Mencini.

9 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Powers.

11 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

12 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. That concludes items
13 under letter N. We have no items under letter O, for
14 Third Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

15 **Mr. Salvatore:** Mr. Chairman?

16 MR. ASTORINO: Yes, Councilman Salvatore.

17 **Mr. Salvatore:** I would like to ask my
18 colleague,

19 Colleague, Councilwoman Powers to reconsider M-10
20 for suspension and then you can vote your conscience on
21 adoption.

22 MRS. POWERS: As I told you a minute ago, I
23 thought about it already. I thought about it earlier in
24 the week. I studied my agenda. I thought about it
25 today. And the reason I said that I would not vote for
it, is because it said authorizing the Mayor to prepare

1 the application to participate in the year 2017 Ohio
2 Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or
3 Local Transportation Improvement Programs. I'm good
4 with that. What I am not good with, and to execute
5 contracts as required and declaring an emergency. I
6 think before he -- I don't think we should give him the
7 permission to do a contract before he gives us some
8 information back. So if I'm wrong, then enlighten me.
9 But otherwise, that's why I'm voting no.

10 **Mr. Salvatore:** Okay. Well, what's your answer to
11 my question?

12 **MR. ASTORINO:** I believe it's no, Council.

13 **MRS. POWERS:** I think it's no. I think -- I
14 thought I made that clear, it's no.

15 **Mr. Salvatore:** Well, you could still vote no on
16 the legislation and pass through suspension.

17 **MAYOR COYNE:** I think the engineer would
18 like to say something.

19 **MR. TROYER:** Through the Chair, can I speak?
20 Mr. Chairman?

21 **MR. ASTORINO:** Councilman Troyer.

22 **MR. TROYER:** Through the Chair to the
23 engineer, Mr. Piatak, is there any timeframe on this, we
24 need to get this done?

25 **MR. PIATAK:** Through the Chair, the

1 timeframe was two weeks ago. The application's already
2 been submitted. I talked to the District Integrating
3 Committee and explained to them our process with processing
4 the legislation, they were considerate in allowing to
5 submit after the application was due but the language
6 in this resolution is boilerplate, right from the Ohio
7 Public Works Commission

8 I mean, this is the resolution that they want passed in
9 this form and in this language.

10 I don't think that -- to actually execute
11 contracts gives the Mayor cart blanche to
12 move forward without providing additional information.
13 This is just to submit the application and to enter into
14 a contract if we were successful in securing money for
15 this project. Thank you.

16 MR. ASTORINO: Mr. Piatak, if you could for
17 the people and for the Council people. I mean, you are
18 submitting an application for---

19 MR. PIATAK: This application is for the
20 Holland Road Reconstruction Project.

21 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. But you are just
22 requesting money for it. You are not looking?

23 MR. PIATAK: Correct.

24 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Mencini.

1 MR. MENCINI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

2 Through the Chair to our engineer, Mr. Piatak, can we
3 lose on this and what can we lose on this?

4 MR. PIATAK: Through the Chair, I mean, the
5 applications were submitted. I think the final rankings
6 don't come out until, I'd have to double check. I
7 think maybe in December sometime. But if this
8 legislation isn't passed and we were successful in the
9 application, then that success would be negated because
10 we didn't have a resolution passed.

11 So could we lose an amount of money if we
12 don't pass the resolution? Yes.

13 MR. MENCINI: Just so you know, on my
14 travels today on that Holland Road section, tell me if
15 I'm wrong, there's some creases there, if you could look
16 It over real quick, there would be this much in the
17 center divide. Do I stand corrected.

18 MR. PIATAK: Sure. There's very significant
19 pavement failures in that section of Holland Road, yes.

20 MR. MENCINI: Okay. Thank you.

21 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

22 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Councilwoman, I just,
23 want to correct something through the engineer.

24 This -- filing this application does not
25 commit the city to spending any money. It's just, we're

1 asking for money to help us with the Holland Road?

2 MR. PIATAK: Correct.

3 MR. ASTORINO: So Councilwoman, I want to --
4 you know, your comment about giving the Mayor authority
5 to execute contracts, it's not a contract to spend
6 money. It's a contract to ask for money. Is that a
7 fair way to say it.

8 MR. PIATAK: I would say that's fair. I
9 mean, if the city is going to secure grant money, and
10 even loan money on zero percent, it would be silly not
11 to take advantage of this opportunity. I mean, this is
12 a highly competitive program, I mean, throughout the,
13 you know, the district one. I mean, there's always been
14 triple or quadruple the projects requesting money and
15 the funds are available, so this is a very highly
16 competitive process. We've been successful in the past
17 of securing money. But this is a great way to get a
18 project funded if you can.

19 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Burgio.

20 MR. BURGIO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
21 just have to comment that this is necessary. I don't
22 know why we should drag our feet on this. This is a
23 highly traveled area. There's two schools there, a rec
24 center there, police and fire stations there. Why not
25 move on this and get it done with? That's my comment.

1 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. So Councilwoman
2 Powers.

3 MRS. POWERS: Thank you Mr. Piatak for the
4 explanation. And you said that you had already prepared
5 and submitted this application, which is -- every time
6 we go through this, it's upsetting to me that you do
7 something and then you come in here and ask Council to
8 approve it. So that's just -- I would like to see that
9 practice ending. And as far as the -- yes. As long as
10 it's going to help us in the way it was explained, then
11 I would change my vote to a yes vote.

12 MR. SALVATORE: Mr. Chairman.

13 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Salvatore.

14 MR. SALVATORE: Would you do the motion to
15 reconsidering or look at the motion to suspend on number
16 10 now?

17 MR. ASTORINO: Need a motion to
18 reconsideration --

19 MR. SALVATORE: Motion to reconsideration
20 Number M-10.

21 **Mr. Troyer:** Support.

22 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. There's a motion to
23 reconsider. Clerk, please call the roll on the motion
24 to reconsider M-10.

25 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

1 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Troyer.

3 MR. TROYER: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Powers.

5 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Mencini.

7 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Scott.

9 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Burgio.

11 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Okay.

13 MR. ASTORINO: The motion passes to
14 reconsider. So M-10 is before you again.

15 **Mr. Salvatore:** Motion to suspend.

16 **Mr. Scott:** Support.

17 MR. ASTORINO: There's been a motion to
18 suspend, properly supported. Please call the roll on
19 suspension.

20 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

21 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Scott.

23 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Burgio.

1 MR. BURGIO: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Troyer.
3 MR. TROYER: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Powers.
5 MRS. POWERS: Yes.
6 THE CLERK: Mencini.
7 MR. MENCINI: Yes.
8 MR. ASTORINO: Suspension's been approved.
9 **Mr. Mencini:** Move to adopt.
10 **Mr. Salvatore:** Support.
11 MR. ASTORINO: The motion to adopt, properly
12 supported. Seeing no discussion, Clerk, please call the
13 roll.
14 THE CLERK: Mencini.
15 MR. MENCINI: Yes.
16 THE CLERK: Salvatore.
17 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.
18 THE CLERK: Burgio.
19 MR. BURGIO: Yes.
20 THE CLERK: Scott.
21 MR. SCOTT: Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Powers.
23 MRS. POWERS: Yes.
24 THE CLERK: Troyer.
25 MR. TROYER: Yes.

1 MR. ASTORINO: Resolution Number 35-2016 has
2 passed under Suspension of the rules.

3 MR. SALVATORE: Mr. Chairman, if I may.

4 MR. ASTORINO: Councilman Salvatore, go
5 ahead.

6 MR. SALVATORE: I'd like to thank you for
7 the reconsideration. And I would also like to send a
8 thank you to Councilwoman Powers for reconsideration to get
9 this passed tonight. Thank you.

10 MR. ASTORINO: We have no items for letter
11 O, for Third Reading of Ordinance and Resolutions. So
12 we move to letter P, which is Remarks from the Audience
13 on any Subject Matter.

14 I ask, if anyone from the audience want to
15 come forward, give your name and record -- or name and
16 address for the record and director your comment to the
17 Chair.

18 **Ms. Sayers:** Okay. I won't do it. Everybody's
19 telling me not to talk.

20 **Ms. Sayers:** Elizabeth Sayers, 23065 Cedar
21 Point Road, Brook Park, Ohio. I'm not going to go there
22 with any questions or anything because you guys have
23 said it all. But the only thing I was concerned about
24 is, I was told today that if you ask for a sign to put
25 up on a street, you can do it. And it's a sign on --

1 it's a road, but it's not a through street.

2 And it was put down and put back up. And

3 I was told because nasty people go through there and
4 everything. And I just kind of was a little concerned
5 that you could just ask for a sign and it will go up.

6 So, you know, I would like to have my street
7 go 35 miles an hour because nobody does 25.

8 But I'm not going to make any comments about
9 how you guys all argue, fight and whatever and
10 disrespect each other and everything else. And,
11 Mr. Astorino, you need to, I don't know, show a little
12 more respect. And these e-mails and Facebook I think
13 everybody needs to grow up on. And I don't appreciate
14 what's being said about me through one of your members.
15 And you tell me not to talk about it up here, but it's
16 causing a lot of problems between everybody. And
17 everybody's talking about -- everybody's running their
18 mouths about City Council and people of the city and
19 everything.

20 And, you know what? I just think that City
21 Council should worry more about what needs to be done in
22 the city that needs to be on Facebook. And, you know, I
23 don't give a rats butt what's on Facebook. But when you
24 start talking about me and my family, I have issues.

25 And, you know, you can hide it from words, all kinds of

1 different words in there and everything else. But I
2 think your family and a lot City Council people and
3 the people for the city should act a little bit more
4 mature than putting everybody down and criticizing
5 everybody.

6 And the reason that I call Tom Troyer. And
7 Tom Troyer doesn't like to return phone calls, but he
8 comes over and leaves his card and everything. I have
9 questions and everything.

10 But I found out one thing. If you want
11 anything resolved in the City of Brook Park, you just do
12 it yourself. And you find out what the rules and the
13 laws are yourself. Because, you know, I don't like
14 being criticized to the Council family.

15 And a lot of these people just want things
16 to get done around the city and make the city look nice
17 and try to work things out and see what's going on. And
18 my neighborhood is starting to really look crappy and
19 everybody does their own thing. So I just want to tell
20 you, Mr. Astorino, since I'm not allowed to talk to
21 anyone else up there, because you want me to stare at
22 you and talk to you only, nip it in the bud with the
23 family member. Because, you know what? I'm just a
24 short, fat, little white woman that will take it to
25 another level. And I will do it.

1 Because, you know what? It just shows you
2 that you're uneducated and you don't have any respect
3 for other people. And it's got to be your way or no way
4 at all. And nobody likes what I have to say, it's not
5 my problem.

6 But I'll let you know one thing,
7 Mr. Mencini, I don't care what you say to me or how you
8 say it to me, tell me to shut up, sit down, whatever,
9 you straighten out this social media. Because I've got
10 the papers. I've got the printouts. And if your family
11 member can't grow up and show respect towards other
12 people, somebody's going to have to do something about
13 it.

14 Now you arguing with the Mayor and
15 everything just shows me disrespect of you completely.
16 There's a lot of things in the city that needs to be
17 done. And there's a lot of things that people need to
18 say. They don't need to be rude (inaudible).

19 As far as that police chief doing whatever,
20 saving somebody, helping somebody without being in his
21 own car and union and all that kind of garbage, I'm in
22 the medical field. That's like telling me, if I see you
23 on the floor, I can't touch you, unless I'm in a vehicle
24 or whatever, whatever was said.

25 But I just can't comprehend that nobody is

1 doing what the city needs. Everybody is just pacifying
2 each other.

3 But that's all I've got to say. You need to
4 nip it in the bud, because it's getting out of control.
5 Even with your Council people here on social media.
6 That's all I've got to say.

7 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Thank you.

8 SPEAKER: Hello, Beth Porch, 13478
9 Settlement Acres Drive. I just would like to thank
10 Mayor Coyne for supporting Issue 107. And I would like
11 to request from all the other Council members, that you
12 would consider doing the same, verbally, publicly for
13 supporting the kids. Thank you.

14 SPEAKER: My name is Jeffrey Duke. 15914
15 Remora Boulevard, Brook Park, Ohio. I'm a resident of
16 the city. Been a resident for many years. Moved here
17 in 2004 and in 2005, actively got involved with various
18 school functions and civic functions. I wanted to be a
19 part of the future of the city.

20 Early on I recognized that the key part of
21 the future of the city was the schools and the children
22 and the future that we provide for them. Sometimes you
23 have to do what's needed, not what is wanted.

24 And, Mayor Coyne, thank you. You did that
25 tonight. You did what was needed. You supported Issue

1 107, by coming out and verbally saying that.

2 And I hope Council will consider doing the
3 same thing, support Issue 107.

4 No. Nobody wants to pay more taxes, plain
5 and simple. Nobody wants more money out of their
6 pocket. But what you need to do is reinvest in the city
7 and the assets of the city, which includes the school
8 district.

9 Yes. We might lose one, two schools,
10 whatever it may be. But we will get a brand new school
11 district -- a brand new school building in this city
12 with this plan. We would get a brand new high school in
13 our neighboring city with this plan. It's an asset for
14 the children, for our future.

15 I would like to challenge each and every
16 Council person up there and other elected officials to
17 come out publicly and say that they are supporting Issue
18 107, not because it's what they want to do. It's
19 because it's what's needed for the future of the city.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. Seeing no one else
22 coming to the podium, I'll come back up to the base.

23 Council.

24 **Mr. Salvatore:** Motion to adjourn.

25 **Mr. Burgio:** Support.

1 MR. ASTORINO: Motion to adjourn properly
2 supported. Clerk, please call the roll on adjournment.

3 THE CLERK: Salvatore.

4 MR. SALVATORE: Yes.

5 THE CLERK: Burgio.

6 MR. BURGIO: Yes.

7 THE CLERK: Scott.

8 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

9 THE CLERK: Mencini.

10 MR. MENCINI: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Powers.

12 MRS. POWERS: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Troyer.

14 MR. TROYER: Yes.

15 MR. ASTORINO: Okay. This meeting is
16 adjourned at 9:43 p.m. Thank you.

17 (Concluded.)
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