

**REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017**

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

SCOTT, BURGIO, TROYER, POWERS, McDONNELL, MENCINI

Also in attendance were Mayor Coyne, Law Director Horvath, Safety Director Byrnes, Service Director Cayet, Engineer Piatak, Finance Director Cingle, Building Commissioner Hurst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Revised Regular Caucus Meeting Held on August 9, 2016

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to approve as printed.

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

ABSTENTIONS: McDonnell.

NAYS: None. Motion carried with a vote of 5 with one abstention.

2. Revised Regular Caucus Meeting Minutes Held on September 13, 2016

Mr. Burgio said he did not have an opportunity to read all of these or the others.

Motion by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Scott, to move to the next Caucus agenda.

ROLL CALLS: AYES: Burgio, Scott, Mencini

ABSTENTIONS: McDonnell

NAYS: Troyer, Powers. Motion failed with a vote of 3 - 2 and one abstention.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Powers, to approve as printed.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Powers,

ABSTENTIONS: McDonnell, Scott, Burgio.

NAYS: Mencini. Motion failed with a vote of 2-1 with three abstentions.

Mr. Astorino asked for reconsideration to move item number two to the next Caucus agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS: CONT.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Burgio, to reconsider.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Burgio, Scott, Troyer, Powers, McDonnell.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

3. Regular Caucus Meeting Held on March 28, 2017

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Burgio, to approve the March 28, 2017, Regular Caucus Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

ABSTENTIONS: McDonnell.

NAYS: None. The motion carried with a vote of 5 and one abstention.

4. Regular Caucus Meeting Held on April 11, 2017

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to approve the April 11, 2017, Regular Caucus Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

ABSTENTIONS: McDonnell.

NAYS: None. The motion carried with a vote of 5 and one abstention.

DISCUSSION:

1. ORDINANCE NO 10079-2017, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENDLESS POOLS AND RADIANT HEAT SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) DUAL PROPULSION ENDLESS POOLS AND SYSTEMS, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Mayor Coyne,

Ms. Powers stated senior citizens are against these pools, does not accommodate the general population and has no provisions for children; only facilitates four people at a time. The Endless Pools are a waste of money and space and does not serve the taxpayers who pay for them

Ms. McDonnell stated research shows that swim coaches endorse Endless Pool for training swimmers. There are fifty-two speed settings for swim lessons for children with a variety of currents and temperature adjustments.

DISCUSSION: CONT.

The American Red Cross says it is used to teach swimming lessons. While the downside is not having a traditional pool, the benefit could be useful. Occupational and physical therapy could be provided when the center is closed.

Mr. Scott asked Ms. McDonnell if it was specified that only four people can use the pools?

Ms. McDonnell responded no.

Mr. Scott stated the presentation given indicated eight to twelve people and they were highly recommended for therapy and the proposal includes a treadmill.

Ms. McDonnell commented it is useful for marathon training.

Ms. Powers: The presentation addressed therapy and there are many therapy centers connected to hospitals and rehabilitation centers. The city's recreation center pool should meet the needs of the residents' who pay for the pool. The pool should be for everyone of all ages and should meet the needs of most people.

Ms. McDonnell stated the outside pool accommodates families May through August; when it is colder you can change how you use water facilities inside.

Mr. Mencini stated the seniors used the pool regularly when originally opened and it is heartbreaking to see it empty. The pool area has high ceilings that require heating and the chlorine integrity is questionable after sitting for two years. When the pool was opened during the times between 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the pool would be empty. As Mr. Troyer said it great last week 'stopgap' It is a stopgap and a way to get going; this is a different time, place, and financial situation.

Mr. Troyer stated this is an improvement over no pool, but what is the total cost? The administration has up to \$180,000; the pool costs \$120,000 plus \$20,000 for installation, which is not included in the current packet. Where is the extra \$40,000 going? They are not ADA compliant. The total project

DISCUSSION: CONT.

is about \$7 million with interest and does not include a roof over the pool. New pools are being put into the current pool, which is not level. How will it be leveled and if damaged during installation it could be rendered unusable. Where is the wall going and what is the cost? It is only a pool when more people are in it as they cannot use the functions. Two 15 x 15 pools that you can do some things in, but there is nothing special about it.

Mayor Coyne stated the center after being heavily subsidized by residents for many years was in a position two years ago to be closed; voters defeated the ballot issue for improvements. The pool closed and utilities costs decreased from \$262,000 to about \$112,000 in the 2017 appropriations. Staff and everything else was cut, the pool is too big and is a drain on the budget and entire roof must be removed. Spray foam installation can be used for leveling and the appropriation was \$240,000, professional installation to meet the warrant is approximately \$138,000. A wall would be built to enclose the two pools at a cost of approximately \$20,000, in that area the pool roof does not leak. The Mayor figured \$60,000 for the enclosure and the roof has to be designed like it is an exterior roof inside the building due to the nature of the situation. The project will probably come in less than \$200,000 and \$240,000 was appropriated. Existing exercise facilities can be expanded into what is short of the pool right now because there are constraints for room. Having one attendant in the facility is in the budget and the wall will be built at the edge of the existing pool director's office so the director can be in the office watching or out walking around. These are a solution to a problem of most people wanting to get in the pool and exercise. We will probably not spend \$180,000 on this portion or even \$180,000 for the entire thing; the original estimate was \$240,000, which will probably not come close to. This must be independent of the other project due to the energy savings' requirements.

Mr. Burgio stated in a perfect world an Olympic size pools is ideal, unfortunately, few took advantage of it and cost of maintenance was upwards of \$200,000. Many, especially those needing therapy, will enjoy this and city history is to try to provide amenities if affordable to the best of our ability.

DISCUSSION: CONT.

Ms. Powers commented the outdoor pool with a depth of two-feet is not adequate for the entire population

Mayor Coyne stated the outdoor water park is for small children and this year \$30,000 of repairs was put into the outdoor pool. If day care centers did not purchase daily passes, requirements and personnel to operate it could not be sustained. Cleveland passed a huge income tax increase and Middleburgh Heights had a levy, which the City has never done. The City has always used city income tax ability. Mayor Coyne approached the Berea School Board to make a 50/50 deal for improvements rather than build a new pool and contract with the college and was refused. Also, the owner of a facility on Grayton Road was going to lease and maintain it, but looking at the numbers it was not feasible, this is feasible. Unfortunately, it could not be placed under the energy savings budget.

Mr. Mencini concurred that with members using the recreation center facilities that has not been seen in a while. Recreation centers are not money makers and leveling things is hard to do. The City of Cleveland increased taxes 2.5% and Middleburg has a fund that goes directly to the recreation center at the beginning of the year; the City of Westlake has something similar, this would be an asset.

Mr. Astorino questioned will Endless Pools affect insurance rates?

Mayor Coyne responded probably less than the larger area.

Mr. Astorino continued calculations for energy savings had something that dealt with the pool closure; about \$2600 was calculated for natural gas and nearly \$30,000 for electricity. Will Brewer-Garrett have difficulty doing an audit with energy costs and will be able to say we are still saving that even though we are spending....

Mayor Coyne interjected it was a couple hundred dollars a month in energy that does not affect the contract on savings.

Mr. Astorino stated at one-time utility costs were \$262,000 and this year it shows \$180,000.

DISCUSSION: CONT.

Mayor Coyne responded utility costs for the recreation center in 2014 was \$262,000; actual usage in 2016 was \$177,000. It was a temporary appropriation but still decreased almost \$50,000. Mayor Coyne wanted to make it clear that the cost of energy was substantially reduced by the pool closure and the equation was not Brewer-Garrett's.

Mr. Astorino stated in the Brewer Garrett project it is just under \$600,000, that does not include the portion above the pool.

Mayor Coyne responded it never did.

Motion by Mr. Burgio, to place this on the next Council agenda.

Mr. Astorino: There is further discussion.

Continued discussion took place between Councilman Troyer, Council President Astorino and Mayor Coyne about concerns with the roof and the Endless Pools.

Motion by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place this on the next Council agenda.

Mr. Astorino stated the only motion needed is that this topic was discussed; this legislation had first reading at the last Council meeting and will appear under Second Reading on the next Council agenda.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Burgio, that item number one has been discussed.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Burgio, Scott, McDonnell, Powers, Troyer.

NAYS: The motion carried.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – CO-CHAIRMAN BURGIO:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 141.02 OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'COMPOSITION: EXECUTIVE HEAD' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council President Astorino.

Motion by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Scott, to place back in committee.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Burgio, Scott, Mencini, McDonnell, Powers, Troyer.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

SERVICE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BURGIO:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROOK PARK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE PLOW ASSEMBLY FOR A 2018 WESTERN STAR 4700SB TRUCK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mr. Cayet explained the difference between the plow assembly and plow package. The plow package is the unit on the front of the truck that pushes the snow; the dump body package is the salt spreader with hydraulics

Mr. Burgio commented the city saved \$9,000 by bidding in that time frame, which paid for some of the equipment.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the next Council agenda.

Discussions took place between Mr. Troyer and Service Director Cayet and Council President Astorino about equipment savings for these two pieces of equipment.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Cingle this is a similar transition as to what we did last year in October. When we did the 2016 capital improvements, \$67,000 was set aside for a truck lease. This year's capital improvement only shows \$26,000. How much is this whole truck going to cost and where is it in the appropriations?

Service Committee - Chairman, Burgio: cont.

Mr. Cingle responded the amount of years we are going to finance the purchase of the plow truck is determined the money will be moved over to cover the cost of the lease. The total cost appears to be roughly \$150,000. The lease will probably be around \$50,000, similar to last year. The plow truck from last year's purchase is around \$47,000. This one should be in the same range if we go with a three-year lease. The \$67,000 is for the sewer Vactor.

Mr. Astorino stated to Mr. Cingle last year \$65,000 was appropriated for the dump truck with the plows for the three-year lease.

Mr. Cingle responded and the total was less than \$47,000 so we will be moving money to account for it once we know the total cost.

Mr. Astorino commented monies will be moved from within Capital Improvements?

Mr. Cingle concurred.

Mr. Astorino commented I saw the \$26,000 and did not think that would be enough.

Mr. Cingle responded it also depends on how many plow blades and curb shoes are purchased; there is \$15,000 in there for that.

The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the next Council agenda.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Scott, Mencini, McDonnell, Powers, Troyer, Burgio.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Service Committee - Chairman, Burgio: cont.

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON PRODUCTS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2018 DUMP BODY AND PLOW PACKAGE FOR WESTERN STAR TRUCK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Troyer, to place on the next Council agenda.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Scott, Troyer, Powers, McDonnell, Mencini, Burgio.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

3. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROOK PARK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF OHIO PURCHASING PROGRAM, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE SEWER VACTOR TRUCK WITH A TRADE-IN OF A 2007 VACTOR TRUCK AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mr. Troyer stated to Service Director Cayet the city has one truck and is trading in a truck; how many Vactor trucks does the city have?

Mr. Cayet responded one.

Mr. Troyer stated some repairs were just done to it?

Mr. Cayet responded yes, they are giving the money back.

Mr. Troyer asked if there will be any new features on the new truck?

Mr. Cayet responded the company is throwing a \$12,000 flusher-unit on it for free and the city will also add a unit for a small hose jetter that can be used on five or six inch lines laterals that can go up to the homes.

Mr. Troyer asked is the equipment that was purchased through the storm water agreement to grind calcium out of sewer lines compatible with this truck?

Mr. Cayet concurred yes.

Service Committee - Chairman, Burgio: cont.

Mr. Mencini stated the Vactor truck is very important and with the trade-in of the 2007 Vactor is that the basic life of the truck?

Mr. Cayet responded yes, by the time the one we have is built with the trade in it will be about 12 years.

Mr. Astorino stated there is no cost listed in the legislation.

Mr. Cingle responded the attachment has the price of a little over \$344,000 and the city is looking at a six-year lease. The city will be shopping around with local banks, capital gains giving a preliminary cost to lease/purchase the vehicle.

Mr. Astorino commented in past legislation usually the price was included, for reference purposes attachments are not always posted. If the Finance Department provides the number can the legislation be amended?

Ms. Horvath responded that the number will be provided for the amendment.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to place this item on the next Council agenda.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Troyer, Powers, McDonnell

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

4. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE 2016 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mr. Troyer asked what account is the money coming from?

Mr. Cingle responded the Economic Development Fund 243.

Mr. Troyer asked is there still enough money for the 2017 project?

Mr. Cingle responded based on the preliminary estimates of 2017, yes, there will be enough.

Service Committee - Chairman, Burgio: cont.

Mr. Troyer: For the 2017 project the low bid is substantially lower than Konstruction King that came in at \$195,000 and H&J Construction came in at \$117,000. Would it behoove the city to get a bid from H&J to see if we could get a better price than Konstruction King is currently providing or is the city too far into this or are there legalities that would prevent that?

Mr. Piatak responded these are separate projects and the money is collected as the project proceeds. Konstruction King should finish the phase of the program they are in and move forward with the 2017 project as a separate stand alone. They are in separate geographic regions of the community and he questioned the economy in that and said the two contractors would be tripping over each other, which would be a nightmare.

Mr. Mencini commented the bid is quite lower; would there be a change in the block per resident?

Mr. Piatak responded for the 2017 program, all programs done to date have been based on bids received. So if the bids on the 2017 came in lower then, yes. the blocks that would be replaced in the 2017 program would be a lower cost to the resident.

Mr. Mencini stated some of the people paid the \$105 and we have some paying something a bit lower for 2017.

Mayor Coyne stated the whole purpose of the program was to aggregate the cost so whatever the cost was to the city is based on a 50/50 split, however it works out. When you get someone to do this that has not done it before and you see a price difference like that, the sidewalk logistically is a tough thing to put together; we are fortunate to have experienced people.

Mr. Astorino stated this is \$65,000 for this change order, has the work already been done or does this provide for them to go forward?

Mr. Piatak responded the contractors are almost at the cap of the previous amount and would have to collect information from the service department as to where we are today but believes there were funds collected from residents. All the work has not been completed we still need to get to the

Service Committee - Chairman, Burgio: cont.

Pemberton and Fairlawn neighborhoods. There are still other areas with work yet to be completed. This is in anticipation of the funds that the city will be receiving; if rejected some funds would have to be returned to the residents.

Mr. Burgio stated this is a successful program and is glad the city can help residents with sidewalks with their contribution of 50%.

Mr. Troyer stated there is a raised sidewalk Southway that is extremely dangerous. There is a big tree on the tree lawn and before Konstruction King leaves it would be advisable to have that repaired somehow, it is an extreme safety hazard.

Mr. Burgio asked if the sidewalk has been marked.

Mr. Troyer commented there was a barrel on it for over a year.

Mr. Piatak stated that he would check the service department's notes and see if it is the same block that was looked at before. Mr. Piatak believes a letter was sent to the resident that maybe one or two blocks were eligible under the program, the resident chose not to participate.

Mayor Coyne stated get it fixed and deal with the participation issue later.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Scott, to place this item on the next Council agenda.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Scott, Burgio, Powers, McDonnell, Mencini.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Burgio, to adjourn.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Scott, Burgio, Troyer, Powers, McDonnell, Mencini.

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

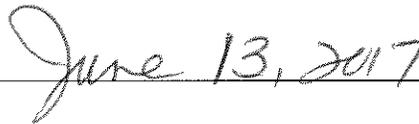
There being no further business to come before the meeting Council President Astorino declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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