

**REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 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, SALVATORE, TROYER, POWERS, McDONNELL, MENCINI**

Also in attendance were Mayor Coyne, Law Director Horvath, Safety Director Byrnes, Finance Director Cingle, Economic Development Director Dolan, Building Commissioner Hurst (7:10 p.m.).

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

1. Revised Regular Caucus Meeting held on September 13, 2016.

**Note:** Moved by motion from the May 9, 2017, Caucus Meeting.

**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Troyer, to approve as printed.

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

**ABSTENTIONS:** McDonnell.

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried with a vote of 6 and one abstention.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Scott, to move items 2 and 3 to the June 13, 2017, Caucus meeting.

2. Revised Regular Caucus Meeting held on October 11, 2016. - moved
3. Revised Regular Caucus Meeting held on October 25, 2016. - moved
4. **ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Scott, Burgio, Mencini.

**ABSTENTIONS:** McDonnell.

**NAYS:** Troyer, Powers. Motion carried 4 - 2 with 1 abstention.

**DISCUSSION:**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW - **In attendance:** Economic Development Commissioner Dolan.

Mr. Dolan gave an overview of the city's economic development which is on file in the Council office for review.

Mr. Mencini thanked Mr. Dolan for his report and said there are several items that need to be addressed Mr. Mencini asked how does the city acquire land?

Mr. Dolan responded there has to be a means to control a property so when the opportunity presents itself the city can take advantage of it.

**Discussion: cont.**

Mr. Mencini stated the Mayor has been overly aggressive and went to Washington to do something with Ford, who are not budging and are hurting the city.

Mr. Dolan stated it hurts the entire state, is legal but wrong. The law was changed by the Ohio Supreme Court to say you cannot take such property for economic development purposes or the city would already be in that fight. Ford's strategy is to sit on it, shove off the community, and say it is their property and what is the city going to do about it? Ford Motor Company is adding a third shift which is great but do not need that land. There are no codes, except city codes, that say Ford has to remediate the property.

Mayor Coyne stated a major problem is passage of the parking tax, primary use of that was being used for economic development and affected everything going forward. If the monies were available for that property, the city would have it. The City may have to engage in litigation with Ford and have other people who understand the industrial reclamation of that property. Redevelopment of the country is right in creating jobs and Ford is the city's largest track of land. If the City had their economic development fund with a couple million dollars that land could be purchased, enhanced and subsidized. Other major businesses on Brookpark Road with property have been arguing for thirty years that they will not be told what to do with their property. Mayor Coyne continued that the city has given up on the Geek Shop because there is no movement and there have been substantial offers for that property; as well as the other side of Brookpark Road, that is an impediment to people coming onto Brookpark Road.

Mr. Dolan mentioned that the Tractor Supply Company would be perfect on Brookpark Road, right on the I-480 corridor and by I-480 and I-71 exits and would be a huge success here; but do not want to locate next to an adult entertainment venue. If that adult book store and adult venue were gone there would be an 8-acre site to put a business on and to build on.

Mr. Troyer stated regarding the Athens' property and the old Brothers' Sunoco, is that part of that plan for Athens?

**Discussion: cont.**

Mr. Dolan responded no, they don't own that parcel; they own the parcel south of that behind that and the company makes food products, additives, breadcrumbs...

Mr. Troyer asked if anything happened with that old Sunoco.

Mr. Dolan responded yes, the city was notified today that someone wants to put in another auto use and return it back to an automotive facility.

Mr. Troyer stated the city could acquire that and offer it to the Geek shop to move that way.

Mr. Dolan responded the city will not buy it for 100 times more and may need a bit of a premium to get the property and control the site. The city hasn't purchased any land in this city since the purchasing the 4.8-acre site on Cedar Point Road for \$150,000; when millions of dollars was allocated to do that.

Mr. Troyer stated with the agreement with the Geek Shop and everything that would entice me to say it's worth doing this; not just necessarily buy it out and hopefully get a deal.

Mr. Dolan stated when Harley Davidson went in the owner of the Geek Shop was offered the appraisal of the land value and the building office at the tax office is \$188,000. The property owner keeps submitting to the Board of Revisions to reduce it arguing that it is not worth that and was offered \$400,000 for that property and turned it down, wanted 800,000.

Mr. Troyer stated earlier you mentioned about acquiring land and said the current property owners say it is too expensive and want too much, it's above value; but it would behoove us to control these properties. Are you saying we should pay their asking price or is there a way to get the correct price?

Mr. Dolan responded I am saying that when property becomes available the City needs to take advantage of that opportunity and start collecting them if there is a key project and it is necessary; Harley Davidson is a perfect example. The city was competing against a site in Middleburg Hts. that had higher land costs and convinced Harley Davidson if the equalized the land cost they should come here for numerous reasons; population density, demographics and traffic.

**Discussion: cont.**

Mr. Troyer stated was the city's CRA (Community Reinvestment Area) also better than the competitors?

Mr. Dolan responded no, Middleburg Hts. has the same CRA; that was the deal that made the difference.

Mr. Troyer continued with the cemetery the city may be able to get control of the former Softball World property?

Mr. Dolan responded the cemetery is willing to lease up to 35-acres for 35 years to help generate revenue. The city is going to work with them to do that but the challenge is negotiating a land lease and work with the business to facilitate development of that property.

Mr. Troyer stated so the city is not leasing the land and subleasing it.

Mr. Dolan interjected the city is facilitating on both aspects.

Mr. Troyer stated moving to grants, what is the current payroll for Cuyahoga Machine and how many employees?

Mr. Dolan responded seventeen to eighteen employees and doesn't have the payroll numbers but will get them.

Mr. Troyer asked is it over \$750,000?

Mr. Dolan responded yes.

Mr. Troyer mentioned going down the list, Luni-Wurz and Blue Line and asked what BOSS Pro-Karting's payroll is and number of employees?

Mr. Dolan responded regarding Luni-Wurz, Enmar when they come in it will be much larger than Blue Line ever was at that location, it has a stronger regional presence.

Mr. Troyer clarified that's Blue Line.

**Discussion: cont.**

Mr. Dolan concurred.

Mr. Troyer stated will payroll be over \$520,000 annually with how many employees?

Mr. Dolan responded probably twenty employees, it is a much larger leasing company that aggressively wants to enter the Northeast Ohio market, will compete with Sun Belt and United Rentals.

Mr. Troyer asked what about the equipment they will bring in?

Mr. Dolan responded the whole yard will be filled.

Mr. Troyer asked about the awning that Blue Line was going to build.

Mr. Dolan responded that was on the owner's dime, the city's grant was for the beautification along Brookpark Road with landscaping and fencing; that investment was close to \$100,000, \$120,000, and the city helped them by tearing down the old garage.

Mr. Troyer asked what about BOSS Pro Karting's payroll and how many employees?

Mr. Dolan responded probably fifteen to twenty employees with a payroll between \$1 or \$2 million dollars; since that is a private company the tax information is a sensitive issue.

Mr. Troyer commented when the city is giving a grant it is important for the citizens to know that information.

Mr. Mencini stated this is an economic development overview and hopefully Council is not going through 100 business' payrolls because it is getting late.

Mr. Astorino stated the city gave out grants and questions are being asked about those grants; there five or six grants to deal with which leaves 90 or 05 untouched.

Mr. Dolan stated regarding the grant that was awarded the city gave \$50,000 for the demolition of the property to secure a \$3 million investment, that's the

**Discussion: cont.**

building; it was a \$3 million of construction costs. The tenant of that building did not have to meet any payroll requirement or employee count whatsoever.

Mr. Troyer stated this is about Boss Karting?

Mr. Dolan stated yes, the quid pro quo was you tear this down and put up a \$3 million new building that is marketable, which was done and satisfied. Having a viable new business operating that seems to be doing well and is a world class modern facility. It is a private entity and it is understandable why they are reluctant to share their payroll and tax information.

Mr. Dolan stated at an attended event there had to be 50 people on staff.

Mr. Dolan last week there was a boy scout event with fifteen people working and the event brought in CEO's and executives from all the top Fortune 500 companies that sponsor and fund the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Troyer asked what the payroll and number of employees for Harley Davidson/

Mr. Dolan responded the payroll is over \$1.3 or \$1.4 million dollars annually and have between ten and twenty employees.

Mr. Troyer asked why Ford Motor refuses to sell the land?

Mayor Coyne responded Ford Motor is not obligated to do anything and have left plants abandoned all over the country. There is no incentive for Ford to do anything except for the city ordinance requiring them in their clean up to make substantial removal of that interior which can be very expensive for them.

Mr. Troyer stated is Mazzella Wire still at the same property from a few years ago?

Mr. Dolan responded looking at the side to the immediate west of engine plant two and are interested in the empty lands that belong to the City of Cleveland.

Mr. Troyer stated there was a home demolished on Wengler where is the other demolition?

**Discussion: cont.**

Mayor Coyne responded there is one on Eavenson.

Mr. Troyer commented the city isn't going to have the same problems as before?

Mayor Coyne responded this position of getting real estate into city's hands is not a simple process and the city doesn't control it.

Mr. Troyer with the Sheldon Road crossing being one of the busiest in the Eastern United States; due to a former Congressman taking the trains out of Lakewood and sending them to Brook Park.

Mr. Dolan stated this has been the main line of New York Central and Penn Central and now Norfolk Southern connecting the New England states to Chicago and the Midwest; it has always been one of the busiest pieces of rail in the country.

Mr. Salvatore concurred there is not much can be done with Brookgate the rents are too high and the properties too low and it's been that way for many years and is an ongoing problem. Right now people are looking for five, ten fifteen acre parcels of property and the city is limited to two-to-three acre parcels collectively for major projects. Mr. Salvatore is anxious to hear how the city makes out with the interested company from Germany and a couple of other projects being worked on.

Mr. Dolan stated last Friday a business was looking for 100,000 square feet that the city does not have, the only place the city could put 100,000 square feet of business is Ford without building a new building; the properties of that size are Goodyear Distribution and Firestone that are full. Regarding the stamping plant, they are now in Southern Ohio that is a \$100 million project with a \$35 million payroll. The plant doesn't want to stay in Southern Ohio because they do not have the population density to deal with their employee turnover and cannot keep a consistent work force. They want to come to Brook Park because they know the City has the knowhow, demographics and density of people they can weed through and get a steady reliable work force. Hopefully, the Germany Board of Directors will agree that they should not only invest \$100 million in Brook Park, but should transfer that entire operation that would be a manufacturing operation lasting for decades generating revenue for the City.

**Discussion: cont.**

Mr. Burgio thanked Mr. Dolan for a very thorough report and asked if there is any grant money for economic development available from the Federal government the city could qualify for?

Mr. Dolan responded the city annually applies for a \$50,000 USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency Grant) to remediate properties, etc. and has lost to Cuyahoga County in that process.

Mr. Mencini asked when was the last time that the owners of Brookgate were contacted?

Mr. Dolan responded 60 days ago on the phone from Pittsburgh.

Mr. Mencini stated houses being torn down are a complicated issue and there were three torn down in his ward; Michael, Stonecrest and Eavenson. Were there any complaints from the residents?

Mayor Coyne responded no, there is an inquiry about the Eavenson property on a weekly basis where someone wants to buy it but the city is not through the process yet. The one on Michael a resident came out and expressed excitement that she didn't think it would be torn down in this lifetime. This is a difficult process to deal with and the city has been successful to market them. A person came in that wants to offer a smaller type of housing for seniors and are looking at the doctor's office on Snow Road, Bally's on Snow Road, the property across from Glenway and the property on Pemberton to redevelop. This is an interesting concept and hopefully that will be another thing the city can offer the community; bringing more people to come in and buy. Maybe that will deliver different shops to Brookgate with more people coming in and the great location. The thing with these houses is really difficult and what the city is seeing is older people that are in their homes and not capable of keeping up with their property. Mayor Coyne continued the house at the end of Fry and Hummel has been transformed; it's an incredible property and sold it. Houses are selling in Brook Park and are selling for good numbers again.

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

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**Discussion: cont.**

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Dolan a few businesses were mentioned coming from Detroit. If the city's income tax rate went up would that sour the deal on those companies?

Mr. Dolan responded in my opinion the answer is no, it would level the playing field. The City of Cleveland is 2.5% already.

Mr. Troyer mentioned the City of Middleburg Heights is 2%.

Mr. Dolan responded people have to be able to find the site where they want to locate and Middleburg Hts. doesn't have the heavy industry like Brook Park does.

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The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, that item number one was discussed.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Burgio, Scott, Mencini, McDonnell, Powers, Troyer  
**NAYS:** None. Motion carried.

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 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne. Per Council President Astorino (Councilwoman McDonnell).

Mr. Astorino stated this was placed on the agenda for further discussion and to obtain additional information.

Mrs. Powers stated this is another no-bid contract and is not good for the city. The city does not need to be in the therapy pool business; the city needs the old pool open not a huge headache and expense. Numbers show these Endless Pools are very expensive and the city could have the big pool opened for less money. People are saying they want the pool back and the senior services restored; not a dog park or the Endless Pools.

Mr. Troyer stated five minutes before this meeting approximately 50 pages of information is provided to Council regarding the Endless Pools; none that addresses

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the wall or roof issue. There is a roof analysis from a year ago from Tremco and asked why that information wasn't provided in the recreation center deal then.

Mr. Mencini stated asked if that comparison can be used because there are other parts to the building. When out and about in the community residents of all ages are in favor of the steam, sauna and whirlpool by about three-to-one (3-1) over the pools. The Endless pools have a cost but everything has a cost.

Ms. McDonnell stated after last meeting there was a several email received regarding groups and surveys, etc. Information regarding Endless Pools was presented to the Recreation Commission and at an open forum to the community. Residents would like a pool and in the next breath say the pool has to be cost-efficient. The pool in the recreational center was built around 1978 and both pools must be connected to be operational and have been out of use for at least two or three years. Ms. McDonnell asked if they are still functional? With the Endless Pools the company says swimming lessons can be taught, water exercises can be done so the pools are used for more than therapy lessons. The pools can be used for lap swimming by Olympic swimmers and this is a starting point for everyone; people want to use the steam and sauna room. This is one way to start investing in the Recreation Center to start expanding. This opportunity is fresh and new and will attract young families but is not the only type of water facility that people would like in the city. There are many other possibilities to explore but a decision has to be made to move forward first. Ms. McDonnell agrees about the encasement, etc., but that's why the city has bids to take it one step at a time. Facts are available, the company can be called for more information and will go on a field trip to see how these pools are used. These pools are affordable and are already in the city's budget and will not cost a lot of money to recreate. With the roof why would the city talk to people knowing the roof is not solid to begin with; the roof that the city needs to be structurally safe will be safe.

Mr. Astorino asked for clarification of the steam, sauna and whirlpool being part of the locker room?

Mayor Coyne responded yes.

Mr. Scott asked if the Endless Pools permanent or can they be?

**Discussion; cont.**

Mayor Coyne responded yes.

Mr. Scott asked three questions, one being are the Endless Pools permanent at that location or can they be moved?

Mayor Coyne responded yes.

Mr. Scott asked is the lap pool being filled when the Endless Pools are put in?

Mayor Coyne responded no.

Mr. Scott continued in the near future, if for any unknown reason, that pool opens the Endless Pools can be moved to another location?

Mayor Coyne responded yes.

Mr. Troyer stated the Endless Pools are being put in an area with a bad roof and building a wall and putting a roof over the pools with no written costs. The entire cost of the project should be known because Council is in charge of watching the residents' money. Mr. Troyer will not vote on something without knowing the entire cost. How will the dilapidated roof with rotted wood and other issues be addressed? How will it be over another roof or anything of value?

Ms. McDonnell commented portions of the roof are dilapidated, it is in the best condition where the Endless Pools is located.

Mr. Troyer clarified these two pools are separate with the plumbing being the same where it goes through the filter and heater, it's all accessible; show the estimates. If a wall is going to be built to cover the lap pool and rehab it that would alleviate the condensation problem, if there's a condensation problem the same problem will be there no matter what roof is put over the pools. Why not just put that roof all the way across between these two pools, change the plumbing and have the lap pool and not deal with buying expensive lap pools that not everyone will be able to use, and later try to reopen the lap pool? If you are going to go through all this expense, again, there is no cost for the wall, no cost

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for the new roof, no cost for changing the plumbing. All these issues could be addressed, but there are no numbers to see what it would cost.

Mrs. Powers concurred with Mr. Troyer and stated it makes no sense to put that much money into these pools; it was not much more if you put Endless Pools in than to open up the whole pool. It would not cost that much more money because of the lifeguards or whatever is needed. If only four people can use these pools at one time that leaves the rest of the city left with nothing.

Mr. Salvatore stated it takes four votes to pass legislation; when the pool was being built there was one vote short of approving an outdoor pool that would have cost \$300,000 at that time. Many people are installing pools because swimming is important to them and this city must move forward together and recreation is the place to start. If other revenue is found, then the city can switch gears and look at the outdoor pool two or three years from now.

Mr. Troyer stated there is a list of people that obtained outdoor pool permits, so should we get rid of the water park because it is redundant? This is an indoor pool for usage during bad weather so there is no correlation.

Mr. Salvatore commented he was not comparing indoor and outdoor swimming pools; he was comparing doing something rather than doing nothing.

Mr. Troyer stated this was predetermined and doing what is best for the community what he is doing.

Mr. Mencini commented people are saying they want something and this is a move forward, as much as Mr. Troyer says he represents the residents with the money, he finds that ironic.

Mayor Coyne stated Mr. Troyer is not being forced to do anything and does not have to vote for this and reiterated that people of the city stated they did not want to pay for the recreation center but wanted the city to work with current revenues. Reports were provided this evening and the roof reports were given as part of the Recreation Center. In the report done for the roof in 2014 the amount was \$86,000; the roof would have been over the pool of approximately 23,000 square feet. As the leaks were developing during that year it wasn't suffice to get that

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done. The 2016 report from Tremco, pages 7 through 9, where the analysis of the roof above the pool and the problems involved, not only with the roofing, but they have two areas, Sections 19 and 4, of the problems involved. On Page 20 in Section 4, it is \$23,000 to replace the exterior roof that is estimated to cost \$805,000. In Section 19, which is where the sun area was it is about \$75,000; so that is pretty close to \$900,000 just to remove and replace those two roofs. Mayor Coyne was not aware of the metal roof put on top of the roof but photographs show how bad it is leaking. The estimated cost to repair and replace the roof totally would be in excess of \$1 million dollars and has no idea the cost to take the roof decking over there. The roof over the section being looked at for the Endless Pools is the soundest area and the competitors would have to knock a hole in the wall to take it down and are a third to fifty percent more expensive. What this will do is enhance the spa experience of the saunas, the steam room and the locker rooms, that will be improved. Mayor Coyne reiterated pool operations in all cities are losers and have to be tremendously subsidized; the pool building in the recreation center is a swim-meet competitive building and not a community swim operation. Estimates were provided of what it is going to cost a month for these two pools and they are \$500 and change between the two of them; to open the pool and operate it like in the past was approximately \$207,000 annually. The recreation center is still open because of the closing of the pools by avoiding those costs and renting out sections of the recreation center to offset those costs. The pool area should be subdivided into expanding of the exercise areas, for the seniors having their own center, and having a community center where people can have weddings, bar mitzvahs, communions, etc.; under the existing structure with ripping that roof off and having reasonable ceiling heights. Absent the rentals at the water park, with its limits and without the day care operation, it would not break even; the city has to make substantial improvements that are necessary and have to staff that; lifeguards have to be there. There is cost to that and the cost was not reflected and people will not pay it. Citizens are paying \$10.00 a month and this experience for them is going to be the answer for them. Council is in the custodian of the people's money and the Mayor is in charge of fulfilling the needs of the city, police, fire, rubbish, etc., and the recreation center.

The wall and roof have to be designed for exterior only because of the water leaking. If water from the roof leaked into the pool it would become one of the largest retention basins in the city holding 123,696 gallons of water that is not envisioned to happen so it has to be designed for exterior. For long term, the rest of the building should be utilized for other activities and if the community demands

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an outdoor waterpark and the revenues are available the residents should have that. There are three design-build contractors that will be providing proposals for the building, the wall, the roof for the exterior of this pool and am also looking at hiring an engineer to review the total roof of that building and what has to be done over the pool for the long term of the city.

Mr. Troyer clarified when speaking about the pool filling up that was after the roof would be removed that would cost \$1 million and needs to be done. The wall is going to go across the beam and down into the existing pool. How will it be attached securely without damaging the pool?

Mayor Coyne responded it would be attached to the floor of the pool and the design-build will tell how that will be done. It will be attached to the outside wall from the locker rooms with trusses and the building department has already looked at that and there will be proposals from people to do it.

Mayor Coyne stated that should be done before the pools are purchased.

Mayor Coyne commented Council can take as much time needed to do their due diligence to move forward.

Mr. Troyer asked what is the timeframe for these pools to be installed and usable?

Mayor Coyne responded when the design-build proposals are received a timeline will be given, they don't affect the rest of the construction that has to be done to the building at all; except going into the sauna and steam rooms.

Mr. Astorino commented feedback received from the people he has contact with don't think it's a good idea and do not support it; much like in 2014 when the tax levy was on the ballot that was defeated by a 3-to-1 margin; the feedback received that is a much larger margin opposing this idea. Some Councilmembers say this is not necessarily a permanent thing and could always change, yet the administration says the pool will never be open again. Council should not do something because they have to it should be done right for the community. To set the record straight, during an audience participation testimony it was said that Strongsville recreation center uses these and when speaking to Strongsville recreation center personnel he was told they don't have the Endless Pools and then visited the Strongsville

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recreation and the lady behind the desk informed me the Endless Pools are not there. Mr. Astorino doesn't think the Endless Pools will attract families to the community because there is no fun for the children to come and swim against the current. People who are vertically challenged and this is 48-to-51 inches high and the water is going to be 4' deep which is up to people's shoulders and chins, for some people that would be difficult.

Mr. Salvatore commented regarding doing something to attract businesses to the community, this pool would attract new families. Comparing it to economic development it is taking care of the people and businesses that are here. Many seniors who attended the recreation center presentation said they want this.

Mr. Mencini stated on the part of bringing families here when they were moving in here in 2000 to 2014, where were they then? The center had Friday movie night and there were maybe two children in there. Mr. Mencini thinks the pools will be used and it's going to be an experiment either way and is going to be different and try to accommodate a lot of citizens. This is not the top items on the people's minds but people are saying the steam, sauna and whirlpool sound great.

Mayor Coyne - Mr. Chairman, you're polling interests me because you were probably one of the largest proponents telling people not to vote for it. Let's look at the rejection...

Mr. Astorino - based on what information?

Mayor Coyne - your observation and probably the people you talked to are not going to support....

Mayor Coyne - we'll see about that.

Mr. Astorino - we'll see about what everything doesn't...I took no public stance

Mayor Coyne - do I have the floor; did you give me the floor?

Mr. Astorino - No, I'm calling you to order you're supposed to debate the issue.

Mayor Coyne - I am debating the issue.

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Mr. Astorino - you are not debating the issue.

Mayor Coyne - you opened the door sir, you went to law school, you brought up a polling that you did, you said.

Mr. Astorino - I did not say that.

Mayor Coyne - What did you say.

Mr. Astorino - other people mentioned feedback they are getting at the doors and you had no problem with them because they were supporting your proposal. The fact that I'm opposed to your proposal and telling you the feedback I'm getting. I'm hearing from people that they do not want this, they do think it's a good idea and all of a sudden you're saying well, the feedback that you are getting is inappropriate.

Mayor Coyne - I did not say that.

Mr. Astorino - it is okay for everyone else that supported you, but it was not okay for me.

Mayor Coyne - I wasn't surprised by the feedback because the people you deal with have never supported me, that's find and that's their right.

Mr. Astorino - that's not true either.

Mayor Coyne - yes, it is true, it's absolutely true.

Mr. Astorino - of a lot of people some of them like you, I support some of the things you do. You spoke on the tax issue of 2014 that looked for some support and you said no you would handle it all yourself, that's the fact of the matter. You were going to handle it yourself?

Mayor Coyne - really, and what did you do to help? Anything.

Mr. Astorino - you didn't ask help, you rejected the assistance.



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Mayor Coyne - why would I ask you? Alright, let's get back to task.

Mr. Astorino - you rejected the help and said you would do it all yourself.

Mayor Coyne - that is correct and what did the people say?

Mr. Astorino - it was 2-to-1, 3-to-1 you should have asked for help.

Mayor Coyne - they rejected it so here we are now, once again, you have no money to pay to make any other improvements over there; the fact you don't have the money now. The only reason we are doing anything right now is because of the energy savings, so again, these pools are not being built for little kids, but are an enhancement to the steam and sauna area. You want to do something for little kids, build a pool with an outdoor lazy river and the outdoor water park, do that and you'll do things for the children. The other thing we used to have was substantial corporate membership and I can assure you we would get more and they pay more than our citizens to use this so your solving problems are always simple; you're against it and offer no resolution to the problem, that's your track record, that's what it is. My suggestion to Council is do....

Mr. Astorino - again, it's all a personal attack, Mayor, you're out of order.

Mr. Astorino - No, it's not it's a fact. Now my suggestion to Council is...

Mr. Astorino - where's your proof?

Mayor Coyne - Jim, we've been debating against each other for 30 years and we're not going to stop now and I'm looking forward...

Mr. Astorino - you stated we do not have the money...

Mayor Coyne - we don't, show me where it's at.

Mr. Astorino - let me ask the Finance Director we did a Fitch rating. When I read the Fitch rating there was a paragraph that said the city has strong gap-closing capacity with mid-range inherent budget flexibility and available general fund balances at 42% of spending (\$8.6 million dollars) at 2015 year-end. The city

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expects an increase in reserves in 2016 of \$1.2 million dollars on a cash basis and expects another surplus in 2017. In other words, from the Fitch rating and the report that came out at the end of 2016 we would have had \$9.8 million dollars in reserves, which was certainly more than 42% of spending and am expecting another surplus in 2017. When I saw the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) if I remember right the General Fund expenditure was a little over \$1.75 million dollars in 2015 of a surplus and \$1.1 million dollars in 2016. So in the last two years we've had over almost \$2.9 million of general fund reserves, that's an excess in operating expenses and the numbers I remember. So when I hear we have no money, we have no money for certain things but seem to have money for other things.

Mayor Coyne - to spend on roads.

Mr. Astorino - I think if there is almost \$10 million in reserves we're able to have money for certain things and \$200,000 to operate a pool; which is probably high-end because it doesn't say we have to operate it for the amount of time on that list. We might have to limit the time but I'm just saying when I hear a fact that we have no money yet I see a Fitch rating that says we have almost \$10 million in general fund reserves. Is that an accurate assessment?

Cingle: Yes.

Mayor Coyne - you're right it's what you spend your money on. In your surplus this year you spent on roads, cash, \$3 million dollars. If that same thing existed in 2018 I would make the same proposal. So, if you are proposing to take that money and rip the roof off the pool and operate a looser, that is your decision, sir, I will not do that. We are at this position not because of any decisions you made quite frankly it is because this administration took action. We have the fund balances. What can we use them for? Not on a looser. So, if you are proposing in 2018 that you want to take the surplus and build an outdoor pool with a water park and everything in it, I am with you Jim.

Mr. Troyer clarified it was said that Council had information on the pools with the original presentation and the two presentations with the recreation committee and then the recreation center. The fact of the matter is we just had pictures and it was not included in the deal; we did not get all the information. A lot of people were

**Discussion: cont.**

really upset because they thought these pools were included in that original \$4.3-million-dollar deal and that it wasn't, it came later and this is what we are dealing with now.

Mrs. Powers reiterated these pools are supposed to accommodate two at a time and the Mayor says we can have an exercise class. In a 15' x 15' enclosure you will not have many people doing that because there is no space, the big pool has space for 15 to 20 people to be in a classes at one time. This is without public bidding and are being told other estimates will be obtained; it is senseless to put anything under a bad roof. The first thing to do would be to address the existing roof and people in the community are saying no to the Endless Pools and the dog park. When walking in the community people are saying no to Endless Pools and she was not steering the answer about the pool or the dog park.

Mr. Mencini stated Brook Park is an aging community that is not totally broke but is not where the city needs to be and we are working are way there.

Mr. Troyer asked to go up on the roof?

Mayor Coyne stated call in the morning to arrange a time and stated allegations that people were just shown pictures is absolutely correct; they were also shown pictures of the improvements and had some idea of the costs. In every single issue, this was separate from the energy savings program.

Mr. Troyer stated I never said it wasn't.

Mayor Coyne commented therefore, there was never a dollar amount, it was presented to the people and the largest response was for the pools. Council do your due diligence, I will get the numbers on the enclosure and go from there.

**Motion** by Ms. McDonnell, supported by Mr. Troyer, that item number two has been discussed.

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

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**Discussion: cont.**

**2018 TAX BUDGET**

Mr. Cingle stated the tax budget authorizes the County to set the property tax rate for the City. The amount to be levied would be 4.45 mils plus .3 mils that is levied for Southwest General Hospital, the same amount levied in the past and is the amount the city statutorily authorized to levy. The tax budget does not appropriate any funds or bind Council to any specific spending program in 2018. Again, the city is levied 4.45 mils of the inside ten (10) plus the .3 mils for Southwest.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place this item on the next Council agenda under Verbal Approval.

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

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**2016-2017 STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Astorino stated Ms. McDonnell will be chairwoman of the Finance Committee and Mr. Troyer will be chairman of the Legislative Committee.

**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Troyer, that item number four was discussed.

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

Mr. Astorino stated Ms. McDonnell will serve as co-chair for the Legislative Committee and be the Member for the Planning Commission.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE – CO-CHAIRMAN TROYER:**

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOK PARK FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1141, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, AFL-CIO-CLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mr. Astorino stated at the January meeting the Fact Finder's Report was accepted and the administration and union drafted and agreed upon contract that has been fully executed.

**Finance Committee - Co-Chairman, Troyer: cont.**

Mayor Coyne stated yes, Council has to approve the final contract.

Mr. Troyer stated and amendment is in order per Council Rule 12e that the fund must be shown where the appropriation is coming from.

Mr. Astorino stated Council Rule 12 (e), says, 'the law director shall not prepare an ordinance, nor shall the Mayor approve any ordinances provided for the appropriations of money unless the same shall show fully the purpose of the appropriation and the fund to which it is to be charged'.

Mr. Byrnes stated the Fact Finders report includes all the economic items and there were some non-economic changes that were not part of the report, that Council is considering this evening. So, everything comes out of the general fund and it is not erratically any different than the one in January that was already approved, the financial end of it.

Mr. Cingle stated the funds would involve Fire Pension Fund 712 and General Fund 100.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Ms. Powers, to remove, 'theretofore' and add General Fund 100 and Fire Pension 712.

Mr. Salvatore questioned is this necessary as Council's never done it that way before, the funds are coming out of the general fund.

Mrs. Horvath stated correct, it has not been done before but is perfectly legal. The Finance Director could provide an opinion with regards to the what the auditors want.

Mr. Cingle stated the funds have been appropriated and were approved in the annual budget.

After clarifying if the funds need to be listed in the legislation the clerk called the **motion** on the motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mrs. Powers, to insert the fund numbers and remove the word 'theretofore'.

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

**Finance Committee - Co-Chairman, Troyer: cont.**

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to place on the next Council agenda.

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

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN TROYER**

- 1. A RESOLUTION HONORING THE POLARIS CAREER CENTER’S CULINARY TEAM IN WINNING THE 2016 AND 2017 NATIONAL PROSTART INVITATIONAL CULINARY TEAM COMPETITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilwoman Powers and Councilman Troyer.

Mrs. Powers asked for co-sponsors, all of Council accepted.

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

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

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried

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**SAFETY COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN SALVATORE:**

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

Mr. Astorino requested Council place this on the next Caucus agenda.

**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Troyer, to place this item on the next Caucus agenda.

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

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

**REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING**

**MAY 23, 2017**

There being no further business to come before this meeting a **motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to adjourn.

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

Council President declared this meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED   
Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 

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