

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

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

**SCOTT, BURGIO, SALVATORE, POWERS, MCDONNELL, MENCINI**

Also in attendance were Mayor Coyne, Law Director Horvath, Safety Director Byrnes, Service Director Cayet, Engineer Piatak, Finance Director Cingle, Human Resource Commissioner Sinatra, IT Tech Zach Ellis, Police Sargent Stopiak.

Mr. Astorino excused Councilman Troyer from tonight's meeting.  
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Mr. Astorino advised that according Council Rule 4, the audience can come forward to address any of the six items on tonight's Council agenda. Mr. Astorino questioned if items five and six are properly on the agenda since they were placed in committee on June 20, 2017. Per Council Rule 5 states that if an item is left in committee more than 60 days without official action or discussion, any Councilmember may request the item be placed on the next Caucus agenda. Mr. Astorino suggested Council removing item numbers five and six from the agenda because they are not properly before Council.

Mayor Coyne asked that Council suspend the rule so that all the improvements at the city hall complex can be considered at one time. I requested the Chairman of the committee to request the clerk to put these items on and there were no issues raised at that time and thinks the Committee Chairman did the right thing by placing on this agenda.

Mr. Astorino noted the clerk has been advised that when a special meeting is called by three Councilmembers, Mayor or President of Council, the notice is to be prepared and agenda as specifically requested. It's important to recognize that items one through four are also being handled in a way that is not the normal legislative process. Normally legislation is introduced at a Council meeting and referred to committee, that could have been done at the last Council meeting.

Mayor Coyne - Point of Order. The Charter authorizes me to call a special meeting to introduce legislation, so there is nothing improper or out of the regular procedure of the Charter; the fact is the Mayor, three Members of Council can call for a special meeting and have these items on the agenda. The administration is asking that these items be considered in a timely fashion to coordinate, so there is nothing out of order or improper of what is being requested this evening.

Mr. Astorino stated I'm not sure you raised a point of order, you made an argument on why this should be on the agenda. Our Charter provision and Council Rules work hand in hand with each other; Charter provision 4.01 deals with Council's legislative power.

Mr. Astorino continued Charter provision 3.03b deals with the Mayor's legislative powers as well as Charter Section 4.05b allowing the Mayor to call for special meetings but does not allow the Mayor to control legislation in a manner that is different of what the Council rules state.

Mayor Coyne stated this has been going on for two years and has already been ruled on by the law director that you are wrong.

Mr. Astorino stated that Mayor Coyne has stated repeatedly that the Council rules do not apply to him.

Mayor Coyne stated that Charter applies to me to call special meetings for special purposes and have legislation handled; you are interfering with that and you know it. This is the same argument over and over again with pages of rulings from the law director.

Mr. Astorino - Anyway, Charter Provision 4.08 states, "The procedures for enacting ordinances or resolutions shall follow the laws of the State of Ohio, any additional stipulations as may be found elsewhere in this Charter, and any provisions adopted by a majority vote of Council..." For example, our Council Rules are provisions that were adopted by a majority vote of Council. So, the Charter gives Council the authority to adopt provisions that are to be followed for how we process our legislation. What the Mayor's mistaken, is that he thinks just because he gets to introduce legislation, that he actually gets to control our process and determine how we are doing it. For example, when he called the special meetings he called a special meeting for today on first reading, for Saturday on second reading, and for the 26<sup>th</sup> for third reading. The Mayor thinks that he can advance our legislation when it's actually Council's determination to do that. Now, I will state that I think the reason that he does it this way is because earlier in my term of office I was told that the Mayor likes to do it this way because he doesn't want his legislation caught up in committee. That's not an option to be able to avoid committee because all of our...

Mayor: Mr. Chairman, point of order, that's your conjecture. The Charter gives me the authority to do this. You want to control the legislative process by your edict in this chair; we have argued this position repeatedly and the law director has ruled often. I'm asking Council to challenge this because he's not a lawyer, the law director makes this determination. What he wants to do is exactly what he's accusing me of is to bypass the process so that items can be held up that he doesn't like.

Mr. Astorino stated that a point of order is where you are supposed to point out a rule is being violated.

Mayor Coyne stated you are violating the Charter.

Mr. Astorino - 4.01 of the Charter says...

Mayor Coyne - gives me authority to do what I'm doing right now and I challenge you to take it to court to prove otherwise.

Mr. Astorino - why should we have to go to court when...

Mayor Coyne - You're right, Council should take responsibility to remove you from the chair right now.

Mr. Astorino - anyone who would like to read Charter section 3.03b - Mayor's legislative powers there is nothing that allows him to advance legislation...

Mayor Coyne - 4.05b - Special meetings.

Mr. Astorino - the other point I would like to state because you did cite and the law director has ruled on this. One of the other things the law director ruled on and told Council on several occasions is legislation can't be in more than one place once, however, legislation is on first reading, second reading and third reading on three different agendas. So this legislation is in three different places contrary to the law director's ruling. I'm bringing these things forward because I think it's important for Council to move legislation in the manner that is determined by the Charter and Council rules. When we deviate from the legislative process we are trying to give special treatment to certain items and the concern we have that's been raised tonight is if we don't do this now we won't get it done. Ordinances were passed at the beginning of the year to take care of this and this legislation is coming forward in September that Council has to hurry it up and get it done.

Mayor Coyne - that's not correct, your statement is not correct. I said orderly process because we're doing the rehabilitation.

Mr. Astorino - Mayor, you're out of order, one more time.

Mayor Coyne - no, I'm not because you make incorrect statements that need to be corrected.

Mrs. McDonnell asked Mrs. Horvath to clarify if it is appropriate to continue with the agenda as it stands.

Mrs. Horvath stated I believe the first time this particular issue was addressed was on August 2, 2016. There were a series of special meetings called and a number of problems and issues with regard Charter provision 4.05b. Mrs. Horvath believes two opinions were written indicating that the Charter provision take precedence over any of the Council Rules in existence. The Charter says the Mayor has the ability to call a special meeting, that goes to the forefront. Had there have been any questions or issues they could have been addressed to me prior to this meeting so that copies could have been provided of both opinions. Mrs. Horvath there are numerous cases where Council breaking or violating its Council rules the courts have still upheld whatever legislation is passed because while Council has its own rules. The whole idea and under-pitting of our system is majority rules. In this particular case, the agenda is set by the Council

President and Council rules, however, the majority of Council can decide how to move things back and forth. Mrs. Horvath called attention to Council rule no. 14 - second paragraph, last sentence that reads 'Council may by majority vote, add or delete any parts of the proposed agenda'; so Council clearly has the power to take control of its agenda, no matter how it is set. I would be more concerned, in this case, had the proposed ordinances not been posted or published. Apparently, they were so I see no impediment there and it's simply a question what does the majority of Council want?

When prior special meetings were held each time something was passed Council was very careful to make sure, after legislation had a reading, that it moved from one special meeting agenda to the next special meeting agenda; if Council chooses to do that in this case they can make provisions to do that. It is unfortunate that once again, there is the same series of circumstances coming to the floor. It was my understanding that was resolved last August and writing not one but two opinions should be sufficient. Mrs. Horvath stated the legislation passed at that time no one has challenged the validity of that legislation and certainly think it's appropriate of Council through majority to determine what it wants to do with the legislation on the agenda.

Mr. Salvatore concurred with Mrs. Horvath and stated with the anticipation that these items will require three readings, it is not unusual to call for three special meetings in advance. I don't anticipate that anything on the agenda will pass under first reading and tonight is an opportunity to gather more information on this project, majority rules with four votes. If the legislation gets moved to the second agenda it is because Council took action and moved the legislation through the system.

Mr. Mencini stated the Council President runs the meeting, but Council rules and residents want this city to move forward; residents have been telling me there is a lack of communication and don't like the arguing.

Mr. Astorino asked why Mr. Mencini put items five and six on a special Council meeting and not on a Caucus? Making that determination on your own rather than having the committee of the whole make that determination.

Mr. Mencini replied I told the clerk to put them on the agenda and am not sure what is a rule when you're talking over there. Looking at the Charter it says that but maybe in a different way.

**Motion** by Mrs. McDonnell, supported by Mr. Scott to move forward with the current agenda, all six items.

**AYES:** McDonnell, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore, Mencini

**NAYS:** Powers The motion carried with a vote of 5-1.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Tom Greenlee

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Mr. Greenlee stated that the ordinances on tonight's agenda are different from anything seen. Council has not been a part of this whole project going forward. My understanding is that Council must give authority to the Mayor by legislation to

advertise for RFP (request for proposals). Mr. Greenlee sees no record where these have come to Council giving authority to go out and get proposals and cannot abrogate it or Council doesn't have the authority. Mr. Greenlee stated one of the items noticed is the engineer indicated \$1,350 in advertising. Who authorized that to advertise for proposals of for the first four items on the agenda when Council didn't authorize it. The legislation was never introduced or put in committee and now talking about spending hundreds of thousand dollars that Council had nothing to do with; that is not what our Council is supposed to be.

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):**

1. ORDINANCE 10096-2017 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PRO ONCALL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mayor Coyne stated these items were not included in the Energy Emergency Improvements at the Recreation Center. Council passed an appropriations amount of \$100,000 for the phone system at the municipal buildings. The technical issues that must be addressed are not only at City Hall and its offices but with the police, fire and service departments that activities are taken on outside of this building. So I would argue that the authorization to go out and get proposals was done by ordinance, the amount was certainly done and Council by its authority can only award this by their authority. The committee presented the city's needs and asked companies to come in and solve those needs and are within 2% of what was originally appropriated. With the instance of the phone system there was a committee made up of the city's IT Consultant, Zack Ellis, IT person that deals with the safety forces, Sgt. Stopiak and Human Resources Commissioner Sinatra and Building Commissioner Hurst. The ordinance was prepared to award that to what the committee felt to be the best provider. Subsequently, a protest has been received from another competitive group and the committee will address that along with the final determination for an award with the provider to take care of the city's phone system. Also, there is a subsequent piece of legislation dealing with the wiring on that.

Mrs. Sinatra stated advertising was in the paper on July 2nd and 6th for an RFP. Multiple vendors came to the mandatory proposal with only two bids coming back. The two bids received didn't fit the criteria addressed in the RFP's so the committee reached out to both vendors and met with individually providing supplemental information of things not addressed in the original RFP with a deadline date. The committee did a review and there was some confusion on some of the systems brought forth by one of the vendors yesterday. Council received documentation recommending Pro Oncall Technology that was one of the two vendors. Warwick sent a lengthy email yesterday saying there were concerns with what was proposed and recommended. The committee reviewed this today and a second document that Mayor Coyne just passed out reviewing what they are saying wasn't addressed in the initial RFP.

Mrs. Powers agreed with Mr. Greenlee and stated these are items that should not be on this agenda. Reviewing the paperwork one proposal came in at \$21,621 and the phone system being recommended came in at \$27,639, that is a big discrepancy. Everything

being talked about tonight is proposals for the recreation center becoming City Council and Administration, and basically to destroy the recreation center.

Mrs. McDonnell asked exactly what the two proposals consisted of so residents have an overview of what the proposal is about.

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Mr. Astorino asked for a summary of the items.

Mr. Stopiak stated in 2005 the city purchased a new phone system city-wide that is now become obsolete. With the impending move of the City Hall complex to the Recreation Center the installation of phones had to be visited for city hall; made more sense to take a look at the entire city to put everything under the same platform, instead of piece-mail. We want similar if not better services than what we have and to try and economize a little bit in moving ahead in technology; this is an in-house change to the phone interconnect.

Mrs. McDonnell asked if all calls to the city would remain the same, it's just an updated system. Is it digital?

Mr. Stopiak replied concurred calls would remain the same and stated it is an improvement over digital, the current phone system the city has is primarily a digital system meaning the devices use a data-network to talk. The newer ones made no sense to upgrade to what's called IP which is more computer-based and each phone becomes its own little computer. The city is trying to move towards that because each phone becomes its own device and can be unplugged at one place and plugged in at another place; the extension follows. The old system if a phone is unplugged the wire has to be re-run to the new location.

Mrs. McDonnell asked if there was a power outage, everything would remain?

Mr. Stopiak responded generators will be built into the network to make sure the system stays up.

Mr. Mencini asked if this is for the fire department as well.

Mr. Stopiak replied yes, city-wide.

Mrs. McDonnell asked how easy this system would be to maintain or upgrade as needed.

Mr. Stopiak replied each device is its own computer in most cases. There is a server connection, there is a device that is the brains of the operation so, yes it can be easier to upgrade.

Mrs. McDonnell asked how long could this phone system be?

Mr. Stopiak responded the technology has been around for a quite a few years and think it's one of those deals that it will see improvement over time.

Mr. Mencini asked if this is what other departments are using?

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Mr. Stopiak responded this is what other departments are going to use and since phone systems are expensive you don't see heavy turnover in telephone systems; they cost a lot of money and are pushed until they fail. This is the direction that a lot of places are heading into with going and using.

Mayor Coyne noted that after a protest and reviewing Warwick they had the best price for the city.

Mr. Salvatore stated that the committee had seven vendors that were originally interested and asked if the committee can say why the other five vendors walked away?

No response from the committee.

Mayor Coyne stated the communication dated September 12th and after reviewing the protest there is a difference of \$2,349 so Warwick had the best RFP for the city.

Mr. Astorino asked Mayor Coyne at the next meeting to work with the law department to provide Council with the recommended amendments.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mrs. McDonnell to place on the next Special Council Agenda for Saturday, September 16, 2017 under second reading.

**AYES:** Salvatore, McDonnell, Mencini, Burgio, Scott

**NAYS:** Powers. The motion carried with a vote of 5-1.

Mr. Astorino stated based on the Mayor's request we will skip over item two and move to item three; so the committee can be excused after that discussion.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to go out of the Regular Order of Business to item number three on the agenda.

**AYES:** Salvatore, Mencini, McDonnell, Powers, Burgio, Scott

**NAYS:** None. The motion passed.

2. ORDINANCE 10097-2017 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CUSTOMIZED PHONE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mayor Coyne stated the new phone system must be rewired and the committee received two proposals.

Mr. Ellis stated the new city hall space at the recreation center along with the various locations in other departments will need to be rewired to accommodate the new phone

system for all computers and phones into the network. No additional equipment will need to be purchased because of the ability to move existing switches, routers and other various pieces of equipment. The first quote was from DBS Communication, a Brook Park company came in between \$21,000 and \$22,000. The second proposal was from

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Customized Phone Systems that came in just under \$18,000. Both companies are an apple-to-apple comparison it's the same wiring and a fresh-cat six to all locations accommodating wireless, printers and whatever else is needed.

Mrs. Powers questioned the amounts, for Customized Phone Systems the proposal is \$9,640 for one item and on the next page is \$990. When looking at additional materials the total wireless equipment and labor comes to \$27,639.

Mr. Ellis stated that is not their official quote.

Mayor Coyne explained to Mrs. Powers DBS bid is \$21,621 and the Customized Phone System bid is \$17,999.

Mayor Coyne stated the lowest bid is \$17,999 but understand the confusion.

Mr. Salvatore asked for references from Mr. Ellis of the companies' performance record.

Mr. Ellis responded both companies are more than qualified to do this work and I have worked with DBS numerous times and have worked with Computerized Phone Systems, both are genuine groups and have no doubt that both of them could get the job done.

Mr. Astorino asked if the committee can provide a list of names of other clients that these two companies have done work for.

Ms. Sinatra commented that DBS has worked for the City of Brook Park.

Mrs. Sinatra stated DBS has worked for Brook Park.

Mr. Ellis concurred yes, on two occasions. They installed a projector and new sound system at the police department and ran a fiber-line at the service department. Computer Phone Systems has not done any work for Brook Park yet.

Mayor Coyne stated we will get their work performance.

Mr. Mencini stated on a project like this what is the time-frame?

Mr. Ellis responded that depends on how many technicians the vendor sends out, typically it would be two or three. For something of this scope I would need to rely on the vendor for that answer.

Mrs. McDonnell asked where the servers would be, would they be located in one spot or several different servers?

Mr. Ellis responded the City Hall servers will be in the new City Hall in a designated IT room.

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**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio to place on the September 16 special Council meeting agenda under second reading.

**AYES:** Salvatore, Burgio, Scott, Mencini, McDonnell

**NAYS:** Powers The motion carried with a vote of 5-1.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott to go back to the Regular Order of Business.

**AYES:** Salvatore, Scott, Burgio, Powers, McDonnell, Mencini

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

3. ORDINANCE 10098-2017 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH VIASOUND FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mayor Coyne stated there was an earlier comment about how this will destroy the Recreation Complex, this will not have any effect on the operations of the city except to enhance City Hall, Building Department and other to the daycare; the next project will bring the Council Chambers into the 22nd century. We appropriated \$100,000 for this project and is in the realm of what is in the budget. Mayor Coyne referred to the City of Lakewood which ideally mirrors what is needed in providing a meeting area for Council and other public meetings. The city's expert on the audio/visual is Building Commissioner, Ted Hurst, who worked with each provider to what is now the community room to make sure it will be able to maintain its current use and act as the new Council Chamber and to enhance that room for everything such as meetings or recreational presentations to the seniors, youth and/or coaches. Mr. Hurst did an evaluation and talked to the vendors and were solicited by their experience and doing other municipalities with three vendors responding.

Mr. Hurst stated three vendors were contacted, one based of their experience with the City of Lakewood and one with being a competitor that competes with them heavily and a third being a local company and resident of Brook Park. The things experienced in these chambers such as now with the echo. The new system will be designed so that when people are talking they will be heard in the back of the community room, crystal clear. When people are speaking in the back of the room, their voices will not be reflected to the microphones. There will be monitors at each station for viewing purposes as well as two large screens, about 118" diagonally on each side of the Council Chambers. There will be also be one large screen placed in the middle of the community room that could be used by Council or a community room. All the microphones will be hard-wired on the dais with the layout being similar as to what Council has now; the microphones at the director's table will be hard-wired but will be on a movable table. On the front of the dais there will be a 42" monitor for the directors to see the given

presentation; so everyone in the Council Chambers and at home will be watching the monitors to see the given presentation. Everything will be touch-screen for the clerk in front of her to handle the microphones, drop the screens, switch projectors and for switching the cameras. There will be no loss in audience participation and this system will work with BoxCast (livestream) with the clerk controlling the monitor. Mr. Hurst

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continued Ms. Reynolds does a great job with BoxCast but is burdensome to set up each week this way with the new technology the clerk will be able to control the equipment. Voice activation cameras were looked at and in doing the research that is great technology for when someone is speaking and someone interjects the camera will switch and is also at a cost of approximately \$50,000, so the voice-activation was eliminated. There will be audio-visual, video jacks and HDMI connections to the podium so when someone comes in to make a presentation all they have to do is plug their laptop in and the power point presentation is up on all the screens, monitors and BoxCast. All three proposals were good proposals and commend all three companies, good to work with. My recommendation is Viasound for several different reasons they are not suggesting quite as much proprietary equipment that I tried to stay away from because of advancement and add-ons down the road, even for repairs. Viasound also suggested such as instead of giving the city a 70" screen the owner will give as large a screen as possible that the area will hold. Also, the owner is giving options on equipment so that in the event a projector goes down the city has the ability to inter-connect with another projector brand that will work with the same system, giving more flexibility.

Mrs. McDonnell asked if there is any accommodation for people with a hearing or visual impairment.

Mr. Hurst stated he did not research that but will look into that.

Mrs. McDonnell asked did any of the companies talk about software that would do voice to text, record the minutes as the meeting is going on. Does someone have to man that? The person at Lakewood basically said that they know what time the recorder is turned on for text to speech.

Mr. Hurst replied none of that is included in that.

Mayor Coyne commented this is a basic system, Council could ask for add-ons for other items that could be included in next year's Capital budget.

Mrs. McDonnell asked if Viasound is associated with sound.com.

Mr. Hurst replied no, sound-com was the second vendor.

Mr. Mencini asked how large is the television going to be?

Mr. Hurst replied 42".

Mr. Mencini how large will the screens be.

Mr. Hurst stated they will be from 7' off the floor to as large as we can put them from 7' foot off the floor to the ceiling, whatever accommodates that. The owner is giving the biggest distance we can get so people in the back of the room will be able to see the screen clearly.

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Mr. Mencini noted this would be a multi-purpose room.

Mr. Hurst replied that was the biggest thing looked at is not removing the community room. The only noticed change will be is the stage will be the dais and when Council is not in session no one will notice that room not being the community room; all speakers will be even throughout the room that no matter where someone is sitting the sound will resonate through the room equally; the sound is the big quality feature.

Mr. Mencini asked if it would be turn-key as a community room also.

Mr. Hurst replied yes, there is a separate keypad for the recreation center staff to use the audio and video system. The only person that can get into the Council keypad is the clerk, the keypad is password protected.

Mr. Scott stated I along with other Councilpersons visited the City of Lakewood that has a \$160,000 invention but there were a couple of things that we asked of the Lakewood representatives. Specifically, if you could do this differently what would you do? Three things noted were to make sure the podium has good quality hookups; it was movable but flimsy. Another thing mentioned was the microphones should be hard-wired.

Mr. Hurst responded everything at the podium will be hard-wired and removable, same thing with the microphones at the directors table. There will be one lead cord that plugs into the dais and splices off from there for HDMI, USB and those types of connections. Two reasons for that and one of the things Viasound was adamant on is we're heading into the fourth generation of wireless microphones because the FCC has brought so many wireless signals, you can't get one. Sometimes they work and sometimes they don't work and Council could be in a conversation and the battery goes dead; so it's a constant batter turnover, so the wired microphones were chosen. The key point was not to disrupt the community room but have a directors table. So the hardwire is the way to go and that's what all three companies recommended and left the decision up to the city. Viasound was very adamant in not using wireless unless absolutely necessary.

Mr. Scott stated another issue was the podium and cameras were located. When someone comes to the podium, you see the back of their heads.

Mr. Hurst stated there will be two cameras there is a camera for when Council is actively in session the camera will be on Council. If someone is giving a presentation, the clerk will switch from camera one to camera two and the camera will be in front of the podium so everyone will be able to see the presenter and Council will see the presentation that is on the screen. Originally, the plan was to have one camera that would be voice-activated and the voice activation without actual video production capabilities; the

switcher is very expensive and is not reliable, any noise the camera switches back and forth and tried to be practical and ability to expand into the future with not only software but also equipment.

Mr. Scott asked where the server will be located.

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Mr. Hurst responded behind the dais near the Caucus room behind the stage with a 65" inch television screen, HDMI connections and wireless microphone for Executive Session presentations; the Caucus room has a separate system.

Mr. Salvatore asked if the control pad will be password protected.

Mr. Hurst said yes, the control pad will be password protected for the clerk.

Mr. Salvatore asked how the Planning Commission, Mayors Court going to be handled.

Mr. Hurst said that will be a logistical question and believes should be handled through Council, perhaps like it is done now. The reason the control pad is password protected is this is still the Recreation center community room with other events being held.

Mayor Coyne believes the clerk takes the pad with her into her office.

Mr. Salvatore asked about the Caucus area, is it visible to the public?

Mr. Hurst stated no, it is more of a private conference room.

Mayor Coyne commented he hoped to have the layout today, there will be more office space so the clerk and assistant clerk have security and Council has privacy.

Mr. Burgio stated the warranties look similar between the companies; after the one-year warranty is over, are there other charges?

Mr. Hurst replied yes, after the warranty, there will be an hourly rate charged. The components selected are more available more quickly and the wear and tear on these components should be minimal.

Mr. Scott asked if the company gives training.

Mr. Hurst replied yes, it is part of the package.

Mr. Astorino asked if an audio/visual presentation is being given, will all the viewing audience be able to see the presentation including the livestream?

Mr. Hurst said he would look into that; that may not be possible without the switcher.

Mrs. Powers asked this is being done now with a lame-duck Council; this should not be done until January 1st. When the Mayor first took office, he noted that the Recreation center roof leaked and now Council is making all these changes over there with a leaky roof.

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Mayor Coyne responded the roof is being repaired in these sections currently, the roof over the pool still needs repair.

Mr. Scott stated didn't like the lame-duck comment, this Council still has three months of work to move forward.

Mrs. Powers stated I too take offense at some things that are happening here lame-duck or not. Yes, Council does have three months of work to bring the city forward. Is Council really doing something to bring the city forward when rushing into this changing everything over there, changing the recreation center and taking away space that can be used for family-recreation center uses. Nothing is addressing what the recreation center was built for and to put all these offices over there now is just ridiculous.

Mr. Mencini partially agrees with Mrs. Powers and commented it is a big building and have to use all of it and revitalize this community.

Mrs. Powers stated it is time to move forward and is sure that residents that have had continual flooding problems since their houses would prefer money be put into the flooding problem, rather than this move, there are other ways to move the city forward and a more desirable city to live in.

Mayor Coyne stated this is addressing an amenity of the city that is being paid for by energy savings. At the meeting last night I stated those houses should never have been built there and also said last night the drainage basin for that area would be over \$5 million dollars to correct the issue and can show that and would like nothing better than to build that. Show me where that money is going to come from to undertake the project like that with the massive depth and do roads at the same time. The recreation center is an old building that needs to be addressed as best Council can and the overall enhancement with nothing will be taken away with many improvements to the entire center. The issue is the aquatic needs of the city and to address those to a degree of what people want would cost between \$10 to \$12 million dollars. These city buildings are energy-efficient and it is cheaper to consolidate under one building. All of the city departments will be moving into the daycare does not have any effect on the recreation operations. The two issues are not related and the flooding problem should be taken into a separate discussion.

Mr. Astorino asked Mayor Coyne about the aquatic needs of the city being about \$10 to \$12 million dollars and plans were submitted to Council. million dollars.

Mayor Coyne responded no, I gave the proposal for the indoor/outdoor waterpark and if Council doesn't have it, I will provide it.

Mrs. Powers stated that last night we spoke about the proposed addition at West 130th - Snow Road area where people talked about flooding in that area.

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Mr. Salvatore - Point of order, every week there is latitude given to talk about things that are not on the agenda, that is happening here. There are many things that certainly warrant discussion and debate but what should be talked about is the items on the Special Council agenda to be discussed this evening.

Mr. Astorino supported Mr. Salvatore's Point of Order and mentioned we are off subject and reminded Council that they could call for the question to end the discussion.

**Motion** by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Burgio to place item number three on the September 16, 2017 Special Council agenda.

**AYES:** Scott, Burgio, Salvatore, Powers, McDonnell, Mencini

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

4. ORDINANCE 10099-2017 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BUILDING TECHNICIANS CORP. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mayor Coyne stated monies allocated were \$220,000 to do this project and thought it was going to be a broader base then turned out to be. The service director received proposals that are in front of Council. The proposal shows to be under what was allocated for this project.

Mr. Astorino asked for an explanation why these ordinances are being done under a personal services contract as opposed to the competitive bid process.

Mayor Coyne responded because it is not known where the leaks are and to repair the leaks an analysis has to be done and we are not capable of that. The company analyzed the problem and this is the solution to the city's problem.

Mrs. Powers stated this is for the fire department roof and noted the total being \$78,000, alternate coating metal \$3,000 and if anything goes over this there is charge of \$85.00 per man-hour.

Mayor Coyne noted there were two areas of the roof at the fire station that needs to be addressed.

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Mr. Cayet stated during last winter's thaw he prepared the report for Council the fire assistant chief notified him that water was leaking into their electronics. The consultant, Tremco, did an infra-red study of the roof to pinpoint where the leaks are and would give the city another 20 to 30 years on this roof.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini to move this to the September 16, 2017 Special Council meeting.

**AYES:** Salvatore, Mencini, McDonnell, Scott, Burgio

**NAYS:** Powers The motion carried.

2. ORDINANCE 11000-2017 AUTHORIZING THE CONSULTING ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND BID DOCUMENTS AND THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION PARKING LOT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mr. Coyne stated this was placed in Committee in June. It did not move forward in a timely manner. We need improved parking. He would like to at least get the bid done this year if not the actual work.

Mr. Piatak stated that as far as the timing goes, he could not say. We should at least get the specs done.

Mr. Salvatore asked about the preparations for the specs. Would a bid made this year apply to next year also?

Mr. Piatak stated when the bid process started, we should know if the work could be done this year. A price for next year would be discussed. If you were to advertise twice, there would be an additional price.

Mr. Astorino asked about the lump sum of \$16,500. Is that for you to prepare the specifications; does that include the advertising?

Mr. Piatak stated the advertising is separate. The \$16,500 could be used for the specifications could be used next year also.

**Motion** by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Scott to move this to the September 26 Special Meeting.

**AYES:** Burgio, Scott, Salvatore, McDonnell, Mencini

**Introduction Of Ordinances And Resolutions: (First Reading): (cont.):**

**NAYS:** Powers The motion passed.

3. ORDINANCE 11001-2017 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO HIRE INSPECTOR(S) FOR THE ADMINISTRATION PARKING LOT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

Mr. Coyne stated we need an inspector for the project, companion piece.

**Motion** by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Scott to move this to the September 26 Special Meeting.

**AYES:** Burgio, Scott, Salvatore, McDonnell, Mencini

**NAYS:** Powers The motion passed.

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**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mrs. McDonnell to adjourn the meeting.

**AYES:** Mencini, McDonnell, Salvatore, Powers, Burgio, Scott

**NAYS:** None. The motion passed.

There being no further business to come before this meeting Council President Astorino declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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