

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order Council President Vecchio at 7:30 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

**SCOTT, BURGIO, SALVATORE, STEMM, ORCUTT, POINDEXTER, MENCINI**

Also in attendance were Law Director Horvath, Building Commissioner Hurst, Engineer Piatak, Finance Director Cingle.  
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

1. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2017.

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

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Burgio, Mencini, Salvatore, Scott

**NAYS:**

**ABSTENTION:** Poindexter, Orcutt, Stemm. The motion carried with a vote of 4 with 3 abstentions

2. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2017.

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

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore

**NAYS:**

**ABSTENTION:** Stemm, Orcutt, Poindexter. The motion carried with a vote of 4 with 3 abstentions.  
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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Aviation & Environmental Committee - Chairman, Burgio

Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Mencini stated I'm no longer on this committee, basketball will begin on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

Mr. Salvatore congratulated and welcomed back Mark Elliott as Recreation Director.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio stated the first Planning Commission will be held on January 8, 2018.

Safety Committee - Chairman, Stemm

Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Scott

**Reports from Standing Committees: cont.**

Mr. Scott stated the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., for discussion of one item on the agenda.

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**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore thanked Council for allowing him to serve another term as trustee for Southwest General.

Berea Board of Education Representative, McDonnell

Mr. Burgio stated there has been no meetings since the last board meeting.

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**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:**

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**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mr. Gammella asked Council for consideration of John (Ted) Hurst for Building Commissioner.

**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to confirm Ted Hurst as Building Commissioner.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore, Stemm, Orcutt, Poindexter  
**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

Mr. Vecchio welcomed Mr. Hurst back.

Mayor Gammella commented resumes were provided to Council for Ron Jordan as Service Director and Scott Adams for Safety Director.

Members of Council concurred that the resumes have been received.

Mayor Gammella stated a Board of Control will be held this evening because my second day on the job I was faced with the situation of no (rock) salt and a fuel shortage for the trucks. Mayor Gammella thanked the residents of Brook Park for the opportunity and stated I intend to work with this community and this Council and together we are going to push forward for the next four years; in a professional and expedient manner.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to working with Council, directors and commissioners.

Mr. Vecchio wished Engineer Piatak a Happy New Year.

Law Director Horvath

Ms. Horvath wished everyone a Happy New Year and am looking forward to working with everyone.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle welcomed Council President Vecchio and the 2018-2019 City Council and Mayor Gammella and is looking forward to working with everyone.

**Questions from Council:**

Mr. Mencini thanked Engineer Piatak for the sign on Smith Road and clarified that most of the city's construction projects are complete.

Mr. Piatak responded correct, we are complete for the season with the reconstructions on Sylvia and Middlebrook; will be back in the spring for landscaping and touch-up areas that didn't take over the winter months. To date all projects are suspended due to weather.

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Piatak if he was contacted about the water break on Holland?

Mr. Piatak responded no, I heard about it on the radio.

Mr. Mencini commented when I drove by it looked like it was cleaned up; hopefully that's the case.

Mr. Burgio stated to Engineer Piatak, Sylvia Drive looks nice now that it's completed. The last strip completed at Sylvia and Smith is the loop detector tied in and completed?

Mr. Piatak responded it is my understanding that is taken care of but will take a look and get back to you.

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**OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS, AND VERBAL APPROVAL: (INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION):**

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:**

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**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:**

Connie Scott

15580 Susan Drive

Ms. Scott welcomed everyone to 2018 and stated hopefully everyone can keep things together and perform in a respectable manner. My question is to Mayor Gammella how do you plan to run the city from Michigan?

Louie Modic

14399 Fayette Blvd.

Mr. Modic commented last year there were a few meetings about the Dog Park and just wondering the status?

Liz Sayers

23065 Cedar Point Road

Ms. Sayers stated Happy New Year and good luck to the incoming members; this is my last meeting. Ms. Sayers hopes that all the issues are resolved and hopes all the drama, backstabbing and other issues stops.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to address the audience.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Mencini, Poindexter, Orcutt, Stemm, Burgio, Scott

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

Mr. Gammella stated to Ms. Scott, I am in the office Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., sometimes earlier or later. The phone number at City Hall is 216-433-1300 or I can be reached through the city email. I am a full-time Mayor and have been a long time resident of this city and plan on being the best Mayor this town has ever had. Mr. Gammella continued my Michigan days are over after 3 1/2 years and being a resident. I learned a lot and met very important people and hopefully that will be instrumental in doing something with the Ford Motor Company property. Mr. Gammella stated to Mr. Modic about the dog park I don't think it is a dead issue; the only question is where it will be put. Mr. Gammella thanked Ms. Sayers for her comments over the years and wish you the very best. My intention and I think this Council's intention over the next four years is to work together, move the city forward and act in a professional and expedient manner.

Mr. Burgio stated to Mr. Modic, hopefully it's (dog park) not a dead issue; it's something that I've wanted to see in Brook Park. If the residents want it then it will just be another amenity and have talked to the Mayor to see if the right location can be found for it.

**Remarks from the audience on any subject: cont.**

Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Modic, I hope there is a dog park put in the right spot and think the animal shelter could use some loving care also. Mr. Mencini stated to Ms. Sayers I hope so too and we did get a lot of things done with my former colleagues. I welcome the new Councilmembers and Mayor and it's going to be a point of working together through the tough stuff. It's time to move ahead and hope that we all work together.

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

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. RESOLUTION NO. 30-2017, HONORING ASTRONAUT AND SENATOR, JOHN GLENN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Troyer and Council President Astorino

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

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Scott, Salvatore, Burgio, Stemm, Orcutt, Poindexter, Mencini  
**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

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, Poindexter, Orcutt, Stemm, Burgio, Scott  
**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Michelle Blazak  
Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED January 16, 2018

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