

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

The meeting was called to by Council President Vecchio at 7:55 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

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

Also in attendance were Mayor Gammella, Law Director Horvath, Finance Director Cingle, Building Commissioner Hurst and Engineer Piatak.

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Mr. Vecchio asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Mary Ann Skiba, a longtime employee of the city.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

1. Caucus prior to the Council meeting held on January 16, 2018.  
**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to approve as printed.  
**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Mencini, Poindexter, Stemm, Salvatore, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt  
**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.
  
2. Regular Council meeting held on January 16, 2018.  
**Motion** by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to approve as printed, with one correction as noted.  
**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Burgio, Poindexter, Salvatore, Mencini, Stemm, Orcutt, Scott  
**NAYS:** None. The motion carried as corrected.
  
3. Special Council meeting held on January 23, 2018.  
**Motion** by Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to approve as printed.  
**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt, Stemm, Poindexter, Salvatore  
**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Aviation & Environmental Committee - Chairman, Poindexter  
Mr. Poindexter reported that on Thursday, January 18th he attended a community meeting for Cuyahoga Greenways and Urban Trails. This meeting informed the public of the proposed idea to take the existing multi-purpose trails along the Rocky River Reservation and Towpath Trail, in the Akron area; to possibly connect and expand the greenways within the trails. Currently, there was no projected path through Brook Park but after speaking with representatives, a representative from the County's Planning Commission, other members of the team and the plans

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that Mayor Gammella spoke of last year of connecting the Lake-to-Lake trails to the existing MetroParks trails, everyone thought this would be a good fit. They are currently at the stage for the planning by taking on new ideas and is still early in the process and by getting this to them early they can incorporate into the overall plan. The group has a website called [cuyahogagreenways.org](http://cuyahogagreenways.org) to review many of the communities involved along with the different organizations involved. There are graphs and maps related to the project and surveys of the projects potential impact on the environment and economy. Also, on the website a survey can be taken to provide on the project and based on your answers how likely you would use the new system. People can give ideas of what they might like included in the system. Mr. Poindexter hopes the administration and Cuyahoga Greenways Committee can come together and make this work for Brook Park.

**Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott**

Mr. Scott stated Finance Committee has one item on tonight's agenda.

**Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini**

Mr. Mencini stated no report this evening.

**Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Salvatore**

Mr. Salvatore referred his report to Recreation Director, Elliott, at the appropriate time.

**Planning Committee - Chairman, Burgio**

Mr. Burgio stated the commission met last night, with one item on the agenda for a lot consolidation in the Fairlawn area that was approved.

**Safety Committee - Chairman, Stemm**

Mr. Stemm reported that he attended the January 22nd Neighborhood Watch meeting. There was a lot of good information, great panel and lot of feedback. Mr. Stemm encouraged residents and Councilmembers to attend the February 22nd meeting at 7:00 p.m. Secondly, I recently met with both the police and fire chiefs to go over staffing, operations and SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures). The biggest concern was the roof, especially in the northwest corner, of the fire station that has a tarp covering the communication center that holds a lot of servers. Not sure what damage would be caused if those servers get wet. I'm assuming there is a purchase requisition and think this project should be expedited once the weather is suitable.

**Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt**

Mr. Orcutt stated this report covers all shifts beginning January 17 through February 6th, 2018. Most water breaks have been repaired throughout the city, approximately 16 in total, surface repairs have begun for those. Co-patch crews are out four days a week that includes second and third shifts. The Building Maintenance Team started work for the Building Department move to the animal shelter on Smith Road. The Building Maintenance Team also made plumbing repairs at the main fire station, repairs to exit lights and painting at the Recreation Center. Third shift continues to check and report street light that are out throughout the city. The city-wide pump stations are being checked on a daily

**Reports from Standing Committees: cont.**

basis and six residential camera jobs have been completed during this time period; on Harrison, Delores, West 150th, Doris, Robert and Paulding. The service department has completed two sanitary and storm lateral repairs; one on Harrison and the second on Doris. The department has removed two trees on Zaremba and Delores, with stump grinding being completed when weather permits. For 2018, 3100 tons of road salt this winter season and have approximately 650 tons of salt on hand; and an order has been placed for an additional 1000 tons of road salt. Mr. Orcutt thanked all the service team members for their hard work and dedication for the city.

**Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Scott**

Mr. Scott stated the Board of Zoning didn't have any items on the agenda for this month. Mr. Scott continued by saying the 2018 Citizen of the Year Organization meeting will be Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and is an open meeting. The Board of Control met on January 16th with 52 items and also the Board of Control met this evening with 22 items on the agenda.

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**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:****Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Salvatore**

Mr. Salvatore reported there was no meeting held in January but there will be a few meetings in February. Some of the highlights for 2017 were the Employee and Physician engagement, that was a priority, with efforts being focused on increasing communications and recognition of jobs well done by doctors and nurses. The Employee Wellness Programs resulted in a greater number of employees participating in a healthy action throughout the year, to improve their health. The Nursing Pathway to excellence program was introduced and the first year employee turnover has been reduced by the efforts of the Human Resources Department as well as the Leadership Team. Southwest General was, once again, recognized as a great place to work and received the North Coast 99 Award and included in the Plain Dealer Top Workplace list and ranked fifth best amongst all large companies. The main campus emergency department was awarded the prestigious lantern award for emergencies from the Nurses' Association. The Division of Cuyahoga County Community College started offering patient care associates an opportunity to expand skills by becoming state tested nursing assistants. Southwest continues to receive strong support from the community and thanked all the volunteers for doing a great job at Southwest. Efforts continue to put the patients at the center of attention and thanks to the center's CEO (Chief Executive Officer) that is his motto and being followed. Mr. Salvatore continued in the finance area the budget was exceeded in the operating margin for the whole year; the patient volume for the year was very good. Investments were excellent and made improvements to new equipment, infrastructure and development of new services. Southwest Community Health Center achieved its funding target for the year. Doctors continue to be added to the health center and the Big Creek Surgery Center was

**Reports from Special Committees: cont.**

successfully integrated into Southwest General, the Wound Center was expanded and more internet websites were introduced. The robotic surgery program manned the davinci robot which is an outstanding tool for minimal evasive approach for surgeries. Patients can now sign documents electronically and LifeWorks was recognized as one of the top 100 health clubs in the country. Southwest continues to support local schools with partnerships and sponsorships and also participated in a joint disaster drill with NASA employees and other communities for practice of the best care for injured and insure safety of others. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28th.

**Berea Board of Education Committee - McDonnell, Poindexter**

Mr. Vecchio stated that Mrs. McDonnell is under the weather and will give a report at the February 20th Council meeting.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:****INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:****REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Gammella stated one of his goals as Mayor is to move this city forward into the 21st Century with Councilmembers; high technology is where the future is going to be. For instance, the internal combustion engine is made at Ford Motor containing 500 moving parts. That is going to be less jobs that this community is going to have. What needs to be done is get ahead of the technology and in front on it, that's my intent. In the City of Brook Park emblem shows the old Ford smokestacks from the foundry that are now gone. I attended a meeting today with a group called Aerozone, what this group is to build companies around NASA and the high-tech industry. Brook Park will be the host city because of the technology park on the west end of the city that is a very underused asset. Also, in that Aerozone is the Ford Motor property that is extremely important for the future development of this city. This city is going to move ahead and are going to change image in this city for the better and make it a high-tech center and be competitive for the future. The Recreation center project is progressing and the hope was to have the locker rooms open by tomorrow, unfortunately, there's a small problem and the locker rooms won't be open until they are completely ready. The project crews are working diligently to get this done, hopefully, in a few more days. Mayor Gammella would like to bring a presentation to Council about the Recreation project at the next Caucus meeting. Mayor Gammella met with the Mayor of suburb Tripoli, Libya that has a population 150,000 held at the McCutcheons' that kindly invited my wife and I. Brook Park doesn't have any issues compared to what this Mayor is going through with issues of water and food; a very sad

**Reports and communications from the Mayor: cont.**

situation. The Mayor is touring the county and was very impressed with the City of Brook Park and said one thing that I want to share. The biggest surprise he had in touring America is how nice Americans were; always heard different that Americans were terrible and bad people and will be sending the message back to his country that Americans are really nice, decent people. Mayor Gammella mourned the passing of long time former Clerk of Courts, Mary Ann Skiba and condolences to the family.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mayor Gammella for the report and agreed Economic Development is going to be one of the biggest obstacles to bring back jobs. Has the Economic Development position been filled?

Mayor Gammella responded yes, the position is filled by former Council President and Councilman, Scott Adams, who started Monday.

Mr. Salvatore shared a story about Mary Ann Skiba when he was holding Mayor's Court and a gentleman came forward with possession of marijuana. I asked Mary Ann what is the maximum I can charge and her response was \$250.00. I told the gentleman this is going to be the most expensive cigarette you ever smoked and charged \$500.00. Mary Ann tells me I said \$250.00 and I responded I thought you said \$500.00. Mary Ann will truly be missed as being a great lady.

Mr. Mencini expressed condolences to Mary Ann Skiba's family and also to former Councilman, Mike Lane, on the passing of his mother and longtime resident, Beverly Byers. Mr. Mencini thanked Mayor Gammella on the professional working-ship on the appointments. Mr. Mencini continued to Mayor Gammella saying that late on Saturday, I was up at Brookgate, the area I consider the heart of the city, and saw a lot of vacancies. Are there any plans to help the owners with promoting of Brookgate? Also, possibly promote the vacant buildings in the city i.e. Bally's and others. Is that something Council will be seeing Mr. Adams do?

Mayor Gammella responded yes, but the Brookgate shopping center is privately owned and the city will work with the owners with that; this is a discussion for off-camera, to be quite frank. There are some issues there that the city will be addressing.

Mr. Mencini continued that he called the animal shelter over the weekend and have not heard anything back. Is this a cause for concern or possibly preoccupied with the move?

Mayor Gammella responded they should have called you back and the animal shelter is staying in the same place and will be sharing space with the Building Department.

**Reports and communications from the Mayor: cont.**

Mr. Mencini stated with the fire department roof and deterioration at the safety building is that something that will be looked at?

Mayor Gammella responded yes, definitely.

Mr. Burgio thanked Mayor Gammella for his thoughts on Ford Motor and optimistic that good things are going to happen. Mr. Burgio stated Mary Ann Skiba was my next door neighbor and son's godmother and is like family. Mary Ann was a great person and has a great family and certainly will be missed.

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

Mr. Piatak reported legislation should be coming forward for the Smith Road Resurfacing Project between Snow and Elm Roads. The project is being partially funded through ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) and NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) and will seeking funds through other sources as well; that project is scheduled to go to design in 2018 and go to construction in 2019 for completion. With the Holland Road Reconstruction Project final project rankings were published at the end of last month from Ohio Publics Works State Capital Improvement Program and the Holland Road ranked number eight (8) out of 52 projects. The number eight (8) ranking is well within the primary recommendation tier for funding, that goes down to Columbus. So I have a high comfort that the project will be moving forward with funds through Public Works will come available early July. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with representatives from the Ohio Rail Development Commission, coming up from Columbus, to look at the Eastland-State Route 237 intersection for some improvements they are looking to make by the railroad tracks for safety purposes.

Mr. Mencini stated to Engineer Piatak with the resurfacing from Snow to Elm was there any discussion from Snow to Sheldon?

Mr. Piatak responded it's on the list and have talked with the county, unfortunately, the funds that were kind of allocated for this project were limited; the limits we're - doing right now are for Smith and Elm Roads.

**Law Director Horvath**

Mrs. Horvath reported there has been very little change on pending litigation cases and stated sadness for Mary Ann Skiba's passing. By the time I graduated from law school there were very few female attorneys that could serve as a role model.

**Reports and Communications from departments, commissions and other public officials:**

Law Director Horvath: cont.

In my many trips to Brook Park Mayor's Court, Mary Ann became my role model and was a tremendous person, great lady and I learned a great deal from her; and condolences to her family.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Law Director Horvath is there any update on the public records request lawsuit?

Mrs. Horvath responded briefly, I expect it to be concluded by February 21st; that is the last status call date. I currently have in my office the final pieces that need to be sent to the requester and expect that will be concluded this month.

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Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott reported there was a meeting with the Recreation Commission on January 18th. All spring and/or summer programs registrations and will go through the month of February for baseball, softball, tennis, etc.; letters will be sent out for sponsorship including Councilmembers. To Councilman Poindexter, I appreciate you attending the Greenway meeting and since that time I have touched base with the MetroParks and are trying to put a meeting together for further discussions on the Lake to Lake Trails. Mr. Elliott continued with regards to Mary Ann Skiba, she was an outstanding lady that I've known for many years. Mary Ann's son retired from the and her daughter also worked for the city part-time. Mary Ann was an active member of the Brook Park seniors and of the Citizen of the Year Committee, Mary Ann will be missed.

Mr. Scott stated to Recreation Director Elliott for clarification there have been 11 units replaced on the recreation center roof to date?

Mr. Elliott responded correct, there is going to be a total of 17 units, 11 have been placed on top of the building. On February 19th, President's Day, the center is closed and the remaining six (6) units will be placed on the top of the building. Anytime, there are cranes lifting heavy items on top of the building the crews don't want anyone inside.

Mr. Mencini complimented Recreation Director Elliott and the recreation center staff for the great job on Saturdays and the basketball program.

Mr. Elliott thanked Mr. Mencini for the compliments and stated it's great to see all the children and Saturdays are fun.

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**Reports and Communications from departments, commissions and other officials: cont.**

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle gave an update with the 2018 budget by stating that over the past few weeks, Mayor Gammella and I have met numerous times and are in the process of finalizing the budget. On February 1st Mayor Gammella, Assistant Finance Director Healy and I met with the Ford Motor site manager of Engine Plant 1 for revision of some figures from the Income Tax. I expect the budget to be forwarded to Council within the next week or two. Mr. Cingle expressed condolences to Mary Ann Skiba's family, she was a great person and enjoyed working with her and will be missed. Also, to former Councilman, Mike Lane's and family on the passing of his mother.

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Mr. Vecchio expressed condolences to Mr. Lane and his family on the passing of his mother.

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

**Verbal Approval:**

1. APPOINTMENT OF RANDALL GARNER - SERVICE DIRECTOR

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to verbally approve.

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

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

Mr. Vecchio welcomed Mr. Garner as the city's new service director.

**New Legislation:**

1. An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to do all things necessary to participate in the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Federal-Aid Projects and Programs, for the Smith Road Resurfacing Project, including, but not limited to executing any and all applications, agreements and/or contracts as may be required by NOACA in order to secure funding and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Gammella **Placed in Finance Committee**
  
2. An Ordinance placing a moratorium on the operation of any short-term residential real estate rentals in the City of Brook Park and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. **Placed in Legislative Committee**

**New Legislation: cont.**

3. A Resolution supporting the Cuyahoga County Board of Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service and the City of Cleveland in declaring opioid overdose deaths in Cuyahoga County as a public emergency and requesting additional funding from the state and federal governments to address this issue and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Gammella **Placed in Safety Committee**
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Mr. Scott asked Mayor Gammella what the salary is for Economic Development Commissioner Adams?

Mayor Gammella responded Mr. Adams will be paid the minimum of the salary range.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:**

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

Joan Markusic  
13911 Bellbrook

Ms. Markusic expressed disappointment but very glad to hear that the city has a new Economic Development person and thinks that assigning a previous Councilperson was disappointing task; glad that it has been corrected. I think when decisions of people working in our city and in city business you need to stay away from past Council as a main source. There are a lot of changes in our city and in a past conversation with the Mayor he wants to move the city forward and I told Mayor Gammella it is very apparent that the city and residents also do. People that were not voted back in created their own situations and to appoint someone that has pending cases against the city and putting them in a position working for the city I think is very unproductive; defeats the point of moving forward. Ms. Markusic hopes Mayor Gammella has learned from that because it is very disheartening of the people of the city.

Brandy Reynolds  
6060 Middlebrook Blvd.

Mrs. Reynolds provided clarifications about the livestream. For text support the only bill was for the special production at the Recreation Center. With that being said we've also had a firmware fail, which is a program that didn't load onto the switcher correctly. We spent at least 20 hours of testing and traveling to BoxCast at Burke Lakefront Airport, not an easy place to get to. We've also had many calls to the equipment manufacturer and never billed the city for that. We have received public records requests that we are responsible for getting the flash drive to the law director. Depending on how long that meeting was it could take

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

anywhere from 20 to 45 minutes for the whole process of one flash drive for one meeting; I can tell you that in 2017 we did, at least, 50 flash drives for public records requests that we never billed for. The proposal of payment, we were told, that is the starting of a contract and did that with former Mayor Coyne two years in a row. We sent a proposal and were requested to come to City Hall to sign a document saying that we have a contract with the city. I did send Council President Vecchio an updated proposal for payment, nothing has changed on there, we did not ask for a raise and would not want a raise; contrary to what is being said on Facebook. When the switcher was returned we had to do a firmware update after the firmware failed and spent four (4) hours installing the program onto the switcher, two hours for testing and one (1) hour on the phone with equipment due to failure and have never billed for any of that. We are here at least one (1) hour before the meeting to set up the equipment and test the network. If the network fails then Plan B kicks in by using our own firmware network; we have never billed for using our network, only for the meeting itself. I don't bill for coming in and testing equipment or the network and we also put this on social network and YouTube. We don't bill for that, it's an easy link to send out that is along with our job here. We've also done special events i.e. Mayor's debate that was livestreamed and we didn't bill for. We also did the Halloween protest with the children following them from the Brook Park Memorial to City Hall and put the protest out on the city's website and didn't bill for. We do meet with BoxCast, on our own time, to make sure our equipment is up to date or see if there is anything else out there that we can possibly present to Council that would better the livestream system and don't bill for those meetings. We are doing much more behind the scenes versus coming here, saying the pledge and adjourning the meeting. With that being said, I also want to say that I and Brandon understand that we are not liked and don't know what the issue is; it could be because we see things differently both politically and in general. Livestream came to us, local schools were approached and didn't want to send young adults here because they didn't know how long the meetings would be; on a school night a high school student will not be sent. This was also presented to colleges for an intern and they did not want it; this is a small livestream system and they want something bigger for their degree. This is how this came to us, we were doing audio a year before livestream ever came and have all the audios on YouTube and such. Mrs. Reynolds continued you ran for public office and knew what it would entail putting your lives in the public spotlight. Seeing that this came to us we weren't expecting to be shoved into a public situation but we were and still are. I don't understand how because we do livestream it gives the people the opportunity to take pictures of my house for Facebook posting; I don't understand because we do livestream people take pictures when we're and take pictures showing where we've been. I don't understand that two ladies in a darker SUV (sport utility vehicle) felt it was okay taking pictures while crying in my car at Brookgate after visiting my father at Holy Cross; the ladies enjoyed that and laughed and kept taking pictures, that's there

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issue not mine. I don't do that to people because it's not right and none of my business. Lastly, we are always up to negotiate and if we need to do more, you ask more I am always up to negotiate and talk with you. About the move to the Recreation Center we are in the dark about that, we were told that we would be brought in with BoxCast because there are compatibility issues with the equipment we currently have versus what the city may be getting. Even if I'm not in the talks, BoxCast needs to be included to make sure that whatever equipment is being added to the community room will be compatible with the services provided. There are many abilities out there, like someone pushing a button, and the camera switches on; that is not compatible with the city's current equipment. There needs to be some kind of communication with BoxCast to make sure that if monies are being spent on new equipment for the community center is it going to be compatible with what services are being paid for currently and what services BoxCast can provide the city.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to ask Mrs. Reynolds a question?

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

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

Mr. Salvatore for clarification did you say you know you're not liked?

Mrs. Reynolds responded in the Facebook world that is what comes across. No one from up there has shown our family disrespect, I'm just saying in the social media world it comes across well-liked or well-received.

Mr. Salvatore wanted to make sure that it wasn't anyone up here.

Mrs. Reynolds responded not at all, even with the last administration there were some issues but they never showed disrespect.

**Motion** by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to go back to the Regular Order of Business.

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

**NAYS:** The motion carried.

Susan Anderson  
5700 Grayland

Mrs. Anderson welcomed the new officials and is glad to see everyone getting along. To Ms. Reynolds comments it's been a rough week on Facebook towards the Reynolds and it's disgraceful. I think the Reynolds do an outstanding job at livestream as well as donating their time for other city events, both past and future. If they did what they do in the corporate world they would be well paid

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with benefits. So for people to say that they are being overpaid as subcontractors is absolutely prosperous because as a subcontractor 1099 they are responsible for their own federal, state, social security times two (2) because there is no other employer kicking the other half and possible insurances. That could get to be expensive because those monies come right off the top and not only that those returns have to be filed quarterly. If not filed on time with monies due they are penalized. Mrs. Anderson asked the people on Facebook to stop criticizing Brandon and Brandy will stop and reconsider their behavior. Over the past weekend I was researching for a good friend and stumbled across startling information that has led me to believe that there may have been a case of fraud and income tax invasion taking place. Mrs. Anderson stated to Law Director Horvath since the information found may very well involve some elected officials in Brook Park as well as a private resident, none seated here, I would like to know who to turn this information into if it bears warrant. Mrs. Anderson also expressed condolences to Mary Ann Skiba and Mike Lane's families.

Mrs. Horvath isn't sure if it would be federal, state or local issue but when you reach the point that you have sufficient information please call me for a meeting date and time where I or Mr. Sackett will meet with you.

Susan Barbour  
5819 Robert

Mrs. Barbour expressed gladness on the new service director and hope there is no stalling on the picking of the safety director and that person has no red flags. Mrs. Barbour doesn't think it's fair to dismiss the Council Clerk, she's done an excellent job and has been there a long time; I don't know what the rush is to remove her; she should be kept until her time expires so that there are no problems with her pension; let her ride out her term and then proceed with a new clerk.

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

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

Mr. Mencini thanked the four residents that spoke and were working to move ahead. To Mrs. Barbour there will be a new safety director to get the right person in there. As for the clerk we are going to keep her, we are not dismissing her and want to say that publicly. Mr. Mencini addressed the Facebook social media the ones that I respect are the ones that call us individually and strong people will tell you to your face what they think, whether they agree with you or not. Mr. Mencini would like to have people walk when out walking because you hear different than what is written on Facebook or cleveland.com. There are good people on Facebook and one think you learn sitting up here and former Mayors will probably tell you. If

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you're going to take things personally you're in the wrong line of business. The ghostwriters, people using fictitious names, on Facebook sometimes make good points. I appreciate people who come to the microphone to let us know what they think, along with my colleagues, Mayor and directors. Mr. Mencini thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.

Mr. Poindexter addressed Mrs. Barbour's comment about dismissing the Council Clerk. I don't know about the others but will say I fully support our Council Clerk and when the appropriate time comes will make that official; support her staying on as she wants to stay on. Mr. Poindexter addressed Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Reynolds comments. I understand that there is a lot of work involved with livestream and think we should explore making that position a part-time employee. That way they don't have to worry about taking the 1099 taxes and social security and other items, that would be done for them. Being a union member I don't like seeing anybody doing any type of work without compensation. For the Reynolds to put all that time on their own, the updates, contacting BoxCast and etc. I think they should be compensated for their time with an hourly rate for that situation. Mr. Poindexter thanked everyone for speaking at tonight's meeting, it's nice to get feedback of people's concerns.

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

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

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

1. RESOLUTION NO. 3-2018, HONORING THE POLARIS CAREER CENTER'S CHEF TRAINING CENTER PROGRAM FOR BEING NAMED TO SULLIVAN UNIVERSITY'S ELITE 50 LIST FOR 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
 Introduced by Councilman Poindexter, Council as a Whole and Mayor Gammella

Mr. Poindexter commented that the Polaris program is knee-deep in competition this month and won't be able to come until March.

Mr. Burgio commented to Mr. Poindexter this is a great thing being on the school board in the 1990's this group was receiving awards.

Mr. Vecchio stated Resolution No. 3-2018 as had its First Reading.

- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 5-2018, GRANTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A TWO-FAMILY DWELLING AT 6091 SMITH ROAD, LOCATED IN THE U1-A5 ZONE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council as a Whole

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to suspend.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to adopt.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt, Stemm, Mencini, Poindexter  
**NAYS:** None. Res. No. 5-2018 has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

- 3. ORDINANCE NO. 11014-2018, RETAINING AND EMPLOYING THE LAW FIRM OF MANSOURGAVIN, LPA TO ACT AS CO-COUNSEL WITH THE LAW DIRECTOR IN LABOR RELATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to suspend.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to adopt.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt, Stemm, Poindexter, Salvatore  
**NAYS:** None. Ord. No. 11014-2018, has passed under Suspension of th Rules. Adopted.

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**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 11013-2018, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROOK PARK TO PROVIDE A DEMOLITION AND PLANT EXPANSION GRANT TO QUES INDUSTRIES, INC., LOCATED AT 5420 WEST 140TH STREET, OHIO Introduced by Mayor Coyne

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to suspend.

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Mr. Scott asked Law Director Horvath or Finance Director Cingle has Ques Industries fulfilled their obligation on this grant?

Mrs. Horvath responded at a previous meeting the gentleman proceeded with the demolition which, I believe, is the condition for the grant; yes, the demolition has been completed.

Mr. Vecchio commented I was amiss with allowing Mr. Scott to ask questions on suspension, there are no questions on suspension.

**Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions: cont.****ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Burgio, Scott, Orcutt, Stemm, Mencini, Poindexter**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.**Motion** by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to adopt.

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Mr. Poindexter is in support of this legislation and think economic development is very important to the city. However, I would like for us to explore a few things going forward with the economic development program. I would like to see more requirements added to these types of grants; such as a guarantee of, at least, five jobs along with milestones and requirements to meet. I would also like to see maybe potentially minimal salary requirements and project reporting timelines to Council on the status of the project. I'd also like to see minimum time requirements that companies will stay in Brook Park after receiving the grant. The city is making moving changes to save monies and then give \$30,000. Instead of giving grants I would like to explore other options such as no-interest loans to help companies out and give a generous amount of time to pay it back. Maybe take some of these things into consideration moving forward, I'm not 100% sure of giving away \$30,000 is the best use of economic development dollars.

Mr. Orcutt agreed with Councilman Poindexter about some of the points made by putting stipulations and limits on some of these things is important going forward. I was on Planning when this came forward and lay the plan out. The owner explained to Council at a meeting and stated that the company has already hit some of those items, I think this is a home-run for the city. The owner has already shown that and the interest-free I'm not for that; I want to see the city make money. The city is investing \$30,000 and will probably have that money back in 12 months, 24 months another \$30,00 for \$60,000, 36 months there will be \$90,000, I think this is a very good investment.

Mr. Mencini stated on something like this I don't think we're giving anything away, there are a lot of communities in Cuyahoga County that are going for the same; so we have to be really careful on the stipulations we put on and be careful what we wish for. There are empty buildings in Brook Park with other cities having the same issue, City of Cleveland being one. We don't want to tempt someone to look elsewhere, we want people to look and come to Brook Park. So we have to be very careful with stipulations with businesses.

Mr. Salvatore stated the legislation provides for stipulations in the 'Whereas' of what the obligations are to obtain this grant. Mr. Salvatore stated to Finance Director Cingle there have been occasions when people were not in compliance and had to pay the grant back.

Mr. Cingle responded when the city had Enterprise Zone agreements once a year a committee would meet to review all the agreements. If anybody was not in

compliance with the agreement, it was cancelled. I'm not aware of any grants where a company has not met the stated goals and the city went back to ask for repayment of the grant monies. I was impressed when this gentleman addressed Council last month and seems like he has a very good and viable company we want to keep in Brook Park.

Mrs. Horvath stated in the last two years there was a company that did not fulfill the promise for the grant and the city did not disburse any monies.

Mr. Salvatore commented, reading the legislation this is a good company and can see nothing but good things coming.

Mr. Stemm stated to Finance Director Cingle, grant versus interest-free loan wouldn't the city run the risk of company moving to another city; the likelihood would be high?

Mr. Cingle responded with an interest-free loan there is administrative paperwork that would needed to be completed; most likely on a monthly basis. Invoices would have to be sent out to the companies and await the repayment of the loan. In the event that the company goes bankrupt, out of business or moves the city would need claw-back provisions within the legislation. To make certain the funds are repaid to the city. There is more administrative paperwork on the loan perspective compared to the legislation tonight.

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The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to adopt.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Scott, Salvatore, Poindexter, Mencini, Stemm, Orcutt, Burgio  
**NAYS:** None. Ord. No. 11013-2018, has passed under suspension.

Adopted.

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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Mr. Salvatore stated he received an anonymous letter and will not ask Council for permission to be read and I'm not going to read it; the letter wasn't signed by anyone. I'm sure whoever sent the letter is watching and say thank you and will address your concerns and would appreciate if letters are signed next time so they can be shared publicly.

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

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

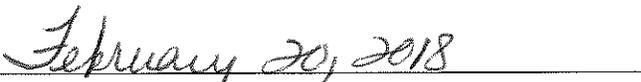
Mr. Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED


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