

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:30 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 Engineer Piatak, Service Director Garner, Law Director Horvath, Recreation Director Elliott and Finance Director Cingle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Caucus Prior to the Council Meeting held on February 6, 2018.

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

Mr. Vecchio requested a change to page 5, middle of page, to read 116.27.00.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to amend page 5.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Poindexter, Salvatore, Stemm, Orcutt, Burgio, Scott
NAYS: None. The motion carried to approve as amended.

2. Regular Council Meeting held on February 6, 2018.

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee - Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter stated the committee has no legislation on tonight's agenda. Mr. Poindexter will be attending the Big Creek Watershed meeting on March 7th.

Finance Committee - Chairman Scott

Mr. Scott stated nothing on tonight's agenda. The Board of Control met earlier this evening and approved 12 items.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated the Legislative Committee has one item on tonight's agenda and thanked Council for the great discussion on the seven pieces of legislation at last week's Caucus.

Reports from Standing Committees: cont.**Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Salvatore**

Mr. Salvatore mentioned the change-order that will be taking place for the Recreation Center project, that Recreation Director Elliott will explain during his report. The Recreation Commission met this past Thursday and discussed the capital budget and needs of the Recreation Center, that will be coming forward. The rental fee schedule for the indoor and/or outdoor facilities is currently being reviewed. Recreation Director Elliott provided a construction update and tour for all the commission members and all the work going on there. Mr. Salvatore was surprised as to how far the contractors are and there will be many changes that will be coming forward. The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on March 15, 2018. Mr. Salvatore asked Co-Chairman Mencini to give an update on the upcoming sports programs. Mr. Mencini stated basketball is in week nine (9) with things going very well on Saturdays; very good turnout from families and friends supporting the teams. Baseball, Softball and Tennis signups are running now through February. The Golden Globe Boxing event will be held at the end of April, Wrestling in May and Karate in June. The Recreation Center plans are being finalized for upcoming Easter event. Mr. Salvatore thanked Cindy Schick and Jerry Kitchen for volunteering services this past Saturday, they did a great job.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio stated the Planning Committee has not met since last report and the March meeting has been cancelled.

Safety Committee - Chairman, Stemm

Mr. Stemm stated the Safety Committee has Resolution No. 7-2018 on tonight's agenda. The Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting this coming Thursday, February 22nd at the Brook Park Library. Mr. Stemm stated on behalf of my family thoughts and prayers to Westerville, Ohio and Parkland Florida.

Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt welcomed newly appointed Service Director Garner and reported that a lot of questions have been coming up for spring cleanup. The department will be opening the gates to residents starting in April for rubbish and yard waste between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., identification is necessary. Mr. Orcutt visited the service department to view the new Vactor recently purchased and showing all the bells and whistles on the truck; it will be nice to see the truck out there doing the maintenance on the streets. Mr. Orcutt thanked all the service workers and the whole department for doing all the great work this winter.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated the Board of Zoning has not met since last report; the next Zoning Board will be on March 5th. Mr. Scott stated the Citizen of the Year Committee met on February 8th, Organizational Meeting, the nominating ballots are available at City Hall, Council Chambers, Recreation Center, Brook Park Library, Office of Aging office, Police and Fire stations, city's website and the Brook Park Citizen of the Year Facebook page. The cutoff date for ballots to be turned in is March 16, 2018 to the Clerk of Council. The next Citizen of the Year meeting is

Reports from Standing Committees: cont.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Scott

March 22nd at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Final selection for Citizen of the Year will be on April 5th, all meetings are open to the public.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported all the hospitals across Northeast Ohio are seeing a large increase of patients due to the flu and flu related symptoms. Additional medical patient beds were opened on the first floor and portions of the beds in the Post-Acute Care Unit were directed to care for the additional patients. Due to the high volume some of the rooms on the first floor were converted to semi-private rooms for this specific period of time; the extremely high-volume required the health center to use every patient bed and patient care equipment available. The health center's President/CEO (Chief Executive Officer) thanked every employee for doing an outstanding job preparing for the additional patients; Mr. Salvatore also thanked all the employees for doing an outstanding job. The Journey to Achieve the Pathway to Excellence credentials for nursing services continues with team nurses working to develop compliance with nursing standards practices defined in the program. A new recruitment strategy is being implemented to increase the use of social media to better identify and connect with potential job candidates. A new Leadership Development Program will be introduced by the Leadership Team with the intent to help leaders develop and improve skills to become better leaders. With the finance portion, plans are in place to achieve the budgeted items and operating margins. Capital reinvestment and replacement plans are being created to insure timely implementation of the center's capital budget. Construction is underway and will be completed to develop the center's expanded Breast Health Center, Inpatient and Behavioral Health Unit and OB-GYN Physician Practice in Berea. The Southwest Community Health Foundation is well into fundraising efforts for the year; with planning in process for the two formal fundraisers for the Tiara and annual Golf Outing, that are very successful events. The center will be engaging to develop a new Community Outreach Project for Brook Park and other cities within the taxing district. The next meeting will be held on February 28th.

Berea Board of Education Committee - McDonnell, Poindexter

Mrs. McDonnell stated there is a lot on the plate, the State of the School address is on the website for viewing. Construction is underway for Big Creek Elementary School is in the process of getting new windows, ductwork and new ventilation system. The Junior High School also has new windows and the new wing where the fifth and sixth graders will be, lockers have been painted and structural supports were created. As of right now, the pool at the Junior High will be renovated and still looks like there will not be a new pool built in the brand new high school, that might change and is a conversation that people have opinions on.

Reports of Special Committees: cont.

Berea Board of Education Committee, McDonnell

There is going to be a PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) Resource Fair to be held on March 10th at the Middleburg Hts. Community Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This fair will be held with different activities and organizations for families with special needs and typical children that want to participate. No decisions have been made on the inside of the brand new high school and recommend going directly to the website under the construction tab. For specific questions on what the high school will look like or what the inside of the high school will look like or contact the district's superintendent. A few other things that the community would be interested to know is that this year Berea City Schools in the beginning of the school year made an effort and commitment to increasing the mental health awareness of the entire district. One of the things done from the Live Initiative is to make sure that by the end of next year all of the staff members; including transportation, cafeteria, teachers and professionals will be trained in something called 'Mental Health First Aid'. I was sent to the training and am a national trainer and what that means is that all the high school teachers have been trained in mental health awareness. The teachers are not doctors that are supposed to be diagnosing mental health issues, however, the teachers are supposed to be helping with first responding if thought there might be a crisis. In addition, nurses have been trained and the first round of transportation and all of fifth through eighth grade teachers have been trained along with the office staff. Training will continue with transportation and hopefully by the end of the school year all transportation will be trained, then start working on the K-4 (kindergarten through four buildings). There are two of us on a committee that will start going out into the community to ask anyone in the community who would like to be trained. Another thing, is Scott Weber and I will be going to the safety forces to train them as well. Another thing that I'm not sure everybody knows is the district has a Safety-Security Committee, that she serves on and meets four times a year to discuss certain topics, as far as, what the action plans are if for whatever reason there could become an active shooter situation. One of the things People Services is doing this summer, June 5th, there will be a having a Threat Assessment Workshop and will be inviting different districts and other safety forces within. There are a lot of things going on that I don't think all the residents of the cities are aware of and everything is being done to make sure that everyone in the communities and schools are as safe as possible.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Gammella reported this past Saturday evening I had the opportunity to attend the Brook Park Boosters fundraiser at UAW Hall 1250, commended success with most of Council there and working hard. This is a good cause and the Boosters have been around for a long time and do a wonderful job for community, for the children of this community and as volunteer coaches. It was nice seeing that community involvement and commend all of you and participating. With the Recreation Center Project, the contractor will be at the February 27th Caucus to update Council on where the project is and where it's heading. I constantly call Ford Land, they are the ones that make the determination on what goes where and even though there's no news on the Ford property to date. Again, I am in constant communication and fortunately through my former job they know me well and have a good rapport with them and feel good about that property in the long-run. The Economic Development Director (Commissioner) and I visited a company that wants to expand to about 40 people and double their size, the problem is there one or two barriers that they need to get over with the city's Economic Development Director (Commissioner) help. If that time comes I will come before Council for discussions to make sure this company can expand.

Mr. Mencini expressed hope with the Ford Plant and stated that would be great and understands it is time consuming. With Economic Development would it be possible to have the Economic Development Commissioner give a quarterly or half-year report to Council?

Mayor Gammella responded yes, more than likely, quarterly.

Mr. Poindexter asked if a walk-through of the Recreation Center is possible and would like to see the progress. With my schedule it wouldn't be conducive during the day but possibly in the evening; to see the progress.

Mayor Gammella responded that can be done late during the week or see Recreation Director Elliott for a walk through.

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

Mr. Cingle stated the Mayor and I continue to work on the 2018 Budget and hopefully, in the next week or so, have document for Council to review.

Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott reported with the schools, Andre' Gonzales and I attended a meeting with the Assistant Superintendent and all three communities. Because of some of the work being done in the schools, it will affect school permits usage for practices and summer activities will be impacted; a few other schools will be more impacted

Reports and Communications from other departments, commissions and other public officials: cont.Recreation Director Elliott

than Brook Park, nonetheless it will affect us. The city's program people will keep the coaches and teams updated with changes along the way. To Councilmembers, any of you that want to go through the construction area call me regardless of availability those arrangements can be made for a walk through.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath stated Council should have the most recent Active Civil Litigation that includes two foreclosure cases, one case involving public records, a contract matter and lastly there was an administrative appeal. The two foreclosure cases are winding their way through the court system and are on track. The contract case is probably going to enter into the discovery stage with a court date coming shortly. The public records case will probably end sometime this week and regarding the administrative appeal. That particular case of Abe Abdulla vs. City of Brook Park the plaintiff has voluntarily dismissed the suit. Mrs. Horvath showed Council one of three volumes that the law department has been working on taking all of the city-owned property and try to collate it into a method that various city departments would have at their fingertips. Mrs. Horvath personally thanked part-time, Diane Schneider, who has been valuable in helping the department do this boring and time-consuming task. All documents are open to the public and are from the (Cuyahoga County) Records Office or Fiscal Officer. The main and most useful to come from this is the spreadsheets that lists all of the parcels in numerical order with the intent to share these spreadsheets with city departments.

Service Director Garner

Mr. Garner thanked for the welcome received coming back to the service department. The department is still on the weather schedule and doing things even though there's no snow. Potholes that everyone is affected by and seems like the department fills the same holes repeatedly; cold-patch is a temporary situation. When the asphalt plants open up the city will get hot-mix for more permanent repairs. As Councilman Orcutt mentioned, April 9th is the start date for miscellaneous yard waste from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., through the summer months.

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak at the last meeting I mentioned that there was a meeting scheduled with the Ohio Rail Development Commission on the Eastland-Route 237, Norfolk-Southern, railroad crossing; that meeting was cancelled due to the snowstorm and people traveling from Columbus. There was a conference call where a number of alternatives were discussed at that intersection for improvements and treatments, that are possible over there. The ORDC (Ohio Rail Development Commission) has requested additional information regarding some of the signal and existing utilities over there. The commission will be doing additional digging on their end and I will send over my stuff to reconvene and discuss additional options; or look at the options in greater detail in the near future. Mr. Piatak thanked Council, in

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

Engineer Piatak

advance, for their consideration of the NOACA legislation discussed at the Caucus Prior meeting.

Questions/Answers:

Mr. Salvatore welcomed Service Director Garner and stated if I can be of any help contact me.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Service Director Garner for taking the phone calls and stated that big items have been placed on your plate for Ward 3; especially the Shelby area. Mr. Orcutt thanked Service Director Garner and service crews for taking care of the potholes on Harrison and Smith.

Mr. Mencini asked Engineer Piatak if there has been any update on the on the Holland Road Project, between Engle and Fry Roads.

Mr. Piatak responded the Holland Road project was submitted to the county for what they call DOT (Department of Transportation) language with the District 1 Integrating Committee; the Public Works committee for this region. The project was submitted to Columbus and think the project was mid in the recommendations category. So I don't see any issue getting funded, typically what goes to Columbus gets approved. So right now there is no news but thinks the project will be moving forward and will take place in 2019; should know in the next few weeks.

Mr. Mencini stated will that project be going on the same time with the Ford Intermediate School project?

Mr. Piatak responded it's very possible that the project will go on concurrently and thinks the school project will be a little further along where most of the materials and site work completed and demolition will be completed on the school property, that is something that will be taken into account.

Mr. Mencini welcomed Service Director Garner and let the crews know that it's most appreciative with the filling of potholes and being there as soon as possible.

Mr. Burgio asked if the annual rating of the streets will be coming forward?

Mr. Piatak responded yes, the list will be completed by the end of the month and will have to Council hopefully before the next Council meeting.

Reports and Communications from other departments, commissions and other public officials: cont.
Questions/Answers:

Mr. Scott asked Recreation Director Elliott the seven (7) units have been placed on the roof?

Mr. Elliott responded six (6).

Mr. Scott continued the units are ready to go?

Mr. Elliott responded not ready to go but they are up.

Mr. Scott stated I may have misheard, at the Berea Planning Commission the plans do not have a ballfield and heard that this school year they are bringing in materials to start construction for storing on the existing ballfield. Has there been any communications about maybe using Brook Park's ballfields?

Mr. Elliott responded yes, we've talked to them and they already made arrangements to go to use the field at Strongsville. One of my capital budget items will be an improvement or upgrade to one of the city's fields to be converted more to baseball dimensions. The district wants a field that has dimensions of 400 feet, a straight-away center field and 375 in the alleys. I have spoken with the Assistant Superintendent and Athletic Director a few times is that if we can do something in conjunction for Spring, 2019; the district would like to partner with Brook Park.

Mr. Scott saw that they removed the ballfields from the middle school and eliminated the fields from the high school. To Mayor Gammella have there been any discussions about the use of the schools, Brook Park Memorial and Brookview, closing; any discussions as to what they're plans are?

Mayor Gammella responded there have been discussions and can tell you that the city is interested in both sites.

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

Verbal Approval:

1. Contract for Brandon Reynolds for Livestream of meetings

Mr. Vecchio stated the current purchase order presented is in the amount of \$2,400 to cover that cost in the temporary budget through March. Mr. Salvatore mentioned \$100.00 per meeting for the handling of the livestream of meetings.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to verbally approve.

Mr. Poindexter clarified the approval of \$100.00 or \$2,400.00 with \$250.00 for BoxCast.

Mr. Vecchio responded this would be combined into one with the \$2,400 purchase requisition transferred from the Mayor's budget to the Council budget; out of that there is \$100.00 to Brandon Reynolds per evening.

Mr. Poindexter asked Council is voting to approve \$2,400 and taking \$100.00 out of that money to pay the Reynolds'?

Mr. Vecchio responded the Reynolds' will be paid on a per-evening basis and also BoxCast out of the \$2,400; the approval is to pay the Reynolds' \$100.00 per night and to pay the monthly BoxCast bill out of the \$2,400 budgeted.

Mr. Salvatore stated the \$2,400 has already been appropriated, so Council is approving \$100.00 so the person livestreaming the meetings gets paid. The additional monies will be made under a second motion but come from the \$2,400 already appropriated.

The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to verbally approve \$100.00 payment to the Reynolds' for livestreaming of meetings.

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

2. Payment to BoxCast monthly invoice for meetings out of \$2,400 appropriated.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to verbally approve.

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

Other Communications, Petitions and Verbal Approval: (Introduction of New Legislation):

Introduction of New Legislation:

1. A Resolution Opposing the change in hours of the Airport Branch of the United States Postal Service and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

Mayor Gammella stated the Airport Post Office is trying to change the hours of operation and a lot of city businesses use from the period 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., the hours have been changed effective February 17th. The current hours are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and businesses and residents don't care for that change and like the Airport Post Office being open especially during tax season, especially on Saturday and Sundays. The Post Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and closed on Sundays. Since there is no post office in the City of Brook Park that many of us are joining to try and get, that's the city's closest post office and need to keep open for convenience to the residents.

Placed in Legislative Committee

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the Council agenda per Council Rule No. 12, under First Reading.

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

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, for a five-minute recess for copies of legislation to be distributed.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Mencini, Poindexter, Stemm, Orcutt, Burgio, Scott
NAYS: None. The motion carried at 8:14 p.m.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Joan Markusic
 13911 Bellbrook

Ms. Markusic stated there was talk about a door for Mayor's Court at the Recreation Center what is going to be done about parking because there will still be interaction with residents in the Recreation Center parking lot. What will not deter somebody, even though weapons are not allowed into court, they could have a weapon in the parking lot. The second question is who will be picking the Citizen

Remarks from the audience on any subject: cont.

of the Year? Once the ballots go in how does the process go, is it one person or many people? Ms. Markusic continued at last week's Caucus meeting, Resolution No. 30-2017, honoring John Glenn, was put back in committee so that Mr. Glenn could be the first person to be honored at the walkway that is planning on being built. Mr. Poindexter asked why Council cannot have both recognitions for John Glenn and that question was never answered. There was a lot of discussion about having one for the walkway but nothing was ever answered as far as why this resolution could not be acknowledged and adopted. Ms. Markusic would like to know the answer to the question that Mr. Poindexter because after reviewing her notes the question was not answered.

Liz Sayers

23065 Cedar Point

Ms. Sayers expressed concerns with social media and public records requests by stating that questions have been asked about her name being on a letter was not able to get in touch with city personnel to have questions answered and commented social media is ruining Brook Park. I've asked other people whose names are listed on the letter and receive different answers. Ms. Sayers stated that Law Director Horvath received a phone call about a question from certain people asked not mentioning any names (JA & PA) because she may have a police report on her. These people asked for records on voice mails and emails for 24 people and the response was that there was one thing said in mediation and an email to a person about everything. Then there's another letter at my door from former Mayor Coyne addressed to Whom it may Concern. If someone has an issue wouldn't that person come up to City Hall and ask the question instead of giving a letter that says a verbal request has been made for public records from a resident and am forwarding that request. First of all, that person should ask the city for this information for my voice mails, emails and communications with the city. This makes me feel that If I can't talk to any of you in private or call with questions why does someone else have to know what is said. I've been told that it is public record and everyone can know what is say and do with the city. I'm looking for an honest answer to when I call the city and leave a voice mail or talk to someone that is recorded or an email is sent that I think is confidential or at least a courtesy notification that someone wants to know our conversation is it okay to tell them? Why can't these people confront me and let me know what their problem is? There are two different things here and one came after an answer was provided by the city and then turn around and write another one left on my door listing 24 people they want information from. Ms. Sayers asked if all her information is going to be given out when she talks to city personnel? Are you going to say okay if a certain person is going after the city we will give you all the emails, voice mails or whatever? Ms. Sayers is looking for one straight and honest answer is it that every time I talk to you is it going to be broadcasted to these people that want to sue the city because that's what they're going for.

Remarks from the audience on any subject: cont.

Mr. Vecchio interjected by saying the Law Director, Mayor and yourself should have this conversation.

Ms. Sayers disagreed by stating that everyone needs to know and speak up to city personnel and not be afraid. If I call the Council President and someone requests that conversation, are you going to give it to them? How can anyone of you be trusted with my conversation but how do I know that these two people are going to say that is public information. It's bad when someone can't speak with city personnel because of fear it may go to someone else.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to address the audience.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Salvatore stated this has happened once too often where someone comes up and paints the whole Council with the same brush. I have not had any conversations with you that were recorded or any conversations that were shared with anyone else. The comments being heard is that some group up here, or somebody up here, is talking out of school and I personally would like people to be more specific when approaching Council if there is an issue or problem with someone bring it forward. We're not getting anywhere by listening to a vague comment and answers can't be given if Council doesn't have the right questions.

Ms. Sayers asked if I talk to anyone on Council, is it going to be repeated when someone asks for it?

Mr. Salvatore stated my question to you was did that happen and who did it happen with?

Coaxing from an audience member for Ms. Sayers to go for it, go ahead, we have you, go ahead.

Mr. Salvatore commented I don't want to put you in a spot that you don't want to be in. I just wanted to make it clear that if you're not addressing all Councilmembers, unless you are, then only those certain Councilmembers should be addressed.

Ms. Sayers reiterated I'm asking all Council, if I talk to you by a phone conversation, leave a message or text will that be given to someone that doesn't work for the city and has nothing to do with it, are you going to give it to them? For example, I speak with Mr. Orcutt and he is recording the conversation because of being a city official my question is if someone approaches Mr. Orcutt and requests a public record of that conversation and anything else you have with on

Remarks from the audience on any subject: cont.

Ms. Sayers. Will Mr. Orcutt provide that information to the person requesting it?

Mr. Salvatore stated I understand what you're saying and wanted to find out through my own clarification that if you have something like that.

Ms. Sayers asked Mr. Salvatore if we have a conversation would you give it to someone requesting as a public record.

Ms. Salvatore responded I haven't had any conversations with you and don't have to worry about that but I will do whatever the law requires. If the law requires, for some crazy reason, that documents have to be turned over then I would do that; I'm not going to volunteer.

Mr. Vecchio interjected so that there is clarity, let's have the law director speak on this.

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

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

Jennifer Roberts
5368 West 151st

Ms. Roberts thanked Mayor Gammella and Recreation Director Elliott for providing the Neighborhood Watch Group meeting bake sale held this past Saturday at the Recreation Center, it was a big success. Ms. Roberts also thanked Councilmembers and residents who donated to the bake sale and/or purchased items supporting the sale. The next Neighborhood Watch Group meeting will be on Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m., at the Brook Park Library. Everyone is welcome and Officer Kaz speaking about child safety issues in the city and also provide tips and ideas on how not to become a victim of crime.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. RESOLUTION NO. 6-2018, AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

Motion by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to suspend.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):
cont.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt, Stemm, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: None. Res. No. 6-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 11015-2018, 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

The clerk read in its entirety since it was not properly posted.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to suspend.

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

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to adopt.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Burgio, Scott, Orcutt, Stemm, Mencini, Poindexter
NAYS: None. Ord. No. 11015-2018 has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 7-2018, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ALL- HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

The clerk read in its entirety since it was not properly posted.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to suspend.

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Burgio, Scott, Orcutt, Stemm, Mencini, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: None. Res. No. 7-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):
cont.

- 4. RESOLUTION NO. 8-2018, OPPOSING THE CHANGE IN HOURS OF THE AIRPORT BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

The clerk read in its entirety since it was not properly posted.

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

Mr. Mencini stated in speaking with post office personnel the reason for the hour changes is due to receipts and foot traffic, therefore, may word could get out to the people on the west end and businesses to keep the airport post office a conductive facility.

Mayor Gammella commented my end game is to bring a post office back to Brook Park, the city needs and deserves one as do the residents'.

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Burgio, Orcutt, Scott, Salvatore, Poindexter, Stemm
NAYS: None. Res. No. 8-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

Mr. Mencini commented on corrections needed for page 2.

The clerk will make sure the legislation is corrected prior to obtaining signatures.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 29-2017, RECOGNIZING PROJECT EVERGREEN'S GREENCARE AND SNOWCARE FOR TROOPS INITIATIVE AS THE PREFERRED PROVIDER FOR FAMILIES OF DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND POST 9/11 DISABLED VETERANS WITH A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne and Council as a

Whole.

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.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: cont.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to adopt.

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

NAYS: None. Res. No. 29-2017, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

- 2. 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. Vecchio stated Resolution No. 3-2018 has had its Second Reading.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to address the audience.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Addressing the audience:

Mr. Scott stated to Ms. Markusic, how the Citizen of the Year Committee works is each Councilmember picks a representative and the committee had the Organizational meeting. Nomination ballots were put out to the public, the ballots are filled out and returned to the Council Clerk either by mail or email. The committee will be meeting on March 22nd to review the nominations received, the deadline for ballots to be received is March 16th. Anybody in the city or outside the city can nominate a resident of Brook Park, for example, a person in Middleburg Hts. wants to nominate a Brook Park resident that's fine. The person being nominated must be 18 years or older but can be discussed and waived by the committee if a minor has done an outstanding service and deserves recognition. On March 22nd, the eight committee members will review the ballots with the final selection being made April 5th for selection of Citizen of the Year. The winner will then be honored at the Brook Park Chamber of Commerce dinner held tentatively May 3rd at the UAW Local 1250 Hall and will also be the Grand Marshall of the Home Days Parade.

Mr. Burgio stated the Brook Park Beautification & Pride Committee will be having their 10th annual luncheon on March 24th with a speaker from the Better Business Bureau to speak on 'Not Being Scammed'. This committee does a great job for

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beautifying Brook Park and encourage people to take care of their property; tickets are available through Councilmembers Burgio and Mencini.

Mr. Poindexter expressed sadness to Ms. Sayers in moving out of the city and stated she has character and personality. Anything you say to me is between you and me and if there is an email communication that I would have to turn over, I would turn over at the appropriate time. I'm old school with conversations between two people should stay between those two people.

Mrs. Horvath stated apologies to Ms. Sayers for missing her call on Monday and stated I tried to call you earlier today.

Ms. Sayers speaking from the audience stated that's okay what I asked you was if somebody called you Monday about my issue?

Mr. Vecchio interjected to Ms. Sayers, either have that conversation with the law director after the meeting or you will need to come back up to the podium.

Liz Sayers
23065 Cedar Point

Ms. Sayers stated there was one question that you didn't understand because this kind of gets off track. This is not my legal name on here on any of these papers; all wanted to know was. The mediation is still going on and after you answered that person's question about emails and so forth this came out afterwards. The second letter is what I'm upset about because that's not my legal name and with everyone telling me everything and telling different stories in the city. That is not my legal name so keep me out of all these issues, that's the only thing I'm asking you. The other thing I was told is that somebody called you Monday and they had a conversation with you all about me. Like I said before to everyone here if you're going to talk about me, any deal with me, you know my phone number and where I live. All I want to know is anyone that calls the city and talks to any one of you and turns around and asks for the voice mails and emails of the person you talked to; can they do that?

Mrs. Horvath responded I would like to go over some timelines with you with the mediation after the meeting. I, quite frankly, have no recollection of any phone call of that sort and to be honest as of now at 9:05 p.m. I don't have a good recollection of who called me on Monday but all calls are written down in the call book the law department has and since they are written down are probably public record. In order for something to be received it has to meet certain definitions of what a public record is, usually in writing. It wouldn't be a conversation or wouldn't be a telephone call. The Ohio Courts came very close to saying a text

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message might be a public record; with a case involving a state representative, but the court backed off and right now a text message is not a public record. A recording might be a public record, for example, talking in a public meeting tonight and whatever recordings are made from this meeting are a public record. Generally, I don't believe City Hall is making recordings of any conversations that take place. To the best of my ability I cannot answer you on whether I received a phone call Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and think you called yesterday with me returning your call today but will have to go back and check. Mrs. Horvath thinks this is an area where there is a two-edged sword everybody wants to be transparent in government, let our citizens know what is going on but it's kind of like Facebook too and that sometimes perhaps things shouldn't be discovered but are. The court rulings allow things to be discovered that maybe are better left not being transparent.

Mr. Salvatore stated Mr. Scott did an excellent job in explaining the Citizen of the Year and thanked Mr. Scott for all his hard work. Mr. Salvatore stated to Ms. Markusic with the Resolution (honoring John Glenn) being put back in committee, speaking for myself tonight is a perfect example with passage of Polaris Career Center and no one in attendance to accept it; the John Glenn resolution is no different. That Resolution would be passed and sit on a shelf somewhere and I, for one, would rather do something more spectacular that everyone can be a part of rather than passing legislation for it to sit in a drawer and no one come forward to accept. The walkway project is something that I think is going to happen and will be moving forward with drawings, presentations and meetings with city personnel. I think we all agree that John Glenn is the perfect person for the kickoff to do the walkway. Mr. Salvatore thanked Ms. Roberts for all her hard work and time with the Neighborhood Watch Group. Mr. Salvatore commented that another anonymous letter has been received and thanked the person sending them and stated this letter contains nothing but compliments but can't be read because there is no signature.

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, Stemm, Orcutt, Burgio, Scott, Salvatore

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned t 9:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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