

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:00 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, Finance Director Cingle, Service Director Garner and Law Director Horvath.

SAFETY COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, STEMM:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 715 OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Orcutt, Council as a Whole and Mayor Gammella.

Mr. Orcutt stated NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) representative, Mr. Ramos, spoke about this program. This is a volunteer registration program for residents who wish to not be solicited by door-to-door sales people. The program is provided by NOPEC at no cost or charge to the city; this is not a program where NOPEC collects personal information and send solicitation mailers to homes. Residents can register for this program by visiting the NOPEC website 'blocktheknock.com'. For those that don't have Internet there are postcards that can be provided in public buildings. Once registered for the program and residents decide they want to un-register that can be done either online or by contacting NOPEC. After 12 months, NOPEC will reach out to residents by email or regular mail to see if they want to keep their address on the list. When solicitors register for a license at the police department a copy of the address list will be provided to them; this is great for the community, especially nowadays, and I've heard from residents they want their peace to have no salespeople bothering them.

Motion by Mr. Orcutt, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to amend (page 3) Section 4 paragraph e and f by retaining the language as written and remove Section 715.07.

Mr. Salvatore stated for clarification, basically keeping the same Ordinance just adding.

Safety Committee - Chairman, Stemm: cont.

Mr. Orcutt concurred by stating absolutely, keeping the same Ordinance and adding 715.06.

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

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

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

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-1 as Ordinance No. 11016-2018.

- 2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S 'DO NOT KNOCK' REGISTRY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Orcutt, Council as a Whole and Mayor Gammella

Mr. Orcutt stated this is the agreement that the City of Brook Park will enter into with NOPEC to make sure that we have all the right intentions, with the information provided. If the city wants to opt-out out of the agreement all that is needed is a letter notifying NOPEC.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

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

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-2 as Resolution No. 9-2018.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to add the Right to Work legislation on the agenda.

Mr. Salvatore stated I believe it was supposed to be added to the agenda and will take responsibility for the miscommunication.

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

Mr. Vecchio referred to Legislative Committee Chairman, Mencini.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini:

Mr. Mencini stated no one told me over the weekend to pull this legislation out of committee, there was talk, and thought I would get a phone call back. This was discussed at last week's Caucus meeting.

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED 'RIGHT TO WORK' CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPORTING FAIR LABOR PRACTICES TO SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES AND THE ECONOMY OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Poindexter, Mayor Gammella and Council as a Whole

Mr. Poindexter stated at last week's Caucus meeting, there were questions about the third 'Whereas'. I did some research and provided data backup for the third Whereas. Mr. Poindexter read some of the data into the record (information available on file in the Council office for review). Mr. Poindexter continued the trends are clear that most of those issues are poverty related issues. I wouldn't want to see this for the State of Ohio or the City of Brook Park and would like for this Council to stand united for working families and pass this legislation.

Mr. Vecchio stated to Mr. Poindexter, can you tell me out of those 22 of those 25 states how many are no income tax states?

Mr. Poindexter responded I don't have that data in front of me.

Mr. Vecchio continued the reason I ask, is I know the numbers are roughly four-percent (4%) less in wages. My question is that not made up in those states via that state having no income tax?

Mr. Poindexter responded I don't think so but would have to look into that.

Mr. Salvatore stated reviewing the data handed to me, I have no problem moving forward with this. I would feel more comfortable by just removing the third 'Whereas' since it has no bearing on this going to the ballot.

Mr. Scott stated I'm in support of this and did look at the statistics dated 2014 and don't know how accurate those numbers are. I am in support with this legislation and concur with Mr. Salvatore to remove the third 'Whereas'; there doesn't need to be a questionable part in the legislation. Being in the union since 1974, I understand what this is about and am in support.

Mr. Poindexter stated I'm a big picture kind of person and think standing up for working families is important to all of us here.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini: cont.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to remove the third 'Whereas'.

Mr. Burgio stated I don't want to speak for everybody but think we are all in favor of opposing this and glad that Mr. Poindexter brought it forward. By removing the third 'Whereas' there is no qualms from anybody else that would be for this. By making that amendment that makes the legislation more powerful and sends the message that we are opposing and commend you on doing that.

Mr. Mencini commented I think we are all together on this and after being brought out and discussed Council did what they had to, by working together. Mr. Mencini commented Mr. Poindexter for bringing this forward for all working families.

The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to remove the third 'Whereas'.

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

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

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

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-3 as Resolution No. 10-2018.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Mr. Vecchio stated one item came over from the Mayor's office having to do with Community Reinvestment (CRA). The CRA needs a member appointed from Council to be a part. The way it reads is two Members of Council are appointed that meet once a year. Mr. Vecchio appointed Councilmembers Orcutt and Mencini.

Both Councilmembers accepted the appointments.

Mr. Burgio asked how long the appointment is for because I've been on it for several years.

Mr. Vecchio responded there was no list entailed with this and it is for a three-year appointment.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Mr. Salvatore commented probably would have needed a motion to add this to the agenda.

Mr. Vecchio commented I don't know if it needs a motion to have an appointment.

Mr. Salvatore responded, you do, if it's not on the agenda.

Mr. Vecchio stated to Mr. Burgio you've been on this for the last three years, currently?

Mr. Burgio concurred.

Mr. Vecchio continued who served on this with you?

Mr. Burgio responded Mr. Troyer.

Mr. Vecchio stated this being brought forward late and having no idea about this I received a phone call to have somebody appointed to it. I'm going to hold this and retract what I said and have Council speak among themselves to have this on the Caucus agenda for next week.

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

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

Mr. Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Michelle Blazak
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED March 20, 2018

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