

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 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 Mayor Gammella, Finance Director Cingle, Service Director Garner, Law Director Horvath, Recreation Director Elliott, Engineer Piatak (7:35 p.m.).  
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

1. Caucus Prior to the Council meeting held on February 20, 2018.

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

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

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

2. Regular Council meeting held on February 20, 2018.

**Motion** by Mr. 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 stated the Aviation & Environmental Committee has no legislation on the agenda and added that he will be attending the Big Creek Watershed meeting on March 7th, and will have a report at the next Council meeting. Mr. Poindexter continued by making the public aware that Cleveland Water Department will be having an open house on Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for all ages. This is a good opportunity for residents to see the water treatment process and how our daily lives have effect on the water and how that is remedied. Anyone interested in attending can visit the website [cleveland.water.com](http://cleveland.water.com) for information on the open house and on environmental and water-related issues.

Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated the Finance Committee has nothing on tonight's agenda and mentioned that the Board of Control met earlier and approved 18 items.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated the Legislative Committee has one piece of legislation on tonight's agenda; also if anyone has legislation in the Legislative Committee and wants brought out please contact me.

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

Mr. Salvatore reported that baseball, softball and tennis sign-ups have been extended. On Friday, March 23rd, the Annual March Madness event will be held at the Recreation Center with games, food, prizes and t-shirts available; sign-ups at the front desk. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31st at the City Hall gazebo at 10:00 a.m.; free photos with the Easter Bunny will be available. The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on March 15th at the Recreation Center.

**Planning Committee - Chairman, Burgio**

Mr. Burgio stated the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for March 5th was cancelled.

**Safety Committee - Chairman, Stemm**

Mr. Stemm stated I along with several Members of Council attended the February 22nd Neighborhood Watch meeting, with many topics, thanked the panel and Brook Park police in attendance. The next meeting will be on March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Brook Park Library. Mr. Stemm continued on April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Brook Park Library the Neighborhood Watch Group will be sponsoring a 'Raise Awareness for Human Trafficking' and encouraged everyone to attend. Lastly, I was informed by the Mayor and Service Director that the roof area over the fire station (Holland Road) has been repaired and thanked everyone for speeding that project up.

**Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt**

Mr. Orcutt stated the Service Department has received a grant for \$5,000 through the Solid Waste District; Service Foreman Jack Moran, has obtained this grant for the city for several years. The grant monies are 'earmarked' to cover all cost for literature mailed to residents' homes i.e. the calendar for rubbish, recycling and bulk pickup; and shredding. On April 14th the city will provide shredding of documents for residents between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the service garage. Lastly, starting April 9th the service department will be open for yard waste disposal.

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

Mr. Scott stated the Zoning Board met on March 5th and unanimously approved one item. For a three-foot (3') rear lot line variance to construct an 80 sq. foot addition to the existing garage at 16085 Bowfin Blvd. Also, there is still one tabled item to request a variance of a new billboard at 4985 West 150th Street for Rock-N-Roll City Harley Davidson. Mr. Scott reminded everyone that the Citizen of the Year committee is taking nominations until March 16th, for any Brook Park resident. Nomination ballots can be picked up at City Hall, Council Chambers, Recreation Center, Brook Park Library, Seniors' office and police and fire stations. Ballots are also available online at the city's website and the Brook Park Citizen of the Year Facebook page. Ballots can be turned into the Council Clerk in person or by email. The upcoming Citizen of the Year meetings will be held in the Council Chambers on March 22nd and March 29th at 6:30 p.m., with the final selection being made on April 5th. The person nominated as Citizen of the Year will be the Grand Marshal for the Brook Park Home Days parade.

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**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated the board met on February 28th and during the Finance portion of the meeting an expenditure was approved for the purchase for medical equipment, furniture, information and technology for the Ear, Nose and Throat three offices. The total revenue for the year and income exceeded budget. The 2017 patient volumes were reviewed as follows: Adult Discharge and Observation volume reached 20,743, exceeding the plan by 6% and 2016 numbers by 5.6%. Newborn volumes reached a total of 1,118 and higher than budgeted by 9.9%, 5.5 higher than 2016. Emergency Service volume was recorded at 61,650, surgical volumes 26,487; also ahead of budget. All good news for 2017 and 2018 is starting off equally as strong, if not stronger, with January numbers at 7.2% ahead of budget. President/CEO, Bill Young, reported the first year employee turnover continues to improve. Southwest General will be participating in the Plain Dealer top workplaces program in 2018. Service efforts are ongoing as focus continues on patient experiences at the health center. Access to care project is also moving forward and development of the program continues right on target. Much effort has been put forth to improve and streamline the scheduling process for outpatients. From within the community a big thank you goes out to Berea grade schools that made Valentines' cards for all patients that were distributed on food trays. I am working with Chairman, Pandrangi and President/CEO Young on a project for Brook Park that will be coming to Council soon.

Berea Board of Education Committee - McDonnell, Poindexter

Mr. Vecchio stated that Mrs. McDonnell is unavailable to attend tonight's meeting and will have a lengthy report at the March 20th meeting.

Mr. Poindexter had nothing to report.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:**

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Gammella reported that he met earlier this week with people from Ford Motor Land Development, good meeting, not exactly happy about the results but we are on the right track. I will be meeting with Ford officials, over the next month, at various times and feels confident that something will be on that site and thinks it will be a long process. The budget team is putting a budget together to hopefully give to Council by the end of this week. Mayor Gammella thanked Finance Director Cingle, Assistant Finance Director Healy, Recreation Director Elliott, Economic Development Commissioner Adams and Administrative Assistant D'Amico for outstanding work. The

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

recreation project is moving along and City Hall was supposed to move in by March and doesn't look like that will happen; probably not until April or May. There are a few issues that will be resolved and this project will be moving forward.

**Questions:**

Mr. Mencini on the recent power outage that affected about 40 to 50% of the city; the recreation center was known to be the safe area for residents to go to. With the power being out there will something be looked into in case that happens again?

Mayor Gammella agreed with Councilman Mencini and stated there is a generator at the recreation center but not enough for full capacity. What Mayor Gammella would like to see in the future is a full generator at the recreation center. There was one at City Hall, unfortunately, it's been inoperative for the last three years; and closed City Hall on Friday (March 2nd). Since City Hall is moving to the Recreation Center it wouldn't behoove us to fix the City Hall generator at this time and thinks it would be prudent to put a generation system at the recreation center.

Mr. Salvatore asked if any special meetings will be called for budget talks?

Mayor Gammella responded no, the budget has to be passed by March 31st and if Council receives it on March 9th, that gives three weeks to look at it. If Council deems special meetings so be it, but I think there is plenty time to pass the budget.

Mr. Stemm stated to Mayor Gammella we spoke last Friday morning regarding the weather and the Recreation Center going down and generator problems. Mr. Stemm thinks that an alternate location should be looked into as a 'Warming Center' for residents' in case this happens again.

Mayor Gammella responded the city did have an alternate location, if needed, at one of the Berea High Schools in Berea; because Brook Park schools had no power also. However, I believe, that something is needed centrally in the city that is big enough to accommodate people and believe the Recreation Center would be an answer to that plan.

Mr. Vecchio asked Mayor Gammella if he can expand on Ford Land discussion?

Mayor Gammella responded I would like to but I cannot, all I can say is, I'm diligently working on that and have a very good rapport with Ford Land, again, I am confident but it's going to take some time. When I do have something I will make certain to let Council know.

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

Mr. Piatak stated the Smith Road NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) application was completed and submitted last week. There was a small sanitary point-repair project started last week on Forestview Circle that was delayed from last year due to weather. The contractor completed the point-repair and pavement restorations this week with asphalt topping when the plant opens in the next month or so. With the Sheldon Road Resurfacing Project, cleveland.com reported last week that the county plans to provide monies for 14 projects in the next two years, that were introduced to the County Council and referred to the Public Works Committee. Through this program, municipalities are eligible to apply for up to 50% of the funding of the project or up to \$250,000 dollars; these projects are designed, constructed and administered by the municipality. Brook Park applied back in 2016 with the county for the Sheldon Road Resurfacing from a little east of Eastland to Hio Drive; that project will be moving forward. A meeting is being set up with the City of Middleburg Hts. because the project will be split with Middleburg Hts. and looks like the project will be moving forward in 2019. The waterline on Sheldon Road, east of Engle, is prone to break so that will be needed to be taken into account; I wouldn't want to put a topping on a road that has water main problems. Lastly, the service director and I toured a lot of the streets last week in preparation of updating the street rating database, unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to complete that update but hope to have within the next week or so.

Service Director Garner

Mr. Garner reported the service department is moving forward on things that can be done right now; the biggest topic is potholes. Crews are cold-patching to the best of our abilities, it doesn't tend to stay as long as a hot-patch, the asphalt plants should be opening in four to five weeks.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath stated at the last meeting Council was provided a listing of the city's pending litigation; at that time the city had two foreclosure cases, contract case and a public records case. The only status change is the public records case has been resolved and dismissed.

Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott stated that Council has been kind and generous in the past to sponsor little league teams. We have been meeting about preparing for Home Days this summer. In addition, the seniors will be having an early St. Patrick's Day celebration lunch on March 13th. Also, a meeting will be held with the schools Assistant Superintendent, Recreation Director, a company the schools have worked with and myself about the Field Utilization Program, with a hopeful presentation to Council this spring. The basketball tournaments will get underway this weekend and appreciated Mr. Conroy for bringing a program idea to my attention as well as Mrs. Sensel. I have challenged the staff that for any new program or idea that you want to try we are open to doing that.

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

To offer new things to the community so if you have a great idea please pass it onto me.

**Finance Director Cingle**

Mr. Cingle stated February month-end reports will be distributed in the next few days. We are moving through tax season and it has been a practice over the past few years to have the tax department open for extended hours, to assist residents in preparing and filing city tax returns. The extended hours for the tax department will be Tuesday, March 20th, March 27th, April 3rd, April 10th and April 17th until 7:00 p.m. The tax department will also be open the following Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on April 7th and 14th.

**Questions:**

Mr. Salvatore asked Law Director Horvath to elaborate on the public records lawsuit being dismissed?

Mrs. Horvath responded we were in the process of mediation and am somewhat limited as to what went on in mediation. An accommodation was worked out between the city and the records requester with some records being provided, not all of them, and after several mediation sessions an agreement was reached that sufficient records were provided; and the requester dismissed the case.

Mr. Poindexter asked Engineer Piatak if there is a cost analysis for the Sheldon Road waterline or is that something that needs to be looked into?

Mr. Piatak responded I don't have an estimate on the waterline, this is something that will be developing as moving forward. The waterline is going to be fairly costly and my thinking is keeping the project to the east of Engle Road. I haven't brought this up to the county to date but don't think they would have any objections.

Mr. Poindexter continued to Engineer Piatak, you mentioned that the county roads program covers about 50% of the cost of the project. My question is do they cover 50% of this project for Brook Park and split that cost with Middleburg Hts., or is it a three-way split?

Mr. Piatak responded the county will provide up to 50% up to \$250,000. I think the estimate that I put together in 2016 had the project around \$650,000. The county would contribute \$250,000 with the remaining balance being split between Brook Park and Middleburg Hts.

Mr. Poindexter stated to Law Director Horvath that a couple of residents in the Airport Expansion zone reached out about an update on the case between Brook Park and Cleveland. Also, I was wondering if you or the Mayor's office could reach out to the

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

residents by letter or community meeting for updates; the residents are uneasy and would like to know where things stand.

Mrs. Horvath responded I was planning on sending letters to the residents, I was waiting until the discovery packet that the City of Brook Park forwarded to City of Cleveland that was delivered last Friday. Hopefully, by the end of the week or early next week a letter will be sent to each resident in those zones.

Mr. Scott stated to Finance Director Cingle on the extended tax dates are appointments necessary?

Mr. Cingle responded no, they come to the tax window and the staff will assist them.

Mr. Mencini stated to Service Director Garner it's great to hear about the April 9th opening for yard waste. On the potholes I try to tell residents when they call that the department is going to get to them and thinks service crews are doing a great job.

Mr. Garner commented the crews are out there working and when sent to a place they take care of it, they drive on the same streets.

Mr. Mencini stated to Engineer Piatak, I've been getting asked about the Holland and Fry Roads; that project will probably be done after the Ford Intermediate construction? The other question is it a done deal with the financing?

Mr. Piatak responded the construction schedules, I'm fairly confident, are going to overlap. I'm not petty to what the school board is doing and how they are going to proceed with their construction. The Holland Road Construction is scheduled for 2019 so if the school board is doing work in 2019, there's going to be an overlap. I'm confident that we will be able to accommodate their needs and access the road, it is wide enough. Not saying that's not going to be an issue but is an obstacle that we will be able to overcome and accommodate.

Mr. Mencini asked if the project is funded?

Mr. Piatak responded as far as I am aware, the local district in Cleveland submitted the project to Columbus and I haven't heard anything otherwise. I haven't heard of a project being rejected once submitted to Columbus; I haven't received any type of formal confirmation from Public Works in Columbus.

Mr. Burgio stated to Service Director Garner, during the last snow storm we didn't have any power for about 24-hours as much of the city didn't have any power. With all the

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

**Questions: cont.**

rain on Thursday evening before turning to snow were there any reports of flooded basements.

Mr. Garner responded nothing unusual, there were a few sewer calls but nothing out of the ordinary.

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

**Verbal Approval:**

- 1. AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL RULE NO. 26 - No Smoking.

The clerk read Council Rule No. 26 and amendment into the record.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to verbally approve the amendment.

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

- 2. AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL RULE NO. 27 - Office Administrator

The clerk read Council Rule No. 27 and the amendment into the record.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to verbally approve the amendment.

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Mr. Poindexter asked for clarification on who the 'appointed person' would be other than the Council President.

Mr. Scott responded the appointed person would be anybody that Council deems by majority vote to fill that position.

Mr. Poindexter asked if that would be a sitting Member of Council, or anyone Council deems for appointment?

Mr. Scott responded typically it would be a sitting Member of Council, not sure if there is a ruling on that.

Mr. Salvatore commented Council has always had the opportunity to appoint the administrator and this rule just clarifies a few questions that came up a few years ago, relative to the administrator of the office. The office administrator could be anyone

**Verbal Approval: cont.**

that Council appoints. If somebody was appointed outside of Council, doubt that would ever happen, there would other amendments necessary.

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

3. AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL RULE NO. 28

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to remove from the agenda.

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

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:**

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

Thomas J. Coyne, Jr.  
23589 Woodhill Drive

Mr. Coyne stated when leaving office in December, 2017 to this administration; clearly the administration has the right to change things. There are things, in my view, that are being handled improperly and hopefully from a lack of knowledge; not just change for change sake. The John Polonye Community Center, everyone knows, that finances dictated that things had to be converge into a single building for energy-savings costs. I'm glad that it's generally acknowledged that this project will, in fact, save money in operating the city and provide improvements to the recreation center. I should also say that in 1998, I believe, that building should have been demolished with a new one built; myself and former Mayor Elliott had to deal with roof problems at the recreation center and clearly it's not an energy-efficient building. I heard some other things the other day that disturbed me a little bit, and want everyone to know the plan to move city operations over there wasn't done on a whim or coin flip by putting this here or over there. It was professionally planned, not only to utilize or maximize the space but also modernize office operations with the design of the various furniture being used in these rooms to make offices functional; along with the improvements all the way around the building. Also, we determined, what we would do is scan documents that weren't necessary to be immediately available to various operations of the city; to be store off-site. They would be stored off-site, they would be scanned and readily accessed by computer. The changes in the office configurations, to me, is people wanting larger offices that has nothing to do with that functionality; I suppose if that's what they want to do they can do that but not at the expense of other improvements in the center. The hallways in the recreation center is the way they were when the building was built in 1972, haven't changed. We had planned to put carpet tiles in the hallways so not only would there be lighting and painting, there would be some

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

aesthetic improvements to the recreation center; to not do that is fool-hearty. It's the same thing when you go into the community room, you're taking a 21st century design room and keeping the parquet floor, that went out in the 1950, nobody puts parquet floors in anymore. So I would implore Council to, while you can't change the changes that were made in that building, because of the walls being torn down. You certainly can insist that carpeting be put in and make no mistake about it that was used to pay for the other changes, therefore, even if service department crews have to do it, I would ask Council to insist that flooring be put in. The flooring is going to sit someplace because it's too large of a volume of flooring for the police department and they had that budgeted the year before; so I think that Council should make sure that flooring goes back into that building. Also, the moving of the Building Department was one of the things for again energy-efficiency of all buildings. The old fire station where the animal warden is clearly needs some improvements as well. The purpose of putting everything from City Hall to the recreation center was transformed into what it was supposed to be from the very beginning, a community center. You probably have more people coming for building and tax issues than any other thing the city deals with and it was certainly enough room for all of those departments to come. As a matter of fact, National Office Furniture and Building Commissioner Hurst were all part of that planning to make sure all of that worked and that's the way that project should move forward. Again, decisions are made I suppose, but I think Council should demand justifications and the residents should expect to go to the community center and get all their services, except for police, fire and service. I guess the one that really aggravates me the most is about Mayor's Court. We had a Mayor's Court in the city before anyone ever had one and I presided over the court for about 18 years, until the law was changed. There is a policeman there all the time and there's never been an incident, whatsoever, of any problems. These are minor misdemeanors, these are people with traffic offenses, these are people with parking tickets. I heard about our citizens being exposed to criminals walking through the recreation center, that's the greatest hoax that there is. The fact is, at the very rear of the building there is a parking lot where employees park and if we had a transition we could explain some of this; not change the decisions but explain some of this. Where a police car can come in and bring somebody over from the jail who is there on a warrant; for most of the time not paying traffic tickets, driving under suspensions or DUI (driving under the influence). They never come in contact with anybody, they walk in the side door of the court room and they are done. As far as the clerk's (court) office in the front there will be no obstruction, or any problems. Because the fact of the matter is when the case is heard, you're not going to have a double window, it's a single window. People that have had their cases heard could be stay in the back of the room. Called up one at a time and brought out to the vestibule to pay tickets and be gone in five minutes; there's no threat to anybody. Now, what I've heard is you're going to move the Mayor's Court to evenings, yes, that does propose a problem. If you operate the Mayor's Court as it has been for many years, there's no problems to anybody. Last I checked that revenue source brings in about \$1 million dollars into the city. So I ask

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

Council, number one don't fall for this \$100,000 boon-daggle, put the carpeting tiles where they belong. Because what you're going to see is and I heard the Mayor and Finance Director say your budget is going to be ready next week. That's when the painful reality is going to come as to what the true situation is in this city. You don't have enough money to solve your problems. Go look at Robert and Wengler (streets) after the winter to see how bad it is or Hummel or various streets around the city; you don't have enough money; I wasn't going to come here tonight to talk about that issue. But, I think it's pertinent at this time because you have \$100,000 dollars you can spend better; buy the generator that the Mayor talked about. Do something else but don't waste it on a waste-less corridor over a hoax or a myth; you don't have that real opportunity to do that. So let's get back to the money issue and I read, today, it's a joy reading Facebook posts. In reality, I proposed five years ago that the we increase the city income tax to pay for roads and sewers and put a property tax on for recreation; they were both soundly defeated. Mostly because they were opposed by voices who were more concerned with their political control over people then they are for the good of this city. We need that money; we need to pass those taxes. If public officials, with good courage, would tell people the truth; 90% of them would not have to pay the city income tax. Mr. Elliott's father the last time we proposed to change this tax his motivation was. It is unfair the citizens of Brook Park who worked at Chevrolet had to pay .05% more then persons working at Ford. The people who work in this city should have to pay for the fair share; we don't have the benefits of those thousands of workers there. So I'm willing to work with any responsible elected official who wants to be truthful to the people of this community. Not only would I work for it, I'd help fund the campaign. Because unless you do, the projects the city engineer just talked about and Mr. Poindexter questioned him on. Between Smith Road, Sheldon Road and Holland Road you have your capital budget; you won't be spending money except on those roads and the citizens of this community are not going to tolerate that. Finally, I'm going to say that the Mayor keeps addressing Ford Motor, ask Ford Motor Company who Casper is. This has been an ongoing situation since they closed those plants over there and they intend to tear those buildings down. There's a remedy to their problem environmentally, if they had the courage, to move forward and we have the developers to do it. Ford was in a unique position and didn't take the buyout because they made good decisions. They were hurt with the environmental restrictions that other automakers don't have. So, Mayor next time you meet with them (Ford) ask them who Casper is. They make believe the mixed-use for the plant over there. This city should not allow any demolition of those buildings at Ford Motor Company until they correct the problems with the buildings they have already taken down. That's the legal dilemma that this city is put in right now and if you don't do that. You're going to have the continuous situation over there where you can't move. So, I'm here to help anyone be successful; I'm a retiree on a fixed income and am here to help this community that I love; I'm not going anywhere. I'm here to help with constructive criticism but also have solutions to these problems that you will see, very

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

quickly, to the new people. The reality that you are facing is you don't have the ability to solve these problems without resources.

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11016-2018, 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

**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to suspend as amended.

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

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

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

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

**NAYS:** None. Ord. No. 11016-2018 has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 9-2018, 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

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

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

**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. Res. No. 9-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 10-2018, 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

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

**Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions: (First Reading): cont.**

**Motion** by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Burgio, to suspend as amended.

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

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

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

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

**NAYS:** None. Res. No. 10-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

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**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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

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

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Mr. Poindexter stated the culinary team couldn't make tonight's meeting but will be at the March 20th Council meeting.

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

**NAYS:** None. Res. No. 3-2018 is adopted under Third Reading.

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Mayor Gammella - Mr. Chairman, before we adjourn.,

Mr. Vecchio - We have to go to Council to see if they want to go to the audience.

Mayor Gammella - Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, I don't want to go to the audience; I would just like to make a statement.

Mr. Mencini - The motion to address the audience is the motion that we need to make.

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

Mr. Salvatore - Let me ask a question, if I may, through the chair to the Mayor. Mayor, are you addressing comments that were made from the podium? Or just comments that you want to make?

Mayor Gammella - As Mayor of the city, the Charter says I have a right to speak and really we are out of audience participation. But I would like to comments on a few comments that were made.

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

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

**NAYS:** The motion carried.

Mayor Gammella - Actually Council this is addressed to you, not so much the audience. Public Safety isn't a myth, isn't a hoax, it's something that we have to do as public officials. And, it's certainly not a boon-daggle spending \$100,000 for public safety. I believe it was an oversight when that building was constructed or redone; where there wasn't a separate entrance for the Mayor's Court. I totally believe in talking with the Police Chief, other people and the team I put together along with many Councilmembers; it's actually essential that we protect our seniors, children and residents. I don't think it's a good idea to have people walking through the recreation center, like everyone else, to go to Mayor's Court. It just doesn't work, where they have the run of the recreation center. So, again, I don't like spending the \$100,000 because we are running a very lean budget. But, the last thing I don't want to do is spend the \$100,000 and have an incident that we are very regretful for and will end up paying for it anyway; maybe more. I think it is very important that we put that separate entrance, we've discussed it, and a lot of you support it and I commend you for supporting. Because even though the recreation center project and I don't agree with it, was done in the very best intentions. There were some oversights made and we are going to correct the oversights. Because the recreation center is the center of the community and we have to make sure our children, seniors and residents are safe and one thing we have to remember that is a recreation center first and court second. As far as the night court idea we looked at that and that will not be the case, we will not have a night court there. The fact that we're going from three buildings to one building we're going to save money, irregardless. As far as the offices I took people through there, various department heads and they needed a little of this and that and we accommodated them. Such as the tax department needing a private area and talked to people about that and we did that. I'm not blaming anybody I'm just saying we have to accommodate the building for the business of this city and that's what we're going to do.

Mr. Mencini stated this is addressed to Mayor, Council, residents and former Mayor Coyne. Mayor Gammella is right that budget is going to be tight, Council hasn't seen it yet, but can guarantee a tight budget. Not only in Ward 2, there are a lot of streets that need to be done. If the streets don't need to be done curbs are needed and we can go on with the city's infrastructure. The city just experienced a blackout and in time that comes off our dollar but soon that will have to be addressed. With the recreation center, I would like to see a beautiful senior room and children's game room. I guess what I have to say on this is sooner or later we will have to get on the

**Council/Administration address audience:**

same page. I'm not saying we're not but so many ideas that former Mayor Coyne had were probably pretty legitimate. Some of the things in the budget are going to have to be, I'm sure, unnecessary things that had to be done because it's a tight budget. I'm not saying everyone has to sit in a big circle and look out for our city but, right now, our property values are very nice; that can't be said in all the suburbs outside of Cleveland. We have to keep them here and this Council and Administration is going to work very hard to do it. There's going to be some tough choices and until at some point we start collaborating a bit together, start working together and keep going in that direction. We have to keep doing that because that is what's called working together and whatever we need to do to get there; I hope we do it together. There are going to be a lot of good ideas heard on what to do with that recreation center and how to do the streets. Again, it's the money thing and the budget is going to be tight and we have to all be thinking down the same path. That's my belief for the City of Brook Park and I hope we can do that.

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

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

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Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Michelle Blazak  
Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED March 20, 2018

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