

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

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:36 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 Law Director Horvath, Recreation Director Elliott, Engineer Piatak, Service Director Garner and Finance Director Cingle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

2. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to go out of the Regular Order of Business to letter M.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS"

1. RESOLUTION NO. 11-2018, HONORING SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION IN EXCELLENCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Salvatore and Council as a Whole

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

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

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

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

NAYS: None. Res. No. 11-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions: cont.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Southwest General President and CEO William Young, Jr. and Systems Board Chairman Dr. Vasu Pandrangi that he is very proud to be standing with these two gentlemen and that he has had the opportunity of working with Dr. Pandrangi, who is an excellent surgeon. In addition, with new CEO Young, if he does nothing more he is a winner and great leader. On behalf of the Mayor and City of Brook Park this award is presented to you.

Mr. Young stated on behalf of Southwest General staff, physicians and volunteers. Thank you very much for this and I am very proud of the quality, safety and patient experience of the people who come to the hospital. We take very seriously that we're serving the community and appreciate the support that you have provided to us and couldn't do it without the people in the community. We have over 600 volunteers that give back to the hospital and am very proud of that fact. We take it very seriously that we are responsible for the health of the people in our communities the hospital serves. Thank you for this recognition, we appreciate it and will share with the staff and board members.

Mr. Pandrangi stated I've been at the hospital since 1980 and this is a high honor to have the health center recognized for what we do day and night and we are happy to be of help to anybody that seeks care at Southwest. Medical staff, management, nurses and everybody that makes the patient experience the best as possible, thank you so much.

Mr. Poindexter stated he had a procedure done last Thursday and Dr. Issa was very confident and put me at ease with his ability; he and the staff made me feel very comfortable with the entire process. Mr. Poindexter thanked Dr. Issa and his whole staff and if you could express my gratitude to Dr. Issa, registered nurses Jen, Mel, Tanya, Violet, Karen C and Libby and also Cantina in post-op and Volunteer, Dottie. All of the staff took care of me from the time I arrived to the time I left and made sure everything worked very well.

Mr. Young will let the Dr. and staff know, they do a fantastic job and appreciate you sharing that with us.

Mr. Mencini stated I've had three surgeries at the hospital, all of them were great, and I'm 100% better for them. Mr. Mencini thanked everybody at the hospital, it was great. My dad has been in there and fantastic.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**Aviation & Environmental Committee - Chairman, Poindexter**

Mr. Poindexter stated the Aviation & Environmental Committee has no legislation on the agenda. Mr. Poindexter reported on the Big Creek Watershed meeting held on March 7th, the meeting was about three-hours and loaded with information. The group is called Big Creek Connects and are made up of city leaders from eight municipalities that make up the Big Creek Watershed; Brook Park, Cleveland, Parma, Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, Middleburg Heights and North Royalton. The group also has representatives from the Northeast Ohio Sewer District, the MetroParks, the Water Department and many community groups. The Big Creek Watershed is a tributary to the Cuyahoga River Watershed and over 90% of the land in the Big Creek Watershed is developed; which makes it the most organized watershed in the Cuyahoga County River Watershed system. Brook Park is part of the Big Creek Watershed because a lot of the storm water, melted snow, trickles into the Kolleda Creek (ditch) that starts south of Holy Cross Cemetery traveling north under Brookpark Road and eventually empties into the west branch of the big creek, eventually flowing into the Cuyahoga River. The Big Creek Watershed has several upcoming projects by installing signage at all creek-crossings and routes that enter and exit the watershed area; so people are aware of where they are, what they're dumping and what chemicals are being used. That project was funded by a grant from Parma General Motors for approximate 15,000 signs. Another project is the repair of a section of the Big Creek where the grade separates by Brookside Park in Brooklyn. Also, there will be a Community Cleanout Day of all the streams, creeks and culverts that feed into the Big Creek. One of the main reasons about going to this meeting was maybe to come up with tips for Brook Park to implement that may alleviate some of the water challenges from time to time. Some small scale items that could have a big impact may include the implementation of rain gardens that allow water to run-off roofs and driveways to be absorbed into the garden. Data was presented where the streets that the rain gardens were implemented they were able to reduce storm water runoff by 40% on that street. The water flows down to a low area and the garden absorbs that water alleviating stress off the water drainage systems. Another simple idea that needs more research is disconnecting downspouts during big rains so the ground absorbs the water; rain barrels are a potential way to alleviate some of the pressure on the system. One of the more aggressive approaches would be to demolish development that is in a natural low lying areas where the natural retentions are, nature has a way of dealing with the water in its own way. Back when Brook Park was being developed with a need for housing people built on those areas which is one of the reasons we're having that issue. I wouldn't want to see houses being demolished but possibly long-term combatting this over and over again might be an option for the city to explore. From this meeting I made a few contacts with some members of the committee, one in particular, Brook Park resident Mel Hauser who also serves on the Rocky River Watershed Team. Over the next several weeks, I will be meeting with several team members to discuss the progress the organization is making and any potential items that may benefit Brook Park for the future.

Reports from Standing Committees: cont.Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated the Board of Control met earlier this evening and approved 15 items, the Finance Committee has nothing on tonight's agenda.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated the Legislative Committee has nothing on tonight's agenda and if anyone wants legislation brought out of the Legislative Committee provide advance notice.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported at last week's commission meeting, Recreation Director Elliott presented his ideas and what he'd like to see for capital improvements for 2018; Community Room kitchen, Front Desk area, the Concession area and game room. The topic of facility and room rental were discussed with the commission and brought several ideas to the meeting from other communities as how that issue is addressed. A few announcements: The March Madness event will be held on March 23rd from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 31st beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Gazebo and Baseball, Softball and Tennis registrations have been extended. The Golf Clinic will be on May 9th, 16th and 23rd in the mini-gym and Recreation Director Elliott is working on some classes for baseball-softball clinics, for both coaches and players. Recreation Director Elliott took the commission on a walk-through for the updates to the Recreation Center and new City Hall.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio commented as in my last report, the March Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to no applicants, the next meeting will be held on April 2nd.

Safety Committee - Chairman, Stemm

Mr. Stemm stated that he was unable to attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting yesterday due to a double booking, however, the next meeting scheduled for April 23rd is very important; Human Trafficking. There will be a lot of information and parents are encouraged to come because this impacts every community. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Brook Park Library.

Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt gave a few reminders that on April 14th, the city will be providing Shred-It Day for all residents from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the service garage. April 9th is the day the service department opens up for yard waste. Bulk pickups are on the second Monday of every month and to get on the bulk pickup list call the service garage by 12:00 noon the Friday before.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated the board of zoning hasn't met since last report; there are item(s) on the agenda for the April 2nd meeting. Mr. Scott commented on the Citizen of the Year Committee by stating that nominations were turned in by the deadline date of Friday, March 16th. There were eight new nominations and four returning from 2017, at that time the decision was made to roll over any nominations not selected from previous year; currently there are 12 nominations. The next meeting will be on March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, the meeting is open to the public. The committee will have two more meetings after that date with the final selection on April 5th.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore thanked Councilmembers for allowing the Southwest resolution to move quickly through the system. Mr. Salvatore continued the next board meeting will be held March 28th.

Berea Board of Education Committee - McDonnell, Poindexter

Ms. McDonnell gave the following updates for Berea City Schools: Berea-Midpark High School is performing Oklahoma; tickets are \$10.00 at the door or people can do an \$11.00 presale by visiting the website for all information. There is a senior citizen open dress rehearsal at 4:00 p.m. on April 19th at a cost of \$3.00; show times will be Friday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 21st at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 22nd at 2:30 p.m. This past week approximately 300 students from the junior high and high school participated in the National Walkout held on March 14th. This event was sponsored as a 'Walk for Change' as part of the National School Walkout. A number of school organizations joined together and asked for school support in facilitating a safe and orderly walkout to honor the victims of school violence.

Recognizing our schools' concerns and voices, calling for a change and greater effort towards school safety. We the school district, especially the junior high and high school, helped facilitate a safe and orderly event. Any student wishing to participate in this event was able to but was not required to do so if didn't feel comfortable. In addition, at the high school and junior high there were stations set up that talked about voter registration, the Sandy Hook promise, a banner for the high school in Florida, a major voice heard which is contact information for local and state representatives, a school surveys and how to stay informed. Ford Intermediate chose to use their participation in the Sandy Hook promise to come up with ways to help support students that not necessarily always have a friend at school. Ms. McDonnell continued construction updates and reminded everyone that the updates are available on the website, there are pictures to see all the exciting things that are occurring currently. There is a new electrical room addition at Big Creek, new windows at the junior high, new roof curves for the rooftop unit on the gym, new gas line for the gym at the junior high, there's new flooring for the MEC with the majority of the MEC being the fifth-grade portion of the building and also new windows installed at the MEC. This past weekend the National PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) hosted a resource fair for our community, if interested the resource manual is on the district's website that includes a list of organizations that provide opportunities to students with disabilities as well as without. Kindergarten registrations are now open for the 2018-2019 school year for children turning five years of age on or before August 18th; registration is completely online or by calling the Berea Board of Education for an appointment.

Mr. Poindexter added that the Berea-Midpark High School Girls Softball season kicks off this Saturday against Strongsville at home.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mr. Vecchio stated the Mayor is out of town and will give an update at the next meeting.

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

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak informed Council that Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is currently underway with the Rocky River Stormwater Master Plan and Study. The purpose of the study is to identify problems and to establish a base for recommended cost-effective storm water solutions in the Rocky River Watershed. Personnel from consulting firms with the sewer district will be performing field inspections and data-collection in some of the creeks and waterways that are under the Regional Stormwater System and Local Stormwater System; these inspections are scheduled to take place between April and September of 2018.

Service Director Garner

Mr. Garner stated service crews are continuing to make temporary repairs to potholes, the service crews have started the summer schedule and thanked the mechanics for getting the summer equipment prepped; asphalt equipment, Vactors, street sweepers, mowers and tractors to begin the grass cutting season.

Law Director Horvath

Ms. Horvath stated next week a list of the pending litigation will be updated for the city, currently everything is status-quo but expects some changes.

Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott stated that he met with the library director and staff to see if programs could be cross-promoted. With the construction project, there was a setback with the whirlpool the problem has been identified and Brewer-Garrett is taking responsibility to correct all of those. The next week or two dye-testing will be taking place as well as the mechanical equipment for repair to have the locker rooms, steam, sauna and whirlpool open as soon as possible.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle gave a brief update of the tax department, the window hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, no appointments necessary, assistance is for residents' preparing and filing city income tax returns. The tax department will have extended hours on Tuesday March 27th, April 3rd, April 10th and April 17th until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, April 7th and April 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Questions:

Mr. Salvatore stated to Recreation Director Elliott he's glad to hear that Brewer-Garrett was going to take care of the minor setback and thanked Mr. Elliott for staying on top of the matter.

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

Mr. Burgio stated to Service Director Garner during spring and summer there are usually 1,000 year-rains that occur every year. Is there any kind of plan or prevention for that, like making sure the sewers are not clogged; is that an ongoing thing service department crews do?

Mr. Garner responded yes, the Vactors are going out and will be going out to identify some that are blocked and then will start a plan to work streets at a time.

Mr. Scott stated to Law Director Horvath have you been able to find out if the city is going to be held liable for anything if the city goes ahead with the 'Lil Food Pantry'.

Ms. Horvath responded I'm presently reviewing the federal statutes but am confident that we should be able to move forward. Obviously, the city's liability would be having the pantry on city property, at the police department, and participating in the entire program. It's my intention and have begun to contact the city's liability insurance carrier for any thoughts on this matter; but am confident of doing this without incurring any liability.

Mr. Scott stated to Service Director Garner, the sewer on Michael by Parkman was called in, was that put on the list?

Mr. Garner responded he is not aware of the sewer.

Mr. Scott continued it has barrels by it.

Mr. Garner commented he will check into it.

Mr. Orcutt asked Service Director Garner about the Vactor, is there a crew that goes out every single day performing preventive maintenance with that machine?

Mr. Garner responded I have a wish-crew, they go out pretty regularly, they are not assigned everyday due to other tasks. They do dig jobs and those types of things, the Vactor has not been put into service yet because of the weather. Crews were out today and do plan on running the Vactor as much as possible.

Mr. Orcutt asked would you say, in the past, were we more reactive or do we get to the preventive maintenance schedules as well. Is this mixed-in with everyday tasks i.e. ballfields, rubbish and so forth.

Mr. Garner responded the best I can tell, right now, it's reactive. I'm trying to work towards a pro-active plan; limited manpower will probably play a part in that. I'm trying

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

Questions: cont.

to put it out as much as possible because, I believe, there are some funds available to work towards storm water, we're working on that.

Mr. Poindexter thanked Law Director Horvath on behalf of the residents in the Airport Acquisition Program for the letter received, the residents' told me they were happy to be aware of what is going on and ask as things change to reach out to those residents'.

Mr. Mencini asked Service Director Garner if the street sweeper has been in operation yet?

Mr. Garner responded the sweeper should be out beginning April 26th and hopefully will be regular and have a daily run.

Mr. Mencini asked Recreation Director Elliott how are baseball signups going?

Mr. Elliott responded good, the thought was that they were slower because they were extended, that's not true. They were extended because sign-ups were taken probably earlier than in the past, so there is plenty of room.

Mr. Mencini expressed excitement about hearing about the game room and asked Recreation Director Elliott if there is any potential for a senior room, in the future?

Mr. Elliott responded we spoke about this in more detail the other day, tonight is probably not the proper time, but that will be addressed. Currently, we are working on freeing up some other space, in addition, to the game room, that would benefit other groups to share in that space.

Mr. Vecchio thanked Service Director Garner for the attention given to the neighbor's driveway complaint, the crews did a great job over there and timely.

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

Verbal Approval:

1. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN BURGIO TO THE CRA HOUSING COUNCIL.
Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Stemm, to approve the appointment of Mr. Burgio.
ROLL CALL: AYES: Scott, Stemm, Mencini, Poindexter, Salvatore, Burgio, Orcutt
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Other communications and petitions and verbal approval: (Introduction of New Legislation):

Verbal Approval: cont.

2. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN MENCINI TO THE CRA HOUSING COUNCIL.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to approve Mr. Mencini to the Housing Council.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Both Councilmembers Burgio and Mencini thanked Council for the appointment.

New Legislation:

1. A Resolution authorizing and directing the placement of a Veteran/Purple Heart parking space in all municipal parking lots. Introduced by Councilman Mencini
Placed in Legislative Committee

2. A Resolution requesting the Administration, Members of Council and the electorate of the City of Brook Park support the renewal of the 2018 Cuyahoga Health and Human Services levy and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Council President Vecchio. **Placed in Legislative Committee**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

Moved by **motion** to the beginning of the meeting.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Burgio, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to reconvene the Caucus Prior to meeting.

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

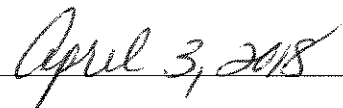
NAYS: None. The motion carried at 8:22 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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