

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 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, Law Director Horvath, Service Director Garner, Recreation Director Elliott, Economic Development Commissioner Adams, Finance Director Cingle and Engineer Piatak.

DISCUSSION:

1. LITTLE FREE PANTRY (Councilman Scott)

Mr. Scott stated before moving forward on this people wanted to know if there were any possibilities of legal ramifications.

Mrs. Horvath thinks the city is quite safe in going forward with this Lil Pantry. Mrs. Horvath also thinks that federal law would protect the city from any issues or liability rising from taking an item out of the pantry that appeared to be spoiled. The city is on good grounds from a liability standpoint and think this is a great idea. It is the goal of the City of Brook Park to attract young families and this would be something of a safety net for them. This would be very helpful to the city and its benefits certainly would out way any minimal liability that would ever occur. Mrs. Horvath challenged everyone to make a monetary donation, even \$1.00, because this is a very good way of supporting our city and is a worthy cause.

Mr. Scott stated to Mayor Gammella the police station is still a good choice?

Mayor Gammella concurred.

Mr. Salvatore asked Law Director Horvath to provide that opinion in writing so the city knows it's protected.

Mr. Scott asked Council for \$25.00 donations to help offset the cost of \$250.00 or \$300.00 for the gentleman to build the Lil Pantry.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, that item number one was discussed.

Discussion: cont.

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

2. RESOLUTION NO. 12-2018, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COUNCIL ON THE CITY OF BROOK PARK'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

Scott Adams
Economic Development Commissioner
City of Brook Park
6161 Engle Road

Mr. Adams stated this is an annual practice for review of the City of Brook Park's Community Reinvestment area (CRA 15); the city's abatement program. The properties currently involved with the abatements have to be reviewed by the Building Department to see if there are any violations and still occupied. This program is not only administered only through the city but also has to be reported to Ohio Department of Development. All six properties that were inspected are all occupied with not violations found. Once Council approves the Resolution, the next step is to submit a report to the Ohio Department of Development on behalf of the city along with the certified legislation.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mr. Adams there seems to be one change from last year to this year, is there anything else?

Mr. Adams responded no, this is a continuing program, the residential properties go for 10 years and commercial properties go for 15.

Mr. Salvatore clarified the only difference from last year to this year is the addition of 5340 West 161st Street. That property was inspected that property as well as looking over the terms and conditions.

Mr. Adams responded yes, looking at the third page there is an annual inspection report from the Building Department; that is for the E.L. Mustee & Sons expansion.

Mr. Salvatore asked when the inspections were made?

Mr. Adams responded in late February.

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

Discussion: cont.

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

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-1 as Resolution No. 12-2018.

SAFETY COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, STEMM:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 13-2018, SUPPORTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE CITY OF CLEVELAND IN DECLARING OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY AS PUBLIC EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella and Council as a Whole.

Mr. Mencini stated other cities are doing this and as we, all know the opioid crisis has affected each one of us and is another disease that hopefully can be stopped.

Mr. Vecchio stated seeing that a lot of surrounding cities are acting on some of this stuff, as we all know, this is widespread and an epidemic nationwide. As a city, we need to get behind this to try and curb and keep our citizens healthy.

Mr. Scott stated as a public awareness, the Brook Park Neighborhood Watch is planning on having a Mental Health Awareness Forum on May 17th at the Recreation Center to address issues of mental health and how it applies to the opioid and all other chemical dependencies, more information will be coming forward.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Scott for bringing this matter up and I am working with Southwest General to do a community project and that was one of the projects on the table regarding this issue.

Mr. Scott stated in attendance at this forum will be Oakview Health Center personnel Diane Levi and Mike Wagoner to make a presentation. Judge Nancy Russo will give a presentation about the judicial system and how it applies. Also, there will be Officers Kaz and Sensel to give the city's point of view and what programs are out there.

Mr. Vecchio asked if possibly one of the city's Fire/Paramedics could attend to give their explanation of what they see.

Mr. Scott commented the issue is we are construed on time and don't want to extend.

Discussion: cont.

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

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

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-2 as Resolution No. 13-2018.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to place the Investigator’s Report out of the Finance Committee and on the Council agenda immediately following under Verbal Approval.

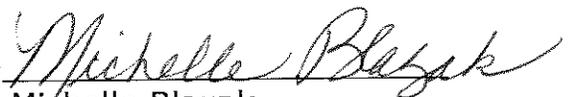
ROLL CALL: AYES: Scott, Orcutt, Burgio, Stemm, Mencini, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

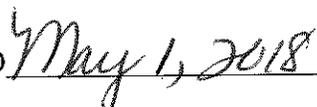
Mr. Vecchio stated that will appear under K-1.

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

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED  _____

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