

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:32 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, Finance Director Cingle Recreation Director Elliott, Engineer Piatak, Service Director Gardner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Special Council meeting held on March 27, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

2. Special Council meeting held on March 28, 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.

Motion by Mr. Stemm, supported by Mr. Scott, to go out of the Regular Order of Business to letter G.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

1. Proclamation Honoring the 2018 1st - 2nd Grade Co-Ed Basketball League Champions - CAVS

2. Proclamation Honoring the 2018 3rd - 4th Grade Boys Basketball League Champions - CAVS

3. Proclamation Honoring the 5th - 6th Grade Boys Basketball League Champions - CAVS

The clerk read the proclamations as Mayor Gammella presented them to the team members and coaches and thanked them for a great season.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter stated no report this evening.

Finance Committee – Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated the Board of Control met earlier and approved 24 items.

Legislative Committee – Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated no report this evening any legislation to be pulled out of committee please let him know.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore announced compliments to Joan Corrigan, Senior Director, for the very successful Tea and Fashion Show this past weekend. The Cleveland Area Golden Gloves Qualifying Tournament returns to the Community Center beginning Friday, April 21st and for the entire weekend. The Best of Brook Park event will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the Ford UAW Hall, Local 1250 on Henry Ford Blvd.-Engle Road. The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Committee – Chairman, Burgio,

Mr. Burgio stated the Planning Commission has legislation on tonight’s agenda.

Safety Committee – Chairman, Stemm

Mr. Stemm reminded everyone that on Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Human Trafficking meeting at the Brook Park Library sponsored by the Brook Park Neighborhood Watch to raise awareness and information.

Service Committee – Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt reported the street cleaner and Vactor have been out for approximately four weeks, hot-patch has begun and all water breaks from the past winter are complete. The department has one residential dig-job from last week and two scheduled for next weeks for broken pipes on both storm and sanitary. On April 14th the department hosted Shred-It Day and shredded over eight-tons of paper, the next scheduled Shred-It Day will be October 13th. The department has been prepping fields even with the snow and two high school games were able to get in because Brook Park fields were ready. The hot-patch of potholes can only be done only in dry periods. Mr. Orcutt thanked the service department crews for all their hard work and dedication to the city, they are extremely understaffed and still do a great job.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated the Board of Zoning had no meeting. In speaking with Mr. Brockman of the Lil Pantry that should be ready up and ready by the end of May.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center – Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated there has been no meeting since last report but will be attending upcoming meeting on May 7th, May 15th and the regular scheduled board meeting. Mr. Salvatore would like to see the partnership program for this year would be a mock evacuation plan for the recreation center. Mr. Salvatore stated that Southwest General will be providing a speaker for the Town Hall meeting on opioids.

Reports of Special Meetings: cont.

Berea Board of Education Committee – McDonnell, Poindexter

Mr. Vecchio stated Ms. McDonnell is ill tonight and unable to attend. Mr. Poindexter reported a few public meetings coming up. The Berea Schools will be hosting a community forum for update on the construction projects on April 23rd at Middleburg Hts. Junior High Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m., April 24th at Ford Intermediate Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. and April 25th at Berea-Midpark High School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m., the same information will be given at all three meetings. Brook Park Safety Town will be held June 18th – 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., July 16th – 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and August 6th – 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Kindergarten information night will be held on April 24th at 7:00 p.m., parents only.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

Note: Moved by motion to the beginning of the meeting.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Gammella reported staff meetings are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and an evacuation plan is forthcoming at the recreation center once city hall moves over there. There has been a lot of rain over the past few days and thanked the service department with the tremendous job of jetting lines and the sweeping of streets, all part of the preventive maintenance program. The recreation center project is moving along and will be looking at reopening the pool in the future. Hopefully, city hall is scheduled to move into the recreation center mid-May but that may change. With all the complaints regarding streets not only here, but throughout Northeastern Ohio, and what is needed is assistance from the Federal Government. The current President of the United States ran on fixing up of the infrastructure and hope he was serious about the roads and bridges all over the United States; the state took all the local monies that municipalities used to receive to fix roads and bridges. As of right now, there are three major road projects scheduled for 2019 at a cost of \$4.3 million-dollars for Holland Road, Sheldon Road and Smith Road, with 40% funding from local various agencies.

Questions:

Mr. Salvatore asked if Southwest should be included with the upcoming evacuation plan.

Mayor Gammella responded that would be for the recreation center and am not sure of the police chief's scope for the evacuation plan.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mayor Gammella that he attended the Brook Park Civil Service meeting last week and the suggestion came up of lateral transfers that is now a possibility; allowing police officers from other departments to be able to transfer.

Would you consider asking the Civil Service Commission for a rule change for lateral transfers.

Mayor Gammella responded for the public's information and what Councilman Salvatore is speaking on is taking part-time police officers from other communities to come to Brook Park; to avoid paying for the academy, training and items of that nature. The police chief and I are in current discussions about that but that creates issues as far as seniority, promotions and so forth that would have to be worked through with the union.

Mr. Salvatore commented he doesn't think it has an adverse effect on seniority because when come from a municipality to Brook Park or any municipality the seniority doesn't come with them, they start day one with the new city.

Mayor Gammella commented those discussions will continue with the police chief and will include Mr. Salvatore.

Mr. Orcutt asked Mayor Gammella about the Howard-Johnson's hotel in Ward 3. It is currently open and know there were violations that needed attending to. What is the status of the hotel and with the siding versus the stucco?

Mayor Gammella responded the hotel is half-open, the west wing passed the Building Department certification and is safe, clean and no issues. The reason for the two different colors is the half that is not currently open that is being worked on, eventually there will be only one color. There are issues that need to be addressed and those issues would be for a meeting off camera so there are no legal problems. The city is doing everything necessary to make sure the hotel complies with city ordinances, rules and regulations.

Mr. Orcutt would like to have a meeting because that is one of the welcoming points coming from I-71 into the city for a timeline on renovations. Has the city heard back from the owner of the BP gas station on Snow and Smith Roads.

Mayor Gammella responded no but someone is looking at that location currently.

Mr. Orcutt asked if there are any plans for the cleaning up of Bally's?

Mayor Gammella responded yes.

Mr. Stemm stated to Mayor Gammella with the Recreation Center evacuation drill would a tabletop exercise be done first for planning of the event?

Mayor Gammella responded absolutely, it will be well planned out and Police Chief Foster mentioned at today's staff meeting. He would like to do that since all city hall
Reports and Communications from the Mayor: cont.

Questions: cont.

operations will be located in this building as well as Bridges (Rehabilitation Services) in the basement. Chief Foster suggested at today's staff meeting to have both an evacuation and active shooter drills once all city operations move over there.

Mr. Stemm asked to be invited in the planning of those drills. Also, with lateral transfers it is my understanding that when an officer does a lateral transfer. I think they carry over their seniority as well as their police and/or fire pension.

Mayor Gammella commented those are some of the things that need to be looked at and with the seniority issue anyone coming in would have to take ground-floor seniority in the City of Brook Park. It would be unfair if personnel had 20-years seniority with another municipality and be above a Brook Park officer being in the city for 18 years.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mayor Gammella residents are complaining about the speeding on city streets. With the Howard-Johnson hotel with the building department saying it's okay was anything received from the police and fire departments on inspections.

Mayor Gammella responded the building would not be half-open unless all everything was in order by all city departments. This has been an ongoing problem that the city will address and work with the owners to make it look nice, the owners also have property rights and the city has to respect those rights.

Mr. Mencini requested an updated report from Brewer-Garrett on the Recreation Center project preferably when Economic Development Adams gives his report.

Mayor Gammella responded I'd be happy to do that and to respond to your concerns about speeding. The police department is reinstating the STOP Program to give the city a little special attention.

Mr. Mencini commented it's good to hear that the BP location is being looked at as well as the problems with Bally's. Also, has there been any news with the Ford Plant?

Mayor Gammella responded Finance Director Cingle, Assistant Finance Director Healy and I met with Ford in January about the city's budgetary issues and how the city needed them to cooperate more fully. By letting the city know what they planned on doing. At that time, the plant manager stated that they were going to have down weeks meaning down one week, up one week. After seeing what happened in Lordstown where 1,500 people may be laid off I called the Ford plant manager and asked about the status of the down a week, up a week. Ford has decided to take the midnight shift off on the four-cylinder meaning 200 jobs will be laid-off and these 200 jobs was something the city was expecting, so this is another way for Ford to get to the numbers at the end of the year. I have been meeting with Brook Park businesses to see what long-term plans they have so the city can budget and also help them, such as

Reports and Communications from the Mayor: cont.

Questions: cont.

Eaton Corporation leaving the west-end. By the time city personnel spoke with them that was something from the middle of last year due to having space at Beachwood headquarters and deciding to move the people from the west-end to Beachwood, there was absolutely nothing the city could do. It wasn't because they didn't like Brook Park it's just space was available in Beachwood and that's where they moved their people to utilize their own assets. This city is marketed very aggressively and will continue to do that and will be okay.

Mr. Burgio offered accolades to the city's safety forces and stated last Saturday afternoon after exiting my car parked in the driveway and went into the house and heard a long bang. Looking outside a car coming from Hardin crossed over lawns, hitting my vehicle and totaling his car. Calling 911 police officers were there in two minutes and am very proud on how the city's safety forces worked together on that issue.

Mr. Vecchio stated to Mayor Gammella with the unfortunate shutdown of the third shift at Ford Motor do we know when that will take place?

Mayor Gammella responded that is the third-shift of the four-cylinder line only, they run both the six-cylinder and four-cylinder engines and the shutdown of the four-cylinder will be around June 1st timeframe, give or take.

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

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak reported the contractor will be looking at last year's completed projects of Sylvia, Fry, Kalvin, Middlebrook and Brookdale for landscaping needs, weather permitting. There has been talk of the rain over the weekend and on Saturday the rain gauge at City Hall read .22"of rain, Sunday read 2.5" of rain and Monday read 0.19" of rain. Over the three days the city had a little under 3" of rain with most coming on Sunday. With that being said the sewer district has requested the city send in any calls received with flooding or standing water problems to incorporate that information with some current studies, the intent is to forward the information collected at the end of the week.

Service Director Gardner

Mr. Gardner reported the department will begin next Monday to repair tree lawns from snow plow damage this past winter. Department crews are working on filling potholes with cold-patch to address safety concerns especially with the main and secondary streets, until weather permits for hot-patching. There is one hot-patch facility in Bedford Hts. that City personnel have been driving to for hot-patch and have had four or five loads with 21 water break overlays with the bulk of that hot-patch. Kennedy

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

Pavilion due to weather crews are reluctant to turn the water on in the parks & playgrounds and will address that next week, hopefully it won't freeze and Kennedy Pavilion will be available for renting after next week. To relate on this past weekend's weather the service department on Sunday and Monday answered a total of 21 sewer calls. There was some water in basements not a lot with most of them being sanitary related with some infiltration of ground water, the department has addressed those issues. All these cases will be reported to the sewer district but there was no certain area that flooded just random calls. Abrams Creek went over the banks and covered Sheldon Road and even though the roads were barricaded off and road closed signs posted by both Brook Park and Middleburg Hts., motorists still drove through the water.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath stated the Active Civil list will be updated and provided to Council for the next meeting.

Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott thanked all coaches and team members who played on the ball teams this winter and parents for being in attendance. Also, thanks to Joan Corrigan and the Senior Team for the fashion show and also to the sponsors who provided donations. Letters and applications will be sent out this week to vendors and community groups for participation in Home Days celebration. On May 4th the community center will be rented out to host a world wrestling event and also for other events throughout the year. An update of the renovation project at the community center the whirlpool repairs appeared on the Board of Control agenda earlier this evening so work should be started tomorrow and will know then how long the repairs will take.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle reported March monthly reports have been distributed any questions please contact.

Questions:

Mr. Burgio stated to Service Director Gardner with the flooding issue has Abrams Creek been dredged in the last few years as in past years to keep maintained?

Mr. Piatak responded ditch cleaning was done further downstream closer to Eastland Road in 2005 or 2006, so it's been awhile since any type of cleaning has been done. I'm not certain at least in that area that cleaning is going to prove to be of any benefit. Discussions have been had with the sewer district for coming up with some type of plan to most logically raise the road up as opposed to lowering the water. The district is doing a master plan of the Abrams Creek area and Rocky River Watershed that Abrams Creek is attributed to and suspect that project will fallout of that study but am not sure of the study completion date, hopefully eight to twelve months.

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

Questions: cont.

Mr. Burgio asked Service Director Gardner with the phone call received on a flooded basement is it possible are due to sewers that need to be maintained for removal of debris?

Mr. Gardner responded absolutely without looking and actually it's sewers and sanitary. A lot of the calls received were sanitary issues again brought on by infiltration of storm water into the sanitary line. There was also some basement wall seepage and water coming up and then receding, it's a fluctuation of the storm water getting into the sanitary lines. Some calls received showed historically that service department crews have been to that residence and have made recommendations about repairing the lines and for some reason they choose not to. One home crews responded to has 56 calls and crews have done their diligence with camera of the line, a dig job and repair of the lines. The issues towards the home is the homeowners' responsibility and the city's responsibility is a the tees'. The answer could be yes but more than likely it's infiltration into the line showing a possible problem.

Mr. Mencini thanked Engineer Piatak for the information received pertaining to the tree lawns. On Sunday, there were an extent of noise from train horns and any assistance you can provided would be appreciated before this becomes an issue. Mr. Mencini asked Engineer Piatak if the bidding process for the three road projects has been done.

Mr. Piatak responded as of right now there is no Roads program, are you referring to the 2018 Roads Program?

Mr. Mencini concurred.

Mr. Piatak stated Council has not authorized a program, so to date there is no Roads Program. Once authorized the plans and specifications have to be prepared to do the work and then go out to bid. The sooner a Roads Program is authorized the sooner I am able to get the plans prepared and project out to bid, historically, we've pushed the envelope in working into the fall and early winter months which is less than desirable. The earlier a Roads Program can be done it would be beneficial for the city to do that so that we can get contractors who want to fill up their schedule early in the season. In the past the city has been fortunate to get competitive bids and good contractors but that may not always be the case I don't know. The city would be positioned better to bid road work in late winter or early spring so when the weather breaks the project is ready to roll.

Mr. Mencini asked to Mr. Gardner if the Vactor is out on a daily basis.

Mr. Gardner responded yes, for the past four weeks it's been out 16 of 20 days on storm related issues and catch-basin cleaning. On Monday, crews worked on Brookpark

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

Road where there was a catch-basin that flooded across the road and established a reasonable cause of that if that can be rectified through the neighboring city.

Mr. Mencini asked how the Shred-It Day went?

Mr. Gardner responded excellent turnout and Service Dispatcher, Robin White, assisted residents with dumping the paper. Residents would like to see their papers shredded but due to the large turnout the paper is dumped into cans and tipped into the shredder which is a lengthy process.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Engineer Piatak for his report on the Northeast Ohio Sewer District study. Before that report is completed does the sewer district have anything regularly scheduled for maintenance in the city.

Mr. Piatak responded yes, there are some items that are on regular maintenance such as the trash rack at Abrams Creek by Aerospace Parkway is on a regular maintenance schedule.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Service Director Gardner were any basement flooding calls received on Pickway?

Mr. Gardner responded I don't have the list but don't recollect any on that street.

Mr. Orcutt stated last year the sewer district had a red-dot system and Pickway per households had more red-dots than any other street in the city. Mr. Orcutt stopped to watch some service crews take a stud-bar to break up concrete that has built up over the years, as well as the asphalt. There was so much asphalt on Harrison Drive crews had to leave it on the tree lawns. Mr. Adams has lived over there for 40 years and experienced flooding and with the recent rains didn't get one-inch of water, so the cleaning of the catch-basins make a difference.

Mayor Gammella commented to Mr. Mencini's and Engineer Piatak's statements about no Road Program to date; the administration put \$1.2 million-dollars into roads. Quite frankly, I thought that was very generous and still think very generous with the city's budget. Council has the prerogative to put more monies into the program but to Mr. Piatak's point a figure must be known to get moving on this program.

Mr. Poindexter stated to Engineer Piatak with the shared Sheldon Road project between the City of Brook Park and City of Middleburg Hts., will that address any of the Abrams Creek flooding? Will that bring the road up a bit or is that to repair the condition of the road?

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

Mr. Piatak responded that is just a mill-and-fill type project but has the road flooding issue kind of the sewer's district forefront because of the project. I am trying to get the district to move with some type of remedy or solution so the road doesn't get paved and have to do it again at a later date. That might be a possibility but doesn't know how timely the sewer district would move on a project like that. The current project is for a mill-and-fill maintenance type of project rather than to remedy a street flooding problem.

Mr. Poindexter thinks it would behoove the city to maybe address that problem before spending all the money on resurfacing of that road.

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

1. PAYMENT TO BRANDON REYNOLDS FOR LIVESTREAMING OF MEETINGS - \$100.00 PER EVENING

Mr. Vecchio stated the clerk provided information received and Mr. Cingle has advised that to cover livestreaming of meetings and payment to BoxCast through the end of June. Council should appropriate \$3,100 and whatever monies are not used goes back to the General Fund.

Mr. Salvatore stated what is before Council is payment of \$100.00 per evening for livestreaming of meetings. The \$3,100 appropriation should be discussed at the Caucus agenda of April 24th.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to approve \$100.00 payment per evening for livestreaming.

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

New Legislation:

1. An Ordinance amending Sections 331.45 (a) and (c) of the Brook Park Codified Ordinances entitled 'Texting While Driving Prohibited' and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Councilman Mencini **Assigned to Legislative Committee**
2. A Resolution authorizing and directing a placement of a 'Veteran' Parking space in all municipal parking lots and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Councilman Mencini. **Assigned to Legislative Committee**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

1. APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE BLAZAK AS CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2018-2019 COUNCIL TERM.

Mr. Salvatore stated I don't recall this being added to the Council agenda and would like to have it moved to the April 24th Caucus agenda.

Mr. Vecchio reading the minutes of January 23rd a motion by Mr. Orcutt, supported by Mr. Burgio, to extend the Council Clerk's term to the end of April with my interjection of the last Council meeting being April 17th and if not, it would then go to the May 1st Council agenda. Mr. Salvatore commented April 30th date works because that would be the deadline date and Council must get this done before that date and have answers before the middle of April.

Mr. Salvatore commented I don't think there was a motion made to do that so rather than to deal with something that was not properly put on the agenda, I would like to have it moved to the next agenda.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to place the Council Clerk appointment to the April 24th Caucus agenda.

Mr. Mencini asked if this could be placed on the Caucus Prior to meeting currently in recess.

Mr. Vecchio stated no and concurred that meeting is in recess.

Mr. Salvatore believes that Council will be able to deal with this matter in a timely fashion. We have until the end of the month and can accomplish that appointment.

Mr. Poindexter stated there is not another Council meeting to appoint before the end of the month so wouldn't that be in violation of the Charter?

Mr. Salvatore responded I don't see any violation of the Charter we can deal with the appointment at a Caucus, let everyone know our intent. Especially the clerk to know what is going to happen on that day and move forward from there.

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

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Joan Markusic
13911 Bellbrook Drive

Ms. Markusic thanked Council for looking into moving monies into the roads where possible. With the livestream when a regularly scheduled meeting is called the people

Remarks from the audience on any subject matter: cont.

doing live stream should be paid. But, if a special meeting is called for that same evening they should be paid for staying to livestream that special meeting. In a regular job if employees are asked to stay over they are compensated for their time. Ms. Markusic doesn't think it is fair that the people livestreaming the special meetings are not getting paid for that meeting. The second comment is with the Ford Motor situation and the city being told over past years that Ford Motor needs to cleanup that property. The Mayor is in talks with Ford Motor so why aren't they aggressively having that property cleaned up that is not being used so that business can be brought into the city. It's time for Brook Park to step up and hold Ford Motor accountable for the cleanup of that property to help the city bring new business in, Ford is taking 200 jobs away with the city getting nothing. Ford as a business has to be responsible for their property just like residents with property issues get fined and it's time for the city to step up and make them accountable. Ms. Markusic was recently at the recreation center pool area with Councilman Mencini and am wondering if anyone has taken a look at that section outside of the box because what can be seen is mold on the walls and two huge holes. A roof shouldn't be put on a building that has mold because eventually the roof will have to be torn off to fix the walls, technically paying twice for a roof.

Louis Modic
14399 Fayette

Ms. Modic expressed concerns with insulation spewing out of the vacant Bally's building being a safety issue. Another issue is the dog park, in January I was told it's not a dead issue, with nothing coming from the city budget for the dog park. Would Council and the City of Brook Park support a community group effort to have fundraisers for funding of the dog park. All monies collected would go through Huntington Bank but the group would need the city's help with the location and the legalities. I have four verbal commitments from long-time residents of the city in the tune of \$350.00 to start.

Susan Barbour
5819 Robert Drive

Ms. Barbour expressed concerns with roads needing to be fixed, city personnel enforcing city codes and fining residents who don't comply with property maintenance issues. Ms. Barbour expressed concerns with people not taking pride in their community and when walking the dog sees all the litter in her neighborhood, it's the pits. Ms. Barbour takes pride in her community and started a 501C non-profit charity called Brook Park Help Thy Neighbor. The Brook Park Help Thy Neighbor and the Brook Park Botanical Club will be hosting a fundraiser on May 12th at Methodist Church from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the groups are looking for community volunteers to spruce up and flower planting of different areas of the city. We met with Mayor Gammella and he has given his full support of this project. Ms. Barbour asked if the city receives monies for recycling and shred-it days.

Remarks from the audience on any subject matter: cont.

Liz Sayers

23065 Cedar Point Road

Ms. Sayers provided paperwork to Council and the administration and expressed concern with being bullied and/or attacked on social media for planting flowers around the city hall gazebo that she and Ralph Lohn had permission from former Mayor Coyne to do so. No city monies were used for the planting of these flowers and now there are groups that want to spruce up the city. Ms. Sayers attended a recent beautification meeting and was attacked while sitting there.

Callahan Ruebensaul

14240 Newton Road

Middleburg Hts.

Mr. Ruebensaul commented he researched a list of city's tax rates and Brook Park is doing well with the city's tax rates and on par with the City of Strongsville and Middleburg Hts. and the largest of the three cities around this area. The only difference between the City of Brook Park compared to Middleburg Hts. and Berea is that Brook Park is basically built around the Ford Plant. Mr. Ruebensaul applauded Mayor Gammella and former Mayor Coyne to try and get Ford to open that land for new businesses.

Mayor Gammella requested to respond to a few audience remarks.

Mr. Salvatore – Point of Order, in order to address the audience a motion and support is needed.

Mr. Vecchio – Correct, thank you.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to address the audience remarks.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council/Administration remarks:

Mayor Gammella stated with the Ford Plant and 265 acres of available property the previous administration was trying to work with Ford by taking a different tactic. I believe you get more with working with people than fighting with people. Ford is the second based taxpayer for the city, NASA is the first largest taxpayer. The reason for the loss of the 200 jobs is the four cylinder engine is not selling the American public is purchasing SUV's, so it's not Ford it is the economy and what people are buying. The city will aggressively do everything possible and have to work with the owners of that property which is Ford. Mayor Gammella stated the city is still looking into the dog park situation and the problem is location. The owners of Bally's has been told on numerous occasions to clean up the property. The pool at the recreation center has been closed

Remarks from the audience on any subject matter: cont.**Council/Administration remarks: cont.**

for four years there are some issues that will be addressed. We cannot let that pool area continue to deteriorate when there are three adjoining walls to the recreation center and by not putting a roof over the pool area, that's insane, the entire recreation center is being jeopardized. There is \$5.2 million dollars being put into half of a building that city operations are moving into.

Mr. Orcutt thanked everyone for coming to the podium and offered assistance to Ms. Barbour with the new club and fundraiser. Mr. Orcutt has a lot of pride in Brook Park it's where my wife was born and raised. Mr. Orcutt disagreed with Ms. Barbour by stating Ward 3 is not the pits and the people in Ward 3 are very proud and hard-working people. For the past several years Doris Drive from Bowfin to Wengler has been littered with beer cans and debris and with one email. Service department crews were in the area within one hour to clean the debris and have been in that area on a daily basis. Mr. Orcutt will help Ms. Barbour in any way possible and as Ward 3 representative is working very hard so that Ward 3 is not the pits; along with working with other Council representatives to make Brook Park is the greatest city in America.

Mr. Stemm stated to Mr. Modic if the issue at Bally's is a public health concern, I am more than willing to work with the Mayor and Council to see what options are available with the county.

Mayor Gammella interjected to Mr. Stemm the building commissioner has told me it is not hazardous material but is nuisance material. The city has contacted the owner to clean it up and the problem is every time there is a strong wind the material blows all over. The owner has to do something with that and we will make certain that happens.

Mr. Mencini stated everyone that came to the podium expressed anger and being upset. To be honest all of us are and a lot of the things mentioned are problems that have been here for a while. There are a lot of good things in Brook Park and all city streets are in need of some repair after the winter months, Brook Park is not a pit, Kennedy Park is clean so things are getting done. I disagree a little with the Mayor with the insane part of the recreation center because a lot of money was put on the roof. A lot of the good qualities of the city sometimes get put on the wayside. I agree with Mr. Modic with forming a community committee to get involved to get what residents want. City taxes are very low and there may come a time that taxes may have to be raised.

Mr. Burgio appreciates the comments and mentioned to Ms. Barbour there is pride in Brook Park, that's why I initiated the Beautification & Pride Committee along with former Councilman, Danny Colonna and Mayor Elliott that has been a very successful program for ten years running. To Mr. Modic with the dog park I initiated that back in 2008 and likes the comments of the community getting behind something like that.

Remarks from the audience on any subject matter: cont.Council/Administration remarks: cont.

Mr. Poindexter agrees with Mr. Ruebensaul of not putting an income tax rate on working people in Brook Park. Increased revenues can be achieved through elevated wages, economic development with bringing more businesses and would rather see all those options exhausted before consideration of raising income taxes. Working class people are barely making ends meet the way it is and take another whole-percent out of their paycheck makes it harder. Mr. Poindexter agrees with a comment by Ms. Markusic about the livestream not being paid for special meetings. Anyone who does any work shall be paid for that work and that's why I proposed several months back about the possibility of making that a part-time position with an hourly rate attached.

Mr. Salvatore thanked everyone who came to the podium and am proud that people speak their minds and we may agree or disagree. Mr. Salvatore complimented Mr. Orcutt for speaking on what he believes in and support his comments. Ward 3 is not the pits of this community and am very proud to have grown up in this city. To Mr. Ruebensaul, Brook Park has been proactive and have done many progressive things in Brook Park over the years i.e. taking the north side of Brookpark Road which turned out to be very good revenue for the city. At the time I wasn't positive NASA was going to be a good thing but it's turned out to be a great thing with bringing in revenue to our city. Mr. Salvatore applauded former city leaders for taking on the foresight of the airport deal because to this day the city is still receiving revenues from that deal and it's time to do that again by rolling up our sleeves. There are other ways to bring in revenue besides raising taxes and if there is no other way then something will have to be worked out.

Mr. Vecchio addressed the audience participation portion of the meeting and one issue is the fact that there is infighting throughout the city and this podium is not the place for that. If you have an issue with another resident or group you're best suited to call either your Ward Council Representative, At Large Representative, Council President or the Mayor's office to work through these issues. Ms. Sayers has been trying to get resolutions to her issues and I am willing to help with being the liaison, these are things that we need to do. Instead of coming to a meeting to air out dirty laundry or things going on with the city itself, not personally or individually, this is not the place, this is a business meeting. Moving forward I would appreciate and am sure Members of Council of trying to keep those items to that. To Ms. Barbour I like your energy with things you want to do in starting another club. One of the issues that I have is the fact the city has a couple of clubs and it seems like there is a tug-of-war going on. It seems like no one wants to work together and are all jockeying for dominance. In my opinion, we all need to work together for the betterment of the City of Brook Park as a whole. There are needs for some clubs but when we are doing the same thing it gives a bad vibe and feeling. I would like to see everybody try and get along and become one to make Brook Park the place everyone wants to call home.

Remarks from the audience on any subject matter: cont.

Council/Administration remarks: cont.

Mr. Salvatore commented as one Member of City Council I don't ever want anyone to think that they are not welcome to come to the podium under Remarks from the audience on any subject matter. I encourage you to come forward if you're having an issue and hopefully it can be worked out. I understand what the President (of Council) is saying and to some extent I agree with what he is saying but don't want anyone to think they are not welcome here, because you certainly are as far as I'm concerned. I want to have open dialogue on any subject that's what we are here for to hear what you say.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11019-2018, APPROVING A LOT CONSOLIDATION AND SPLIT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AT PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 344-03-076, -077, -078 (5211 West 149th Street) LOCATED IN THE U1-A5 ZONE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Burgio, Orcutt, Scott, Salvatore, Poindexter, Mencini, Stemm
NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 11019-2018 has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 11020-2018, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREATER CLEVELAND AUTO AUCTION, PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

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.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Stemm, Mencini, Poindexter, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt
NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 11020-2018 has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

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

3. RESOLUTION NO. 14-2018, REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATION, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK SUPPORT A RENEWAL OF THE 2019 CUYAHOGA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council President Vecchio, Council as a Whole and Mayor Gammella.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Orcutt, Burgio, Scott, Salvatore, Poindexter, Stemm
NAYS: None. Resolution No. 14-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 11021-2018, AUTHORIZING THE CONSULTING ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND BID DOCUMENTS AND THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SMITH ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT (SNOW TO ELM ROADS) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

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

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Stemm, Poindexter, Salvatore, Scott, Burgio, Stemm
NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 11021-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

NOTE: EXECUTIVE SESSION - SALE/PURCHASE OF PROPERTY - PER MAYOR GAMMELLA

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Stemm, to go into Executive Session for Sale/Purchase of Property.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Stemm, Poindexter, Salvatore, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt
NAYS: None. The motion carried 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Stemm, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to adjourn the Executive Session.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried at 10:15 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Stemm, to resume the Caucus Prior to meeting.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED *June 5, 2018*

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