

**REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 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 Law Director Horvath, Service Director Garner, Building Commissioner Hurst, Fire Chief Maund, Police Chief Foster, Economic Development Commissioner Adams, Recreation Director Elliott (7:02 p.m.), Finance Director Cingle (7:02 p.m.) and Engineer Piatak (7:20 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Regular Caucus Meeting held on April 10, 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.

DISCUSSION:

1. BREWER-GARRETT RECREATION CENTER UPDATE

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to go out of the Regular Order of Business for Brewer-Garrett personnel to speak.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Matt Josephs
Brewer-Garrett
6800 Eastland Road
Middleburg Hts.

Mr. Josephs thanked Council and gave a brief update on the Recreation Center/City Hall project stands. With City Hall the punch list inspect was completed today with furniture installation starting tomorrow and completed by the end of the week. Once that is in City Hall will be completed including all the changes. City Council is about 85% complete, that was the one that had a few more changes including the vestibule. The doorframe is up and conservatively 4 to 5 weeks for completion with the lighting, walls, paints, mechanical, electrical and plumbing all completed. The new dais will arrive next week along with the flooring that will take about two weeks completion; once that is done then all that's left is throwing in the final ceiling tiles and cleaning. The clerk's office is 99% complete with furniture

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installation beginning tomorrow. The corridors have new paint, wall base and ceiling tiles completed and the lighting change will be completed by the end of the week. The mini-gym LED lighting starts tomorrow with about a two-week duration to make that change-out. The main gym will then follow and take about three weeks, obviously working with the staff, so there are no interruptions with the programs or events. The full repair for the whirlpools are being handled by the city, ultimately, by recommendation to the city to take that contract directly because, at the end of the day, that was the most cost-effective way. That will have 100% warranty on all the work with the completion of the heaters, chemical-feed and the broken circulation pumps; so the whirlpools and spa area will be in great shape once completed.

Mr. Mencini thanked Mr. Joseph and Andy for coming this evening and great job. One question is what has gone good and what has gone not so good with this project?

Mr. Josephs responded last time I was here, with the proposed, changes kind of stalled some of the work on a few things around it. Once the city decided to go through with the changes that Mayor Gammella and our team discussed; everything moved very quickly. I would say we're not at the point for any negatives to be pointed out; it's going to be a very aesthetically positive project. The items we care about is the mechanical and that's where you're going to see a great impact not just how comfortable the space is but also the cost in running and operating the space moving forward.

Mr. Mencini stated with the electrical and computerization are going well and almost move in ready?

Mr. Josephs responded yes, the AV (audio-visual) is actually not under our company, that has gone directly through the city, who brought in the team to do all the computerization and wiring for the new City Hall and City Council. We have coordinated with that company and from all accounts, it seems to be going in a good direction for full capabilities.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Josephs for coming, and stated this project is important to all of us. With the punch list mentioned earlier, the item that's going to take the longest to complete is four weeks for the door.

Mr. Josephs clarified the four to five weeks is just the City Council in general. The items that will take the longest in that area is the dais coming in next week. Once everything is installed then the patching of everything will take about two weeks. The punch list I mentioned earlier is the punch list for City Hall.

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Mr. Salvatore stated with the completion of the move from City Hall to the new area will that take place prior to the project being completed?

Mr. Josephs responded once the furniture is in by the end of the week. Along with the AV side of that with phone lines, computerization, etc., I don't control that. Essentially, once our company turns that space over once the furniture is installed there is nothing precluding the move to the new City Hall, while work is still being done at the City Council area.

Mr. Salvatore asked if new phones are being installed?

Mr. Josephs responded that's a question for the group doing the AV systems.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Mr. Josephs for coming this evening and stated I've been walking around, checking on the project and things are moving smoothly. Mr. Orcutt thanked Brewer-Garrett Company for everything going on, it looks very nice. When talking about coordination with the AV, I have a quick question about coordination with the city's Service Department. I see that the hole is punched through the wall with the sidewalk being done by the city, is that correct.

Mr. Josephs concurred.

Mr. Orcutt continued is that all being coordinated as well and in that time limit of four to five weeks.

Mr. Josephs concurred.

Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Josephs do you see any big changes that the city would need to appropriate any dollars for this project?

Mr. Josephs responded any big changes that might happen as a result of the project. No, as far as Brewer-Garrett is concerned once the project is completed the city will have full control and there will be no changes that dollars will have to be allocated for corrections. The city will have full functionality and adding significant abilities to function for other things for City Hall and City Council. The way our company is doing this is to make sure this will have as little impact on the existing spaces. I don't foresee any financial hardships moving forward as a result of the project.

Mr. Orcutt stated for Brewer-Garrett to maintain the contract with the city you need to be in control of automation; turning lights, units and powering things up.

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Is there going to be a workstation that Service Department personnel or Recreation Department staff member will be able to access for the automation system? For example, if hours are extended or the Recreation Center opens on Sundays.

Mr. Josephs responded once this project is completed and with the turnover, our service division will continue with the ongoing preventative maintenance. We will work with the city by asking who should have access or where does the city want access. This is the city's building and Brewer-Garrett will not restrict in any ways. If there is an event, the city requires to making any changes that can be done by city personnel or an access area that allows making those changes.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported Mr. Salvatore, to have Building Commissioner Hurst speak on the AV side of this project.

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

Ted Hurst
Building Commissioner
City of Brook Park
5590 Smith Road

Mr. Salvatore asked would there be new telephones installed?

Mr. Hurst responded the phones at the new City Hall and Council offices will be new telephones; there is a meeting set for Friday to meet with the computer and phone people on the transition from these buildings to the new areas. The plan is to move part of City Hall first to get them up and running and then move the other parts. We will have more information on how that will happen after Friday's meeting because we're going to have a split phone system for a little while.

Mr. Vecchio stated with the AV setup inside the Recreation Center, my question is who is the company doing this, when they will be coming in and will Council have a walk through to meet with these people?

Mr. Hurst responded the AV Contract was let, last year, to Via Sound and all wiring has been installed in the Council area of the Community Room. Not sure if all three screens are up they are in the process of putting the screens up now. The camera mounts are in, speakers are installed and once the systems are up and running. There will be a training session for the clerk or whoever is going to be operating the AV process. It is an automated systems so there is not a lot of work to this, it's a matter of hitting a button. If a presentation is, being made whoever is operating the system hits a button, screens come down, cameras and lights will dim.

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Mr. Vecchio clarified the clerk will be controlling the cameras and audio sounds?

Mr. Hurst concurred and stated that is all computer operated by hitting a button.

Mr. Mencini thanked Mr. Hurst for coming and asked about the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) being one of the first items, how did that work on the roof?

Mr. Hurst responded it went well, there was some struggles to begin with because of the age with what we're dealing with. The units set well, Brewer-Garrett, did a great job setting them. There is some remaining punch list items on the roof that have to be finished; I've been through that and will continue to go through that. I walked through the City Hall punch list and walk through today and the clerk's offices. Once the furniture is installed, I will do another punch list due to dings, bangs, knicks and scratches and will be taken care of. Conservatively, I would say Monday morning, the clerks' offices excluding computer and phones will be ready to go.

Mr. Mencini questioned the space because he's heard there's not going to be enough space.

Mr. Hurst clarified they all have more room then they have right now, except for the Clerk of Council. Ultimately, everything was designed as efficient workstations. There is discussion that the Mayor and I had and there is a directive going to the employees now that when we move to the new City Hall, we're moving to City Hall with what we need to operate; the rest will stay behind until places are allocated for it to go. The workstations are designed to be efficient workstations.

Mr. Mencini asked if the Community Room still be considered a multi-purpose room?

Mr. Hurst responded the intent from day one, was that room will remain a Community Room first and an accessory to that will be the Council Chambers and Courtroom. The plan is to still use that room for baby showers, wedding showers, Pee-Wee Basketball, Aerobics and all the other things will be done in that room.

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Hurst with this project, what do you like or dislike?

Mr. Hurst responded the project is a nice project, is it what everyone wants? No, not at all. Is it what everyone needs? It will be what they need because it's what we have. We have taken a situation, as a city, and did what needed to be done to

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save the Recreation Center and consolidate city operations to save dollars; it's not what everyone likes, not at all. For what the city got, is good workmanship over there.

Mr. Mencini commented hopefully we could do a lot more over there.

Mr. Hurst concurred and stated I think that's goal is expansion, to try and create that environment again.

Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Josephs for coming and asked if there were any issues with the opening at the side of the building?

Mr. Hurst responded no, it was handled perfectly by people hired that knew what they were doing. The bricklayers did a fantastic job supporting the wall above, getting it open and putting back in place.

Mr. Scott asked what are we looking at with the sidewalk?

Mr. Hurst responded that is weather-sensitive, I know Mayor Gammella, Service Director Garner and service crews are waiting patiently for the right opportunity.

Mr. Poindexter stated to Mr. Hurst, all the furniture is brand new?

Mr. Hurst concurred, it's sitting in a warehouse on Brookpark Road waiting to be delivered tomorrow morning.

Mr. Poindexter asked how are employees' personal effects being moved?

Mr. Hurst responded with the Building Department move recently, service crews helped move some of the heavy stuff. There isn't a lot going from City Hall to the new areas immediately. The only items going over what is absolutely necessary to work with and what is needed for today and tomorrow.

Mr. Burgio stated to Mr. Hurst, asked what is the capacity of the community room, have we lost much in occupancy?

Mr. Hurst responded no, I don't believe we have lost anything as far as the occupancy load. For clarification, the stage is figured differently from the occupancy of the room. The old stage is no longer considered a stage with part of it is now a dais, which is occupancy load as well, so I think that will offset and work out to the same number.

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Mayor Gammella thanked Building Commissioner Hurst and Recreation Director Elliott for the outstanding job and making sure the project comes to fruition and completion, as well as Brewer-Garrett for their cooperation.

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

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

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

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

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

In attendance: Economic Development Commissioner Adams

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

Mr. Adams provided to Council the Economic Development report that is on file in the Council office.

Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Adams for information regarding Ford Motor Company having construction management trailers on the lot?

Mr. Adams responded when inquiring I was told there were other individuals working about the vacant property, no disclosure of who they are or what they're doing. It seems they will be there for, at least, six months and my total speculation is doing some drilling and working around the area.

Mr. Orcutt asked with the NASA Glenn section of the report talks about the money appropriated out of the Washington and the funding of new programs. There seems like there will be a lot of construction and how long with that construction go on for?

Mr. Adams responded they haven't brought any plans forward at this point because they just received the funding. It's approximately \$17 million additional dollars and some of those dollars will be going towards the Robotics Program. At the last meeting, there was mention from one of the lead engineers about using some space over in the AeroZone on Apollo Drive; the city is hoping for some expansion

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that is not talk but turn into jobs. The construction program is rather large facility that will be built and speculate 18 to 24 months.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Mr. Adams for the well-done report and asked about the new investment in Brook Park. It looks that you've been talking with the people at Brookgate about a possible family restaurant.

Mr. Scott responded speaking with the Senior Vice-President in charge of Real Estate for the Glimchere Group and laid it on the line that Brook Park needs some answers concerning Brookgate. There's many questions with the future of the property and what the goals are with it. This is one of their newer property acquisitions; they own 18 properties with nine in Ohio. Currently, they have property in Landerhaven, which they are redoing in the look of Crocker Park. The project keeps being delayed due to costs and have approximately 7 million sq. ft. under roof. The Mayor and I sat down with the owner and the site manager over the nine sites and will be meeting with them tomorrow to walk the Brookgate property. I was not satisfied with a lot of the answers given, but we did prod them about the 25,000 sq. ft. former Harpo's for a family style restaurant. They want more of a family centered restaurant, which we agreed would be nice to have family go in a different kind of setting. They explained that franchise restaurants don't like to go in the line, like to stand out alone. The Mayor asked why don't build one in front of Brookgate and they said it was an idea they never thought of an outbuilding out front. The discussion switched over to possible franchises because it would have its own stand-alone building; to the left of the main center entrance. Speculations have been made, no promises, but they are going to look into with construction and financing to see if that could be done. With Harpo's they are continuing to put into another restaurant clientele because restaurants feed off each other for advertising. The smaller unit there are several individuals interested but no on paper as this point. An walk through has been scheduled for tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. with the Brookgate Senior Leasing agent to get knowledge of what's he's after and how the Economic Development department can assist in growing Brookgate. The way I look at this is partnership, its Brookgate's property and responsibility but as a city, we share some of that responsibility to a small degree. With the hand of friendship provided to assist in developing that opened discussion about maintenance and beautification of the property. There are ratings A, B, C and D for properties and I asked for the rating and was told the property is a definite C. I asked what would it take to get the property to a B and was told discussions are taking place on that right now. What the city will need to do is continue to push and prod them along there was no mention of financial support or zoning changes at this point. There was no mention of the closed BP gas station on the corner and the city is currently working with the law director and building department to get that property forward for hopefully a different use.

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Mr. Orcutt thanked Mr. Adams for bringing up the former BP gas station and commented the parking lot needs a little attention.

Mr. Adams continued there was discussion about site-line and not wanting trees or bushes in the way driving by, they want to see signage. I compared it to other properties such as Crocker Park and renderings of Landerhaven and explained they don't have to be large trees; the city just wants some green life.

Mr. Orcutt asked if the Glimchere Group owns the land where the closed BP station is located?

Mr. Adams responded no, that's a stand-alone and owned by a consortium that owns BP gas stations.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Mr. Adams for coming and making his presentation.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Adams for coming, likes the report and hopes this will be something that is done a quarterly basis. The only comment I would make about Brookgate Shopping Center is having an out-building, similar to the Place to Be Restaurant. In the report, Tim Horton's (Restaurant) shows up and the name has been bounced around for approximately a year in looking at Brook Park; is this still in talking stages or where is the city at currently?

Mr. Adams responded we're pushing towards calendar and thanked Mr. Scott for bringing this to our attention. I spoke with a gentleman who is familiar with Brookgate and is also the Senior Vice-President and Partner and there are 105 franchises to plan all over Northeast Ohio and are known as ClevelandTH (Tim Horton). There was good discussion about the City of Brook Park, what it brings to the table and what's important for traffic in the a.m. and p.m., along with the demographic mapping. Tim Horton's is very interested in a few locations that have not been finalized to date. A meeting took place in the Mayor's office with Tim Horton's Property Manager, Brandy Harmon, Mr. Scott and Building Commissioner Hurst. We went over in great detail what they are looking for and told them we have that here in Brook Park. After driving her around that afternoon and looking at available spots in the even areas that aren't technically available but looked at those too, it's all about location. Ms. Harmon settled on two very nice areas and don't want to bring those out publicly, at this point. After about three hours, Ms. Harmon said she would call me in a day, which she did. When we reconnected, Ms. Harmon explained that the 2018 calendar is full with a possibility of a 2019 or 2020. No decision has been made to date but Ms. Harmon reiterated those two areas. Therefore, my work is to get those two areas ready and conversations are taking place every two weeks and am going to try and bring Tim Horton's to Brook Park.

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This would be about a \$2 million-dollar investment in building and land costs with the employment of 20 to 30 jobs, with ten being full-time and the rest part-time.

Mr. Salvatore stated on the last page of the report, there's mention of aggressively market the City of Brook Park worldwide. How is the city doing in that area?

Mr. Adams responded I have a meeting scheduled for July with the Dean of IT and Computers from Baldwin Wallace College (BW) to hopefully develop a footprint on International Internet. At this point, what I would like to do is create a social media presence for the marketing effort for the City of Brook Park. Then begin that effort by using BW Interns which will save tax dollars and give BW Interns life experience working for the city. If successful with that venture, I've also made inquiries and talked to counterparts at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) and Berea-Midpark High School. I want to bring these young people, who understand social media, in to build that for us; we've begun revamping the city website with a lot more work to be done on the Economic Development page. We are also looking at using the services of Worldwide Brokers like Cresco and Cushman & Wakefield to give Brook Park a presence on their sites. For available city properties, the city wanted to list, especially in the Opportunity Zone. That would help the city sell more of a global audience dealing in that area and with NASA. On a local level, what I've done, thanks to Mr. Burgio's reminder, and the Mayor approved a small trade-show booth to start working trade shows. There are individuals from all over the country that come Downtown to Medical Mart, County Convention Center and the IX Center. As part of the research, I did training with other invited Economic Development personnel such as former Brook Park Economic Development Commissioner, Vince Adamus, who is currently Vice-President with GCP (Greater Cleveland Partnership) that is part of Team NEO; they help market Northeast Ohio. I suggested the idea to Vince and he said fantastic, you won't believe how many contacts can be made at one trade-show; I've attended trade shows as an attendee, but now will be someone there actively pursuing business. There was a show recently in town for Manufacturers of Fasteners and there were manufacturers from all over the world to attend this trade show. What the thought is if they are willing to come here to set up goods that must mean they don't have many selling locations and perhaps could setup a warehouse or manufacturing plant. Whatever works out for their benefit we can secure in Brook Park; we have the corridors, tax base and all necessary items to connect to those businesses. That would give them presence they may not have in Northeast Ohio or Northern America, at this point in time. That's part of what I hope to begin in the next three months moving forward.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mr. Adams are you actively working on pursuing any federal, state and county grants?

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Mr. Adams responded the one grant is working in a small position with the city's police chief for the DARE-SRO Grant (Drug Abuse Resistance Program – School Resource Officer) application that's been submitted. I've just become the administrator, which is a process, on grants.com which is the federal grant gateway. Since that is now set up the city is going to begin to actively review and pursue federal grants. With the state grants I'm working through the State Department of Development for grant opportunities; also Metro Parks has some grants for playgrounds, that I'm trying to find out information on. The Cuyahoga County Grant System is set up, most of these grants; there are a few that you apply for in 2018 to receive monies in 2019.

Mr. Burgio thanked Mr. Adams for being proactive in marketing the city, with the economy there are more positives than negatives in the city; that needs to be accentuated. There is the interstates, airport, rapid transit and the transportation here is such a great location. With Brookgate, my understanding is that they weren't too flexible about the leasing of businesses; has that been talked about? Because to retain businesses and attract businesses I think, it's better to make a little less money on leases and have a prospering business there.

Mr. Adams responded the square-footage cost was discussed and retention areas as far as Marc's, Advanced Auto, and Rose's; that are all currently in long-term leases and costed out at the sea-level. They are very competitive in the marketplace and the smaller shops have a different tier i.e. GNC. The Glimchere Group is aggressive because they are a full-profit company but also understand long-term means less buildout.

Mr. Burgio asked Mr. Scott's impression on whether this group wants to work with the city to make the area prosper and not have empty buildings?

Mr. Adams responded they want to have 100% occupancy. I asked and the Mayor echoed is this property one of those properties that can attract such as the A & B properties. The response was this is rated a C property and their response was some portfolios hold properties for obvious reasons, such as a write off, and Brookgate is not part of that, this property is as important in their portfolio. Definitely, some investment needs to be done but no investment is planned for this year. Then discussions continued with maintenance and their response was they are not happy with their current maintenance contract. The contract will be replaced in 40 to 45 days with a new contract and they are expecting a lot more upkeep with the property. What I'm finding with large corporations is you have call them, visit them, email and have constant communication with them.

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Mr. Burgio commented that is such an important area for Brook Park and would be really nice to get the WOW factor for people driving by and seeing a nice area. If it falls, short that reflects on the city; possibly repave the parking lot and put some monies with ornamental lighting.

Mr. Poindexter stated to Mr. Adams looking at the report, the good news with Regency Construction moving into the city, Varbros expanding their company and the potential trucking company looking for a facility in the city. Could you make the public aware of some details of those three items, where they stand and when those will be potentially be completed.

Mr. Adams responded Regency Construction Services is soon to be the new owner of the Power Sports building on Engle Road. Regency is coming to the city from Lakewood, Ohio, needed room to expand, and wanted a stand-alone building. This is a female-owned business founded in 1982 by a construction engineer after working for Turner Construction in Columbus. The business has 40 full-time employees and as many 60 tradesmen. The business is union and has created millions of dollars' worth of commercial structures for both BW, Bowling Green, State of Ohio and Cuyahoga County. The reason she chose Brook Park is because she likes the ability that there will be a sign located by the highway, which is important. Also, her design team and architects are doing a lot of product in Northeast Ohio with one office here and in Columbus. The company does a lot of outsourcing and are first choice for design teams and looking forward to this company coming with 40 employees with an approximately \$1.8 million dollar payroll and profit tax. The Varbros update received today from Building Commissioner Hurst is the company has begun the project in the back area of the company on Brookpark Road. It's nice to see one of the city's oldest neighbors expand and says a lot for the future of the plant in Brook Park. There is one company looking at the 3.3 acres on Brookpark Road and still in progress, that refabricates brand new, over the road and medium-sized trucks to the needs of the vendor.

Mr. Stemm stated to Mr. Adams this report is very well prepared but there is one item no listed and that is the former Kuts N Such on Engle and Holland; that building has been unoccupied for quite some time. With talk of the lack of family style restaurants, has there been any interest with that property.

Mr. Adams responded yes, the business next door is interested in purchasing for expansion of his current business. Currently, that property is in the third phase of a underground tank reclamation. A corporation by the name of BJem is doing the work that was funded by a state grant purchased from the state in the amount of \$100,000. We had a mediation meeting with them and they are going to be

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removing 800 sq. feet of dirt that has been identified as low-level contamination from former fuel tanks; at that point, the property will be ready for sale.

Mr. Vecchio stated to Mr. Adams great job on the report and one question I have is you stated you're actively working with the Brook Park Chamber of Commerce. To engage in marketing of the City of Brook Park by working to create a business-friendly environment. How so and with whom are you doing this?

Mr. Adams responded working with Executive Director, Sharon Zimmer and one of the attributes of the position I hold is being a member of the Executive Board. I have been actively meeting with them at the Chamber meetings and familiarizing myself with President Drabik and other members. What we're planning to do is more of an open-door approach to businesses in the community. With all the businesses I meet with one thing left behind is an application for the Chamber of Commerce membership, along with an invitation to attend the next meeting. We are currently building that from the ground up with the current 89 members and approximately five to ten businesses, so there's growth potential. We are very aggressive in our thought process of gaining new membership because the more business brought in, the larger the footprint and the more effect you will have on a community. One of the things that turns up in Berea, Middleburg Hts. or Strongsville the first thing people ask have you stopped by the Chamber of Commerce, have you seen what they're doing in the community and would you be interested in becoming an affiliate member? When dealing with other cities you can see the enthusiasm in the drive for these neighborhoods members, like Brook Park city businesses, to join the Chamber, stay in the Chamber and stay in the city. You will have your retention, attraction and expansion beginning with the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, City Council and Mayor; this is a team effort to get the word out that Brook Park is the place to push a business. Not only for the tax base and location but also from the support the business will receive from other business people in the community.

Mr. Vecchio asked besides working with Sharon Zimmer and James Drabik are there any other board members?

Mr. Adams responded Tim Meehan and can get you a list and complete information.

Mr. Vecchio stated great, I'd like to find out how you're breaking things down and tackling these milestones.

Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Adams for coming and asked how the city is doing with Ques Industries?

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Mr. Adams responded Ques Industries has started again on construction, they had some started earlier in the year and weather permitting they're moving ahead with the project.

Mr. Scott stated I saw some movement at the former S&R Plum Market is there something going on?

Mr. Adams responded yes, I met the other day with Abe Abdulla who is fashioning that facility to be a Whole Foods store, work is currently being done on the inside.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Adams very good report, very informative and covered everything there is to cover. Also, a shout-out to the Brook Park Chamber of Commerce, I know membership isn't where they'd like it to be but Mr. Drabik is pushing to enlarge membership with the city's marketing help. With the well-known fact of transportation the city has, along with other communities, if a company wants to come to Brook Park they will come. Is anything being done with the owners of the vacant buildings who own the former Bally's or Kuts N Such?

Mr. Adams responded yes, and reiterated with Kuts N Such the business owner next door is very much interested in that property. Because of the underground abandoned storage tanks, they have to be mediated according to state law; until that process is complete, no movement can take place with that business being sold. That mediation is about a third of the way through and the next step involved more soil samples; there are two different state departments that have to approve it. They are working in unison and the state has expended approximately \$30,000 of the \$100,000 grant towards the goal of being finished. I met with the project manager and he feels that the mediation work will take place in June and he should be able to get it signed off sometime in July or August; at that point that property can move forward for sale. One of my pet peeves is the former post office right in the center of the Snow Road strip. There is an individual interested in the building that are moving rather slow. They are interested in putting a rather unique business, microbrewery, and like the location. There are a lot of hoops to jump and I am working with them on that by getting necessary information from the State of Ohio Liquor Control Board. They have already expended \$40,000 on the microbrewery setup and looking to move in within the next 12 months. With Bally's there was wind damage that brought the ownership out and approached Building Commissioner Hurst who turned them over to me. This is not an issue that I can publicly speak of currently but can tell you that I'm meeting with the principal this coming Thursday to discuss the near future of that property.

Mr. Mencini commented with Brookgate, there are a lot of long-time vacants and a lot of past problems have been the parking lot, keeping it clean and promoting it. Ridgepark Square is an area that I think is similar to Brookgate. People coming to

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Brook Park know where Brookgate is and don't like seeing an empty parking spaces any day of the week. So that is an area the city needs to work because it's been a long time and whatever you need from this Council, let us know.

Mr. Adams stated I'm not going to say the mood after the Brookgate meeting was one showing gladness they come in. It was moreover that this has been started and we need to keep pushing and it's a top four priority, if not three, as far as Economic Development. Working with the Corridor, Ford Plant and NASA expansion on the west end number four is Brookgate. If we can get the owners of Brookgate to do that outbuilding-restaurant and convert the former BP station into a habitable place in Brook Park can bring their families to utilize, that will go a long way to begin reinvestment into the plaza. As a for-profit business, they need to see a return on investment and made that clear. I explained there are friends in Middleburg Hts. and brought up Ridgepark Square as to what it became by owners turning property into jewels. We didn't get into North Olmsted or Strongsville because chances of getting an Applebee's or Starbucks at Brookgate is difficult. It can happen but it's difficult because there are some that have a three-mile or five-mile radius and if you fall into that there is a problem with location. Therefore, we need to look outside the normal box at other businesses that should be in this area.

Mr. Mencini finished up by saying the amenities Brook Park has look at the glass half-full but maybe if one or two come around hopefully more will be enticed to come.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Mr. Scott for a great job and for bringing up the former BP gas station that was the first focus point when meeting with the Mayor and Brookgate. If we can get that former station changed to something else that will change the whole dynamic of the area. I think it is a good plan for what you're doing and whatever is needed let us know.

Mr. Adams commented there are two steps that have to be dealt with, one is the former BP is on a Conditional Use Permit that has expired and secondly the removal of the tanks because it's been more than a year; that's the step the law department and I are working on presently is to get those tanks out. Then the building can be put up for sale or raised and I've spoken with the County's demolition fund and was told if we can get the occupancy permit away from it the property will be derelict and there will be funds available to the city to demolish it, if necessary.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, that item number two was discussed.

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

Discussion: cont.

3. APPROPRIATION OF \$3,100.00 FOR LIVESTREAM AND BOXCAST PAYMENTS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018. **Note: Moved by motion from the April 17, 2018 Council agenda**

Mr. Salvatore stated I don't think more funds need to be appropriated all that's really needed is a motion authorizing the Finance Director to pay. I think the monies are available for that and Council voted to do that.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Stemm, to pay for livestream and Boxcast not to exceed \$3,100.00.

Mr. Vecchio stated the vote made last week was to pay the Reynolds' for their portion and this is for the remainder for the outlay of what the total is along with BoxCast.

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

4. APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE BLAZAK AS CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2018-2019 COUNCIL TERM **Note: Moved by motion from the April 17, 2018 Council agenda**

Mr. Orcutt stated I'm glad we're at this point because this has been a long while and apologized to Michelle (Clerk of Council) for having to go this long. Mr. Orcutt thanked the clerk for acclimating him to the position, you've done a very good job and apologized to the clerk for having to go through this process; but wanted to protect the ad in the paper and applicants.

Mr. Salvatore stated it goes a little further than Mr. Orcutt's comments. We went through some rough times the last couple of years and Michelle was stuck in the middle of a few things. I had an opportunity to talk to her on several occasions and most recently just the other day. I certainly believe that Michelle should have the position for the rest of this term and as, one Councilman; I'm not sure how or why the ad was placed in the paper. Those things did happen and many people thought they were going to get an interview and depending on what happens tonight, if they don't get the interview, I think a letter should go out thanking the applicants and let them know the application will remain on file for at least a year. If Council doesn't agree then I will do this on my own but I think the people who took time to put in applications should be a part of this progress.

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Mr. Poindexter stated I wish we could have done this quite a while ago, Michelle has put in a long time here and I'd like to see her finish her career with dignity and can't wait to vote to reflect that.

Mr. Mencini thanked Michelle.

Mr. Burgio stated I don't know anyone else that works as hard as Michelle does. I keep her busy with memos and other things and she is always there to help. I'm glad that this is finally coming to a close and very thankful Michelle is there to help all of us.

Mr. Salvatore commented to clear one issue up on something Mr. Poindexter said, I understand you wanted to move rather quickly and 100% behind the clerk from the very beginning; I appreciate that and think your comments are well taken. I, also, applaud Council for taking the time to make the right decision after finding out all the facts. There was an investigation that was going on that pertained to our Council office. Whether you want to accept this or not, our clerk is part of that Council business. So, it is very important that you protect the integrity of not only the clerk but also the Members of Council. I think by taking that little extra time and doing it the right way, at the right time and coming up with the right answers to come up with the right results; it's the conclusion that is important. The only way I'm going to be part of the conclusion is if we do it the right way, and I think we did. I'm hoping Michelle has the votes and I'm going to guess it will be 7-zip but still would like to acknowledge the people that did apply and should be treated with respect as well.

Mr. Stemm thanked Michelle and stated when we were sworn in we weren't given a textbook or guide on how to be a Council representative but we did get the next best thing, Michelle, who helped tremendously. We inherited a tough situation, did our due diligence, and owed that to the city and to Michelle and I'd like to thank her personally.

Mr. Scott stated people who don't know the past two years somebody went through hell, I'm letting you know that. This lady went through hell for two years and I've always had her back and we're good to go; Michelle, I'm there and will try not to bother you every day.

Mr. Vecchio personally thanked Michelle and can only speak for myself and for the remainder of Council but you, this whole time, through all the trials and tribulations these first four months. Have been nothing but a rock and I can honestly say for the job that you do it is a thankless job, but I personally want to thank you.

The clerk thanked everyone and stated I appreciate the comments.

Discussion: cont.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

5. A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARLENE SCHWIND FOR BEING NOMINATED AS 2018 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Scott, Council as a Whole and Mayor Gammella

Mr. Scott thanked the committee for selecting Mrs. Schwind and commented at the first meeting I told the committee this wasn't going an easy choice. There were many good nominations and had a lot of discussions on the top three choices. Mr. Scott thanked Committee Members; Tim Chornak, William Sheppard, Tom DuFour, Dan Eberhardt, Bill Bailey, Susan Booker, Kelly Vrsic and Lavaine Cates.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS. **Note: Moved by motion from the April 17, 2018 Council agenda.**

Mayor Gammella commented both the police and fire chiefs are in attendance if Council has any questions.

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Salvatore for an update on the proposed safety building?

Mr. Salvatore clarified police or fire.

Mr. Mencini stated police.

Mr. Salvatore responded what I would like to see happen is that we move the improvement money into the Roads Program and pursue the idea of building a new police station; along with the Clerk of Courts and additional jails on Brookpark Road, that was discussed several years ago. There has been some dialogue with the Mayor on this and not sure, where he is at with this but would like to have open dialogue with everyone to participate.

Discussion: cont.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to have Police Chief Foster speak.

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

James Foster
Chief of Police
City of Brook Park
17401 Holland Road

Mr. Mencini thanked Chief Foster for coming, with the improvements, Council covered the vests, records room renovations, captain office, conference room, etc. Since the city doesn't have a safety director now is that office being used for anything else? During my ride along police officers told and showed me they use that office to do some of their legwork i.e. phone calls. Have there been any improvements and what exactly are the needs for these improvements?

Mr. Foster responded with the safety director's space used to be the chief's office and has changed through the years. The officers use that room because the other room that was used barely fit two people and was cumbersome. With that space, the officers have the room and comfort for doing reports efficiently to get back on the road. Furniture that was in the building was reused and the goal is to organize with professional furniture and other items.

Mr. Mencini asked if some of these improvements would help that. What exactly are you looking for with the records room, captain's office and conference room renovations?

Mr. Foster stated the records room currently, since dispatch moved to Parma, has all the radio console equipment, outdated Motorola equipment. I wanted to have cabinets in there to store all the reports for seven years as well as furniture and carpeting upgrades; that room hasn't been upgraded in over 20 years or longer. When the public comes to the station the only room they see is that room and believe the lobby and report room should look as professional as can be at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Salvatore stated I thought the carpeting from the Recreation Department project was going to be moved to the police department. Has that been done?

Mr. Foster responded nothing has been done; we've been waiting for the budget to see if there is any furniture purchased or available from the current City Hall. There is some costs to move the equipment out but we wanted to see what monies were available to make a plan.

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Mr. Salvatore stated with the filing cabinets, they would be used for hard copies of documents rather than scanning into the computer.

Mr. Foster responded the department has a system that does store, as much as possible, on a server that has a backup system offsite, that's been in place since 2008. When a witness fills out a statement or there is other pieces of evidence we can still scan it but we have to keep it with the case file for court presentation; we have to keep the original until that case is over.

Mr. Salvatore asked if there are any improvements, being looked at right now that couldn't wait a year or so?

Mr. Foster responded we could wait and make do with whatever we have; we've had plans since early 2000 for a new building, renovation back and forth.

Mr. Salvatore commented I'm with you and have been waiting since 2001 for a new building on Brookpark Road; when that idea came up, I thought that was the best idea we had in a long time.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Mr. Foster for coming and commented since you were here last time we talked about possibly a new station. One of the things I found out is that females are being transported to North Royalton, is that correct.

Mr. Foster responded yes, that's where females are housed and if they're crowded then females are transported to Strongsville Police Department.

Mr. Orcutt stated when that is done that takes at least one officer off the road.

Mr. Foster responded at least one; it's not uncommon to have two officers transport a female prisoner.

Mr. Orcutt stated obviously, that compromises the safety of the city because of that. I think with the new building is something that needs to be talked about and possibly get moving on. Because dollars are being spent to North Royalton to house female prisoners, police officers are taken off the roads and that jeopardizes the people's safety. As Mr. Stemm mentioned sometimes when we take good money and throw it towards something bad we have to look at that to make sure we're doing the right thing. This Council is working hard to try to become more efficient as a city and that's one place I think we're extremely inefficient is that building. In talking about the Forfeiture Fund, there is some monies in there and I hope you get the bulletproof glass. I did some research and this bulletproof glass is mounted to the driver's side window and with all the violence against police officers recently; I think this is something that is very important for our police

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officers. There is a hole block where the police officer's head would be but also has an opening where they can return fire. I think this is something really needed as an improvement for the police officers.

Mr. Foster thanked Mr. Orcutt for that support and stated once the department gets the new vehicles we plan on adding that from the Law Enforcement Fund; that equipment purchased will transfer to the next new vehicle, it's transferrable.

Mr. Stemm stated to Mr. Foster with the female arrestee it's my understanding if the city makes the arrest is transferred to North Royalton. What occurs if it's a warrant pickup from another agency? Does North Royalton meet halfway or come to Brook Park?

Mr. Foster responded the officers do everything we can to make accommodations to meet halfway to drop off at some point. If the agency says they can't come immediately, then the female prisoner is transported to North Royalton right away.

Mr. Poindexter stated to Mr. Foster would the building improvements help the day-to-day operations or help moral amongst the police officers; what are the advantages?

Mr. Foster responded it would do both and a little bit more; to have a clean and new place is always helpful. When you have cabinets that don't close any longer and would cost more to have them fixed then to replace. On the tabletops, the vinyl is all chipped off for being there for 30 years and things like that. It does have a little bit of a negative and it's nobody's fault because some people have planned for the renovations but when it doesn't come through it has a double-negative effect; colors were being planned with anticipation and then it doesn't happen and this has occurred three times.

Mr. Poindexter agreed with Mr. Foster and stated I haven't seen any plans for a new police department and support keeping that money where it is and let you do the necessary improvements to help the police force; I'm opposed to cutting any more from the police department.

Mr. Vecchio asked was or is there discussion of some of the furniture from City Hall coming to the police department. If so, what was it and where would it be going?

Mr. Foster responded it's a little bit of an unknown, we weren't sure what furniture would be available from the primarily the Finance Department. We had to see what was available, take a look at it to see what would fit in the police department for usage. If minor purchases were needed to accompany that and maximize efficiency of what is there. That would be for the officers' room and a few other

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rooms for the officers. The Records Room primarily I didn't see anything that would work as far as the shelving; the size and tightness to get seven years' worth of records to compact. Currently, three or four years those records are carried downstairs; so on a yearly basis one year of records are carried downstairs to keep and one year is carried upstairs to be shredded.

Mr. Mencini stated with the carpet (Recreation Center project) is it in storage or laid-in or is it going to the police department?

Mr. Garner responded the carpet is in storage at the service garage, nothing has been determined on where it is going to go. The new building department had their offices done out of one batch as soon as direction is give we can proceed.

Mr. Vecchio asked Mr. Garner how many batches are there?

Mr. Garner responded I believe there are six or seven different patterns, not sure of the quantities of each; so we would have to go room by room on how much carpeting there is.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mayor Gammella that carpeting will be used, correct?

Mayor Gammella responded yes, the Recreation Center was built in the 1970's, extensive renovation in the 1990's and just went through another renovation. As you know, I'm a big proponent of reopening the pool and putting a new roof on but I received some bad news today from a company I had looking and inspecting the pool area for a price. There is no vapor barrier that was ever put in on the walls when the pool was built in the 1970's. So essentially, what's happening is those bricks and mold that is seen coming down is due to a lack of a vapor barrier never installed. This has taken from the 1970's until today for that to come out but the fact is it has come out. I say that to say this, I've been over to the police and fire stations and have to concur with Mr. Salvatore I think we need a new building. Where it's going to be I'm not quite certain but it has to be in a location where it can serve the city in its whole; it can't have a detrimental effect with railroad tracks, it has to be in a location where the trains are not going a factor. What I'm saying and hope there is a consensus on this in the future and think Mr. Salvatore agrees with me. I think a new police and fire station are needed, rather than putting money constantly in that building; I think it's going to be a recreation center part two. That's my suggestion and will reach out and get ideas but you're on the right track that a new police and fire station is needed and long overdue.

Mr. Foster interjected the building was built in 1970.

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Mayor Gammella continued whenever a rehabilitation is done, like we're finding out at the recreation center, there is always something else found when doing the renovation. With car leasing I know the police need the cars and some will say why not stagger the leases. The reason is with the state minimum pricing and asked Mr. Foster to elaborate on that and how much the cars are needed.

Mr. Foster responded usually January 1st I have a proposal of what is needed for the vehicles. Sgt. Sulminski is the Police Department Fleet Manager who works with John Pensis, the city's Fleet Manager and knows the conditions of the cars. They consult and we speak to figure out what is needed. In general, police cars after ten years old seem to have problems, that's the history. I was here on March 28th speaking to Council and about three days afterwards a ball joint came out of the detective's car while driving with someone in the car; a 2008 with 100,000 miles on it. The department has three cars that are first-line patrol cars with one having 136,000 miles and the other two having close to 100,000 miles, I'd like to get those three replaced first. I appreciate the funding and know there's been some dialogue on which cars would be replaced but depending on the funding. I would consult with John Pensis and Sgt. Sulminski, Fleet Managers, to see with the dollars I have which cars need to be changed first. Again, it's those first-line pursuit vehicles that once over five years old, the last three will be, anything over the age are going to be problematic. As far as management is concerned, we work hard at it and when the city got into economic hardship because of the recession, the last year that cars were bought was 2008; there were no cars purchased from 2009-2012. There were ten vehicles purchased in 2013 and those are the cars that are now fatiguing as far as pursuit-rated cars. The department still has some of the 2008's on the road used as auxiliary cars that are constantly breaking down. There are two cars that still have some police life to them and give them to the auxiliary's and a possible plan to reuse some of the other ones. As far as the F-150's trucks, John Pensis, approached me two years ago and wanted the department to try them. Mainly, because they are easier to maintain and felt they would be more cost-efficient. The police van is a 1999 and Suburban, that was a confiscated vehicle, is as 2001; the department would like to replace those and try the F-150. There is a police fleet magazine that is used as reference and we go by the data test that is done in Michigan every year. There's a reason why the Ford Explorer is a number one police vehicle because agencies buy it, like it and the F-150 is being rated as a high vehicle and pursuit rated. The department is trying these things and the vehicles are rotated very well. We're also caught with some deadline dates; after June 8th Ford will not accept any more orders for the police pursuit package. If the funding was approved soon we'd have to go out for bids for two weeks, receive the bids, present to Council and if there are three readings that takes us to June 4th. If we have to go through Board of Control and the Finance Director knows their approved that would get past the June 8th deadline, so the cars couldn't be ordered. We would then have to wait until the 2019 vehicles to

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open up, those time restrictions are every year and change. I put in for seven cars and believe we need the seven cars, there's been talk about different numbers but whatever dollars we get dictates what type of vehicles the department gets. The estimate given is based on 2000 State bidding pricing of 2018 cars but the changeover and wrap go out to bid; so there is some fluctuation. It could be more or less depending on the bidding process; so those dollars aren't fixed, it could be a little more than anticipated.

Mayor Gammella commented based on the chief's statements the cars are needed and I'm willing to work with Council to perhaps get a new police and fire station in the city.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mr. Cingle, Council approved to move forward with two police vehicles and one F-150; the F-150 is important from an operational standpoint. I think Council looked at the idea of looking at the end of the year if more monies become available to look at purchasing more vehicles going into 2019.

Mr. Cingle commented my notes for the police department are as follows: \$18,000 for the vest and outside carrier; \$22,000 for the server and \$40,000 lease payment for the vehicles; which I believe were two Explorers and one F-150.

Mr. Salvatore stated towards the end of the year, Council will look at possible funding for more police vehicles. As one Councilman, I am not going to underfund the police department and as Mr. Orcutt brought up. It's not a bad idea to stagger the purchase of some of these vehicles so they're not all going bad at the same time.

Mr. Mencini thanked Mayor Gammella for his answer with a new safety building.

Mr. Mencini stated the vehicles with 100,000 miles is that the parameter for a police vehicle?

Mr. Foster responded in general, that's a good rule of thumb, but when they get to that mileage that's when we talk to Head Mechanic, John Pensis, who gives an evaluation. Currently, the department has a vehicle with 136,000 miles and seems to be holding up; but with that kind of mileage, eventually different parts are going to start falling apart. In addition, as mentioned there's a tremendous amount of idling time with the cruisers, sometimes it could be up to 2-1. Meaning 200,000 miles of idling time on the engines i.e. an accident and sitting for an hour during the wintertime with the lights on.

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Mr. Poindexter expressed a concern with the new building, even if we went through the discussion process very quickly and settled on a location. If we had drawings, discussions and put the proposal out to bid, it will be a year or two before breaking ground. Then there is the length of time for construction and moving into the building; that could take up to three years before setting foot into the new building. In the meantime, they will be working in deplorable conditions; so I'd like to see some monies go towards improving the workplace to do report efficiently and not have to look at smoke-stained ceiling tiles. If the department has a nice clean environment to work in that helps with the ability for them to do their jobs.

Seeing no one else, Mr. Vecchio thanked Mr. Foster.

Mr. Foster thanked Council for their support and stated good job to the clerk.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Mencini, Poindexter, Stemm, Orcutt, Burgio, Scott
NAYS: The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to move \$70,000 additional dollars out of Police into the Roads Program.

Mr. Salvatore stated the reason why I'm making that motion is simply this. I think Council's actions at the last Council meeting with passing legislation for work to be done on Smith Road during the 2019 Roads Program; the 2018 Roads Program can officially be called the 2018-2019 Roads Program. Some of the monies transferred now should be held to fund the project Council already passed. Anything going forward that extra monies can be found that should be moved into that Roads Program because it's just not the 2018 Roads Program. We're looking at a two-year plan that I think Council passed by Council-matic action and think it's serious. I'm glad to see that some of the projects are going to becoming forward in 2019 but that doesn't change my opinion that some work needs to be done this year also. I want to see the police working in a clean, safe environment but when looking at the big picture and that is a new building. The big picture is moving Mayor's Court out of the Recreation Center to the police station and building enough jails so that prisoners aren't transported out of the city; so we can accommodate what is going on in our city. Whatever it takes, I think Brook Park is at a turning point, at a crossroads, in doing some of those things. I'm happy to hear that the Mayor is excited about building a new police station and jails. To possibly get some contracts with the county to house non-violent criminals we may find a way to pay for it. I'm not trying to take money away from the police department, I'm an advocate of the police department and am very proud of the work they're doing and the way they handled the economic downturn.

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Mr. Scott clarified that Council is approving \$8,000 for the bulletproof vests, \$10,000 for the outside vest carrier, and \$40,000 for the vehicles and \$22,000 for two servers.

Mr. Cingle concurred.

Mr. Poindexter reiterated I want to support our police officers now and will be voting against taking the \$70,000 out of the police budget and into the Roads Program. I know roads need to be fixed but police officers deserve to work in a sustainable environment. The proposed new safety building is at least a couple of years away and I'd like to get them through this year, I will vote no on this.

Mayor Gammella stated Council, I implore you to get the chief the \$70,000 back they need the police cars; I think that's very important and can't emphasize that enough. I do like the idea of a two year Roads Program because in 2013-2014 there was \$500,000 each year; the current budget called for \$1.2 million-dollars. Next year, there will be over \$5 million-dollars in the Roads Program with \$1.7 million-dollars from grants. So, the two year Roads Program is good but police need the cars to get around, answer calls and secure the city. Finally, it will be a police and fire station that will be talked about at a later date.

The clerk called the roll on the **motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to move \$70,000 additional dollars out of Police into the Roads Program.

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

NAYS: Mencini, Poindexter. The motion carried with a vote of 5-2.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to have Fire Chief Maund address Council.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Tom Maund
Fire Chief
17401 Holland Road

Mr. Scott stated was the building renovation proposed in 2013?

Mr. Maund clarified I think it was probably 2012.

Mr. Scott asked if the renovation was approved?

Mr. Maund responded yes, it was.

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Mr. Scott asked why didn't it get done?

Mr. Maund responded it was right at the point of the election of the last administration and the Mayor, at that time, stopped the progress. It has been bid, setup, date for breaking ground determined and the administration stopped the progress at that point.

Mr. Scott asked if there was a reason given?

Mr. Maund responded I think he wanted to close that station.

Mayor Gammella stated the police and fire chiefs met with Finance Director and myself and what they presented is a bare-bones budget to get by for the next year. They did that, I appreciate that very much and would ask that Council give the chiefs the moneys they asked for the next year, to protect the residents of this city.

Mr. Scott stated on the Fire Capital Budget request for three new firefighters PTE.

Mr. Maund responded before the Capital budget was requested the operating budget was requested and I requested three new firefighters. In anticipation, that during that part of the budget new firefighters would be hired, they would have to be outfitted so I incorporated that into the capital request. When it was determined that three firefighters weren't going to be hired that capital request was removed. The methodology used for hiring three firefighters, station no. 9 renovation, new fire engine, replacement of air bottles and thermal-energy masks. The technique used is a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis. What I came to realize is our strengths despite the reduction of manning, less fire stations and increased call volumes the department has been able to preserve and increase the service available to the citizens by hiring practices, education and training. We hire all paramedic/firefighters except for one currently and provide that care throughout the city; we've embraced modern firefighting techniques and using minimal manpower to combat fires in modern fire structures. The weaknesses realized is with infrastructure in our stations and with our equipment, is becoming antiquated. Currently, the department has a front-line pumper that later will be seen as a threat. The department has a 1996 front line pumper and one that is a 2002 and what happened this morning is I was advised that the 1996 front line pumper had a malfunction in the passenger side door. A weld broke, can no longer be secured, and has to be taken out of service. That required the 1986 Pierce Dash came out of the service department where it is stored and put back into service to protect the West End residents. The truck is a 1,500-gallon a minute pump that was built in 1986 when the department had more manpower and less modern fire

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equipment. What now happens is that the West End residents have a truck that only ladder the second story of a building and only pump 1,500 gallons a minute, until that other truck is put back into service. That is one of the failings in that SWOT analysis is that the front-line pumper is a 2002 and the secondary pumper is a 1996 now the department is using a 1986 pumper on the West End. By renovating Station No. 9 is a small capital expenditure, I realize it's not small but it is small in regards to the 90/10 split. To rehabilitate that station so the ladder truck can be in the front line. That ladder truck cannot only ladder a building several stories high and reach 100 feet when elevated, can throw more money than other piece of equipment has currently but can be driven by the two-men stationed at the West End station all the time. We talk about new fire stations and Councilman Poindexter is absolutely correct by the time a station is setup it will be three years from now. In my analysis, I needed to prioritize since we didn't a date of when or if a station would be built. What can be done to increase or maintain the service ability of my fire department, for the safety of the citizens, employees and businesses of the community. By bringing that ladder to the front line more water can be thrown to protect businesses, ladder higher structures and utilize an almost brand new vehicle that's been in storage for 18 years. The pumper at Station No. 8 currently is too big to fit so by bumping the doors out of the 1958 fire station and by doing some upgrades to the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning), electrical and roof that front line fire truck functioning today, if we would of went ahead in 2013. That was the plan then and is still the plan now, unfortunately, because of the economic downfall and the Mayor's choice to try and close the station, we never went through with those plans.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Chief Maund for coming a second time, and stated what we're trying to do is we have two-year Roads Program that Council is facing. We see an opportunity where there are monies from the county and aggressively going after those monies so the city pays only a portion. With that being said Council has to efficiently look through the budget and see what can be shaved even more. I, for one, would not support having fire or police not having the necessary equipment. When you appeared the first time you spoke about taking the ladder truck off the parade route and putting it front line. I also heard you talk about the truck that was over 20 years with only approximately two more years left. I understand the moral aspect of everything and think we can become a little more efficient with our police by consolidating our own prisoners. I went through the fire budget and remembered what you told me about the masonry work and door at one price being \$24,000 and a second price of \$21,000. One suggestion I'd like to make is I think fire needs to get some capital monies, the fire department deserves and needs it. There are some needs that the fire department and think Council should take that into consideration.

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Mr. Stemm thanked Fire Chief Maund for coming again, and asked if the fire department has any equipment time-sensitive, expiring this year?

Mr. Maund responded on the capital request list second from the bottom. There are 15 replacement for the SCBA bottles. SCBA bottles are breathing bottles that are used on the back and pressurized to 4,500 lbs.; which provides about 45 minutes of breathing time. Every time a bottle is filled it expands and microscopically creates cracks. After ten years they don't want you to reuse them anymore. The department is coming up on replacement bottles and the department probably has about 60 bottles and this is the first set that is budgetarily responsible to start replacement. The department alternates the fire vehicles and air bottles by setting up a program; the air bottles are replaced in a stagger fashion, so that is a time-sensitive issue.

Mayor Gammella thanked Fire Chief Maund for coming and the hard work of reducing capital items and hopes Council fulfills the department's budgetary needs. I want to let Council know that through attrition and retirements Council will probably have to replace three police officers and possibly three firefighters in the next year.

Mr. Poindexter asked with this itemized list how much is absolutely needed for Station No. 9 renovations to get the ladder truck there?

Mr. Maund responded I was the Assistant Fire Chief when this project was developed and by looking inside the 1958 fire station they recognized issues with leaks, one developed a few weeks ago that is different from the leak identified by this project.

Mr. Vecchio asked are those roof leaks?

Mr. Maund concurred and continued one is over the computer area so there is a water chute taking the leaks away from that area. In any event, some of the roofing estimate of \$8,000 is to just pull back four-feet from the edges of the building and redoing that area. Another leak occurred towards the edge of the building and I put in \$150,000 because the approved amount was given in 2013; that is the bare-bones estimate to get the ladder at Station No. 9. This project will have to be re-evaluated by engineers and my thoughts it would be just under \$150,000 because of inflation. We're not looking for new kitchen tops or glass block windows even though that would help with heating. There is an old-fashioned boiler out there with a fan going and old fluorescent tube lighting. So the project would have to be rebid and even if started today wouldn't be complete until 2019.

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Mr. Poindexter stated I want to give the firefighters the tools needed and am in support of appropriating the \$150,000 for the fire department.

Mr. Mencini thanked Fire Chief Maund for coming, and stated the Mayor brings up a good point with the hire of three police officers and firefighters. With so many things that could happen in the city i.e. roof or street collapse. Mr. Mencini asked for clarification of the fire trucks in service?

Mr. Maund responded currently at the west end station is a 1986 Pierce-Dash and at the service garage there is a 1996 Sutphen pumper, that's the one out of service. Currently, at the Holland Road station there is 2002 Sutphen pumper and a 2002 ladder-truck that can't be manned.

Mr. Mencini interjected that is the truck you're looking to put at the West End station.

Mr. Maund responded right, what we do when we need the ladder is abandon this pumper and fire crews jump onto the ladder and respond. Then the pumper at the West End then comes to the main station on Holland; two different tools with the ladder having pump capabilities.

Mr. Mencini stated so we're talking about a truck that is 30-years old and another truck that is 20-years old. Why do we have a 30-year old or 20-year old truck? Am I missing something these trucks should be more updated than 30-years and 20-years.

Mr. Maund interjected correct, I believe it was always put to the administration's prior to this one and never went anywhere after that, I don't think Council was aware of that.

Mr. Mencini asked for the years on the ambulances?

Mr. Maund responded I don't have that but the newest one purchased last year and there is a 2011 ambulance and then into the 1990's. In that program what I was trying to do is, I found a manufacturer that builds ambulances like tanks. What happens is the chassis go and found a manufacturer re-boxes the chassis by taking it down to the studs. Because ambulances are well built, they can be reused and repainted saving the city \$40,000 on the purchase of a new ambulance. The problem is four are needed to start the re-boxing program and currently have one.

Mr. Vecchio asked Mr. Maund what is the average life expectancy of a pumper and a ladder?

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Mr. Maund responded they say 20-years is the working life of both the pumper and ladder, after that it should be retired.

Mr. Vecchio asked if there is a percentage usage amount?

Mr. Maund responded there probably is and it's probably an average but every city runs differently and left to emergency mechanics that are trained for evaluating those vehicles. The city's mechanic, John Pensis, advised that the administration that maybe we could get two more years with the front-line pumper.

Mr. Vecchio stated in Valley View there is a major repairer of said equipment, has the department ever sent any of our equipment there?

Mr. Maund was unsure about Valley View and stated equipment has been sent to Lodi, Williams and the ladder has been driven to Sutphen in Southern, OH. They did a \$25,000 refit of the ladder and did all new cabling, hydraulics and seals for the pump mechanisms. Every year the ladder has to be professionally inspected and was told the ladder truck is like new being 18-years old.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Fire Chief Maund for coming again, and stated at one time legislation was before Council to house that vehicle in Middleburg Hts. With the purpose of them maintaining, insuring and responding to Brook Park's needs as well as the new addition at Southwest General. Because there was no vehicle in Middleburg Hts. to accommodate a major fire and that apparatus would suffice. Why didn't we finish that off, I thought it was a good idea at the time, what is your opinion?

Mr. Maund responded the reason we did that is because of the closure of the West End station forced the department that pumper at that station. The secondary pumper had to be at the Holland Road station. The obvious choice in the state that Middleburg Hts. was in with the lack of a functioning ladder was take Brook Park's ladder and call if needed.

Mr. Salvatore clarified that pumper has always been at Station No. 9?

Mr. Maund concurred.

Mr. Salvatore stated in 2013 monies were appropriated for improvements to that station and not sure why they didn't get completed. In the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 was there dialogue or was it on the department's wish list as a proposed budgetary item?

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Mr. Maund responded I made an attempt to speak with the Mayor and it wasn't on his agenda.

Mr. Maund answered Mr. Vecchio's question from his last appearance. You asked how many fires did the department go on? In response, in the last five years the department went on 276 fires of all types; 60 vehicle fires, 29 cooking fires and 103 were structural and/or building fires. That includes Brook Park as a fire service responding our fire vehicles to Brook Park, Middleburg Hts., Berea, Strongsville or what community needed assistance; over 10,000 times ambulances were rolled out in the last five years.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Poindexter to appropriate \$150,000 for Fire Station No. 9 building improvements.

Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by Mr. Stemm, supported by Mr. Scott, to allocate \$15,000 for the replacement of 15 SBCA air bottles.

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

Motion by Mr. Orcutt, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to move \$85,000 from the Fire capital improvements budget to Fund 545 – Roads Program.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Orcutt, Salvatore, Mencini, Stemm, Burgio, Scott
NAYS: Poindexter. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

Mr. Salvatore commented that not only is a new fire and police station needed but other buildings are needed also. I think leave \$50,000 in the fire capital so the department can make a decision as to how to spend those monies.

Mr. Vecchio asked Mr. Cingle where does that put the capital improvement for the Economic Development Fund appropriations now. Has Council looked at everything?

Mr. Cingle responded the only other fund would be General Government & Lands, infrastructure improvements and reserve. The majority of those monies are either appropriated or have been approved for appropriation by Councilmatic action. The

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last line on the proposed Capital Improvement expenditures of almost \$385,000 is the last item after the Fire Department.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mr. Cingle that fund has a balance of \$274,000.

Mr. Cingle the General Governments & Lands Fund, to date, almost \$180,000 has been either spent or tentative to be spent. In addition, there's roughly \$150,000 to \$160,000 that was approved by the former Council for the Recreation Center parking lot. In order to free up that money, that legislation would have to be repealed to free up those dollars. So there's roughly \$340,000 committed and/or spent leaving a balance of \$40,000.

Mr. Orcutt clarified the total reads \$384,580 with \$110,000 for the changes to the Recreation Center.

Mr. Cingle concurred.

Mr. Orcutt continued the \$160,000 for the Recreation parking lot is in a different fund?

Mr. Cingle responded those dollars will be spent out of that line item, the project has not been bid out and no contract has been awarded.

Mr. Orcutt asked at this time, Council couldn't take some of the monies out to reduce the amount of parking spaces at the Recreation Center with a single motion; without taking away the monies, the former Council placed into that fund.

Mr. Cingle responded if Council wanted to redesign the Recreation Center parking lot to reduce the cost that would be discussion for another meeting.

Mr. Stemm stated to Mr. Cingle, wouldn't it be a good idea now for any projects appropriated that come in under budget. To put a certain percentage of that remaining balance into a separate cost center i.e. 521; to prepare for the \$2 million-dollar shortfall for 2019?

Mr. Cingle responded that would be a great idea.

Mr. Vecchio clarified anything that comes in under bid or under budget.

Mr. Stemm responded any project approved that comes in under budget such as a \$10,000 budget item completed for \$8,000. Of that \$2,000, we put 50% into a cost-center savings for the \$2 million-dollar shortfall in 2019. We need to start

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getting ahead of this because that would be less monies we need to borrow next year or less cuts.

Mr. Salvatore stated I think we can do that when the project goes out to bid and comes in under bid. If Council stays proactive, sounds like we're going to, monies can be moved from the General Fund into the Roads Program or Special Fund 'earmarked' for that purpose. Mr. Salvatore stated to Mr. Cingle with Fund 250 for payment to the employee coordinators. If Council took the balance of their monies that are due for the rest of this year and moved it into the General Fund; for purpose of payroll that would free-up some dollars going forward. That Council could look into doing some other things with those dollars in the fourth quarter of the year. My guess is the remainder of their salaries are somewhere around \$40,000 of payroll for each one? In addition, I would like to take a hard look at somebody within the Recreation Department promoted to Deputy Director; so in absence of the Recreation Director there is somebody that has the authority to make decisions.

Mr. Cingle responded I'm currently researching that now and the auditors will be onsite within the next few weeks and have a meeting to determine how those monies can be expended. If the monies can be transferred out of that fund back to the General Fund. Or if, for example, a salary can be expensed out of Fund 250. Rather than transfer the monies from Fund to 250 to the General Fund just pay a salary or portion of a salary out Fund 250 – Special Recreation Fund. When clarification is received from the auditors what is permissible I'll advise Council.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Cingle and reiterated of bringing the Deputy Director title back in the Recreation Center, so that a proper chain of command is established. Mr. Salvatore stated with Mr. Orcutt's comments with the parking lot improvements Council would need to amend or rescind that legislation that funds the parking lot. I know the Mayor has a plan to downsize the parking lot.

Mayor Gammella asked for clarification about Mr. Salvatore's statement about the parking lot and the Mayor?

Mr. Salvatore stated we talked last week about the parking lot that was going to be created by the tennis courts and you mentioned that isn't in the plans; you mentioned about downsizing into a smaller lot.

Mayor Gammella responded no, I didn't say that. I think that parking lot is absolutely essential to the operation of the new City Hall. There are only four spots in the front for parking. When people come to City Hall a close place is needed to get into City Hall. Right now there are only four designated parking spots where City Hall is going to be located. There are a lot of older residents in this city and

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those parking spaces will be handicapped parking. However, the proposed parking lot will not effect the tennis courts. What I said was there will be no parking on the grass and the proposed parking lot would consist of 24 to 25 spaces is essential for the operation of the new City Hall.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mayor Gammella if there are any cost figures.

Mayor Gammella responded there are figures but that project is going out for bids and when the bids come back, an informed decision can be made.

Mr. Mencini concurred with Mr. Stemm's idea of a special savings fund for anything bidded out that comes in under budget.

Mayor Gammella also concurred with Mr. Stemm's idea, we have to look at that \$5 million-dollars for roads next year; because \$1.7 of those dollars someone else is paying.

Mr. Poindexter concurred with Mr. Stemm's idea and stated, I don't see where the departments are going to come in under budget; \$85,000 was just cut from the fire department and \$70,000 from the police department. With these cuts I can't support these appropriation changes we're cutting from two departments that are sworn to protect the city. Now we want them to save extra money to put into a special account.

Mr. Salvatore stated I think what Mr. Stemm was talking about is when the city goes out to bid on a project and the bid comes in under the appropriated amount.

Mr. Stemm interjected that's correct.

Mayor Gammella commented it wouldn't be cuts from police and fire that would fund it would be if a street bid comes in at \$300,000 and is completed at \$250,000.

Mr. Stemm concurred.

Mr. Orcutt stated for the record, there was no vote that the Ward 3 Councilman made to undercut police or fire, none whatsoever. I have vision for this city and thinks the city needs to move forward. Like the both chiefs said it's been talked for decades and nothing has happened. I, for one, supported everything that would make the police and fire departments safer on the roads. To reiterate, what I made my motion for was for Wengler, Hummel and all the bad roads. All that would be done is a shared department sacrifice to be able to put some roads down that are brand new; now we talked about how we're going to putting up a new station.

Discussion: cont;

Mr. Mencini stated to the residents, employees and everyone in the city, we knew coming in with this budget it was being short on money. The police, fire and service are short on staff and can go on and on. I think it's great that a safety building is being thought of and like what is being done at the Recreation Center and hopefully what will be done with this building (Council Chambers).

Mr. Scott stated I talked to department heads and spent many hours on the phone; this isn't something that was done in 10 or 15 minutes. This Council has done a lot of work out here and everyone else up here has done a lot of work on this budget. I support the police and fire departments but we have to look into the future to see what is going to be coming up. The year 2019 doesn't look pretty and recently received three phone calls about one street, it's a never ending issue. This Council has not done a knee-jerk reaction, many hours have been spent trying to find the best route to take and try to protect the city from what happens in 2019.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mr. Cingle if he would be able to have the Capital legislation ready by Tuesday.

Mr. Cingle responded I'll do my best look over my notes and may need to call the clerk to listen to the tape. We still, I believe, have to finalize the fire department. I don't think we took action on that \$50,000 – Miscellaneous Equipment.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mayor Gammella if the Roads Program recommendations by Tuesday to figure out the new dollars and what will be done for 2019?

Mayor Gammella commented since the Roads Program is going to be for 2018-2019, I will have a meeting with the city engineer. The roads have already been identified and will get that to Council, not sure if it will be by Friday but as expediently as possible. Council is correct in looking at the 2019 Roads Program because that's going to be big with a little over \$5 million-dollars being put in and \$1.7 million-dollars coming from grants.

Mr. Salvatore stated with the Roads Program presented there was a modification with removing one street and adding another street. As one Councilman, I think that removed street should be included with maybe one or two other changes to fix the road that really needs it the most.

Mr. Cingle clarified with the Fire Department, I have \$15,000 for the SBCA air bottles and Miscellaneous Equipment of \$50,000 for a total Fire Department Capital appropriation of \$65,000 with \$85,000 moved to Fund 545 – 2018-2019 Street Improvement Fund.

Mr. Vecchio and Salvatore concurred.

Discussion: cont.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to have legislation drafted and placed on the Capital Improvement and Economic Development Fund Appropriations on the May 1st Caucus Prior.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, MENCINI:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 331.45 (a) and (c) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'TEXTING WHILE DRIVING PROHIBITED' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Mencini, Council as a Whole and Mayor Gammella

Mr. Mencini stated this reflects from House Bill 95 dealing with this situation. Many municipalities in our area have different versions with some having cell phones. Most of them having 'Texting while Driving' is a large problem. In 2016, nearly 14,000 drivers crashed while being distracted by something being in the vehicle i.e. electronic device or other people. State Officers have said that more than 2,000 people were killed and caucus 7,300 accidents annually. In 2017, 27% of all accidents the use of a cellphone with 1.3 million crashes linked to distracted drivers. This is a serious problem not only in Ohio but also throughout the country and the National Highway Safety Administration did a study concluding that ten people are killed every day because of distracted driving. The City of Avon, City of Akron, University Hts., Parma Hts., Fairview Park, North Olmsted, North Royalton, Rocky River are some of the local suburbs placing fines of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$250.00 for the second offense and \$500.00 for the third offense and stipulations for jail time.

Mr. Salvatore clarified this amends legislation on the books and Council is amending Section C.

Mr. Mencini responded before police officers had to have a reason such as a burned out taillight first before pulling someone over for texting; probable cause.

Mr. Salvatore stated this gives the police officer the tool to pull someone over for texting.

Mr. Mencini concurred.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to place on the May 1st Council agenda.

Legislative Committee – Chairman, Mencini: cont.

Mr. Poindexter stated this is important being the father of a teenage daughter and her generation came up in the technology age; not used to not living without cell phones and technology. If this can prevent one tragedy, hopefully more, but if only one it's well worth it and am in full support.

Mr. Scott stated a few weeks ago I approached Police Chief Foster can use this as a tool and his response was yes. Being right now this is only a secondary offense police officers can't do anything unless there is another probable cause.

Mr. Burgio stated everybody likes their devices but while driving we've seen cars that are weaving, slowing down for no apparent reason and it's a scary thought how many people use their device and puts everyone else in peril; not only themselves but innocent people as well.

Mr. Vecchio commended Mr. Mencini and thanked him for bringing this forward and making an addition with being the father of a few children that are driving and a few more children coming and all having cellular devices. I drive quite a distance for my employment and see on a daily basis the ramifications of people texting and cell phone actions, it's horrible. With my own children I want to see them held accountable for their actions and am thankful new vehicles have hands-free devices; that is not a deterrent for them to pay attention to the road.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Mr. Mencini for bringing this forward and one good thing that might happen with this is somebody is pulled over may think twice next time and save a life.

The clerk called the roll by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to place on the May 1st Council agenda.

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

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLACEMENT OF A 'VETERAN' PARKING SPACE IN ALL MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Mencini and Council as a Whole.

Mr. Mencini stated this is being brought forward because a resident told me that no one parks in the Purple Hearts parking space and asked what about a Veterans parking space.

Legislative Committee – Chairman, Mencini: cont.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mr. Mencini, good idea. Mr. Salvatore asked Law Director Horvath what would be the penalty for somebody not a veteran parking in that space?

Mrs. Horvath responded there were extensive discussions on that topic when looking at doing the Purple Hearts space in 2016 and after considering that the best was to have no penalty. My thoughts are that someone who is not a veteran would not park in that designated parking space. At a later date, if that is Council's pleasure we could look into penalties for this. We did consider that with the Purple Heart's in 2016 and decided it would be too complicated to enforce.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mrs. Horvath to research on giving the necessary tools to the police officers and provide the court system with tools on how to deal with this in the event of someone parking who is not a veteran.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to place on the May 1st Caucus Prior.

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

Motion by Mr. Stemm, supported by Mr. Scott, to recess the Caucus meeting and go directly into the Special Council meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to go back to the Regular Caucus meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported Mr. Vecchio asked for a five-minute recess prior to going into Executive Session.

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Poindexter, Stemm, Salvatore, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt
NAYS: None. The motion carried at 9:50 p.m.

In attendance: Members of Council, Mayor Gammella, Law Director Horvath, Finance Director Cingle and Economic Development Commissioner Adams.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to adjourn the Executive Session.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Salvatore, Poindexter, Stemm, Orcutt, Burgio, Scott
NAYS: None. The motion carried at 11:14 p.m.

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

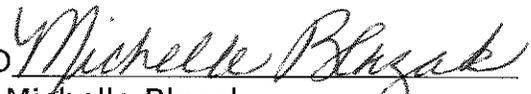
ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt, Stemm, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

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

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

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