

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:00 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

SCOTT, BURGIO, ORCUTT, STEMM, MENCINI, POINDEXTER, SALVATORE

Also in attendance were Mayor Gammella, Law Director Horvath, Service Director Gardner, Finance Director Cingle and Engineer Piatak.

DISCUSSION:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11017-2018, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council President Vecchio, Councilmembers Scott, Burgio, Orcutt, Salvatore, Stemm and Mencini

Mr. Poindexter is not in support of this ordinance because the cuts go a little too deep to the safety and recreation departments. I understand the need to fix roads but also understand the need to upgrade the safety and recreation departments.

Mr. Salvatore stated is in support and don't look at them as cuts just a postponement. Moving forward to the latter part of the year new monies may be found that doesn't get transferred into the 2018-2019 Roads Program to possibly allow us to look at police vehicles and recreation department improvements by moving monies.

Mr. Mencini thinks the Mayor and Administration brought a pretty good budget, we had to get some streets; as stated before we have to move ahead and it's going to be tough. I don't consider them cuts I consider them as monies readjusted for improvements that are desperately needed.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Finance Director Cingle for his insight on this budget being my first budget to partake in. This is a conundrum when looking at the departments and where to put the monies. The one thing that was in my head is the 2019 Roads Program and the monies 'earmarked' from the county towards these roads. Having that in my head I don't think we made any cuts to the police or fire that were going to be detrimental; the essential tools needed to perform their jobs were given to them. My decision for this budget was based on the 2018-2019 Roads Program; this budget process was very efficient.

Discussion: cont.

Mr. Cingle concurred \$40,000.

Mr. Orcutt stated the additional \$18,000 added to the \$1,506,500?

Mr. Cingle responded no, because the vest plus the carrier equaled \$18,000.

Mr. Salvatore clarified the vests are going to be reimbursed?

Mr. Cingle responded yes.

Mr. Salvatore stated when the reimbursement comes back that would be 'earmarked' to Fund 545.

Mr. Cingle commented the reimbursement will be roughly \$8,000 and not sure if that will be received this year or next year. If those monies are received next year they can be moved to the 2019 Roads Program.

Mr. Burgio stated during this budget process he is very proud that needs for departments could be met.

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

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

Mr. Vecchio stated 11023-2018 will appear under M-3.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 11000-2017, AUTHORIZING THE CONSULTING ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND BID DOCUMENTS AND THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION PARKING LOT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne. **Note:** Placed on this agenda by motion at the April 24, 2018 Caucus meeting.

Mr. Salvatore stated this is on the agenda for discussion purposes and asked Mayor Gammella if any pricing has been looked into?

Mayor Gammella responded this parking lot would be the grassy area between the tennis courts and new city hall. I don't have any updated pricing but can defer to the city engineer and believe the old proposal was approximately \$120,000 to \$130,000.

Discussion: cont.

3. A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 9, 2018 AS 'GLOBAL WELLNESS DAY', IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Councilman Orcutt, Council as a Whole and Mayor Gammella

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

Mayor Gammella expressed concerns with Section 1 of the legislation where it speaks about the 'Run' and the problem is the route by blocking off two state routes, also, the police and fire chiefs have expressed issues with the railroad tracks. A few things that have to be looked into with this run is what it is going to cost with overtime for police officers and things of that nature. Mr. Orcutt and I will be meeting on this tomorrow.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Mayor Gammella for his support and the proposed area for the run was preliminary and we need to speak with Police Chief Foster for the route. Global Wellness Day is wonderful for the city and always held the second Saturday in June annually and is recognized by 100 countries and in existence since 2012. A few goals for June 9th are to recognize the value of our lives, to pause and think, to be free from the stress of everyday life and bad habits. To make peace with ourselves and to raise awareness of living well and increase motivation. The city would like to bring everybody together and remind them of this motto that one day can change your whole life. This will be a 5K run or 1K walk and is something exciting for the community.

Mr. Salvatore stated since there are concerns perhaps remove Section 1.

Mr. Mencini stated once the meeting takes place between Police Chief Foster, Mayor and Councilman Orcutt meet to work that concern out. I would think it shouldn't be that big of an issue and bring it back to Council in a timely fashion.

Mr. Salvatore stated this could also be satisfied by removing Section 1 and renumber.

Mr. Orcutt commented the first person I spoke with on this was Mayor Gammella to ask help with the route to be used.

Mr. Poindexter would like for Section 1 to remain in the legislation and move to the May 15th Council in order to allow time for preparation of the route.

Discussion: cont.

Mr. Salvatore commented these are changes that will need to be approved at a Council meeting.

Mr. Vecchio responded the law director could way into this if a decision can be made tonight or if it needs to go to a Council meeting.

Mrs. Horvath stated a Caucus meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting and could be permissible to make a decision tonight with the May 8th date, the rest of the dates should be deferred to another meeting.

Mr. Mencini totally respects Law Director's opinion but expressed being uncomfortable cancelling the May 8th Caucus at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Gammella commented being a long-term past Member of Council, past practice is always been a meeting is never hold a meeting on an election date; it's always held on the following Wednesday.

Mr. Mencini clarified if that decision was made at a Caucus meeting?

Mr. Salvatore stated past practice matters but at that time the Council Chambers was a voting location and that is no longer the case and thinks it would be improper to move the May 8th date from tonight's Caucus agenda to tonight's Council agenda. The meeting time could be pushed back with Councilmembers signing off on that. Mr. Salvatore will not support changing rules at a Caucus meeting.

Mr. Scott commented that's why I made the suggestion to recess the Council meeting and jump back to address these two items.

Mr. Orcutt asked if the May 8th Caucus meeting time can be moved back.

Mr. Mencini commented or a special meeting called for Monday. I like the schedule and don't think the last Caucus of the month is needed.

Mr. Vecchio commented a special meeting can be called for any day as long as there is 24-hour notice.

Mr. Poindexter stated a special meeting can be called to set a meeting that isn't scheduled but can a meeting be cancelled in the same manner.

Mr. Vecchio clarified as long as there is 24-hour notice given for cancellation of a meeting. On this there are several meeting dates listed and obviously, this is a discussion that Council will need to have to decide the plan beginning with the date of May 8th meeting through December 26th.

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

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*
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Clerk of Council

APPROVED *June 5, 2018*

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