

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:41 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Special Council meeting held on March 29, 2018

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

2. Caucus Prior meeting held on April 3, 2018

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

3. Regular Council meeting held on April 3, 2018

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stemm, supported by Mr. Mencini, to go out of the Regular Order of Business to letters M-2 & G.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

2. RESOLUTION NO. 15-2018, 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

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried

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

Mr. Scott thanked the Citizen of the Year Committee Kelly Vrsic, Lavaine Cates, Susan Booker, Tim Chornak, Bill Sheppard, Dan Eberhardt, Bill Bailey and Tom DuFour for doing an outstanding job.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

1. Proclamation Honoring the 2018 7th - 9th Grade Co-Ed Basketball League Champions - CAVS
2. Proclamation Honoring the 2018 10th - 12th Grade Boys Basketball League Champions - CAVS

The clerk read the proclamations as Mayor Gammella distributed the proclamations to the team members and coaches.

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter stated Aviation & Environmental Committee has nothing on the agenda. To the residents’ living around the airport, Councilman Stemm has been contacted with noise issue concerns of low-flying aircraft and the NASA wind tunnel. When these incidents occur documentation of a date and time is needed so that these noise concerns can be remedied.

Finance Committee – Chairman Scott

Mr. Scott stated the Finance Committee has nothing on the agenda and reported the Board of Control met earlier this evening and approved 27 items.

Legislative Committee – Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated Legislative Committee has one item on the agenda ‘Texting While Driving’. Any legislation to be pulled from the committee please let him know.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported the Recreation Commission recently met and discussed new rental rates that Director Elliott is working on. Also, discussed was some possible areas within the Recreation Department as well as land around the parks and playgrounds that may be suitable for the proposed dog park, possibly in front of the service garage.

Planning Committee – Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio stated Planning Commission has not met since last report, the next meeting will be Monday, May 7th.

Reports of Special Committees: cont.

recognizing residents for their service; the Berea Grindstone banquet and the City of Middleburg Hts. Salute to the City. Southwest nominated Eileen Herold recognized for being an outstanding citizen for her service and help on the hospital board. The Old Oak Run was very successful once again with more than 500 participants joining for the annual 5K race or 1-mile race, marking 37 years of holding this event.

Berea Board of Education Committee – McDonnell, Poindexter

Mrs. McDonnell reported at the last board meeting it was announced that there is new principal for Berea-Midpark Middle School, Nick Discenza, for the 2018-2019 school year and comes from the Parma City Schools District. Last week three community forums were held describing how the construction in all different buildings has been going; all presentations are available on the district's website. The students, staff and construction workers should be given credit because of the patience having to be demonstrated with the many changes. The groundbreaking for the new high school will be June 1st. A few announcements orientation meetings for current 5th and 6th graders moving up will be held on May 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the middle school, orientation for Incoming grade 5 will be on May 16th at 7:30 p.m. The first mental health training for community members the City of Brook Park is hosting at the Brook Park Library on May 5th and 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., lunch provided. This program will teach about mental health awareness for youths and warning signs for assisting with finding resources needed to stay safe.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mrs. McDonnell if Mr. Discenza comes from Parma City Schools as a teacher or administrator.

Mrs. McDonnell responded both, he was originally a teacher and then was the intern principal for Hillside Junior High and then served as principal at Shiloh Junior High, so Mr. Discenza has teaching and administration experience.

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

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Gammella stated with the municipal move City Hall should be moving to the Recreation Center within two weeks; beginning with the Mayor's office and the tax and finance departments to follow. Mayor Gammella has been in touch with Ford Land to talk about the Ford property and also have had discussions with people about the Lake-to-Lake Trail coming over to Plant Lane as well as the Kolleda

Reports and Communications from the Mayor:
Questions/Answers: cont.

the 1950's and 1960's and the city is doing the best they can to keep up with them. Next year the Roads Program will be very aggressive with putting \$5 million-dollars being put into streets with the Smith Road project from Snow to Elm, Sheldon Road Project and Holland Road Project from Engle Road to Fry Road, with a good part coming from grants and things of that nature, of that \$5 million-dollars the city's cost is an approximate \$2.7 million-dollars. The biggest thing needed in this community is more revenue from job creation. That Ford parcel is the biggest opportunity this city has for the future of the community.

Mr. Mencini agrees with Mayor Gammella about revenue and that is one place the city has to go. A lot of money is needed for roads and no matter how it is done it's going to cost.

Mayor Gammella stated preventive maintenance is absolutely critical, the crack-sealing program is important to keep the roads up.

Mr. Orcutt stated with Ford Land people did they mention about the construction management trailers on the property?

Mayor Gammella responded as far as the trailers they are looking at the property, condition of the pavement and looking at whatever possible impact they may have, all I can say is that is a good thing.

Mr. Orcutt asked if there is a subject matter being talked about with the NEORS D meeting such as maintenance on some ditches.

Mayor Gammella responded no, I spoke about maintenance to the Kolleda Creek (Ditch) and also the ditch behind Middlebrook Blvd. on Holland Road that also flows into the Kolleda Creek. We're trying to stretch that with the Kolleda Creek project hoping the Watershed can assist with doing something there. The meeting tomorrow is about sewers in general throughout Cuyahoga County.

Mr. Burgio asked if there is a cost-estimate for the pool area at the Recreation Center?

Mayor Gammella responded what the firm wants to do is take some core-samplings before giving any estimates.

Mr. Burgio asked is it only one wall?

Mayor Gammella responded it's all three walls.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor:

Questions/Answers: cont.

Mr. Scott stated to Mayor Gammella there is an estimated repair of \$500,000 for the roof?

Mayor Gammella concurred and stated between \$500,000 to \$575,000 and what is being looked at is lowering the roof, as suggested. However, that could end up being more costly than fixing the roof. Everything is being looked and it's not so much a roof issue as it is a structure issue.

Mr. Scott stated there was an estimate done in October for \$800,000 to \$10,000 for the pool roof and that's is a \$300,000 difference. Is there anything that is different for that \$300,000 difference?

Mayor Gammella stated I don't either, it was a reputable company that looked at and gave recommendations. The breakdown will be put in the mailbox and this is only an estimate, no action has been taken.

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

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak updated on projects from last year and stated Sylvia Drive, between Fry and Smith, the contractors have started planting trees and tree lawn work. When that work is complete the contractors will moving to the section of Fry completed last year, Middlebrook and Kalvin. The contractors will also be looking at Brookdale for any landscaping needs that didn't take over the winter. Crack-fill material from last year that wasn't used due to weather was placed on Forestview and Engle Road in front of City Hall.

Service Director Gardner

Mr. Gardner reported crews are working on Memorial Day activities, cutting grass and other miscellaneous items. Crews are working on the Snow Road interchange by putting in some pots. Going through the first four months, service department crews used 21 ½ tons of hot mix from April 2nd being the first day. Crews have cleaned 108 approximate catch-basins, all the water breaks have been overlaid and billed to Cleveland Water of a total of approximate \$60,000. The street sweeper has swept approximately 140 miles of curbs throughout the city at least once. Crews have dug 21 residential sanitary's and performed 32 cameral jobs to establish sanitary or storm repairs. For the first months of the year, service crews have responded to 58 residential sewer calls. The last bulk day of April crews collected 58 tons of bulk items and approximately 60 tons of rubbish is picked up daily. Just a reminder to residents that Bulk Mondays are items that don't fit in the black carts. It's not an extra rubbish day it's to get rid of a couch or

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

Questions: cont.

Mayor Gammella responded probably the service department and maybe volunteers.

Mr. Scott asked if that is a safety issue to have volunteers on the median?

Mayor Gammella responded if that's your concern then service department crews can maintain the area. The problem with planting trees is the roots disturb the area and that's the reason for the planters. That is the one section that welcomes motorists coming from I-71.

Mr. Scott asked if there are any other continued plans for that median?

Mayor Gammella responded this will be an ongoing procedure.

Mr. Scott asked for communication on these types of items so that when a resident calls he can provide an answer. Are those medians city or state property?

Mayor Gammella responded city property and communication is a two-way street. If you have a question call me or the service director for an answer.

Mr. Vecchio asked who are the members of the Botanical Club and when did the club become recognized in the City of Brook Park.

Mayor Gammella responded when people come to me and say they want to volunteer. The questions I ask is what do you want to do and what's the plan. The Botanical Group is a large group of people who live in the community, including boy and girl scouts. Who want to help beautify the city at no cost to the taxpayer for planting flowers or trees. The city will pay for the flowers from the boy scouts like we do every year, it's all about trying to make the city look better to make a statement.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Engineer Piatak with the \$13 million-dollar three-year Southwest Inteceptor study when NEORSD finishes that report. Will that include any repairs or is that report turned over to the city to be responsible for the repairs?

Mr. Piatak responded when the study concludes there will be a list of projects prioritized. It is my understanding they will not fund those projects but the list will be for the cities to undertake. Some of the community cost-share account funds that the city is holding can be used for those projects. There is another program called the Member Community Infrastructure Program which is another grant

Motion by Mr. Scott, to recess the Regular Council meeting and resume the Caucus prior to meeting to finalize the two items on that agenda. Dies for a lack of second.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Liz Sayers

23065 Cedar Point Road

Ms. Sayers expressed concerns with the beautification and garden clubs and getting permission from former Mayor Coyne to plant flowers around the gazebo and having criminal charges pulled against her for pulling out dead flowers, has not asked for any money and or plants. Ms. Sayers also expressed with the broken bulbs and glass laying in the flower beds and on the gazebo which is a safety issue. Ms. Sayers continued the flower planting is supposed to be volunteered by the residents not having service crews plant flowers and possibly having fire crews water the flowers.

Dan Eberhardt

16024 Richard Drive

Mr. Eberhardt wished Mayor Gammella the best of luck with his goal of being the best Mayor this city has ever had and with Council's great transition being so smooth and how the new Councilmembers have melded in. Mr. Eberhardt continued this city has excellent services and great civic and charitable groups that operate in the city. With the new groups either formed or forming it doesn't matter who is involved all that matters is what they do for the city. Audrey's Outreach is a ministry consisting of five directors who have been in existence for a long time with clothing giveaways, community meals and most recently the Lunch Sack Program in its third year. Mr. Eberhardt would like to see the sidewalk program be an ongoing problem and the HMAP being a very important program. Also, likes the idea of the dog park and an all-inclusive playground equipment. Mr. Eberhardt continued if City Hall & Council Chambers buildings have to be demolished then expand the gazebo for more concerts. Mr. Eberhardt asked what is going to be done with the employees who drive the school buses and senior bus because those jobs should not be a minimum wage job of \$10.00 an hour and disagreed with the Mayor's ideas of a possible new income tax. Mr. Eberhardt expressed concerns with Ford Motor furloughing 200 employees and losing 93 employees when Ford Intermediate School closes down.

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

Note: M-2 was moved by motion to the beginning of the meeting.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 15-2018, 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

3. ORDINANCE NO. 11023-2018, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11017-2018, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilmembers Scott, Burgio, Orcutt, Salvatore, Stemm and Mencini

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

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

NAYS: Poindexter. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

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

 Mayor Gammella stated Council, I brought the budget to you on March 9th and object to the approximate cuts of 50% to both police and fire, the service department emergency fund by 50% and monies taken from the program allowing residents to beautify their homes. I respect Council but want my objections on record.

Mr. Vecchio clarified the cuts you're stating are appropriations which is a list brought to you for items that could also not be related to safety or anything else. Just so the residents' are aware it was not cuts to safety but to items that were listed.

Mayor Gammella – Mr. Chairman, you cut the police department's budget in half, you cut the fire department budget in half. How can you say those are not cuts?

Mr. Vecchio - there were no employees cut, there was none of that which would be the safety, sir. When you have the wants which is a list, these were wanted items, that were requests. That Council turned and made budgetary cuts overall looking at those as needs and wants. They determined that some of these which are a want were not a necessity over top of the street repairs, that's where they went, so to be upfront and clarify that's the way it was.

Mayor Gammella – Let's be upfront and honest, you cut police in half, you cut fire in half, you cut the special allowance in the service department emergency fund in half and also you cut in half the economic development for the people in the city to redo their houses. Say it however you want to say it but that's what it comes down to and that's my final comment.

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

The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to adopt.

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

NAYS: Poindexter. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

Ordinance No. 11023-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

- 4. RESOLUTION NO. 16-2018, PROCLAIMING JUNE 9, 2018 AS 'GLOBAL WELLNESS DAY' IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilmember Orcutt, Council as a Whole and Mayor Gammella

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Stemm, to amend by removing Section 1 , in its entirety, and renumber the following sections.

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

NAYS: None. The amendment carried.

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

The Clerk read the 'Whereas' as requested.

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

NAYS: None. Resolution No. 16-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules as amended. Adopted.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Stemm, to address the audience.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Dan Eberhardt for his comments on what the city stands for and ideas brought forward and stated the sidewalk program has been recessed for this year. To Mr. Peterlin thank you for your report and stated Council has more than a seven day waiting period to address legislation; if the legislation goes three readings that is six weeks.

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED *June 5, 2018*

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