

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 8:08 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

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

Also in attendance were Mayor Gammella, Law Director Horvath, Finance Director Cingle, Recreation Director Elliott, Service Director Gardner, Economic Development Commissioner Adams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Special Caucus meeting held on April 5, 2018.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Mencini, to amend page 18, 5th paragraph, by changing Coyne to Gammella. Also, amend page 20, 9th paragraph, by changing 80/20 to 70/30.

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

NAYS: None. The amendments carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter stated no report this evening.

Finance Committee – Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott reported the Board of Control met earlier and approved 30 items.

Legislative Committee – Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated no report this evening, if any legislation should be pulled out of committee let him know.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated no report this evening.

Planning Committee – Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio reported the committee met on May 7th and unanimously approved aesthetic approval for a front porch, the second item was for project approval of construction of a new billboard at 4985 West 150th Street and the third request was for construction of a multi-tenant building and Conditional Use Permit that was denied.

Safety Committee – Chairman, Stemm

Mr. Stemm reported there will be a Town Hall meeting presented through the Neighborhood Watch on Mental Health and Addiction with many speakers in attendance. Also, this week is National Police Week and encourages all to thank a police officer for the work and sacrifice given and thanked Police Chief Foster and the Brook Park Police for all that they do.

Service Committee – Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt reminded residents that bulk pickup is the second Monday of every month and residents needing pickup of bulk items must call the service garage the Friday before that Monday by 12:00 noon. There was a recent issue of having 600 scheduled pickups and possibly having 100 more than scheduled.

Reports of Standing Committees: cont.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott met on May 7th and had one request on the agenda for a variance to install a new billboard at 4985 West 150th Street, Rock N Roll City Harley Davidson that the committee unanimously approved. This billboard must be 1,500’ of existing billboards and this is the last billboard that can be erected in that area.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center – Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported that he serves on the Nominating Committee and CEO Oversight Committee and will have upcoming reports for Council on both committees. The next board meeting will be on May 23rd.

Berea Board of Education Committee – McDonnell, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter stated at last night’s board meeting updates were given on facilities pertaining to Brook Park; bids were opened for the elementary school and some of those contracts should be awarded by the June 4th board meeting. Tomorrow is orientation for incoming fifth graders at 7:30 p.m. at the Junior High school.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Gammella stated on Councilman Orcutt’s point, bulk pickups are the second Monday but residents have to call and schedule pickups. Most people called in but residents on the street seeing neighbors putting bulk items on the tree lawn and do the same without scheduling for a pickup. When that occurs it takes service crews an extra day to pick up the bulk items. The Recreation Center upgrade project is moving along and in a few weeks City Hall will be moving and in July or August the Council and the Court will be moving. Later this week I will be meeting with Ford Land and will hopefully have some good news, also, Swaglok has shown interest in coming to Brook Park. Economic Development Commissioner Adams is being very aggressive with wanting to bring in new businesses and now is the time to do this while the economy is good. Mayor Gammella expressed compliments to Councilman Burgio for running for State Representative and condolences on his loss.

Questions:

Mr. Burgio thanked Mayor Gammella for his kind words.

Mr. Salvatore asked if there are any updates on lateral transfers and as when that topic is discussed you will be at those meetings.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor:

Questions: cont.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mayor Gammella is Ford Land personnel coming here? Would you like anyone else at the table?

Mayor Gammella responded Ford Land will be in town and hopefully with this conversation there will be good news.

Mr. Salvatore asked with the grass cutting program the city is using last year's program and how many people are on the grass cutting program?

Mayor Gammella responded I don't have that number but it was extensive with more people signing up than we thought.

Mr. Orcutt asked with the construction management trailers located at Ford what permits have been pulled for work?

Mayor Gammella responded that question should be directed to the city's building commissioner. I don't know if Ford Motor is doing any work as to looking at inspecting.

Mr. Orcutt asked if Ford Motor permits are pulled for soil-sampling, etc.

Mayor Gammella responded not sure but will find out.

Mr. Orcutt commented Swaglok is a great company and have done a lot of government work for many years and wished the best of luck to Mayor Gammella.

Mayor Gammella responded Swaglok is a great company who is looking at southwest suburbs and Brook Park has a lot to offer.

Mr. Mencini commented the importance of calling to schedule bulk pickup and residents can also drop items off at the garage Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The problem area in my ward regarding bulk pickup is with Glenway perhaps a letter could be sent to the management.

Mayor Gammella commented with the bulk pickup being the same as putting out rubbish cans and if people get cited they will pay the fine, items cannot be sitting on a tree lawn for a week.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS:Service Director Gardner

Mr. Gardner reported the bad weather is effecting grass cutting, ballfield preparation and waterpark painting and preparation for opening, all these areas need dry weather before and after. Monday, May 14th was Bulk Monday that stretched into Bulk Tuesday and provided numbers relating to bulk pickup. The month of April, 2018 service crews picked up 54 tons of bulk material, yesterday and today crews picked up 85 tons of bulk material which is the biggest amount being picked up since the program went into effect. In May 2016, crews picked up 68 tons and in May, 2017 crews picked up 71 tons. By residents calling for bulk pickup allows a schedule to be made for six trucks and 13 guys on rubbish detail. Yesterday, there could have been more crews on rubbish but because of the weather there were two sewer crews doing 14 sewer calls. The Vactor was in for service last week and picked up today and went immediately out. The street sweeper has been out everyday except for two days since last meeting, snow plow damage list is fairly complete and crews did some demolition at the recreation center. The yard waste drop-off at the garage is going very well since the program began the first week of April by filling 13 40-yard dumpsters.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath reported the list of the four active litigation cases has been provided to Council with two cases on their way out and two cases gearing up, it's a good thing the city only has four because past years there would be seven or eight. Part of that is attributed to the service department crews for the last year or so being very careful in avoiding accidents that cause litigation.

Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott shared recreation center construction updates by stating the community room vestibule doors are installed and most of the concrete has been laid for the new walkway. Contractors are currently working on the wood floor with replacement of the bad area to the rear of the room, all that work should be completed tomorrow and sanding will begin next week. Contractors are continuing to replace all lighting with LED and with the kitchen area all the equipment has been removed and are in the process of painting and retiling areas where the snack bar was. The whirlpool area is still under repair with contractors replacing the parts, jets, seals and lines both whirlpools were lifted out of the ground to have the repairs made; the anticipation date for completion is sometime next week. The recreation staff is preparing for Home Days with vendor contracts sent out and entertainment contracts finalized. Recreation Center staff met last week with the service department, police chief, fire chief and the Mayor for input and to make minor changes. Home Days will be held in the Recreation Center parking lot and fireworks are able to be shot-off on Ford Intermediate School property. When Ford Intermediate breaks for summer session contractors will begin the asbestos removal but will be providing an area behind the school for fireworks. Due to Ford Intermediate school closing the Miss/Mr. Brook Park Pageant will be moving to the Recreation Center. The work to the Bocce Courts at Kennedy Park and other outside projects are under behind due to weather. Mr. Elliott congratulated the Best of Brook

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

Park committee for the recent event and all nominees but especially the Recreation Department nominee, Larry Hansen.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle stated no report this evening, in answer to Mr. Salvatore's question regarding the grass cutting program. There are approximately 290 seniors that applied with the cost being a little less than \$115,000; so the cost and activity was up a little more than 25% over last year. Also, looking at the snow program and if we see increased numbers in the snow program monies may possibly have to be moved into the Economic Development Fund. Council appropriated \$200,000 for senior programs with almost \$115,000 be spent on grass cutting. It's good the seniors are utilizing the program with about \$25,000 more than what was paid last year.

Questions:

Mr. Salvatore stated to Law Director Horvath last year there was some dialogue of adding a part-time employees to the staff but didn't see any request this year? Is the department staffed accordingly or is someone needed and if so at what cost?

Mrs. Horvath responded that was considered and didn't make the budget this year. It may be necessary as time goes on to deal with upcoming development issues that arise and the increased additional work. If someone was able to be added I would have two considerations; first would be a part-time attorney who has experience with development and grants between the range of \$25,000 to \$35,000. I have an excellent Administrative Assistant who, at some point in time, is looking at retirement, so another consideration would be to train someone else for that position on a part-time basis.

Mr. Stemm asked what the city spent on senior snowplowing last year?

Mr. Cingle responded looking at that today and it was roughly \$90,000 to \$95,000; the grass cutting was approximately \$85,000 to \$90,000.

Mayor Gammella commented the reason Engineer Piatak left after the Caucus Prior meeting is because his son was graduating, I told him he didn't have to come to the meeting, however, he thought Council may have questions with the Roads Program at the Caucus Prior.

Mr. Mencini expressed much respect that Engineer Piatak came to the prior meeting. Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Gardner if it is standard procedure to have six trucks and 13 guys for Bulk Monday pickup?

Mr. Gardner responded this is my third bulk pickup day since returning, the first one was done with three trucks in March and four trucks in April that did run over a little bit. Out

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

Questions: cont.

of those six trucks when two trucks leave the yard not sure if they're going to make it back, those two trucks don't load like they used to and are not the most efficient vehicles in the fleet. The holiday weekend in May is typically spring cleanup before the summer months and hopes bulk pickup tapers off, if not, the program will have to be reevaluated on how the program is done.

Mr. Mencini thanked Mr. Elliott and Mayor Gammella for the football team proclamation this past Saturday, much appreciated. Mr. Mencini thanked all directors for everything they have done for him.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mr. Cingle has an answer been given from the auditor on Fund 250?

Mr. Cingle responded no, as soon as a response is received I will let you know.

Mr. Poindexter asked Mr. Elliott if there is there any different expectations for Home Days this year or can be looked forward to. The last couple of years I've noticed the absence of some of the community groups i.e. firefighters, VFW, Rangerettes, etc. Is there a possibility of those groups returning this year?

Mr. Elliott responded we have focused on encouraging more community groups to participate and information has gone out to them and we're waiting on responses. Some people who haven't participated in the past have contacted recreation center staff for participation. One of the items that we were asked to correct is with the entertainment coming in traffic had to be stopped or move people; we're going to try and resolve that problem and make it safer.

**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 city's two garden groups using city workers, insurance coverage for volunteers working on city property, broken glass from the gazebo lighting being a safety issue and using indoor electrical cords for lighting of the gazebo.

Remarks from the audience on any subject matter: cont.

Brandy Reynolds
6060 Middlebrook Blvd.

Ms. Reynolds stated that the static on the livestream coverage is from cell phones being too close to the microphones.

Joan Markusic
13911 Bellbrook

Ms. Markusic expressed concerns with a meeting with the Mayor and his Administrative Assistant asking many questions for the purpose of the meeting. Service department crews were putting rocks around flower pots and not painting the waterpark. Also, asked what is going on with Ford Motor property with all the meetings being held and nothing known.

Ray Peterlin
5811 Wengler

Mr. Peterlin stated Wengler Drive is around 60 years as well as the trees that are causing problems with long tree roots getting into the sewer systems causing flooding and residents having to waterproof basements. Mr. Peterlin asked when the tree lawn tree will be removed.

Louis Modic
14399 Fayette

Mr. Modic stated at the March 20th meeting, Mr. Hurst mentioned that carpeting not being used for the Recreation Center upgrade project will be moved to different areas with the police station being one of those areas. If that carpeting has been installed, terrific, but if that carpeting hasn't been installed with this being police week

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. RESOLUTION NO. 17-2018, 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. Vecchio stated Resolution No. 17-2018 has had its First Reading.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 18-2018, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT WINTER CONTRACT (018-19) FOR ROCK SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: None. Resolution No. 18-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 11023-2018, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO ESTABLISH A CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by 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.

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

Mr. Salvatore commented this is in the city’s best interest to proceed with this, the situation the city was in before was due to being less expensive but this is truly a better fit for the city.

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

NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 11023-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11022-2018, AMENDING SECTIONS 331.45 (a) AND (c) OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'TEXTING WHILE DRIVING PROHIBITED' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Mencini, Council as a Whole and Mayor Gammella

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

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

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

NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 11022-2018 has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

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.

Address the Audience:

Mr. Salvatore responded he has received complaints about electronic devices being used on the dais causing static and not being able to hear the livestream, there is also a Council Rules regarding this matter.

Mr. Vecchio stated as Mr. Salvatore stated, Council Rule No. 9 clearly states that under conduct of elected and appointed officials of Council meetings. Everyone on the dais and all other officials either turn off your cell phone or put in on airplane mode.

Mayor Gammella stated to Ms. Markusic pertaining to your concerns with meeting with me you can call to schedule those meetings. My administrative assistant will ask what the topic is so that I am prepared when you come into that meeting, that's the only professional way to handle an office. To Mr. Peterlin please give your address to the service director to have your tree concern looked into.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Poindexter, Stemm, Salvatore, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt
NAYS: None. The motion carried at 9:15 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. Poindexter, to go adjourn the Executive Session.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Poindexter, Salvatore, Stemm, Orcutt, Burgio, Scott
NAYS: None. The motion carried at 9:48 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. Poindexter, to adjourn the Regular Council meeting.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED *June 5, 2018*

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