

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 19, 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, Mayor Gammella, Service Director Gardner, Recreation Director Elliott, Economic Development Commissioner Adams and Finance Director Cingle.

DISCUSSION:

1. **DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL - C TRFO FROM SANDRA K II ENT LLC, DBA FRONT ROW BAR & GRILL. 15119 SNOW ROAD & PATIO, BROOK PARK, OH 44142 TO PERMIT NO. 7728599 TO CAVALRY AIR LLC, DBA FRONT ROW BBQ, 15119 SNOW ROAD & PATIO, BROOK PARK, OH 44142 PERMIT NO. 1314144 FOR A D1, D2, D3, D3A AND D6. POSTMARK DATE 7/6/18. Note:** Moved by motion from the June 12, 2018 Caucus agenda.

Mr. Salvatore stated one of Council's concerns was having a patio in the rear and the owners assured the law director that was not the case; there would be a smoking tent to the rear of the building.

Mrs. Horvath commented yes, that is correct and viewed the site and the rear is enclosed with a fence and tent over it for smokers. Mrs. Horvath also viewed the playground's proximity to the restaurant and it is her understanding this liquor license has existed for a long time and appears both the playground and bar can co-exist with only 339 feet between them. All the principles for this establishment are in attendance for any questions from Council.

Mr. Mencini thanked Law Director Horvath for the explanation of the concern with the rear of the building. There is a little barrier so that the smoke doesn't go into the residents' yard that abut the property.

Mr. Burgio thanked Law Director Horvath for doing due diligence and wish the bar owners the best of luck and for being business-friendly in Brook Park.

Mr. Salvatore stated with the name change it's listed at Front Row Bar and Patio.

Discussion: cont.

Darwin Krupa
15119 Snow Road

Mr. Krupa stated that is the way the liquor permit is written.

Mr. Salvatore clarified there is no intention to put a patio behind there?

Mr. Krupa responded no, just what is there now which is a small area that is already fenced off with a gate and tent.

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

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

2. 2018 SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM DELEGATE LIST

Mr. Vecchio stated this is a housekeeping item showing a list of contacts throughout the city.

Mr. Salvatore asked the clerk if all the officers of each organizations were verified?

Ms. Blazak responded yes, through email or phone calls.

Mr. Salvatore continued besides the officers listed do any of the organizations have an alternate.

Ms. Blazak responded none that were provided.

Mr. Salvatore questioned who is the alternate for City Council.

Mr. Vecchio responded the Pro-Tem should be but it's up to Council and took suggestions.

Through a poll of Council, Councilman Salvatore was unanimously chosen to be the alternate for City Council.

Mr. Salvatore accepted and commented this is a very important meeting; the delegates are the first layer of voting in the way of a merger or sale of the hospital, even before appearing before the system board.

Discussion: cont.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Burgio, to add Mr. Salvatore as the alternate for City Council to the Southwest delegate list.

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

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

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

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear on the Council agenda as J-4.

3. PERMANENT AGENDA ITEM FOLLOWING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE (Councilman Poindexter)

Mr. Poindexter stated a resident approached me to have a moment of silence for her son who passed away. There is no formal way to bring this forward and would like to propose this be a permanent agenda item for Regular Council meetings; a new letter 'C' for Moment of Silence immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance. All of us deal with death in our families and sometimes acknowledgement from city leadership could bring comfort to the family and would like to provide that for our residents whenever possible. I don't see this taking more than a few moments time to recognize residents of our community. A suggestion could be that whoever wants their loved ones remembered to have to a Councilperson in a timely manner to have on the agenda, Thursday or Friday before for placement on the agenda. If it's not on the agenda in a timely manner then it could be placed on the next Council agenda, to have a Moment of Silence for that family. This is up for discussion and would like to get input from my colleagues.

Mr. Mencini stated this could either have much debate or can be made short, Councilmembers are city leaders and when doing a Moment of Silence for dignitaries it is more so done in an honor mode. This is a good item to be brought forward but it tough because where is the line drawn, this is something that has to be looked at very strongly.

Mr. Burgio stated this is a nice gesture and don't know if a special place is needed on the agenda for Moment of Silence, an acknowledgement can be made if requested the family.

Mr. Salvatore stated appreciates Mr. Poindexter for bringing this forward and this would require a Council rule change. Something is already in place that has been done for many, many years by making the President of Council aware that a Moment of Silence is needed for that person. Mr. Salvatore doesn't think this

Discussion: cont.

requires a rule change, it's called a professional courtesy and has been done numerous times throughout the years.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mr. Poindexter this is a great gesture being made and one suggestion to Council that was brought up to me if a moment is taken, maybe a moment of prayer.

Mr. Vecchio commented to Mr. Orcutt on that statement of adding the prayer portion, that is a great idea, but don't know if that's an area to be broached into and deferred to Law Director Horvath.

Mrs. Horvath stated that would be something to be considered and provide a written opinion on. I don't want to provide a quick response without thinking through all the possibilities and/or consequences.

Mr. Vecchio commented that brings the thought of the separation of church and state and puts that in a precarious situation with serious thought and review needed.

Mr. Poindexter stated he was going to bring this forward last week and was discouraged by some colleagues from doing that because "where do you draw the line". I don't think there's anything wrong with having a formal item on the agenda to recognize residents and to say it's only reserved for elected officials and people involved in the city really lessens the volume for our residents who should be put up on the pedestal. We should be serving and recognizing the residents in our city and think taking a Moment of Silence is the ultimate respect to be given to the residents. With the Moment of Prayer, the Moment of Silence is someone's choice to do what you will with that moment, that's the time for someone to do their will with that moment.

Mr. Salvatore commented I didn't hear anyone say it was only reserved for elected officials if a Councilmember or Mayor was contacted asking for a Moment of Silence that would absolutely happen. As for why this didn't take place last week I don't know why but there was no discussion with me about this.

Mr. Stemm stated to Mr. Poindexter this is a very thoughtful idea but agrees with Councilmembers Mencini and Salvatore and thinks the way this was approached in the past is probably the best way to handle these topics going forward.

Mr. Poindexter disagrees and thinks residents can be recognized and would like to see that recognition.

Discussion: cont.

Mr. Mencini stated we do this and saying that we're locking out residents we're not doing that. As stated earlier, this is a very, very fine line anytime dealing with a situation like that. There is no problem with a request for a Moment of Silence and it's done here for deaths, anniversaries, birthdays, etc.; our residents are the greatest and should be honored.

Mr. Vecchio stated maybe the answer to the problem might be is to add to letter D – Reports from Committees. If a Member of Council is approached by a resident for that reason that can be done there, instead of adding an agenda item, showing diligence in Council duties.

Mr. Poindexter stated a text was sent to all Councilmembers last week and several responded via texting to go ahead and also a few called me with doubts. I think this is important and feel strongly that this should be added to the agenda, it only takes a few minutes. I don't care what other cities or the federal and state does, this is Brook Park and this is what we do and can take the lead.

Mr. Salvatore thinks this isn't a topic that should be argued and an item can be placed on the agenda for this if that's Council's pleasure.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Salvatore, that item number three was discussed.

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

Mr. Salvatore commented when the Caucus Prior to meeting was set up it was basically for a 30-minute for any problems on the (Council) agenda they could be taken care of and also if there was an emergency that could be added to this Caucus agenda and placed on the Council agenda. Looking at J-1 on the Council agenda proposed changes for Council Rule 19 should be removed.

Mr. Vecchio concurred, that was an oversight.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to remove item J-1 from tonight's Council agenda and move numbers two, three and four up in numerical sequence.

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

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

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED *July 17, 2018*

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