

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:36 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

SCOTT, BURGIO, ORCUTT, STEMME, MENCINI, POINDEXTER, SALVATORE

Also in attendance were Economic Development Commissioner Adams, Law Director Horvath, Building Commissioner Hurst, Recreation Director Elliott, Engineer Piatak, Mayor Gammella and Finance Director Cingle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Caucus Prior to the Council meeting held on June 19, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

2. Regular Council Meeting held on June 19, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

3. Special Council meeting held on June 23, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

4. Special Caucus meeting held on June 26, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTION: Burgio. The motion carried with a vote of 6 and one abstention.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee - Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter no report.

Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott reported the Finance Committee has two items on tonight's agenda and the Board of Control met earlier and approved ten items.

Reports from Standing Committees: cont.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported one item under Legislative Committee at the Caucus Prior to meeting was moved to September 18th Council agenda. Any legislation to come out of the Legislative Committee please contact me.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported baseball and softball leagues are moving into tournament time. Mr. Salvatore congratulated Mr. Orcutt for his Triple AAA Boys Championship Team and also the Boys Double A, Councilman Salvatore won. The Girls 7th, 8th and 9th championship was held this week with the Beautification & Pride winning. The Home Days Celebration went very well and Mr. Salvatore congratulated the Recreation Staff for a job well done. Football and Cheerleading signups are currently going on at the Recreation Center. Congratulations are going out to Junior Miss Brook Park, Layla Virgili.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio reported Planning Commission has legislation on tonight's agenda.

Safety Committee - Chairman Stemm

Mr. Stemm thanked all the safety forces for doing their jobs during Home Days and every day.

Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt reported the Service Committee has one item on tonight's agenda. Mr. Orcutt expressed appreciation to all city employees for a great success for Home Days and to the service crews for setup and tear-down. Pesticides and all paints, except for latex paint, can be brought to the service garage Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; propane tanks, tires without rims and rechargeable batteries can also be dropped off at the service garage. Used car batteries and used motor oil can be taken to Auto Zone. The city cannot except latex paints and latex paints must be dried up prior to disposal of the cans. To dry latex paints remove the lid to allow the liquid to evaporate residents can also use kitty litter, sawdust, oil-dried or commercial paint dry to dry up all latex paints. Once the paint is dissolved put the can in the regular rubbish can with the lid off. Mr. Orcutt thanked the Service Department personnel for all the hard work and dedication provided to this community.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated no report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported that Southwest General has an A-2 rating from Moody's Investment Services. A few points of interest for the strong rating is the relationship with University Hospital is very important and the connection that Southwest has

Reports from Special Committees: cont.

with the communities that support the health center and the hospital's ability to deliver financial results. Mr. Salvatore mentioned there are a few spots left for the 28th Annual Golf Outing.

Berea Board of Education Committee - McDonnell, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reminded residents that Orientation times for all the schools are listed on the school district's website.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Gammella stated Home Days was a great success and thanked all Councilmembers for working the booths or helping in some way. The Recreation Center staff did a great job during Home Days and the children liked the Safety Forces display and thanked all the safety forces for their hard work. Mayor Gammella thanked the Service Department for an outstanding job and also thanked the various community groups that make Brook Park home. Mayor Gammella continued with the Airbnb Bed and Breakfast (B&B) where people rent out their homes for a week or so; the problem is that the intent when the people buy the house is to make this a permanent business of renting out the home every week. Since it is a business that shouldn't be in a residential section and a topic that will be brought forward to Council for discussion.

Questions to the Mayor:

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mayor Gammella I thought the legislation that Council recently passed relative to short-term rental would cover residential areas?

Mayor Gammella responded we are looking at that and the law director has stated that, however, the City of Akron just recently banned B&B's completely. My issue wouldn't be so much if someone rented out their home once a year. Throughout the county people are buying houses with the express purpose of leasing them out every single week.

Mr. Mencini stated on the legislation that Council passed I believe the homeowner has to live in the home, there are a lot of stipulations with the legislation. There are three in Brook Park and I'm assuming if someone wants to do this; there are more stipulations than just buying houses for short-term leases.

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

Mayor Gammella the legislation Council passed is an excellent piece and I just want to tighten this issue up before it becomes a big, big problem.

Mr. Mencini thanked everyone who helped make Home Days a great success as well as the parade, along with the community groups. With the Miss Brook Park pageant all four girls did well and congratulated his two girls' softball teams.

Mr. Burgio stated Home Days was very good, everything went well and thanked everyone who was involved in this great event.

Mr. Poindexter thanked Mayor Gammella for a great Home Days weekend. My question is will anything be brought forward to Council regarding the Roads Program?

Mayor Gammella responded yes, very shortly.

Mr. Vecchio stated Home Days was a great weekend and thanked everybody for the invitation to Councilmembers to participate in the ballgame and thanked Mr. Burgio for coaching. Brook Park puts on the best fireworks show and that was be evidence of the crowd attending fireworks. The police department does a phenomenal job and a special thanks goes out to them because any issues that may have taken place they handled along with directing traffic out of the city on Sunday night.

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

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak stated no report this evening.

Service Director Gardner

Mr. Gardner stated the service crews are in the process of wrapping Home Days up and thanked his department spent a lot of time on cleanup, working with the police and fire departments. Crews started Crosswalk striping today so please be careful when approaching the crews.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath stated Council has been provided a list of the city's pending civil litigation cases. Mrs. Horvath thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication during the Home Days celebration.

Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott stated this Friday, July 20th, the recreation center will be hosting a wrestling show and a movie will be showing on the football field with the new equipment purchased; the screen is enormous. Mr. Elliott commented the Home Days event takes a great team effort and thanked all city departments involved in

Reports and Communications from Departments, Commissions and other Public Officials:

Recreation Director Elliott: cont.

the planning for this event. I want to thank my staff for all their hard work and it was nice to see the community groups come back and participate. Mr. Elliott also thanked City Council for their participation during the Home Days event. If anyone has any ideas for anything new and exciting, please share with the recreation staff.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle stated no report.

Questions to the Directors:

Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Gardner how often the hot-patch crews are out Monday through Friday?

Mr. Gardner responded as of tomorrow the hot-patch crews will be out on a daily basis barring the weather and staffing.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mr. Gardner a call was received from a resident on Settlement Acres about a sinkhole. Are you familiar with that issue?

Mr. Gardner responded he is not aware of that.

Mr. Burgio stated to Mr. Gardner there were no significant potholes for the parade route and thanked the crews for filling them for safety. Is the crosswalk striping done in-house?

Mr. Gardner responded yes, there are designated areas to start working in the school zones and throughout the neighborhoods. Street striping will begin for two weeks in August throughout the city and that is also done in-house?

Mr. Salvatore stated to Finance Director Cingle a few weeks back there was discussion of the loss of revenue and income at the schools, do you have those numbers.

Mr. Cingle responded yes, call me tomorrow.

Mr. Gardner stated Officer Sensel has been with the Juvenile Diversion Program and would like to thank him and the Boy Scouts. For their hard work with painting of the fire hydrants and also the service crews for overseeing the list.

Questions to the Directors: cont.

Mr. Gardner stated the fire department is furnishing the paint and my department is supplying some supplies but Officer Sensel is making sure the boys are where they need to be.

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

New Legislation:

An Ordinance authorizing the Consulting Engineer to prepare plans and bid documents and the Mayor to enter into a contract for the 2018 Crack and Joint Sealing Project and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Gammella
Placed in Service Committee

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to hire inspectors for the 2018 Crack and Joint Sealing Project and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Gammella
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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. RESOLUTION NO. 21-2018, AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE POLICE CRUISERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella and Council as a Whole

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. Stemm, to adopt.

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

NAYS: None. Res. No. 21-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 11030-2018, APPROVING A PARKING LOT ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS AT 17400 HOLLAND ROAD, 'BROOK PARK CITY HALL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES' LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPAL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ZONE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

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

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. Orcutt, to amend Section 3 by removing lot split and consolidation and inserting parking lot and alternations.

ROLLCALL: AYES: Mencini, Orcutt, Burgio, Scott, Salvatore, Poindexter, Stemm

NAYS: None. The amendment carried.

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

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

NAYS: None. Ord. No. 11030-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted as amended.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 11031-2018, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15810 HARRISON DRIVE, PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 343-07-048 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella

Mr. Vecchio stated Ord. No. 11031-2018 has had its First Reading.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 11032-2018, AUTHORIZING THE CONSULTING ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE HOLLAND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by 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. Burgio, to adopt.

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

NAYS: None. Ord. No. 11032-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11027-2018, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF (+-) 3.303 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 16400 AND 16500 BROOKPARK ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 343-30-008 AND 343-03-009 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella and Councilman Mencini

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions: cont.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: None.

NAYS: Poindexter, Burgio, Scott, Orcutt, Stemm, Mencini, Salvatore
Ordinance No. 11027-2018 is defeated with a vote of 7-0.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PURCHASE AND/OR SALE OF PROPERTY PER MAYOR
GAMMELLA

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to go into Executive Session.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried at 8:25 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. Stemm, to adjourn the Executive Session.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried at 8:54 p.m.

Council comments:

Mr. Poindexter stated reflected on the history of the Council Chambers and is
honored to be in the existence of this building.

Mr. Mencini commented a lot of great things have happened in this building.

Mr. Vecchio commented after the move is complete we can all come back here to
play kickball and make it a recreation center as it used to be.

Mr. Salvatore commented this building was not only the recreation center it was also
for Canteen Dances for the teens and city bands on stage.

Mr. Orcutt agrees with Mr. Poindexter it is an honor to be a part of what happened
in this building and being the last Council. Looking forward to moving into the
Recreation Center to conduct Council business and it's an honor to work with all of
you even though we don't agree on everything, looking forward to the future.

Council comments relating to the Council Chambers and upcoming move.

Mr. Vecchio stated when Council comes back from Summer Session we will be in new Chambers, new house, new attitudes and new business.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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