

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 8:00 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, Recreation Director Elliott, Finance Director Cingle, Service Director Gardner and Engineer Piatak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING HELD ON JULY 17, 2018.

Note: Moved by motion from the August 21, 2018 for revisions.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

2. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2018.

Note: Moved by motion from the August 21, 2018 for revisions.

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.

3. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 21, 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.

4. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 21, 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.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee - Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter mentioned the Illuminating Company helicopter is flying around the city inspecting power lines.

Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated Finance Committee has nothing on the agenda and the Board of Control met earlier and approved 11 items.

Reports of Standing Committees: cont.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated the Legislative Committee has one piece of legislation on the Council agenda. September is Library month to sign up for membership at the library, that is a great resource.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reminded the Open House and Safety Fair will be held on September 22, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the community center. Baseball and/or Softball proclamations will be presented on Thursday, September 13, 2018 for all first place baseball/softball teams.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio stated the Planning Commission has not met since last report.

Safety Committee - Chairman Stemm

Mr. Stemm stated the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at the library on September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt stated two recycling calendars were sent out and one had a typo so to residents' please follow the 2018 Shred-it days and November 17th being the last day for yard waste.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated the Zoning Board has not met since last report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated in last report gave an update on the opioid problem that is now affecting our area and Southwest. The hospital is now involved with the Safe Passage Program in cooperation with local safety forces that provides assistance to those seeking help with drug addiction. The hospital is actively participating in a state-wide initiative to eliminate opioid prescriptions. Hospital representatives are also involved with the Opioid Task Force in the state-wide initiative to eliminate prescriptions. Three nurses were recognized for the Daisy Award, an international recognition program that nurses and doctors that are involved with for people who have been attacked with immune diseases. Another area that will probably be a big boost for the hospital is called the Community Choice application that was recently submitted with the target to be the first hospital in Ohio to be an employer choice selection.

Berea Board of Education Committee - McDonnell, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reported currently all classes are in session and students seem to be adapting to the new schools; there have been a few complaints with buses running late at the high school.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:
-----**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Gammella reported that he met with NASA officials today at the Glenn Station and there is quite an expansion going on and their budget has been enhanced quite a bit and thinks this will bring more NASA jobs to the community, that will dwell with the Aerospace TechPark on the west end. There is another upcoming meeting that I will apprise Council on and this is all about moving this city into the high-tech era that the nation and world faces. Mayor Gammella also toured the PlumBrook station in Sandusky which is a part of the NASA Glenn station that has 6,400 acres and very impressed with the work done at that station.

Questions:

Mr. Mencini requested a meeting to discuss the senior center and short-term lease items.

Mr. Poindexter asked Mayor Gammella to expound on the expansion of NASA Glenn? Are new buildings being built or redoing old buildings?

Mayor Gammella responded when the city obtained NASA during the airport settlement agreement everyone thought NASA would be closed by now; this is the only NASA facility north of the Mason-Dixon line. What they're doing over there is extraordinary and would like to have a tour for Council in the next few weeks.

Mr. Burgio stated that's good news with NASA that there's more funding available. Who was responsible for this to occur?

Mayor Gammella responded Representative Kaptur, Sherrod Brown, our state senator to keep moving into the high-tech field rather than the industrial field.

Mr. Scott asked Mayor Gammella with the 2018 Roads Program, approximately June 6th Ward Councilmembers provided a list of their ward requests. Being September, there will no roads done for 2018 so will those monies be transferred into the 2019 Roads Program?

Mayor Gammella responded when Council brought forward going from \$1.2 million-dollars to \$1.5 million-dollars it was made the 2018-2019 Roads Program. As we are all aware there are three major projects in 2019 and every dime will be going to the 2019 Roads Program. In speaking with the State Auditor and Finance Director Cingle that will be paid for in cash saving the city a great deal of debt.

Mr. Orcutt stated how did the scheduled spraying of the Fairlawn for mosquitoes?

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Questions: cont.

Mayor Gammella responded the spraying was done, however, the mosquito that had the virus was found.

Mr. Orcutt asked if the city sets that up or is that the health department? There were some residents' in the Wengler, Shelby and Hummel area having issues by the railroad tracks.

Mayor Gammella responded that is with the health department who monitors the spraying and tomorrow the health department will be notified of that area.

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

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak reported late last week it was brought to my attention that the county was going to close Spafford Road in Olmsted Township, west of Valley Parkway, due to a slope failure. The road will be closed through the end of the week and open by Labor Day.

Service Director Gardner

Mr. Gardner reported service crews completed three dig jobs for sanitary repairs, hot-patching is continuing and the Vactor has been out three of the five days since last meeting and crews did some jetting on Paulding.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle stated no report this evening.

Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott reported this past weekend the Annual Dog Swim was held at the waterpark that was very successful with probably over 250 dogs with owners. The football program is coming up next week and fall registrations are taking place for Dodgeball and Volleyball. The last Senior Club concert is this coming Thursday at the gazebo. Mr. Elliott continued in the next month or two the recreation department and others will be preparing legislation regarding a public auction of obsolete items.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath stated no report this evening.

Questions:

Mr. Mencini asked Engineer Piatak if there is a list of streets for crack-sealing.

Mr. Piatak responded that list has not been prepared as of yet.

Mr. Mencini asked how the rubbish and yard waste dumping going at the service department.

Reports and Communications from other departments, commissions and other public officials:
Questions: cont.

Mr. Gardner responded the yard is overwhelmingly a success as to how much is being brought in as well as the rubbish dumping.

Mr. Mencini clarified the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays and 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Mr. Gardner concurred.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mr. Elliott I have received several requests while coaching of people smoking and bringing their dogs to the games and standing right outside of the dugout. Is this something that could be looked at in the future and possibly putting some signs up behind the backstops and areas where families gather.

Mr. Elliott responded I have heard that through the years and do not believe that there is an ordinance stating smoking in public parks is prohibited.

Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Gardner with the dumping of yard waste at the department is there any potential contractors that may be using that from jobs outside the city?

Mr. Gardner responded that truck is manned at all times and it is the department's intention to not let that happen, it's likely but not very.

Mr. Orcutt commented when I take my grass and so forth it seems like there is a whole tree in that dumpster all the time.

Mr. Gardner responded I've seen people rent trailers and pickup trucks from Home Depot with bush and tree trimmings. If there is a question the crews are instructed to ask for proof of residency that is pursued actively.

Mr. Poindexter asked Mrs. Horvath for an update on the airport case?

Mrs. Horvath responded there has been a lot of activity with regard to discovery and have objected to some of the questions that have been posed and some of the documents that have been requested of the city. We also have issues with the City of Cleveland providing some documents that were requested and further information that was requested and not provided. We are still in the discovery phase and a letter will probably go out shortly to the residents in that area describing what comes next. There are two courts dates for November and

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

Questions: cont.

December relative to motion practice and filing of motions for summary judgement, etc.

Mr. Burgio commented to Mr. Elliott with so many good things happening with the recreation director especially for the upcoming fall. The Annual Dog Swim since implement has been a very positive item for the community. Also, will still keep trying to get a dog park in the city that will probably be another positive asset to the community.

Mr. Elliott thanked Mr. Burgio for his comments, it was a great day.

Mr. Vecchio asked Mr. Elliott with the city-wide public auction will that be for all departments? Secondly, will this be online or live auction?

Mr. Elliott responded at the last department head meeting this will be a city-wide live auction for all departments, perhaps on-line could be considered.

Mr. Stemm thanked Mr. Elliott for having the American flag replaced over the Kennedy field scoreboard.

Mr. Elliott apologized that Mr. Stemm had to call and stated with the assistance of the service crews that was addressed. Any flag needing replacement please let us know so that it is replaced.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Doug Schwinn
13690 Middlebrook Blvd.

Mr. Schwinn stated he is a candidate for the Charter Review Commission and stated there was good dialogue with the reduction of Council legislation being proposed. There have been discussions with the majority of the Charter Review candidates and that topic was discussed in several different forms and can assure all of you the majority of the people are looking at those issues. Another thing to be pointed out is about cost and if this amendment goes forward to the electorate

Remarks from the audience on any subject matter: cont.

a mailing of the proposed Charter amendment to the electorate. In four months, there will be Charter Review Commission seated and if there are proposed Charter amendments by July to Council. In another year there will have to be another mailing for any proposed Charter amendments brought forward and approved by Council, so there will be additional costs involved. Mr. Schwinn encouraged Council to either table or place back in committee to allow the Charter Review Commission bring something forward.

Joan Markusic
13911 Bellbrook Drive

Ms. Markusic expressed concerns with the pool being the last thing the city needs, lack of audience participation at Council meetings and are becoming a social media affair. Lack of reality with city residents and city officials, legislation on the agenda relating to National Suicide Month and the recent seven-year old boy being bullied at school and told he was worthless and should kill himself and he did. Also, expressed concerns with some city employees earning too much money and Mr. Scott and other Councilmembers answering her calls and answers her questions.

Lou Modic
14399 Fayette Blvd.

Mr. Modic stated the Brook Park Dog Lovers group now consists of 250 members and is looking for a line-item in the city budget for dog park monies that have been collected. Mr. Modic also questioned how much money was raised at the last annual dog swim and where do those monies go?

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. RESOLUTION NO. 26-2018, DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council President Vecchio.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Stemm, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to adopt.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Stemm, Orcutt, Burgio, Scott, Salvatore, Poindexter, Mencini
NAYS: None. Res. No. 26-2018, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

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

- 2. ORDINANCE NO. 11037-2018, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTROATE OF AMENDMENTS TO ARTICILE IV, SECTIONS 4.01 AND 4.02 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilmembers Salvatore, Orcutt, Scott and Stemm.

Mr. Vecchio stated Ordinance No. 11037-2018 has had its First Reading.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to call a Special Council meeting for Thursday, August 30th at 8:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Stemm, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to place Ordinance No. 11037-2018 on the August 30th Special Council agenda for Second Reading.

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

- 3. ORDINANCE NO. 11038-2018, AMENDING SECTION 101.08 (d) OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'CHARGES FOR SERVICE REQUESTS' COPIES OF CITY RECORDS' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council President Vecchio.

Mr. Vecchio stated Ordinance No. 11038-2018 has had its First Reading.

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. Elliott stated to Mr. Modic as a point of clarification about the monies collected at the dog swim. When that program began a few years ago, maybe 2005, it was in conjunction with the city's Animal Control Department and volunteers participating at that time. No monies are charged for that event as some other cities do. We do ask for donations i.e. dog food, food for the needy and others donate dollars. The donations received this past Saturday, the food collected was placed in the box for the needy in the recreation center lobby that is being done in conjunction with an Eagle Scout and the S.C.A.N. food pantry that serves Berea,

Administration/Council address the audience:

Brook Park and Middleburg Hts. The dog food that was donated was forwarded to the city's animal shelter and the dollars donated, not sure of exact amount, possibly over \$700.00 that was forwarded to the city's finance department and put under the donations line-item that, ultimately, will be used at the city's animal shelter for cages, food or any necessary needs.

Mr. Salvatore addressed Mr. Schwinn about the Charter amendment and wished good luck in running for Charter Review Commission. Mr. Salvatore disagreed with his comments relative to waiting and regardless who is elected for Charter Review all Charter amendments must be forwarded to Council. The recommendations that will be made by the upcoming Charter Review members will be somewhat similar I see no reason to stall and think this should move forward. Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Modic and offered assistance and Ms. Markusic keep coming to the meetings.

Mr. Mencini stated everyone that spoke at the microphone came because they care, there's a lot to do in this community and people put up a good effort but it's going to take time. This city and the nation went through a recession in 2007-2008, the housing downturn and Ford Motor somewhat leaving; we're working hard to get there. With community involvement there were three ladies planting and pruning out front of the recreation center earlier today. I think we're working hard in the right direction and don't see all that as bleak, thank you for coming.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Stemm, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of bargaining session with public employees concerning compensation.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Stemm, Mencini, Poindexter, Scott, Burgio, Orcutt
NAYS: None. The motion carried at 8:57 p.m., in attendance
Members of Council, Mayor Gammella, Law Director Horvath and Finance Director Cingle.

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

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

There being no further business a **motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Stemm, to adjourn the Council meeting.

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED *September 18, 2018*

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