

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:30 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 Economic Development Commissioner Adams, Service Director Gardner, Law Director Horvath, Finance Director Cingle, Recreation Director Elliott, Mayor Gammella, Fire Chief Maund, Fire Lt. McClain and Brook Park Firefighters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Caucus Prior to meeting held on October 16, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

2. Regular Council meeting held on October 16, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

3. Special Council - Executive Session held on October 22, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to go out of the Regular Order of Business to letter K.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

1. THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HONORING BROOK PARK FIREFIGHTERS WITH THE 2018 MISSION LIFELINE EMS RECOGNITION AWARD. **In attendance:** Brook Park Firefighters & Southwest General Health Center Chief Executive Officer, William Young.

Ms. Haumschild, EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Manager of Southwest General Health Center, presented an award to Fire Chief Maund and Brook Park Firefighters on behalf of the American Heart Association that represents excellence in cardiac care. What this means is the firefighters as first respondents render all the emergency care that can possibly be given prior to transport to the hospital. The firefighters do an amazing job and it's our privilege on behalf of Southwest General would like to present this award.

Miscellaneous business, appointments, confirmations: cont.

Mr. Young stated Southwest is very proud to be able to support the Fire and EMS of this community, they do a fantastic job and Southwest would not have the good outcomes if this didn't start in the field. Mr. Young thanked everyone in Brook Park for the support of the hospital levy that was passed by the voters yesterday.

Mr. Maund stated the firefighters achieved this award and introduced EMS Training Officer, Lt. McClain, who raised us up from Bronze to this first-time achievement of Gold. This represents that not one heart-attack the men were faced with was not lost in 2018 and hope to continue training for this excellent quality care. Mr. Maund thanked the American Heart Association and Southwest General for their continued education and for presenting this award.

Ms. Haumschild thanked city personnel for allowing to use the former City Hall by turning it into a simulated disaster area. Without that facility the drill wouldn't take place and with the using of that facility 40 new CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members have graduated in all our communities.

Mayor Gammella thanked all the firefighters for all they do for Brook Park and we appreciate the outstanding job.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Mencini, to go back out of the Regular Order of Business to the second portion of letter E.

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Berea Board of Education Committee - McDonnell, Poindexter.

Berea District Superintendent Sheppard provided a power point presentation on the school district's construction updates, that has been incorporated with the district's power point presentation given on October 17th and available on the school district website.

Questions/Comments:

Mr. Salvatore thanked Superintendent Sheppard for the presentation and talking about the naming (schools) has there been any discussion?

Reports of Special Committees:

Berea Board of Education Committee - McDonnell, Poindexter

Questions/Comments: cont.

Mr. Sheppard, no that hasn't been started, that discussion will begin shortly to come up with an appropriate name for that building, to make sure it represents this community.

Mr. Salvatore asked for consideration of keeping the name Brook Park Memorial due to the reason it was named in the first place, there is something to be said about years ago and memory. If a committee is formed to look at different options hoping Brook Park has a seat at the table.

Mr. Sheppard commented that certainly will be taken in consideration.

Mr. Mencini thanked Mr. Sheppard for coming and liked the ideas with the new lunchroom, space in hallways and the color patterns. When talking about the pool at the middle school for \$1 million-dollars that is just for the pool, filter and those areas?

Mr. Sheppard responded the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) is part of that project, the air-flow was looked at because it's little different than the rest of the building, completely new filtration system and some cosmetic items.

Mr. Mencini continued with liking the idea of community sharing.

Mr. Sheppard commented these buildings are the communities' buildings and have also been open to having good partnerships. The district recognizes that they have some unique facilities and don't want them to close when students leave the high-school.

Mr. Poindexter thanked Mr. Sheppard for coming and making this presentation and are as excited as the district is for the new building to be erected.

Mr. Vecchio stated the new learning environment is much different than anyone sitting on this dais has seen and is nice to see, thank you for the presentation.

Mr. Vecchio continued with Berea Board of Education Committee report - Ms. McDonnell.

Ms. McDonnell reported that Berea-Midpark High School was featured high-school of the week. The holiday concert schedules will be located on the district's website. On November 6th another Staff Development Day was held and am happy to report that the third and fourth grade teachers received training in Mental Health First Aid. Also, the Mental Health First Aid Berea Team visited Bay Village to start training, and I was able to go to Budsman and had training in Berea.

Berea Board of Education Committee - Poindexter:

Mr. Poindexter commented with the holiday schedule he was able to see last year's choir and show choir and recommend going because it's a very good performance.

Mr. Vecchio continued with Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Salvatore and wished Mr. Salvatore a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Salvatore thanked everyone for the numerous cards, text messages and phone calls for his birthday. Mr. Salvatore reported that the Southwest General Leadership Team has been put forth time and effort to develop a positive employee engagement; that rolls over to the high quality in high patient care. Employees were invited to participate in an engagement survey with feedback from 2,100 employees, that is 75% of the employees and will reach the ultimate goal put in place last year. The center recently lost a very aggressive social media campaign targeted for the hiring of passive and highly desired candidates. The Human Resources Team using creative efforts the center is exceeding national benchmarks and on time for filling positions. A group of 45 employees participated in community projects coordinated through a partnership with Business Volunteers Unlimited and completed a project called 'Replay for Kids and a second group cleaned up the trails around Lake Isaacs of the MetroParks. The Festival of Lights will be held on November 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the hospital lobby. Mr. Salvatore thanked for everyone who participated in the Breast Cancer Awareness month of October and bringing in the importance of early detection and also Southwest General and the City of Middleburg Hts. for joining Brook Park. Mr. Salvatore thanked everyone who supported Issue 20, the Southwest levy and stated by renewing this levy Brook Park remains in the capacity of part ownership.

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:Aviation & Environmental Committee - Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter stated no report.

Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated no legislation on the agenda and stated the Board of Control met earlier and approved 41 items.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated no legislation on the agenda.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported the commission met on October 18th and discussed several items, such as adding more businesses, increasing membership and the baseball field to be used by the Berea City Schools, that is back on the table. Basketball registrations ended October 28th with a possible waiting list. The Ohio State Former Boxing

Reports of Standing Committees: cont.

Association will be holding an event at the recreation center on November 10th and coming soon are kickboxing classes and the new Dodgeball classes began this evening.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio reported the Planning Commission met on November 5th and with two items on the agenda. The first is requesting approval between the City of Brook Park and NASA to vacate the property known as old Cedar Point Road, easterly from Aerospace Parkway in a U1-A2 zone and property dedicated right-of-way easterly of Grayland Drive in a U6 zone, for purpose of future consolidation of all NASA property into one parcel. The second item was requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit for 18301 Brookpark Road, Boss Pro-Karting, located in a U7A district to operate an airport parking facility in conjunction with current tenant use. Both agenda items were approved unanimously by the Planning Commission.

Safety Committee - Chairman Stemm

Mr. Stemm reported that November 7th is recognized as Brook Park Police Recognition Day and thanked Chief Foster and police officers for everything they do. This recognition was introduced by Councilman Salvatore a few years ago and asked Mr. Salvatore for any comments.

Mr. Salvatore stated this was brought forward to recognize a great police department then and now and also recognized the Neighborhood Watch Group for sending lunch and dinner to the police department today and, also, to City Council coming together to send a cake to the Brook Park Police Department.

Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt stated no legislation on tonight's agenda and reminded residents that November 17th is the last day for yard waste drop off at the service garage.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated there were two items on the November 5th agenda with the first one was a variance request for a 3' sideline and 3' rear-lot line for installation of an above ground swimming pool at 6420 Terre Drive, passed unanimously. The second item was for a variance request to construct a fence beyond the rear-line of the main structure at 5313 West 151st that the board declined.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

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

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Gammella reported that he attended a meeting today with multi-billionaire, Ray Park, from Park Corporation; also in attendance were Scott Adams, the city's Economic Development Commissioner and Stuart Mendel, Chairman of the Aerozone Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to tell Mr. Park about the Aerozone Project on the west end that was also made an Opportunity Zone, Mr. Park seemed extremely interested. Mayor Gammella continued even though the IX (International Exposition) Center is located in the City of Cleveland, the City of Brook Park still derive tax revenues from that building, that is a very important part of the city's economic base. Mr. Park was assured that the city will continue to do anything to work with him. Mayor Gammella thanked Mr. Elliott and the recreation staff for excellent job with the cheer-off held this weekend.

Questions:

Mr. Salvatore stated that's good news about the IX Center but it's my understanding that the only way the City of Brook Park derives revenues the IX Center must remain the IX Center.

Mayor Gammella concurred, and that was the discussion to keep operating as the IX Center.

Mr. Mencini commented that Mr. Park should spend some money around the Ford area and asked if there is any update that can be shared with the Ford property.

Mayor Gammella responded Mr. Park has an interest with the Ford property and that's as far as I'll go with it. Other people have an interest, that property is in play since cut loose from Ford Manufacturing to Ford Land and there's a great deal of interest in that property. It's not every day that 195 acres next to a major airport and the railroads comes on the market.

Mr. Mencini commented that there are good vibes coming from the community with the police, fire, service and recreation departments.

Mayor Gammella responded that the crack-sealing program, Council approved, has been pushed back due to weather but crews are back out there. Also, next year there will be \$5 million-dollars put into roads and it looks like a great majority of that will be paid in cash.

Mr. Stemm thanked Mr. D'Amico for all his help with the issues in Ward 1 over the last month.

Mayor Gammella concurred that Mr. D'Amico is doing a great job. To the residents what Mr. Stemm is referring to is there was a tanker truck that hit a stairway going into a plane that gouged the tanker truck, causing a tremendous loss of jet fuel onto the

Reports and communications from the Mayor:

Questions: cont.

runway and into Abrams Creek. Everyone over there was able to corral the jet fuel with big booms floating in the water to absorb the jet fuel and then vacuumed the jet fuel up. Fortunately, nothing traveled into the Rocky River, crews were able to catch the jet fuel over by what is called the trash-bin large grates.

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

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle reported the 2019 temporary budget is being worked on with the intention of sending to City Council by the end of next week. The department is waiting on a few pieces of information to complete the 2018 final appropriations by next week and then shortly thereafter a transfer ordinance will be provided for Council's approval by the end of the year. All these items will be needed to be passed by the end of the year to finalize the 2018 fiscal year and prepare for 2019.

Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott commented that the true definition of community recreation took place the last few weeks with the great events of the Halloween Party, with probably 1,000 people in attendance, and the cheer-off. Mr. Elliott thanked the parents, coaches, girls and everyone who participated and mentioned that the support from the families, to me, is most important. Mr. Elliott distributed a list of Christmas activities that begin on December 2nd and stated the list will be distributed to community groups and businesses tomorrow. The room downstairs is complete so all fitness classes that used to use parts of the building will be held downstairs.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath stated no report.

Service Director Gardner

Mr. Gardner reported that leaf pickup has started and typically in a good week crews can get through the city but the weather plays a big roll. Due to the upcoming Veterans' holiday bulk will be picked up on Tuesday, November 13th; please call by noon the Friday before to get on the schedule. Yard waste ends on November 17th but rubbish drop-off will continue but please call the garage at 216-433-7192, to make sure personnel is available for assistance.

Mr. Vecchio stated Mr. Piatak has been excused.

Questions:

Mr. Salvatore asked Mr. Cingle if the 2019 budget will include the \$5 million-dollars for the roads?

Mr. Cingle responded it will be the temporary budget, encompassing the first three months of 2019. Speaking with Mr. Piatak earlier asking for the estimated amount to be expended during that time to be included in the temporary budget.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Ms. Horvath that calls have been received from organizations operating for the City of Brook Park and using city facilities as part of Home Days celebration and would like meet to discuss those issues.

Mrs. Horvath understands those concerns and will meet to discuss them.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Elliott is the game room in the snack bar completed?

Mr. Elliott responded no and certainly wanted it ready by now but the gentleman the staff has been working with had an unfortunate health issue in the family. So far there are only a few pieces in the game room, painting is being done, two 60" screens will be installed with one for playing PlayStation games and the second for Wii games. Physical games such as ping-pong and pop-a-shot will be forthcoming with the goal of before Christmas break.

Mr. Mencini commented that seeing the Recreation Center being used again is a good thing and is a big part of the community. Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Gardner crews are doing a great job with the leaf pickup.

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

New Legislation:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. Placed in Finance Committee.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAX REVENUES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. Placed in Finance Committee

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

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

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Jennifer Roberts

5368 West 151st Street

Ms. Roberts wished Mr. Salvatore a Happy Birthday and appreciates everything he does for the city. Being today is Police Recognition Day a community card was delivered to the police department signed by many residents. Police officers expressed their appreciation to the community for honoring them on this day. Ms. Roberts thanked Council for all their help when asked from the Neighborhood Watch Group. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Monday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Brook Park Library with a few speakers from the Brook Park Memorial will be talking about safety issues within the schools.

Mr. Peterlin

5811 Wengler Drive

Mr. Peterlin read a manifest into the record that is on file in the Council office.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Ms. Roberts for her hard work with the Neighborhood Watch Group. Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Peterlin for coming to the meeting and expressing his concerns and stated if Council is not sure about a project questions are asked and if needed engineers are hired to get answers. In speaking for myself, I think Council makes sound decisions that aren't always easy.

Mr. Mencini thanked Ms. Roberts and stated great job with the Neighborhood Watch Group, I attended the last meeting and it was a good one with the subject matter and speakers in attendance. Also, thanked the group for everything they did for the city's police force today. To Mr. Peterlin, there was a lot of research done for the Recreation Center and Council is going to ask questions about the street lighting or whatever the subject matter is and will get the necessary answers before approving anything.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Ms. Roberts for her hard work and dedication to the community and encouraged residents' to attend the meetings, they are extremely important. At the last meeting there were several Councilmembers' in attendance along with Mayor Gammella and Police Chief Foster with the topic being the hotel on Snow Road; also thanked Ms. Roberts for the generosity shown to the police officers today. To Mr. Peterlin, the line item for dialogue between Council and the residents' is a good idea. When that was done at past meetings, sometimes it moved the meeting along faster because residents didn't have to come to several meetings expressing the same concerns. Also, with research Council does, this is a full-time job, 24/7 and since the group came to speak on the lighting I've done research and there has been dialogue about this issue.

Mr. Stemm thanked the Neighborhood Watch Group for the great job and is an asset to the city. As far as decision making by Council there are many different backgrounds up here and communicate whenever there is an issue, especially if unpopular, Council does their homework and there are subject matter experts that come in to speak on the subject. If Council is unsure of the subject matter other consultants are brought in or Council votes no on the decision.

Mr. Poindexter thanked Ms. Roberts and the Neighborhood Watch Group for the great job and to Mr. Peterlin, I agree with my colleagues, and would like to add something with the comments to the audience remark. If Council doesn't respond it's not like talking to a brick wall, I take in everything said at the podium and reflect on it. So even if Council doesn't respond that doesn't mean we're not listening.

Mayor Gammella stated to Mr. Peterlin, the lighting you're speaking of is LED (light emitting diode) lighting and would like to have all the lighting replaced throughout the City of Brook Park, to bring it up to a much greater standard. Those lights will enhance the lighting in this community and will be an energy-savings to the city. So, there won't be a lack of lighting there will be more lighting with cleaner and clearer lighting.

Mr. Vecchio thanked the Neighborhood Watch and attended last month's meeting and heard about Issue I and also was able to speak on the Sexual Predators residency requirements passed by Council. The dialogue seen from that meeting from both presenters and residents was, to me, outstanding. I encourage residents to attend the Neighborhood Watch meetings because every one of those meetings. Mr. Vecchio thanked the Neighborhood Watch for everything the group does. To Mr. Peterlin, as far as the added section for communication purposes even if it's not done, every Councilmember has a phone number and email so if you don't get a response at that moment; I encourage you to call the Councilmember directly, send an email or call the Council office at 216-433-1375. This Council works diligently together to get answers because no one up here is a true subject matter in everything so we try to find out the information to give the residents the best answer possible.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

NOTE: EXECUTIVE SESSION - PURCHASE AND/OR SALE OF PROPERTY - Mayor Gammella

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried at 9:01 p.m.

In attendance: Members of Council, Mayor Gammella, Law Director Horvath, Finance Director Cingle, Economic Development Commissioner Adams and Recreation Director Elliott.

Councilman Burgio left Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

Economic Development Commissioner Adams left Executive Session at 10:17 p.m.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried at 10:16 p.m.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED *November 20, 2018*

THESE MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY BROOK PARK CITY COUNCIL ARE A SYNOPSIS, NOT TRANSCRIBED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ALTHOUGH ACCURATE.

