

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:31 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

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

Also in attendance were Mayor Gammella, Law Director Horvath, Recreation Director Elliott, Service Director Gardner, Finance Director Cingle and Engineer Piatak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Caucus Prior to meeting held on March 19, 2019.

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.

2. Regular Council meeting held on March 19, 2019.

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 stated the Aviation & Environmental committee has nothing on tonight's agenda and no report.

Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated the Finance committee has one piece of legislation on tonight's agenda. The Board of Control met earlier and approved 24 items; two largest being for Pro-Tec Security Sale for police equipment in the amount of approximately \$18,000 and the second being for Petroleum gas and diesel fuel in the amount of \$40,000.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated there were four pieces of legislation on the Caucus Prior to agenda and if any legislation is to be pulled out of committee contact him.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported at the March 21st meeting there was discussions on the Berea City Schools baseball agreement, the possibility of a city-campus plan for development of that area when everything is finalized. Baseball-Softball registrations have ended, the spring-break was held March 25th - 28th with a great turnout, Midnight Madness Basketball was a huge success with 70 participants in

the program. The Golden Gloves boxing tournament will be held April 5th & 6th and 12th and 13th. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m.; the Neighborhood Watch Group will be participating in this event. The Best of Brook Park appreciation dinner will be held on Thursday, May 3rd and Junior Olympics boxing event will be held on May 3rd and 4th, the 11th annual Senior Tea and Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, April 6th.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio reported the commission met yesterday evening with two items on the agenda. The first one is a request for aesthetic approval for construction of a front porch on Grosse Drive that was approved by the commission. The second item was a request for project approval for the demolition of the former City Hall and Council buildings PPN 343-16-001A located in the municipal and board of education zone that was approved and forwarded to City Council.

Safety Committee - Chairman Stemm

Mr. Stemm reported the Safety Committee has nothing on tonight's agenda and announced that the 2019 John J. Walsh Safety Town registrations are ongoing and can register online at www.cityofbrookpark.com website; teacher applications are also ongoing and can be picked up at the Recreation Center or Brook Park Police Facebook page.

Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt stated the Service committee has nothing on tonight's agenda. Just a few reminders to make note on Monday, April 8th, commencement of the city's yard waste program will begin at the service garage for the 2019 season. Monday, April 8th is bulk pickup to be placed on the list please call the rubbish hotline at 216-433-7189 before 12:00 noon this Friday, Saturday, April 20th is Shred-It Day at the service garage from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott stated the Board of Zoning met yesterday and approved 4'x6" rear-line lot variance for the construction of a 600' garage at 14626 North Gallatin. The board also approved a 9' front setback variance for construction of a front porch at 6433 Grosse Drive. Mr. Scott announced that Mayor Gammella appointed Thomas Dufour to the Board of Zoning Appeals at last night's meeting.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported on Thursday, March 28th Protection Services Department commissioned officers were sworn in as the health center's police department, adding a level of security to the hospital and creates a safer environment. The nominating committee met last week and recommendations will be made to the board on May 1st for appointment of officers to the trustee systems board and appointment of large trustees. The CEO (Chief Executive Officer) Oversight Committee met on April 11th and the next Systems Board meeting will be held on May 1st.

Reports of Special Committees: cont.

Berea Board of Education Committee - McDonnell, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter announced that April 11th - 14th will be spring musical at Berea-Midpark High School at 7:00 p.m. each evening and the final performance on Sunday will be at 2:30 p.m., \$11.00 tickets are available online at berea-midpark stage.com or at the door for \$10.00. A call was received about leaks in the 5th grade wing of the middle school that was recently renovated last year. The superintendent is aware of the problem and as soon as the weather breaks the leaks and any other damage to ceiling tiles, etc. will be repaired, there were no signs of mold detected. The next school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10th.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Gammella reported that economic development continues to be the main focus and essential that more jobs and monies come into the community. One thing that has been talked about since 2007 is the dog park and it looks like the city may come to fruition with that. The Brook Park Barkers have been out and currently there are preliminary discussions taking place with Middleburg Hts. for a shared dog park on Sheldon Road, across the street from Brook Park; these discussions are still in the preliminary stage. On April 6th the seniors will be having a fashion show in the community room and anyone that would like to attend call the Recreation Department at 216-433-1545 for details. The Botanical Garden Club will be having a fundraiser at United Methodist Church on April 6th. The Beautification & Pride committee recently had an outstanding event that went very well; Brook Park is a great community with all the volunteers willing to assist with anything.

Questions:

Mr. Burgio stated with the proposed dog park the main idea was to have one in or near the city. There was a proposed dog park location at Wedo Park but residents didn't want the dog park in their neighborhood. The former Mayor Coyne placed \$30,000 in the budget for a dog park that never materialized. Right now, the plan is to have the dog park within a year and the nice thing is that it is not in any neighborhood in Brook Park, but on the border at the Middleburg Hts. wastewater treatment plant location. Middleburg Hts. will be in charge of taking care of the dog park since it's on their property but hopefully there will be a board formed so Brook Park is part of the process on this benefits our city as well.

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

Mr. Mencini stated there are a lot of people from Brook Park that worked hard for the dog park and hope it is a good and fair relationship with Middleburg Hts. Mr. Mencini thanked Mayor Gammella for the weekly meetings reiterated from a previous comment about starting next year's budget process a little sooner.

Mayor Gammella commented to Mr. Mencini with those weekly meetings one item talked about was possibly having a three-year plan for needs. But, it takes money and two ways to get money is to bring in more revenue to the city, jobs and commerce or raise taxes. I don't want to raise taxes I would rather bring in jobs and commerce to this city.

Mr. Orcutt stated that phone calls have been coming about the pool area infrastructure with the roof and walls. Has there been any more dialogue with the energy company representatives that spoke to Council about the re-lamping of streetlights.

Mayor Gammella responded last week he met with the company that Mr. Scott brought forward that made a presentation to Council. Also, Leopardo Group will be making another presentation to Council next week along with the survey as to what people want for that room. As I've stated I would like to see the pool brought back and with the diving pool possibly a senior center or jungle gym for the children.

Mr. Orcutt commented he is a big advocate for energy programs and if the city can get the \$227,000 for electricity reduced and pay for the project and put positive cash-flow I will support that. Another thing to think about for that area is can cash-flow be generated from whatever is put in there? Mr. Orcutt stated the residents in Ward 3 are contacting me about streets. The \$1.7 million-dollar street project on Smith Road will help the city immensely but Delores is in shambles throughout Wards 3 & 2 and also a section of Hummel Road. Is there any news about Ford Motor property for sale?

Mayor Gammella responded I signed a confidentiality agreement and will leave it there.

Mr. Orcutt commented there has been some progress?

Mayor Gammella concurred.

Mr. Orcutt asked when do you think Council will hear some news?

Mayor Gammella responded can't really say things of this nature tend to move slowly, however, we're heading in the right direction and the city will be

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

successful. The roads are bad but that didn't happen in the year since taking office it's been many, many years. That there was no money to upgrade the city's infrastructure and it's not only here the infrastructure problem is across the United States. At the Mayor's & Managers meeting last week, officials from the Iron Curtain of Romania, Czechoslovakia and Poland were in attendance and their biggest surprise of being in America for the first time. Is the absolute horrid condition of the roads system, they were appalled at how bad our roads were. So there is a problem that needs to be addressed but with all the monies that have been taken from municipalities this is a federal issue; the State of Ohio is number two with the most bridges on the critical list, federal dollars are needed to address this problem.

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

Mr. Piatak stated with the Holland Road project once the contracts are signed and executed a pre-construction meeting will be held; don't anticipate that occurring for another two to two-and-a-half weeks.

Service Director Gardner

Mr. Gardner stated yard-waste dumpsters will be in the yard starting Monday, April 8th from 7:30 a.m., no plastic bags, rubbish, cans and/or bottles should be mixed in with yard waste. Monday, is also bulk day and usually the rubbish truck would be sitting there but all trucks will be throughout the city on bulk Monday. Residents that bring rubbish to the garage it will be set outside and loaded in when the trucks return; starting Tuesday the rubbish truck will be in the lot.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath stated the city has about eight acting law cases with two foreclosure cases being concluded.

Recreation Director Elliott

Mr. Elliott reported baseball/softball registrations have closed but tennis signups will continue. By the end of the week Home Days letters to all vendors and community organizations will be mailed out; Home Days celebration is the weekend of July 12th, 13th and 14th. Last week the spring Olympics and March Madness events were very successful and attended. Thank you to Mayor Gammella, Councilman Orcutt, Brook Park Booster Club and Humenik Funeral Home for their donations to these events.

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle stated March month-end reports will be distributed within the next few days. The tax department will have extended hours Tuesday, April 9th until 7:00 p.m. and also Saturday, April 6th and 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Questions:

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Piatak about the Smith Road project being done this year.

Mr. Piatak responded yes, there is one piece of legislation received from ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) today that needs to come to Council. Currently proposals are out for construction administration services and are due back on April 15th or 16th, with a tentative July start for the project.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Gardner is the street sweeper on the streets daily?

Mr. Gardner responded yes.

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Elliott about a number read on people coming into the Recreation Center at what hours and timeframe?

Mr. Elliott responded that a report will be provided by age groups.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mr. Piatak was a street data analysis performed for 2019?

Mr. Piatak responded not to date.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Mr. Gardner for the cleanup and removal of poles at the U-Haul parking lot on Smith Road.

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

New Legislation:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2019 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. Placed in Finance committee.
2. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 9993-2015, 9999-2016 10073-2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella & Councilman Salvatore. Placed in Finance committee.
3. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BROOK PARK HOME MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (HMAP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella & Councilman Salvatore. Placed in Finance committee.

Introduction of New Legislation: cont.

4. A RESOLUTION URGING ALL RESIDENTS TO SHOP IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK DURING 'SHOP IN BROOK PARK' DURING THE MONTH OF JULY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Mencini. Placed in Legislative committee.
5. A RESOLUTION HONORING BECKY CONROY FOR BEING CHOSEN AS 2018-2019 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Scott. Placed in Legislative committee.
6. A RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE BROOK PARK 2019 SOFTBALL SEASON IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF KHOLE NIDA. Introduced by Councilman Salvatore. Placed in Recreation committee.
7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT CONTRACT FOR ROAD SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. Placed in Service committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Ray Peterlin

5811 Wengler Drive

Mr. Peterlin expressed concerns with a few residents not liking the Hometown newspaper. The Brook Park Botanical Garden Club is looking for younger members and only once a month meetings; to beautify the city if interested visit www.bpbotanical@gmail.com. Age change to 21 years-old for all types of cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, vapor devices and any other products, like 21 other cities have done.

Louie Modic

14399 Fayette Blvd.

Mr. Modic stated great news about the dog park and commented have always supported the idea.

Tom Dufour

15300 Richard Drive

Mr. Dufour stated the Brook Park Barkers Association is not opposed to joining with Middleburg Hts. for a dog park. The position of the Association is to fundraise for a dog park in Brook Park with no taxpayer monies. The Barkers first meeting on March 21st was very well attended and productive.

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

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

Mr. Poindexter stated to Mr. Peterlin the point with the tobacco laws are very well taken and have been doing research on this to bring forward. Is interested in having a Brook Park day for groups and clubs on an annual basis. Is excited about the joint venture with Middleburg Hts. about the dog park but still strive for Brook Park to have their own.

Mr. Mencini stated with the clubs a great time to do that would be Home Days. The dog park will be great with Middleburg Hts. and hopes Brook Park has a say with the park.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: FIRST READING:

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 6-2019, PROCLAIMING JUNE 8, 2019, AS GLOBAL WELLNESS DAY IN BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Introduced by Councilman Orcutt, C/W and Mayor Gammella.

Mr. Vecchio stated has had its First Reading.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 11064-2019, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CHANGE ORDER BETWEEN BREWER-GARRETT COMPANY AND THE CITY OF BROOK PARK TO CHANGE PLANS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURT AREA AND THE TAX DEPARTMENT IN THE JOHN A. POLOYNE COMMUNITY CENTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Council for their patience and explained he didn't support the suspension because of the cart being before the horse and if it came forward prior to the work being done would have accepted with possible amendments. Three items were done and I would have supported only one for the wall in the tax department. Since I don't support some of these changes will not vote for this.

Third Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions: cont.

Mr. Salvatore stated I didn't support the work from the beginning but stated the gentleman was asked to do the work and should be paid. Wasn't in favor of doing any of the work but the gentleman should get paid and will be voting no.

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

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

NAYS: Salvatore, Orcutt. Ordinance No. 11064-2019, has passed under Third Reading with a vote of 5-2. Adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO:

- PERSONNEL MATTERS (Council Office Staff)

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to go into Executive Session for Council Office Personnel Matters.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Councilmembers went into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

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

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

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.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

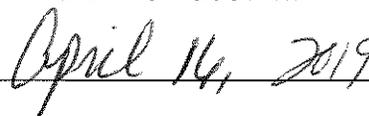
Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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