

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019**

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, STEM, MENCINI, SALVATORE

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

Councilman Poindexter was properly excused.

DISCUSSION:

1. 2018-2019 COUNCIL CLERK SALARY

Mr. Vecchio stated this was brought forward because to date the bargaining contracts and non-bargaining salary schedule has passed; Council has to approve an increase for the clerk. The 2018 increase given was for 2% and 2019 increase was 2.5% totaling 4.5%, bringing the clerk's current salary total to \$63,071.17.

Mr. Orcutt stated after doing some research the ordinance Council amended the salary schedule includes the Clerk of Council. So Council may have already approved this and possibly just needs a signature from the Council President.

Mr. Vecchio stated per the history of Council approves and that is why this is being brought forward for approval.

Mr. Orcutt reiterated this may have already been done from the most recent ordinance passed.

Mr. Vecchio clarified Ordinance No. 11073-2019.

Mr. Orcutt concurred and exhibit A attached to that ordinance has the salary schedule and the very first title is the Clerk of Council, so possibly Council has already passed that and may need the Council President signature; this is new to most of us up here.

Mr. Vecchio asked Mr. Cingle since most of Council is new to this, historically, it is my understanding that Council as a Whole approves.

Mr. Cingle responded the salary ordinance that Council approved sets the parameters

from minimum to maximum. Council determines the salary within that range and it can be done via email from Council President to Finance Director setting the wage and include all Members of Council is the email. If no response from the Members of Council its deemed that the wage is set forth accordingly. This can be done on the floor or by email, however Council wishes.

Mr. Salvatore doesn't recall discussing someone's salary on an open floor, Council had an Executive Session to discuss people's salaries. Thinks it is totally unfair to put the clerk in the position of discussing her salary in an open public meeting.

Mr. Mencini concurred with Councilmen Orcutt and Salvatore this was discussed in Executive Session and the clerk should be awarded like all other employees of the city and under contracts; let's get this done.

Mr. Scott commented a few years back there was discussion on the floor about freezing Council salary and think this discussion (clerk) has been on the floor and voted on previously. The clerk is the only full-time employee that hasn't received an increase. To Mr. Cingle has there been any pay increase for this year for the clerk?

Mr. Cingle responded no.

Mr. Scott continued it's under discussion and give the 2% for being an employee after 2017 and 2.25% for 2018; 4.25% increase and move on.

Mr. Orcutt reiterated the printout provided from the Council President was the basic breakdown given to all other non-union employees and Mr. Cingle needs documentation from Council.

Mr. Vecchio polled Council for agreement for the Council Clerk increase, Members of Council in attendance verbally voted unanimously for increase.

SERVICE COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, ORCUTT:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF SMITH ROAD (PID 108950) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

Mr. Piatak stated this legislation is no longer necessary due to legislation passed in 2018 that authorizes the Mayor to enter into agreements for this project. Also conferred with the law director who concurred that the legislation previously passed was sufficient for the Mayor to enter into this agreement.

Service Committee - Chairman, Orcutt: cont.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA FOR THE RESURFACING OF WEST 130TH STREET (COUNTY ID #1209) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to place on the Council agenda immediately following:

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-1 as Ordinance No. 11081-2019.

Mr. Salvatore invoked Council Rule No. 23 for two Resolutions to be placed on the Caucus Prior to agenda.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Mencini, to suspend Council rule number 23.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

1. A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY 7, 2019 AS I.U.P.A.T. DISTRICT COUNCIL 6 DAY IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Salvatore, C/W and Mayor Gammella

Mr. Salvatore stated the legislation recognizes District Council 6 for the charitable work for the last four years and most recently the Jean Marie House on Engle House.

Motion by Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, for a five-minute recess so that proper copies of legislation can be made.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried at 7:20 p.m.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Legislation to be added to agenda: cont.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-2 as Resolution No. 13-2019.

2. HONORING ST. STEPHEN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Salvatore, Councilmembers Mencini, Orcutt, Scott, Burgio, Poindexter, Council President Vecchio and Mayor Gammella

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Scott, Mencini, Salvatore, Burgio, Orcutt.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTION: Stemm. The motion carried with a vote of 5-1.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mr. Stemm for professional courtesy for suspension of the rules for the legislation to be adopted this evening. If not, since the Mayor is going to be included in this may a proclamation would be better.

Mr. Stemm responded I will not discuss this so maybe a proclamation would be the way to go.

Motion by Mr. Orcutt, supported by Mr. Burgio, to call for a Special Council meeting to be held on May 14th following the regular Caucus meeting.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

ABSTENTION: Stemm. The motion carried with a vote of 5-1.

3. A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS NATIONAL MILITARY APRECIATION MONTH IN BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council President Vecchio, C/W and Mayor Gammella

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to place on the Council agenda immediately following.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-3 as Resolution No. 14-2019.

Legislation to be added to agenda:

- 4. AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROOK PARK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 FORD E450 PASSENGER/WHEELCHAIR BUS WITH TRADE-IN OF A 2004 E350 BUS FROM WHITWORTH BUS SALES, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Mr. Gammella and C/W.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-4 as Ordinance No. 11082-2019.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

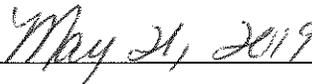
Mr. Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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