

NOTES:

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**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON JUNE 2, 2020**

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, SCHMUCK, ORCUTT, TROYER, MENCINI, POINDEXTER, SALVATORE

Also in attendance were Mayor Gammella, Law Director Horvath, Finance Director Cingle.

There were no items placed on this agenda but the following discussion(s) took place.

DISCUSSION:

Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Mencini asked if Council is going to approve the minutes.

Mr. Salvatore commented this is the reason the Caucus Prior to meeting was brought back is to discuss exactly what Mr. Mencini is referring to the six sets of minutes on the Council agenda.

Mr. Mencini concurred.

Mr. Salvatore stated didn't receive all of them until recently and didn't have a chance to read them. Possibly, move the six sets of minutes to another meeting so that Council has time to read them.

Mr. Poindexter stated he did have a chance to read them but am okay with moving the minutes, not a big deal in doing that as a courtesy.

Mr. Orcutt concurred that the meeting minutes be moved so everyone has a chance

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to read them.

Mr. Troyer commented with the livestream there is an error message showing.

Mr. Vecchio stated the livestream is showing live through the Council website, the clerk concurred the livestream is showing live through BoxCast.

Mr. Scott stated for courtesy to Councilmembers Salvatore and Orcutt no objection with moving the six sets of meeting minutes.

Mrs. Schmuck stated no issue.

Mr. Poindexter stated one question with this Caucus Prior to agenda will the home improvement months be discussed.

Mr. Vecchio responded it was originally thought that item was to be placed on this agenda but when the clerk transcribed there was no motion made to have that subject on the agenda. As always, Council can always motion to have that discussion.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Scott, to place Ordinance No. 11153-2020 on this agenda.

Mr. Troyer - Point of Order.

Mr. Vecchio recognized the point of order.

Mr. Troyer stated there is no legislation with that number, the legislation does not exist.

Mr. Vecchio stated the corrected number is 11152-2020.

Mr. Troyer asked for the title of the legislation.

Mr. Poindexter responded An Ordinance amending Section 1313.08 of the Brook Park codified ordinances entitled 'Home Improvement Months; Waiver of Building Permit Fees and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Troyer mentioned that also improper that (legislation) should not have an ordinance number.

The clerk stated the legislation does not have an ordinance number, there was some confusion from the last Caucus Prior to and Council meetings; to date the

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legislation does not have an ordinance number.

Mr. Poindexter rescinded his motion and Mr. Scott rescinded his support.

Mr. Salvatore mentioned this should be discussed for the month of June so the public is aware; let's just have the topic under discussion with no legislation.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to discuss the topic of home improvement months and waiving of building permit fees.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Poindexter, Salvatore, Mencini, Troyer, Orcutt, Schmuck, Scott

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Poindexter stated when this was first discussed I was in favor of removing all three months for 2020 and revisiting next year. After hearing the dialogue wanted to compromise and only have the month of June for 2020. The legislation reads June, 2020 and every year thereafter. If Council goes forward this will be for the month of June forever. If the city's finances improve 2021 would like for Council to look at this again to possibly make it for the three months of June, July and August.

Mr. Scott stated looking at Section 1-B reads 'and shall be reviewed by Council and every year thereafter determine the waiver of building permits shall be offered and over what period of time the waiver shall be offered', that's addressed. Think we're good on this one and like the idea of having for the month of June; don't like taking away totally.

Mr. Mencini concurs with the month of June because a lot of residents do ask about this and whether the contractor charges them that can be dealt with later. That is up to the building department to look into if contractors are doing that. This give incentive to residents to do improvements. The city could use those monies but also have to look at the residents first.

Mr. Salvatore stated the legislation originally introduced was to eliminate this program and as a compromise my suggestion was the month of June; didn't want to see the program end as being one of the original sponsors. It was my understanding was a brand new piece would be brought forward to only cover June, 2020 and then revert back to June, July and August for 2021, seems like this is reversed and Council has to come back to put those months back in. To Mrs. Horvath is there any chance to have legislation for next week with that type of scenario and also to Mayor Gammella with you name as sponsor are you going to co-sponsor this with Council.

Mayor Gammella responded absolutely.

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Mrs. Horvath responded if Council makes a decision as to which way to go with this legislation there would be sufficient time to prepare.

Mr. Troyer stated in agreement with Mr. Salvatore, first this legislation should be introduced as Council as a Whole that was agreed. Also, it was agreed to this year having June only for 2020. There were a couple different scenarios discussed but the end result was the month of June only. The building commissioner spoke of wanting to do this earlier in the year along with some other things such as bringing back up in January or February and ways of doing this slightly different. My thoughts to get this done quickly is to only do the month of June for 2020 and let it go back to original for 2021.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mrs. Horvath the way the legislation in front of Council tonight if moved to the Council agenda immediately following would this suffice. Council can always amend legislation but this needs to get on the books so the public is aware of the 30-day window to get the free permits; waiting another two weeks leaves only a two-week window for the residents.

Mrs. Horvath stated however Council wants to amend and the law department will make sure it's available.

Mr. Scott commented the next meeting is a Caucus and this can't be approved at that meeting, a special meeting would have to be called.

Mr. Vecchio concurred and commented the month of June is already underway so even if this went to the June 16th Council agenda still giving time for July and August; so there would be no reason for a special meeting.

Mr. Poindexter concurred with Mr. Vecchio and stated if this isn't done sooner rather than later people might be expecting to get permits in July and August, that may handcuff some people in that manner. If passed tonight the word can go out that there are still three weeks left in June to get permits.

Mr. Salvatore concurred with Mr. Poindexter in getting the word that free permits will be offered in the month of June. The only way to correct this to make salvageable is to extend to the middle of July, possibly 15th, giving residents almost a month for free permits.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mayor Gammella with bulk pickup starting next week and not sure what is going on with the recreation center. Is there plans to have a Code-Red alert maybe this could be added in.

Mayor Gammella responded excellent suggestion and if that is what Council wants

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a Code-Red could go out on Friday, June 5th.

Mr. Troyer commented can only support if it was changed to be proper, as discussed, with only (month of) June, against changing indefinitely. Would be willing in future years to change to different months.

Mr. Poindexter concurred with Mr. Salvatore's suggestion of having a new piece of legislation drafted and extending the date to mid-July, to give residents ample time.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to request new legislation for the June 16th Council meeting extending date to July 15, 2020.

Mr. Scott asked if this will appear on the Caucus agenda?

Mr. Vecchio suggested having the new piece of legislation introduced at the June 16th Council meeting.

Mr. Poindexter commented under letter J.

Mrs. Horvath questioned is this new piece going to be drafted for the year 2020 and thereafter would go back to June, July and August. Or is Council revisit at a later date?

Mr. Troyer responded I think we're saying June through July 15, 2020 only and then reverts back and Council revisits early next year.

Mr. Vecchio and Mr. Salvatore concurred with Mr. Troyer's statement.

The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to have new legislation requested.

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

Mr. Troyer clarified Council may want to put on the Caucus agenda of June 9th under discussion, since it is a brand new piece.

Mr. Vecchio polled Council:
Mencini - good
Poindexter - good
Salvatore - good
Orcutt - good
Scott - good

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Schmuck - good.

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

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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Michelle Blazak

From: Tom Troyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Michelle Blazak
Cc: Michael Vecchio
Subject: To be read at todays special council meeting

Please read at todays special council meeting!

Good afternoon,

I am writing this letter to voice my concerns over how this meeting was called and how these issues have been handled.

First, these police contract extensions were signed on April 30th and May 7th. Why are they being brought forward three weeks or more after they were signed and why were we not informed that the agreements had been signed even when we had a meeting concerning these contracts?

To be clear I do not have a problem with these contracts, if I could be there I would probably vote for them. My concerns are that the agenda of today's Special Council meeting is improper, when a Special meeting is called and the agenda is posted IT CAN NOT BE CHANGED! Nothing can be added, therefore council can not enter into executive session because it is not listed/posted on the agenda.

The legislation listed on the agenda can not be processed because it has Not been introduced and then placed under letter "M" by a majority vote of council.

Only Council can move legislation to first reading! (by a majority vote of council). Also, the agenda does not have a letter "J" listed (introduction of new legislation) so nothing can be introduced at today's Special Council Meeting.

So it is clear to me that nothing proper can be accomplished at today's Special Council Meeting, so it should be cancelled and another meeting called properly. I have and I will continue to point out any instance of this body not following our Charter, Council Rules and or the laws of the State of Ohio!

I am still trying to clear my schedule so I may take part in the meeting, (you will know by now if I was able) but to lose hours of work to attend a meeting where nothing can be processed is just sad!

Councilperson Troyer

