

NOTES:

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**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD AUGUST 25, 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 and Finance Director Cingle.

DISCUSSION:

1. 2020 APPROPRIATIONS - **Note:** Moved by **motion** from the August 11, 2020 Special Council agenda for discussion purposes only.

Mr. Scott stated 401, line item 342 - Parks & Playgrounds, Fund 551 - Land Building Improvements, what is the \$33,000.00 for? I've had municipal campus with three or four different answers.

Mayor Gammella responded in early February Council was told about the campus plan the city had with the grant for the trees. Also, a grant was received for the (former) city hall being torn down and also, in that grant, put a new sidewalk to the gazebo. What this money is for is landscaping; planting the trees, putting in landscape berms, planting more shrubbery, things of that nature, around the campus.

Mr. Scott continued the only thing I don't understand is Council saw the plans and that was the end of it. There was supposed to be more discussions on it and Council never approved anything.

Mayor Gammella interjected correct, Council hasn't.

Mr. Scott continued there was supposed to be input from the residents and Council and don't believe we had...

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Mayor Gammella interjected did you read the story in the News Sun this week, it's all there. That's what the (monies) are for it's in the newspaper and you can read it there. We've had discussions on this and it's up to Council; you asked the question I gave you the answer for what the \$33,000.00 is for.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Cingle on Sewers & Drains we're adding \$40,000.00 and do understand it by Ordinance No. 11141-2020 for the land next to the (railroad) tracks in Ward 4 (Westbrook & Michael). Don't see a problem even though the city doesn't own the land, the cost on that is \$220,000.00 and (those monies) will be recouped eventually?

Mr. Cingle responded that is my understanding, yes.

Mr. Troyer continued the original \$175,000.00 was not enough so the \$40,000.00 had to be added to come up with \$215,000.00, which isn't enough to cover the \$220,000.00. Is there enough in there?

Mr. Cingle responded I was matching that up to the legislation passed earlier this year.

Mr. Troyer commented there is also \$8,800.00 in contracts, does that cover the rest of the \$220,000.00?

Mr. Cingle responded to Mr. Troyer that will cover it.

Mr. Troyer clarified with the extra \$8,000.00?

Mr. Cingle concurred.

Mr. Troyer continued wanted to make sure there's really no extra money in there for other flooding problems; it's just to cover the legislation Council already passed. To cover the initial cost of doing that program with the storm-water and most likely the city will recoup those monies at a later date. Will those recouped monies be put back in the general or capital fund?

Mr. Cingle responded the monies will go back in to Fund 459 as part of the Community Cost-Share account with the sewer district.

Mr. Troyer reiterated wanted to know what that was for, it's for something already proposed and passed, city just has to pay for it.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mr. Cingle under Fund 401 - Capital Improvements line item 429 - Sewers & Drains. Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Cingle for an example of each line

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item listed from Professional Services down to Construction Contracts.

Mr. Cingle responded starting with Professional Services that's engineering for the Elmdale Road project passed earlier this year and part of the sewer district monies. The \$8,900.00 in Professional Services, \$100.00 in contracts and \$30,000.00 in construction contracts all relate to the Elmdale project. The \$63,000.00 In Land, Building & Improvements is for the Sylvia Drive pump station. The equipment line item is the Vactor lease in the amount of \$52,507.30, the Monster Muffins in the amount of \$30,000.00 and Dialers, most likely for the pump stations; those are the items that would be expended, if this legislation is approved.

Mr. Orcutt continued Fund 401 asked for an explanation of the Ditch-Cleaning Program Fund.

Mr. Cingle responded as stated to Mr. Troyer, the \$220,000.00 of the \$223,000.00 is being appropriated for the Community Cost-Share agreement between Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) and the City of Brook Park; as outlined in Ordinance No. 11141-2020.

Mr. Orcutt asked that is still part of the capital improvement?

Mr. Cingle responded that is a completely separate fund from Capital Improvements.

Mr. Orcutt clarified so funds cannot be transferred from capital to ditch-cleaning?

Mr. Cingle responded yes, Council could.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mayor Gammella going back to Parks & Playgrounds line item 523 - Professional Services has \$7,000.00 is for the (municipal campus) rendering? What I think is a good idea, is to get that rendering and do exactly what you were talking about and agree with the fact to take that rendering and work with the residents and Council on some different plans before moving forward. With that said we should be able to put more money, at this time, into flooding. To let you know, that \$33,000.00 the residents in Ward 3 can use every dollar they can get; I'm speaking for all the wards having flooding issues.

Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Cingle if the \$33,000.00 in line item 551 - Land & Building Improvements can be moved directly to Fund 459 or be more specific where putting those monies?

Mr. Cingle clarified with Mr. Orcutt you want to move \$33,000.00 into the ditch-cleaning program fund? Is there more money you want to put into the ditch-

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cleaning fund or do you want to move more money, for example, pump station improvements under Fund 401, line item 429 Sewers & Drains?

Mr. Orcutt responded I think five pumps since being on Council or this will be for the two pumps on Sylvia Drive in the amount of \$63,000.00, will add up to five pumps being replaced, since being on Council, that hasn't been done for many years. Mr. Scott and myself did gain permission from NEORS and other businesses spending the summer walking ditches by taking photos and making a documentary of everything going on in the city. Quite frankly, there is more ditch-cleaning that is going to be needed there is shopping carts and other items in these ditches; believe that's where the money should go but want to make sure the correct motion is made.

Mr. Cingle responded if monies are to be moved into the ditch-cleaning program fund we will need to add a transfer line under Fund 401 - Capital Improvements and transfer those monies into the ditch-cleaning fund. For Council's knowledge and same under Capital Improvement Fund 342 - Parks & Playgrounds I would ask that Professional Services be increased by \$19,400.00 to be used for the engineering services for the plat, approved at the Special Council meeting two weeks ago, for the property the city is purchasing for the school district.

Mr. Vecchio clarified adding an additional \$19,400.00 to Fund 342, is that going to be in line item 523 or an additional line.

Mr. Cingle responded that would be line item 523 showing \$7,000.00 increase that by \$19,400.00 to total \$26,400.00. If Council would entertain an increase under Tax Department for computers that haven't been upgraded since 2006 and the department is having issues with some of the programs and operation of the computers. The increase would be an additional \$7,500.00 to total \$10,000.00 if changes are going to be made. This increase would have been brought forward later but the department desperately needs computers in the tax department. Mr. Cingle stated to Mr. Orcutt if monies are going to move from Capital Improvements into Fund 459 - Ditch Cleaning Program Fund underneath line item 700 - General Government Lands & Buildings a line would be needed underneath Fund 880 - Transfers & Refunds. Then moving one column over to Fund 552, line item 571 Transfers would be added under the equipment line The present appropriation currently for Transfers is \$939,152.41.

Mr. Vecchio clarified under Fund 400 - Capital Improvements under line item 700 insert a new line item 880 - Transfers & Refunds to also include a subline item 571 for Transfers having a current balance of \$939,152.41 and whatever monies Council decides to move to that will increase that amount.

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Mr. Cingle concurred.

Mayor Gammella stated I understand the Councilman's concerns, however, \$33,000.00 won't get the city much on a ditch cleaning. NEORS D will be coming in for a meeting and think we should wait until they come. The city has a \$25,000.00 grant for tree-planting and that \$33,000.00 was a part of that, would like to get those trees planted to create the greenspace, as hope many of Council would. My request is to keep the \$33,000.00 where it is and do the trees.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mayor Gammella, with all due respect, I think you still have your money for your trees. As Councilman representing the people of Ward 3 and have been since May 15th and the flooding was so bad this is what the residents want and voters had told me to do and am here to, at least, make the motion to see if that money can be put into the ditch-cleaning fund for a little relief. \$33,000.00 may not be a lot to you but to people who take in water every single big storm that seems to be a lot of money to them.

Mayor Gammella responded I see where you are coming from but \$33,000.00. you can see the cost of doing the ditch in Ward 4. I would like to see the greenspace, we have a difference of opinion, I want to stop the flooding, also, but it will take more money than \$33,000.00.

Mr. Orcutt continued this is a long-term program that needs to be done and will take more than \$33,000.00 but if you came into Ward 3 and saw the destruction the ward had that Friday evening. If you came along with Councilman Scott and I and saw what is going on in the Ward 3 ditches. Don't get me wrong I'm not saying the ditches are not bad in Ward 1, 2 or 4 but what I saw in those Ward 3 ditches from Hummel Road to Brookpark Road there are piles of tires, dumping siding and we have all sorts of stuff that is documented and needs to be cleaned up.

Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Cingle for clarification on how to transfer the monies correctly.

Mr. Cingle responded the monies will be transferred out of the capital improvement fund do you want to appropriate through your motion or do you just want the monies to go there and then appropriate at a later date.

Mr. Orcutt responded no, let's appropriate tonight.

Mayor Gammella stated Councilman, one other thing I have to take exception to your comment I was out there along with the service department walking those ditches. As a matter of fact, you can ask the manager of Marc's who came out and asked me what I was doing back there. We are out there and looking at it and will work with you to solve the problem.

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Mr. Orcutt commented I don't know too many people got where I went but that massive ditch behind Wedo Park we needed permission from through NEORS and a rope to get down there, it was quite a feat to do that.

Mr. Orcutt continued to Mr. Cingle I would like to appropriate tonight toward ditch-cleaning.

Mr. Cingle stated to appropriate tonight the motion could be to increase the \$40,000.00 in the Construction Contracts line in Fund 459 – Ditch Cleaning Program by making that \$73,000.

Mr. Poindexter stated listening to Mr. Orcutt I see where he is going and not against his for against moving the money. My question is to Mr. Cingle if that money is transferred as suggested Council already approved the legislation for the reimbursement from NEORS; that reimbursement limit is set at \$220,000.00, correct?

Mr. Cingle responded my understanding this will be for additional work.

Mr. Poindexter continued right, so the city basically wouldn't get any reimbursement by putting that money into that fund, the city is doing extra work on our own.

Mr. Cingle responded I believe that is what the proposal is, correct.

Mr. Poindexter continued by doing that seeing how the one project has already been approved and reimbursements have been approved through legislation. Would the city have to go with an entire new project with that money or would that money just be added onto the existing project?

Mr. Cingle responded I think that project would sit by itself per the legislation and this money would be used for additional capital improvements with respect to the ditches, completely separate project.

Mr. Poindexter continued that extra \$40,000.00 by itself on a project of its own merit and by itself. If it were my suggestion, I would keep the in capital and move to sewer & drains to maybe improve something i.e. more equipment. I want to do all possible to relieve the flooding issues for residents, especially in Ward 3 where they get hit really hard every bad rain. Also, want to see the city center vibrant as well because everyone in the city uses the municipal campus and would like to see some improvements there. No matter where the monies are placed I want to see the most bang for the dollar. If I were going to support a transfer for flooding issued I think it would be better served remaining in capital improvements.

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Mr. Cingle clarified to Council looking at Fund 459 that \$40,000.00 will be reimbursed through the Community Cost-Share with the NEORSD. If Council moves \$33,000.00 there if it can be spent through the Community Cost-Share Program and that money would be reimbursed back to the city as long as the dollars are in the city's cost-share account with the NEORSD. It possibly could be reimbursed but depends on how those dollars are spent, those dollars would be spent on a ditch-cleaning item if those monies are being moved to Fund 459.

Mr. Vecchio stated putting those monies into Fund 459 it assures that those funds will be for ditch-cleaning only.

Mr. Cingle concurred.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mayor Gammella the News Sun reporter writes good articles but there are Caucus meetings and I don't think that Council should be reading articles to get answers, Council wants to work it out and are doing that now. I do agree with you Mayor on this part and it's going to cost a lot more (monies) for flooding but kind of believe with what Councilman Orcutt is saying let's get started a little bit. Ward 2 gets flooding not as bad as Ward 3 but there is a big problem on Sheldon and Smith Roads. Sooner or later this city has to get the ball rolling and obviously we can't have a large meeting in the community room for city-wide flooding that residents could attend. I'm also with you, Mayor, with the campus that's in my ward but so far, on that campus, we discussed trees, two indoor pools and the outdoor pool and we're not even there with the deal with the schools and need to know what is going on with the schools. We're grabbing a lot of things let's start reigning in what we need to start doing i.e. flooding, school and pool deals. Let's start looking at these items and start talking a bit more instead of one-word answers or one quick sentence that it's needed. This is where we need to be as a city and as I stated at the last meeting there are a lot of things to do here and have to be smart with our money being in the pandemic. To Mr. Cingle besides the computers for the tax department is there anything else that Council needs to know with this appropriation budget? Is there anything that may arise a little later that Council should be taking precautions now or possibly a heads-up on something that may arise later?

Mr. Cingle responded the only two items tonight are the \$19,400.00 for the plat approved last week and if Council would consider an additional \$7,500.00 in the tax department line item and is something that needs to be addressed by the end of 2020 before entering into tax season in 2021.

Mayor Gammella stated to Mr. Mencini we do spend money smart and as you I've been serving as Safety Director, position not filled saving a great deal of money, as well as Mayor and am certain there was more grant monies brought in the last two

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years then in the history of this city for a two-year period. We look at everything that can be done to save money and will continue to do that. I think greenspace is absolutely critical and when Cleveland Magazine puts out their rankings of the suburbs Brook Park falls flat when it comes to greenspace. We're trying to improve the quality of life in this community and that's what the central park idea is about. You are absolutely right there is a lot we need to do and there is a lot on the plate and we need to keep moving forward.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mayor Gammella on the grant money the city is getting for trees does the city have to match or is it a straight-out grant?

Mayor Gammella responded it's a straight out grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 that the city does not have to match.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Cingle, how much monies are in the Fund 459 – Ditch-Cleaning Fund.

Mr. Cingle responded currently because monies were appropriated and encumbered the monies for the Community Cost-Share discussed earlier concerning Ordinance No. 11141-2020 the fund is negative \$37,481.00 rounded.

Mr. Troyer clarified roughly there is \$190,000.00 unencumbered.

Mr. Cingle responded unencumbered is a little over \$215,000.00.

Mr. Troyer continued even if the \$33,000.00 is spent there would still be \$210,000.00 in that fund, correct?

Mr. Cingle stated once the \$220,000.00 is spent and the city gets the \$220,000.00 back there would be a little above \$215,000.00 including the \$33,000.00.

Mr. Troyer continued generally speaking Fund 429 – Sewers & Drains is listed under Fund 459 are they in the same cost center?

Mr. Cingle responded the 459 fund the city set that years ago for the Kolleda Ditch cleaning and just renamed the fund. Those dollars would be spent for ditch-cleaning type efforts and in the Sewers & Drains line item in capital is for purchase of equipment, for example, the Vactor or improvements to the pump stations. If the city were to go out and do a large capital sewer project like on Engle Road a separate fund would be set up for that construction project. The city had the different phases of sewer project on West 150th Street (Smith Road) with separate funding for those, any large capital construction sewer projects would be set up separately.

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Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Orcutt with the \$33,000.00 what ditch would you like cleaned for those monies?

Mr. Orcutt responded the Mayor told Council he has a plan for flooding relief and having that meeting in September. I think we just appropriate the monies to that fund today and have it ready for whatever the assessment comes out to be.

Mr. Troyer continued so it's not definitely is for Kolleda Ditch or Farmer's Creek?

Mr. Orcutt stated what I think is we take the assessment from NEORSD what we get from there use the money wisely and spend where needed. Everything I've learned about this flooding since May 15th is downstream may not be the best plan of attack, it's not going to hurt, to build retention ponds in Wedo Park. It's going to definitely help but there are things upstream, as well, which is a lot of Ward 1.

Mr. Troyer stated true that and this has to be a comprehensive plan but hard to do when there is no money and understand what Mr. Orcutt wants to do and still thinking about it. In the end I think there should be money in that fund and I'm looking at the backing-up of Abrams Creek. I think all of this should go through the NEORSD Storm-Water Act to keep using these monies time and time again. Not sure what part of the 25% the city has left in that fund. I think Council should have money in here to constantly keep that ball rolling and use that money and get it back. If the 25% monies that come from the residents on their storm water bill and the city only gets 25% back, which is sad, but think that ball should be kept rolling for these issues i.e. ditch-cleaning and those types of items. Also, think the city should go after the Storm Water Management to do a big project here because Brook Park in taking in so many other cities water; that is causing a lot of problems upstream. If that water could be delayed coming into the City of Brook Park we wouldn't have a lot of these problems. To Mr. Cingle would like to have those amendments made tonight, like to make them when needed.

Mr. Scott stated as Mr. Orcutt said, he and I walked that Kolleda Ditch and I walked by Brookgate. It is a small amount of money, in the big picture, but it is a start. Ward 4, Ward 2 and parts of Ward 1 all empty into the Kolleda Ditch.

Mr. Troyer stated 'Point of Clarification'

Mr. Vecchio recognized.

Mr. Troyer stated no part of Ward 1 empties into the Kolleda Ditch.

Mr. Scott continued Ward 2, 3 and 4 empties into the Kolleda Ditch and \$33,000.00

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\$33,000.00 is a small amount of money but is a start. The area of Parkman-Thompson floods bad in Ward 4 and this city needs to start somewhere. Take \$33,000.00 is projected and use it for something that is known can relieve some issues.

Mr. Salvatore stated in favor of moving the \$33,000.00, small amount, but is a start and we could keep talking about this until next week. The city has had this issue for many years and the water has to be slowed down from coming in and get the water going out faster. Cleaning the ditches is part of the process and keeping them clean is the real issue. This city can't sit here because of grant money we need to start moving forward with this. There are some things that Council can start doing progressively with partnerships of other communities. I was a little disappointed to find out tonight as Mayor Gammella stated that Council should read the Sun News to find out what is happening in Brook Park, to me that is inappropriate. I enjoy reading the News Sun articles about Brook Park and other cities but don't want to come to a Council meeting to say that's where I need to find out what is going on. Mr. Orcutt if you are going to make that motion to move the \$33,000.00 and ' earmark ' it for specific purposes.

Mayor Gammella stated to Mr. Salvatore, what I meant was we've been talking about this since February. Recreation Director Elliott gave a detailed presentation that the News Sun article was about and can't believe that no one on Council knows this was coming. I've talked to a lot of you about this privately and surprised that some people don't know anything about it, I'm just sorry.

Mr. Salvatore commented I want to end the dialogue but it's just a lack of communication. We need to have a lot more dialogue about every issue and not just this one. Also, not about the planting of trees but the whole operation of the City of Brook Park and need to start talking openly and honestly about every single issue.

Mr. Poindexter commented when Mr. Scott brought up the issue with the \$33,000.00 that if you weren't aware of what it was going for. I had questions about it, as well, and I called the Mayor and Mr. Elliott and received my answers. You don't have to go to the Sun News to get the answers pick up the phone and call the Mayor or recreation director. This Mayor or recreation director has never once turned down my phone call so to say that you to get your information from the News Sun is absurd. If you don't have your information now why didn't you pick up the phone to reach out to the Mayor and/or recreation director. I did and received the answers about the shrubbery and greenspace but do see Councilman Orcutt's point of moving forward with ditch-cleaning because it is important. When people get water in their basements it's devastating and I've experienced that and had to get my t-joint replaced and it was miserable, luckily that fixed my problem
There a lot of people don't have their problem fixed and I'm going to help my

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colleagues out and support the motion.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mayor Gammella when looking at this budget I noticed a big portion of that campus will be needing repair. I was out there earlier today with Mr. Elliott checking out different areas where the leak was and we will probably be making a very big improvement to that campus. I'm going to continue supporting that as long as it is done right, if the contract is done right and it's the right amount of money and the city is getting a good deal from that contract to fix those things, I think good things will happen to that campus. Council does not have the renderings paying for them right now out of this budget and think we may be putting the cart before the horse with all of that. Mr. Orcutt clarified with Mr. Cingle with Council putting \$33,000.00 into the ditch-cleaning fund and use those dollars appropriately the city will be reimbursed that money?

Mr. Cingle responded the city potentially could be if authorized through that community cost share account.

Mr. Orcutt continued that was for the Fund 553 Construction contracts.

Mr. Cingle stated if Council wishes to change that \$33,000.00 to the \$40,000.00 the motion would be to increase to \$73,000.00.

Mr. Orcutt stated under Fun 401 – Capital Improvements does that have anything to do with the Fun 459 – Ditch-Cleaning? When talking about \$40,000.00 in 551 Land & Building Improvements.

Mr. Cingle interjected under sewers & drains that is correct.

Mr. Orcutt continued is that under Fund 401 – Capital Improvements?

Mr. Cingle concurred, I'm referring to the \$40,000.00 in Fund 459.

Mr. Orcutt asked if Fund 401 different from Fund 459?

Mr. Cingle responded Fund 401 that you are referring to is under snow removal for the salt dome.

Mr. Orcutt stated not talking about salt or trucks, want to make sure that \$33,000.00 goes to Fund 459 – Ditch-Cleaning.

Mr. Cingle interjected we are getting confused here, I'm referring to the \$40,000.00 in Fund 459 – Ditch-Cleaning Program, line item 553 – Construction Contracts.

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Mr. Vecchio commented that would be increasing Fund 459, line item 553 by \$33,000.00 for a total of \$73,000.00.

Mr. Poindexter stated 'Point of Clarification'.

Mr. Vecchio recognized.

Mr. Poindexter asked if Mr. Orcutt's motion will include the finance director's suggested changes for the tax department computers.

Mr. Orcutt responded no, think Mr. Troyer will delve into that. My motion is to remove \$33,000.00 from Parks & Playgrounds line item 551 and transfer into Fund 459 – Ditch-Cleaning Program line item 553 – Construction Contracts.

Mr. Cingle asked for Council's indulgence so he could explain the transfer of funds. Reduce Land Building Improvements under 342 – Parks & Playgrounds under Fund 401 - Capital improvement to Fund 551 Land Building Improvements reduce the proposed adjustments of \$195,000.00 to \$33,000.00 for a new adjusted amount of \$162,000.00. Then add line item 880 – Transfers & Refunds still in capital to General Government Lands & Buildings line item 880 – Transfers & Refunds column 571 moving over another column to Description that will be Transfers and then move over to the adjusted appropriation or adjusted amount of \$33,000.00 with the present appropriation being \$939,152.41, that will not change. This a reduction to 342 – Parks & Playgrounds increase to Transfers so the total amount still stay \$920,000.00 and then within Fund 459 – Sewers & Drains, line item 553 – Construction Contracts increasing the proposed adjusted amount of \$40,000.00 by \$33,000.00 to \$73,000.00 making a new total of \$73,350.00, that should be the motion.

Motion by Mr. Orcutt, supported by Mr. Scott, to reduce the appropriated amount from Fund 401 to Fund 551 and add under Fund 700, line item 880 Transfer 571 in the amount of \$33,000.00.

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

Mr. Troyer referred to Mr. Cingle for the amendment for the upgrade of tax department computers.

Mr. Cingle thanked Mr. Troyer and stated in Fund 401 – Parks & Playgrounds – Professional Services increase the proposed \$7,000.00 adjustment by adding an additional \$19,400,00 for the engineer to prepare the plat for the land being acquired from the schools. That amount would increase to a total of \$26,400.00. In addition, if Council would consider within the Fund 401 Capital Improvement Fund

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under Tax Department 552 – Equipment the proposed adjustment is \$2,500.00 and ask Council to increase by \$7,500.00 for a total adjusted amount would be \$946,900.00, for computers.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to amend Fund 401 – Capital Improvement to Fund 342, line item 523 of \$7,000.00 increasing \$19,400.00 for a total of \$26,400.00.

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

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to amend Fund 401 – Capital Improvements, line 440, line 552 – equipment changing from \$2,500.00 to \$10,000.00, adding \$7,500.00 for computer equipment.

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

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mrs. Schmuck, that item number one was discussed.

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

2. LIST OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE 2021 SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CENTER ANNUAL MEETING.

Note: Southwest General Health Center is requesting the list of delegates be **returned by August 31, 2020.** Each organization listed was sent a letter from the clerk verifying contact person name and address; confirmation from each delegate was confirmed by email or telephone call.

Mr. Vecchio stated a few emails went back and forth of some confusion as to whether Council had the ability to add or remove city delegates and finding out from Southwest General Council has that ability. I admit being at fault for not knowing that so a few additional organizations i.e. Brook Park Botanical Garden Club organization delegate being Patti Astorino and also Audrey's Outreach organization with delegate being Margi Jay and alternative Bill Jay.

Mr. Salvatore stated for as long as I can remember it has always been Council's responsibility to make sure each organization is still operating and update contact delegate information. My question is looking at the list I'm not seeing Brook Park City Council on this list.

The clerk mentioned since Mr. Salvatore was the trustee for Southwest you served as delegate and now Mr. Orcutt will serve as the City Council delegate; City Council can be added if that's Council desire but I would say it's been like that for, at least,

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ten years.

Mr. Salvatore responded I don't think its been ten years and commented the Brook Park Council President served as the delegate and Council appointed an alternate.

Mr. Vecchio mentioned as Mr. Salvatore brought up the Council President served as the delegate and Mr. Orcutt as representative. I would think we leave Mr. Orcutt as the representative and I, Council President, being the alternative.

Mr. Vecchio polled Council and it was unanimous of Mr. Orcutt and Mr. Vecchio being the delegate and alternative.

Mr. Troyer commented it behooves (Brook Park) to have more people on this.

Ms. Blazak commented it was brought to my attention earlier today, that maybe Khloe's Club should be included on this list.

Mr. Mencini stated with the Khloe's Club I would think Mrs. Nida would like to have a say-so on that.

Ms. Blazak interjected verification is needed from someone that this club be added to the list.

Mr. Mencini expressed confusion when the email was sent to all of Council over the weekend because no one responded. If there is a new organization in Brook Park who do, they contact i.e. City Hall or Council Clerk.

Mr. Poindexter supports having Khloe's Club on the list if they are interested. Brook Park is blessed to have so many groups and people wanting to be involved in the community. We should be embracing that and they should be given every opportunity to represent their group and/or club and keep growing the pride in our city these groups bring.

Mr. Salvatore stated the deadline date is August 31, 2020 not sure if Khloe's Club should just be added and if not interested then removed from the list.

Mr. Vecchio stated knowing now that organizations can be added or removed I would think add Khloe's Club to the list and, if necessary, remove prior to sending back to Southwest; not even sure if this list needs legislative authority.

Mr. Salvatore stated the reason for Council approving this list is because the delegates on this list will be invited to the annual meeting.

Discussion: cont.

Ms. Blazak commented per the letter received from Mr. Bortolotto from Southwest the legislative branch must approve this list.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to move to the Southwest delegate list to the Council agenda immediately following under letter J.

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

Mayor Gammella commented I think there is legislation in the finance committee to pay for an attorney, would like to get this on tonight's agenda or next agenda for payment.

SAFETY COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, TROYER:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

Mr. Troyer stated the attachment is from 2017 and there are very few differences between that contract and the current one; the most significant being the \$61.00 per hour has increased to \$62.00 per hour, everything is the same except the dates. Also, would like to say that generally I would ask that the administration get quotes but it's only been three (3) years and looking to do that next year. To make sure the city is getting the best deal possible and think the last time that was done was 2017 and Signal Service came out on top. Signal Service knows the city's equipment and has been handling this for years don't have a problem with this.

Mr. Orcutt asked Mayor Gammella stated the legislation has a dollar amount of up to \$40,000.00. Do you have the amount that was expended to Signal Service last year?

Mayor Gammella stated no, I do not.

Mr. Troyer stated the amount was \$47,000.00 and am waiting on an amendment to last year's legislation for proper payment. That was the number for last year and the \$40,000.00 is being proposed for this year and Mr. Cingle did not see the need to increase that amount.

Mr. Cingle concurred.

Safety Committee - Chairman, Troyer: cont.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mrs. Schmuck, to place on the September 1st Council agenda.

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

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

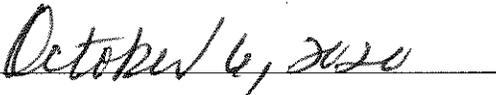
ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Schmuck, Scott, Orcutt, Salvatore, Poindexter, Mencini
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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