

NOTES:

1. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all upcoming Regular or Special meetings; Governor DeWine's directive for meetings and social distancing will strictly be enforced.
2. The public is encouraged to email comments related to agenda items or general communications to the Clerk of Council, Michelle Blazak, email address by 4:30 p.m. the day of said meeting. All emails received will be shared with all elected officials and either read at said meeting or attached to the minutes' journal.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 8:26 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

Note: Items one (1) through seven (7) were moved by motion from **the June 16, 2020 Council meeting:**

Mr. Orcutt thanked the clerk for her patience with the meeting minutes.

1. EMERGENCY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Orcutt, supported by Mrs. Schmuck, to amend page six, sixth paragraph, last line after word emergency insert declared in herein abated'.

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

NAYS: None. The amendment carried.

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

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

NAYS: None. The minutes are approved as amended.

2. CAUCUS PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 21, 2020.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

3. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 21, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Orcutt, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to amend page 12, last paragraph, ninth line delete service department and insert fire department.

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

NAYS: None. The amendment carried.

Approval of minutes of preceding minutes: cont.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to approve the April 21, 2020 Council minutes as amended.

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

4. CAUCUS PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 28, 2020.
5. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 28, 2020.
6. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 5, 2020.
7. SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 12, 2020.

Mass Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to approve meeting minutes 4-7 as approved as printed.

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

Mr. Troyer apologized to Council for not being able to get through the last six sets of meeting minutes except for number nine (9).

9. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mrs. Schmuck, to approve as printed.

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

8. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2020.
10. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING HELD ON JUNE 2, 2020.
11. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 2, 2020.
12. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2020.
13. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mrs. Schmuck, to move meeting minutes 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 to the September 1, 2020 Council agenda for approval.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**Aviation & Environmental Committee - Chairwoman, Schmuck**

Mrs. Schmuck stated no report this evening.

Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott reported the Finance committee has one item on tonight's agenda, the last Board of Control meeting was held on July 28, 2020 with 24 items on the agenda. The three largest were Watchguard Video body-camera system in the amount of \$78,705.00, with the city being reimbursed \$69,000.00; Wichert Insurance Services for insurance policies from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for \$293,118.00 that also covers cyber-insurance and \$40,000.00 to Ports Petroleum for fuel.

Mr. Mencini asked where the Board of Control meeting was held?

Reports from Standing Committee: cont.

Mr. Scott responded the meeting was held in the Council Chambers with four (4) people in attendance social distanced and wearing masks.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported the Legislative committee has seven (7) items in committee and if any should be pulled out please let him know.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reported the Recreation commission met on August 20, 2020 in the Council chambers with all members present. The commission toured the waterpark with Andres and Joe from the recreation center staff; who pointed out the issues with the waterpark and shared their understanding of how the waterpark systems work. At that point, some of the pressure-testing had been completed and several problematic areas were identified with the biggest problem being the eight-inch (8") pipe servicing the water supply that held zero (0) pressure. Basically, one of the main pipes for popping water out of the pool into the water slide is holding no pressure. One of the items pointed out to the commission was that when the slide was built and have the pipe there was a second pipe put in place for a possible slide to be added later. Since there is only one slide the staff thinks they may be able to transfer to the second pipe since it held full pressure during the duration of the test. It's not clear, at this point, if that pipe can be utilized but it looks pretty promising, so that may save some money. There were additional pressure-testing that was required and believe that is being done first thing tomorrow morning; shortly after that they should have all the data to bring forth before Council with some numbers. During the recreation commission meeting the technology committee attended the meeting to discuss potential ways to bring streaming capabilities to the recreation center. The technology committee has been in discussions with the Mayor during previous meetings to expand the city's streaming capabilities, the recreation commission is interested in exploring those possibilities. The technology committee provided some basic information and has committed to helping the recreation commission moving forward. The goal, at this point, would be to livestream sporting events, assuming they're able to play, that would limit the number of fans in the building. In addition, the commission would like to possibly expand that service to include some of the health classes i.e. Yoga classes, Bounce and programs of that nature. This is just exploratory at this point but there is good research going on and hopefully will come to fruition. Saturday, August 22nd the recreation center held the 'Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt' with first place going to the Havendale Croop, second place Team Pasta and third place to Brook Parks and Rec, congratulations to all those teams and thank you to everyone who participated. On August 27th there is an American Red Cross blood drive must call ahead to schedule an appointment.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt reported the Planning committee has no legislation on tonight's agenda and have not met since last report.

Reports from Standing Committees: cont.**Safety Committee - Chairman Troyer**

Mr. Troyer reported the Safety committee had legislation on the Caucus Prior to agenda that will be seen on the September 1, 2020 Council agenda.

Service Committee - Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore commented riding around the city it's amazing what the service crews are getting done with such a small crew, extended a big thank you to all service employees and hard work coming out of the service department.

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Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported the Board of Zoning Appeals met on July 13th and August 3rd, both meetings held in Council chambers. At the July 13th meeting the board approved a request for a variance for a fence extension at 13502 Park Drive, the resident was very patient. The second request was approved for a variance to extend a fence at 16485 Hummel Road. There was a request for a 900 square variance for a 1,600 square-foot garage at 15414 Sylvia Drive that the board tabled. The fourth request was for a variance to eliminate the need of a sidewalk along Keystone Parkway for Corrigan Moving System that the board approved. The fifth request was for variance for the construction of a new home on Ruple Parkway, that initially had two requests with one being removed. The request approved was for a 164 square-foot variance to construct an 864 square-foot garage. At the August 3rd meeting there were numerous items the first being a request to extend a fence from the rear lot at 5852 Wengler that was approved. The following request was for a variance construction of a new garage located at 6433 Grosse Drive, both were approved. The third request was for a variance to install an electric message center at 5514 West 164th Street that was approved. With the tabled item of the Sylvia Drive garage that resident worked with the building department to bring down the fence a little bit and went to a 900 square-foot variance to 1,600 the board moved that down a little bit and that worked out very well and the board approved. There was a request for a variance for the construction of a new garage located at 15414 Sylvia Drive was approved that was brought down to approximately 500.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Orcutt**

Mr. Orcutt announced on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 Southwest General Health Center's main campus in Brunswick emergency rooms were selected as recipients of the Emergency Nurse Association's 2020 Lantern Award. This award is for showing exceptional emergency care and innovating performances in leadership, education and research. This is the second time the hospital's main campus emergency room has earned this notable achievement and the first time for the Southwest Brunswick emergency room location. The Lantern Award is a visible symbol of a hospital's commitment to quality, safety and health work environment. On a different note, one way Southwest General is meeting patients' needs during

Reports of special committees:**Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Orcutt: cont.**

COVID-19 pandemic by offering tele-health services, including both video and phone visits, these options are helpful for patients that do not need an in-person visit and prefer to speak to their provider from the safety and convenience of their home. Southwest General wants everyone to feel safe and comfortable when seeking service at the hospital to learn more call the Health Connection line at 440-816-5050.

Berea Board of Education Representative, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported the past few weeks there has been a lot going with the schools and the meeting to watch is the August 4th meeting that is online from the Berea City School website. The meeting was held at Grindstone Elementary with audience participation and will get parents and others up to date. The district will be going to remote learning 2.0 the first nine (9) weeks and will be re-evaluated after the first and three weeks will start looking to see what the Cuyahoga County Board of Health suggestions and move forward from there. The first nine weeks beginning September 9th all students from Pre-K to 12th grade will have face masks as well as all employees and visitors will have to wear masks; exceptions are medical and developmental reasons. Extracurricular activities for Fall are in progress currently with strict protocols and guidelines that have been set forth by the OSHAA (Ohio High School Athletic Association) that all districts must follow. If students or staff health comes in question the decision will be made to cancel on a day by day, week by week determination.

With the two new schools there is some work left to be done with both the elementary and high school, the old high school is being torn down as of today. The first nine weeks are going to be tough and then breaking in two new schools also and whether there are walk-throughs and things like that that is what the school board will be deciding in the next few weeks. With the remote learning there are probably a lot of questions out there and a few examples of what the plan is the lessons will be recorded so working parents, guardians, etc. can view the lessons in the evening. There will also be teacher handout instruction for grading purposes as well as having daily attendance and requirements and will be engaging with the students more. This is a work in progress and hopefully the nine weeks will go by quickly so that students, educators and everyone connected to the schools are hoping it works out very well.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mr. Mencini a resident contacted me today wondering about traffic lights at the schools if people can make a right on red when students are remotely learning from home?

Safety Director Gammella responded the signs clearly state that 'No Right on Red' during school hours, so if school is not in effect I would say they can make a right on red.

Reports of Special Committees: cont.**Technology and Innovation Council Representative – Poindexter**

Mr. Poindexter reported the Technology & Innovation Committee met on August 21st in the Council Chambers and as mentioned earlier in the Recreation Commission report. The technology committee is eager to working with the recreation committee to bringing in enhanced streaming capabilities to the recreation center to stream live sporting events, instructional classes and other things to make the recreation center more assessable to residents. During the meeting there was discussion further efforts to bring WIFI to the municipal campus and through research done associated with that topic. Member Klingler brought forward a potential partnership with the library that may help achieve the municipal WIFI in the most cost-effective way. There are several questions that need to be addressed but expect the committee to present something to Council on this subject in the very near future, it was very exciting and opened the committees' eyes on the potential. The committee is working on enhancements for the city's website, several items are being researched, the main item is the interactive ward information map; an address can be typed in and the house will be shown on this map. Information will then be provided i.e. ward, precinct, Council representative and other informational factors. There have been some challenges in writing the code for this enhancement but Chairman, Dufour thinks this can be completed very soon. The committee adopted a checklist that will serve as tool for the Mayor to use for all his departments to determine technology related items within each department. From the survey, a list of all computer hardware, software programs and technology contracts used that will assist the committee to what areas need improvement and will apprise Council as those surveys come in and the data selected. Council has been receiving the committee's minutes and the committee is touching on a host of subjects and am willing to discuss with Councilmembers any of those subjects.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:****REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Gammella reported the lot split (plat) that the city engineer is working on and hoping to have that targeted for the October Planning Commission meeting. The city hopes to take ownership of the schools on December 1, 2020, however, that situation is still somewhat influx; the schools may have to use some of these buildings for a while, the city will work with the school district. The fire department needs a new fire pumper and takes about a year to build and at the time legislation is passed that's when the order will be submitted; with the pandemic situation it could take every bit of that year; the administration kept the price down and the pumper will still cost \$1 million-dollars. The sewer district meeting will be held on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. and the district requested a Zoom meeting.

Questions to the Mayor:

Mr. Mencini asked will the parking ban be rescinded anytime soon?

Mayor Gammella responded yes, that information will be going out shortly in a newsletter, after Labor Day the parking ban will be rescinded; that ban was to help residents with the COVID-19 situation and college students coming home.

Mr. Mencini stated with the side street, secondary street speeding and running stop signs; had a good discussion with someone in the administration about this topic but am getting a lot of calls.

Mayor Gammella responded the police officers can't be everywhere all the time and patrol the street frequently. If there is a certain area or certain time let me know and we will make sure patrol is there; police officers are on residential streets and issuing tickets.

Mr. Mencini commented it was good to hear about the schools and the city moving forward even though it is a slow process.

Mr. Orcutt thanked Mayor Gammella for his report, first thing to be brought up is the nuisance hotel on Snow Road. The activity there has not slowed down since reopening in 2018, in fact, it's getting worse. I understand we can't do anything about the variance, hole in the wall by the j-section doors of Bob Evans. The residents are calling me witnessing people standing on the closed third deck keeping a person as a lookout as others go into residents' backyards. Residents are being robbed on a weekly basis and some people are suspected to be on drugs wandering the neighborhood from the hole in the wall. One gentleman told me this week that a person didn't have shoes on walking around and could barely speak and walking into backyards supposedly looking for his dog. This hotel has been a public nuisance the last two years that residents have to keep an eye on locking up their sheds and doing things they're not used to doing the last 40 or 50 years, with a lot coming from that hotel. Last night, there was a screaming woman and an ambulance there and this seems to be a regular issue at that hotel. I have another resident that listens to dispatch all day long and text me to let me know every single time there is a call for overdoses, violent crimes, people getting hurt, fighting, loud music and big parties. Mayor, you and I have talked about this and attended a neighborhood watch meeting a few years ago. Mayor, I wanted to publicly ask you as the city's safety director to look into the ordinances the city has and see what can be done to at least call for a public hearing. I would like to have owner of the establishment of that hotel here in Brook Park and need to also get the residents there to speak to let you know what is happening. We, as a Council, and the administration need to work together on this, have to act on this to get something done. It's becoming such a public nuisance for those residents that a lot of them fear for their lives.

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

Mayor Gammella interjected I will call you tomorrow and set up a one on one with yourself, Police Chief Dickel and myself, with proper social distancing and go from there.

Mr. Orcutt continued another issue that you and I looked at I think in April is Delores Blvd. the section between Paulding and Hocking Blvd. I am receiving a lot of phone calls and emails that service crews have made repairs to the potholes but as soon as the hot-patch is put in the hole and rolled it's so compromised over there it is just a temporary repair. Once the snow plows get moving the potholes will be ripped out and now it's to the point of baseball sized asphalt chunks from these potholes that are getting shot from the road onto to people's lawns and becoming a dangerous situation. My request to you is to see if we can do what we talked about i.e. temporary repair of cutting out half the street from Paulding to Hocking. Council has already appropriated the labor with the budget and have the equipment all that would be needed is the purchasing of the hot-patch. I don't think it the hot-patch would be that expensive to do more of a permanent repair instead of just throwing hot-patch in a hole here or there. Throwing out a square number of 100' by 11' rectangular and seal that edge I think that is something that is needed in that area because it's been a problem since before I was on Council.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mayor Gammella with the roof and walls in the pool area is anything being drawn up for Council to get the information?

Mayor Gammella interjected there should be legislation introduced this evening.

Mr. Troyer asked Mayor Gammella to elaborate on the pool leak will the information be provided to Council, as soon as possible, or will Council have to wait until it's in a packet.

Mayor Gammella responded it's not really the pool it's the waterpark leak and we will wait until everything is complete and then all sit down to figure out how to fix the problem to get the waterpark open; as soon as the information is available it will be given to Council.

Mr. Troyer expressed concern with the light on Holland Road by the schools is cycling and there is no reason why it should be cycling; the maximum should be a flashing light.

Mayor Gammella responded already have looked into that and we're also going to have to move one of those lights because of the new driveway.

Mr. Troyer asked Mayor Gammella how many non-mechanics service department employees are doing service duties throughout the city?

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

Mayor Gammella responded I don't have that information but will call you with it the city has had a few people out basically in fear of the pandemic and everyone is being very careful.

Mr. Troyer continued there is a problem with a lot of potholes in the streets and a lot of damage and it's going to be September 1st soon and still driving over the potholes and bad areas of the streets.

I concur that the city has the equipment to grind some areas out, as I keep stressing, and would really like to get the grinder out for grinding out some of the bad areas for patching, instead of throwing asphalt in and rolling over it. Especially since the budget appropriates for the employees to do these projects and the older roads would last longer and think that's what the city should be doing. I understand there is a current issue with the employees but would like to see some kind of system back as soon as possible so that can be done.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mayor Gammella for an update with the lateral transfers, is that still being looked into?

Mayor Gammella responded everything is being looked at and the answer is yes lateral transfers are being looked at.

Mr. Salvatore continued with the grant money available to the city for the pandemic is there a plan for professional cleaning and sanitizing of (city) buildings?

Mayor Gammella interjected the buildings have been cleaned and sanitized due to the COVID money received the buildings will get totally cleaned and already in the process.

Mr. Salvatore asked will that include the police cars, fire equipment and service trucks?

Mayor Gammella responded yes, it will be an entire cleaning and hired the moonbeam which does a lot of things as well.

Mr. Salvatore clarified there is a plan in place.

Mayor Gammella concurred.

Mr. Salvatore asked for a copy of the plan when available?

Mayor Gammella responded yes.

Mr. Vecchio asked Mayor Gammella with the COVID-19 money has the city looked

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

into possibly purchasing some temperature scanners? The reason for asking is I was over at one of the local colleges and walking in there is a full scan for you head that basically takes a picture and tells if the temperature is okay or not. Has the city thought about utilizing something like that for the community center?

Mayor Gammella responded that's been done for the last two months in every department including myself when coming to work in the morning I am scanned.

Mr. Vecchio asked what type of scanner is being used?

Mayor Gammella responded it's a hand-held scanner that is pointed at the forehead, press the button and it tells the temperature reading; if someone has a temperature they are sent home.

Mr. Vecchio commented that invitations were sent out to the recreation, service and city engineer, they are not in attendance.

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

Mr. Cingle reported the 2019 audit has been completed and the city received a clean audit; the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) has been sent to the Government Finance Officers Association for review. The administration appreciates Council's consideration on the appropriation legislation under second reading.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath reported the next meeting Council will have a list of pending civil litigation. Wanted to call attention to item J-1 on this evening's agenda and the passage of that police officer promotion will resolve the Common Court Pleas court case – Duncan vs City of Brook Park.

Mr. Troyer asked Mrs. Horvath if there is any written information for that court case?

Mrs. Horvath responded I've had discussions with all Councilmembers regarding that matter.

Mr. Troyer asked Mrs. Horvath if there is any update with the airport lawsuit?

Mrs. Horvath responded she is unaware of any movement, at this point, and will be conferring with co-counsel next week and that will be one of the topics of discussion for the next meeting of Council.

Reports and Communications from departments, commissions and other public officials: cont.

Mr. Mencini asked Mrs. Horvath how is Mayor's Court doing?

Mrs. Horvath responded Mayor's Court is doing surprisingly well and would give credit for that to Assistant Law Director, Peter Sackett, and Clerk of Courts, Debbie Zingale; they both work tirelessly. We've tried to adapt the court by people having first appearances via telephone and endeavor to resolve those matters. If the case is able to be resolved, then that person is able to pay fines and costs via by telephone or online; that procedure reduces the amount of people coming to court substantially by about 50 or 60 percent.

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Cingle you talked at length, at a previous meeting, about people working from home i.e. NASA and so forth. Is there any information on whether will be ahead or behind on that matter?

Mr. Cingle responded the latest information that I have is, and shared with Council, there has been a lawsuit filed in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas regarding the Occasional Entrant Rule. My understanding is the case is set to be heard in April (2021) and as information becomes available Council will be apprised. As far as the city winning or losing the mandate of the governor's request and approval from the state legislature is overturned and tax refunds are issued the city will be on the losing end significantly.

Mr. Salvatore stated to Mrs. Horvath with the item under J-1 on tonight's agenda what kind of Council-matic action is required for approval.

Mrs. Horvath responded a motion would be needed and the majority

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Cingle with the NEORSD (Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District) Community Cost-Share agreement can something be worked up showing how much (money) the city has used in the past and how much money is left. What the city accumulates however the district pays the city i.e.? Just want to get an idea of where the city is with the community cost-share agreement.

Mr. Cingle responded will do.

Mr. Troyer congratulated Mr. Cingle on the clean audit.

Mr. Mencini stated after hearing what the finance director said maybe as these Council meetings are held, personally hoping to get back to the chambers as soon as possible, but maybe having all the directors in attendance to update Council on how the departments are handling pandemic issues and give a report, i.e. police and fire chiefs, building commissioner, think this is something that we need to start

Reports and Communications from departments, commissions and other public officials: cont.

looking at.

Mayor Gammella responded that can be started at the next meeting.

Mr. Troyer asked Mayor Gammella will you have the department heads at the actual meeting or just a written report?

Mayor Gammella responded they will be at the meeting so Council can speak with them.

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

1. Police Officer Promotion - Per Mayor Gammella.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Mencini, to verbally approve.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

2. Southwest General Health Center Community Delegate List:
(Moved by **motion** from the Caucus prior to meeting held earlier this evening).

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to verbally approve.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

New Legislation:

1. An Ordinance retaining and employing the law firm Zashin & Rich to act as co-counsel with the law director in labor relations. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. Placed in Finance committee.

2. Approving and editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; providing for the adoption of new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; publishing the enactment of such new matter, repealing ordinance and resolutions in conflict therewith. Introduced by Council President Vecchio. Placed in legislative committee.

3. Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a community cost-share agreement by and between the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and the City of Brook Park for a Wedo and Wengler basin feasibility study. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. Placed in service committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:**

1. Correspondence received from Ms. Joan Markusic of 13911 Bellbrook Drive, read into the record and attached to minutes.
2. Correspondence received from Joy Saghy of 6208 Pickway Drive, read into the record and attached to minutes.

Council Remarks:

Mr. Mencini commented that he responded to Ms. Saghy's email twice and left phone number and have heard nothing back; does make good points, is a long-time resident and this Council does take heed in the letter written.

Mr. Orcutt stated he met with Ms. Saghy a few times who is very intelligent and passionate about Brook Park. Ms. Saghy attended a social distancing meeting I had where instruction was provided from a resident knowledgeable on storm water. At that meeting it seems like Ms. Saghy is just exhausted and don't blame her and Mayor that is why I'm fighting for every penny possible for flooding relief. Do commend Ms. Saghy for writing the letter and back her 1,000%.

Mayor Gammella commented I agree with both Councilmembers and stated this issue changes and as mentioned earlier this city gets a lot of water from upstream and that water from upstream has affected the city more. That's the reason for the meeting with the sewer district and this city will get to the root of the problem.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, that the correspondence was read.
ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Scott, Schmuck, Orcutt, Troyer, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: FIRST READING:**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11160-2020, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11144-2020, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to suspend.

Mr. Troyer stated since Council just amended this legislation generally there should be another reading; Council does not have a hard copy to view. To Mr. Cingle is this needed tonight or can it wait until September 1st meeting.

Mr. Cingle responded whatever Council desires.

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions: cont.

The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Orcutt for suspension.

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

NAYS: Troyer. Suspension passed with a vote of 6-1.

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

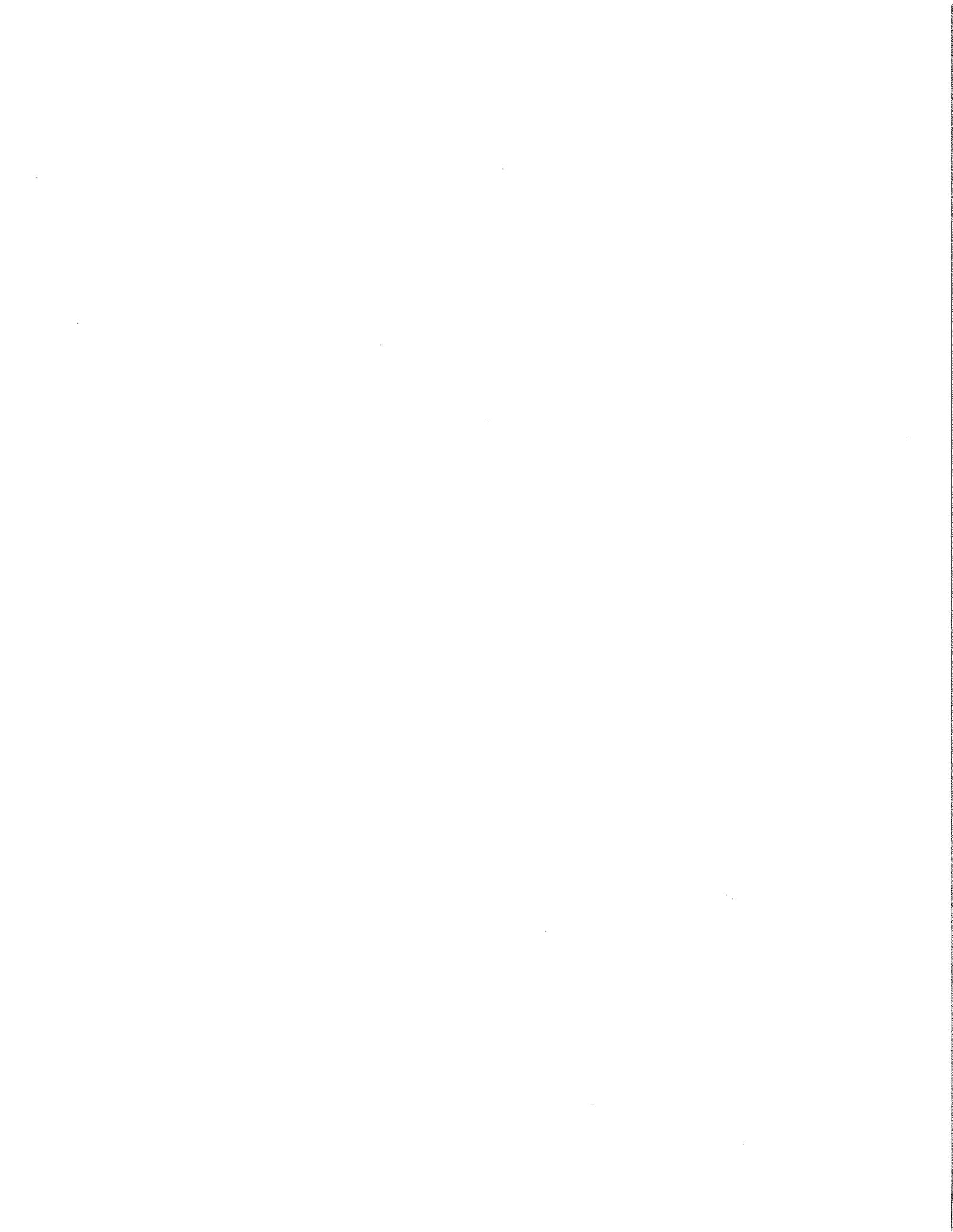
Mr. Troyer stated wanted to vote on suspension but have to do the right thing. I'm good with the amendments but the problem is it's called doing the right thing and standing up for the right thing. When we passed the budget back on March 17th Council was told that the budget would come back to Council, in its entirety, to go through since the budget was passed during the COVID emergency. The budget would come back to Council in its entirety to go over the whole budget and do it right, then it comes back with just amendments. This is not what I was told we would get, again, tired of being misled and cannot vote for this legislation because it was not done properly, according to our agreement. Not necessarily in any other way, according to our agreement, and so I am a 'NO' on this.

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

NAYS: Troyer. Ordinance No. 11160-2020, has passed under the rules with a vote of 6-1. Adopted.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Mencini commented Council needs to seriously consider getting back into the chambers with social distancing and everything else. The recreation center is open and we need to seriously consider getting back to business, hearing many residents talking it's our job. You can tell me what the governor said but I know what they are doing in Columbus.



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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED *October 6, 2020*

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JOAN MARKUSIC 13911 Bellbrook

Michelle Blazak

From: joan markusic <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Michelle Blazak
Subject: Re: agenda packets

I feel putting more money into the rec center for the outdoor pool is ridiculous! The city should seriously consider getting estimates for both indoor and outdoor pool areas. They should also look into a design rebuild that will accommodate all of the activities and interests the residents are looking for. The bandaid, nickel and dime approach is very costly and disappointing! If a serious proposal was brought to the table, presented professionally without corners cut, not paying for something that just looks good, get a simple design that functions, stands up under everyday use, current ventilation, heating and cooling. I feel that would solve many issues that have needed addressed or repaired (leaking, flooding, locker rooms that are not 100% accessible) in the current building. Show an update and repair cost over the last 10 years, the cost to build a new rec center in the area of the recent buildings that were torn down. If the mayor insists on a pool, why not give the city something the residents will have that is up to date, needs no repairs and they can be proud to be a member of!

Read in its entirety August 25, 2020 Council meeting

Michelle Blazak

6208 Pickaway Drive

From: Joy Saghy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Michelle Blazak
Cc: Edward Orcutt
Subject: Basement flooding on 5/16/20

To Michelle Blazak, Clerk of Council:

I hereby request that the following statement be read to Council and the Mayor with respect to the ongoing basement flooding that I have experienced many times over the years. I have been a resident of Brook Park on Pickway Dr. for over 40 years and have experienced flooding many, many times, occurring about every 2-3 years in recent years. During the rainstorm of May 15, my basement was flooded with 5 inches of water throughout. At the age of 67, it has become increasingly difficult for me to deal with this problem. Multiple administrations gave little attention to the issue, despite lip service each time it happens. Then the issue seems to "go away" until the next instance of flooding. During the administration of Mayor Elliott, the Mayor met with residents and it looked as though there might be some action taken by the city and relief for the residents. Then the administration changed again, and nothing has been done that I am aware of to find a long term solution to this issue. I cringe at every prediction of a rstorm in my area.

I have seen stories in the paper that neighboring cities in the southwestern suburbs have been working with NEORSD in addition to other efforts to alleviate flooding issues in those cities, and I implore the Council and Mayor of Brook Park to be more aggressive in pursuing options to help alleviate this problem.

Please do not gauge the problems of residents by the amount of trash that was discarded after the flooding. Those of us who have lived here for a long time and who experience basement flooding know not to put anything of great value in our basements, thus depriving us of living space that others in the city are able to use. And volume of discarded materials does not reflect the hours of hard work in going through flooded materials and cleanup and sanitizing efforts of the resident, not to mention damage to walls from the pressure of water that builds up against them. Many residents have spent \$15,000 to \$20,000 in various methods to try to stop the flooding on their property. When I bought my home in 1977, it had a fully improved basement, but that has all been destroyed, and I for one have not been able to improve my basement because I know it will flood again, thus lowering the value of my property.

I have seen recent stories in the media about the possibility of two retention basins that could be constructed to hold storm water. I request that in addition to new retention basins, that the City make sure the existing pumps in holding basins the City constructed under the streets are in proper working condition and are turned on when necessary.

I implore the Mayor and Council to address this issue and seek a long term solution to this flooding problem. Thank you for your anticipated attention to this issue.

Joy Saghy

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