

NOTES:

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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, OCTOBER 6, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 8:09 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 Engineer Piatak, Law Director Horvath, Finance Director Cingle and Service Director Garner 9:06 p.m.).

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to go out of the regular order of business to letter M.

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

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions: (First Reading):

2. RESOLUTION NO. 17-2020, HONORING SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CENTER CELEBRATION OF THEIR 100 YEARS OF CARING, COMPASSION AND HEALING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Salvatore, C/W and Mayor Gammella.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mrs. Schmuck, to suspend.

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

The clerk read the 'Whereas' as requested.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mrs. Schmuck, to adopt.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Schmuck, Scott, Orcutt, Troyer, Mencini, Poindexter
NAYS: None. Resolution No. 17-2020, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

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Mr. Salvatore stated to Mr. Young, unfortunately it's impossible to personally hand this resolution to you but a framed resolution will be provided to your office.

Mr. Young thanked everyone and stated it's been a difficult year and the hospital celebrated 100 years this year with the COVID-19 pandemic and fitting that 100 years ago the health center celebrated the same thing and how the hospital was founded. The proud thing is we still have the oak trees and the center is very proud of that and want to thank everyone for the support provided to the hospital. This is a team effort and there are so many great people that have stepped up during this COVID-19 pandemic and am so proud of everyone that has done a great job and the support that Brook Park provides to the hospital. The hospital is making a difference with the people we serve and we will get through this together.

Mr. Vecchio stated to Mr. Young, on behalf of Council, myself and the administration looking forward to another 100 years of a great partnership.

Mr. Young thanked everyone once again and stated I appreciate that.

Mr. Orcutt stated want to take a second to let the residents know just exactly how hard Mr. Young is working. Being on the board emails are received almost daily providing updates about everything that is happening at the hospital that is constantly changing with how they are implementing with the emergency room, waiting rooms and keeping the staff safe. Mr. Young has been working extremely hard for our community and thank you Mr. Young for everything you've been doing.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 18-2020, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2020 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Salvatore, C/W and Mayor Gammella.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

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

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

NAYS: None. Resolution No. 18-2020, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

The clerk read the 'Whereas' as requested.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Young with joining up and starting this journey in 2016

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to make this a pet project to get more awareness in our community. After the first step the Cities of Middleburg Heights, Strongsville and Berea became involved with lighting up the gazebos with pink lights and wearing the pink t-shirts. By doing that it has heightened the awareness and thank you for the partnership to do this together, it's worked so far and hopefully expand on this to make larger going forward next year.

Mr. Young thanked everyone for the support being provided to the hospital and we are happy to provide support for breast cancer awareness month and make a difference in the community we serve.

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11164-2020, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BY AN BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) AND THE CITY OF BROOK PARK FOR A WEDO AND WENGLER BASIN FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to suspend.

Mr. Troyer - Point of Order.

Mr. Vecchio recognized.

Mr. Troyer stated discussion is needed on this, it's first reading and had some things to say.

Mr. Salvatore **withdrew** the motion to suspend and stated if Council wants to put this on first reading, that's fine also.

Mr. Scott **withdrew** his second.

Mr. Troyer stated I have some concerns with this and spoke with NEORS representative Mr. Meiring Borchers (Meiring) earlier today and not sure this is best thing to do, at this point in time. Because I don't think the city can afford to do Wedo Park basin because I think the Brookpark Road basin is much better idea and will help more people. Keep in mind, Council, that this only helps a portion of Ward 3 and a little bit of Ward 2, not that they don't need help those people do. I think us focusing on the Brookpark (road) location is going to help more of the city. Because this isn't going to help, in any way, Ward 1 and that's not my point. I think it's more important to get this handled in this location so it's not about me being the Ward 1 Councilman, because I know these other wards need help. In order to help Ward 4 and a lot of Wards 2 and 3 the best thing for the city to put

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money into right away to get the most bang for the buck would be the basin on Brookpark Road. I'm having a dilemma here and would like Engineer Piatak explain why (Wedo-Wengler basins) would be better, do know they would be needed in the long-run. Why would the city do these (basins) now and why wouldn't the city want to do the basin on Brookpark Road? Then after that determine where the issues still are and address them at that time. The Wengler basin will be needed down the road and as stated to a few people if it was just a study on Wengler I'd say let's do that but spending \$34,000.00 on both basins to include Wedo. I think it's spending money to do a feasibility study the city can't afford to do. As stated, this project Wedo or Wengler will not help Ward 4 at all. Would like the Mr. Piatak convince me that this is something the city should do and entertain splitting this to make it Wengler and not Wedo.

Mr. Mencini stated I've lived in this city all my life in Ward 3 and now Ward 2 and have work very hard for the residents of Ward 2 and all Brook Park residents. As this flooding happened through the years and working for the city I know one thing that (former) Mayor's Coyne, Elliott and current Mayor Gammella try to do things to rectify flooding; cleaning cricks, catch-basins and doing everything possible. My point is as stated in the beginning this city has to start somewhere. Ward 3 probably gets the worst flooding but it's like doing Fry Road or Delores Blvd. that exist in three wards. This is kind of the same and the city has to start somewhere is \$34,000.00 a lot of money? Not for flooding ask a resident whose basement floods. Working with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) maybe start somewhere else i.e. Brookpark Road or Snow Road. I have a big issue where the water comes in going north and where the water comes in at Smith and Sheldon and would like to have a basin put there. In the past, Mayor Coyne wanted to put a large basin at Wedo Park, there had to be a reason. My point to Council and Mr. Troyer I understand where you are coming from but this city has to start somewhere and that's probably a good place to start and I would like to see a basin on Sheldon and Smith.

Mr. Poindexter stated it was my understanding when the sewer district representatives were at the meeting two weeks ago. That the project on Brookpark Road along with purchasing houses on Shelby Drive would reach the 100-year mark of flooding in that area. My question to the Mr. Piatak is if that is the case would a basin be needed at Wedo, at that point. With the project on Brookpark Road and acquiring the properties to give that flood-plain more room to spread out like the district representatives explained to get the city up to the 100-year mark; would render Wedo irrelevant. If that's the case does the city need to move forward with the feasibility study for Wedo? Being at-large Council representative and don't focus on one ward or the other I try to do what's best for the whole city and make decisions based on that. Flooding in any part of the city is

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not good and would like to do what's going to give the city the most bang for the buck which I think is doing the Brookpark Road project. The sewer district would be fronting the monies for most of that (project) and if the city backs that up with some funding can move up the ladder, as far as, getting that done sooner. To me, that makes more sense certainly the Wengler basin is going to be needed because none of that would remedy the Wengler area due to having a special condition with the pipe being too low.

Mr. Troyer - Point of information.

Mr. Vecchio recognized.

Mr. Troyer continued speaking with Meiring earlier today he was incorrect, I've been talking about this for weeks, about taking the houses on Shelby Drive. Meiring changed what he told me today that it was the actual businesses on the other side of the Shelby Road (railroad) tracks where they would like to take the property; so it was clarified by Meiring that it wouldn't be the houses but the businesses. Same thing with being a flood-plain and would take care of the situation and something the sewer district would pay for out of the 75% that we don't have access too.

Mr. Piatak stated I'll do the best I can to answer some of these questions, but some of these questions can only be answered with the feasibility studies on this evening's agenda. I can't say how much of an impact the Wedo (basin) would have on the drainage area until a little more is done with the depth of the hydrology of the area. The fact that in Ward 4 would have no benefit from the Wedo basin I don't entirely agree with that statement. Because that ward drains primarily behind Brookgate (shopping center) the building department, the Marine base, Diana Drive and Commerce Parkway on Smith Road. Then outlets under a culvert under the railroad tracks called the big four culvert. That drainage area goes through the big four culvert where the Wedo basin would drain through that same area coming together at that culvert; whether on the east or west side of the tracks. By taking the Wedo basin drainage area out of that equation it will allow more water to flow from other wards more freely; you're taking some of that water out of the equation. The statement was made that the Wedo basin would have no impact on the other wards I don't agree with that. Why do Wedo over Brookpark Road? I'm of the opinion that both them both, do them all. Are we going to need them all? I can't tell you that but am fairly certain that we're going to need them all. But, until we do some more detailed studies, I don't have an answer for you. Why do Wedo (basin) because the city owns Wedo property, that's low-lying fruit. We don't own the property on Brookpark Road and how long would it take to acquire that property? I don't have answer for that but can tell you the city owns

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Wedo Park and that project can happen a lot quicker. To bring relief to those residents' sooner than a project on Brookpark Road. I'm under the opinion that the city pursues both basins and don't think I will come back if this legislation passes won't come back and say that Wedo (basin) is a waste of money. The answer will be it's going to help a lot for those people in that immediate neighborhood. Are we going to see an end to flooding and/or basement backups because of that? No, people are still going to have issues, there's going to be roots around resident foundations that are out of the city's control, there's still going to be issues. But to me, the Wedo basin is a project that will bring benefit relatively quickly to the area while the city still pursues the other alternatives down to the north with the sewer district. If that's on the original aspect or on the highway system the district would be possibly funding all or at least part of that, then I say the city pursues that as well. Mr. Troyer would be willing to sit down with you with a map showing where the drainage areas meet if taking the Wedo (basin) out of that part of the equation. The other ward will see some benefit but can't tell how much benefit because right now a view of this project is being looked at from 10,000'; we need to zero-in to a 1,000' level to determine what the benefits would be.

Mr. Troyer stated looking at a map that Mr. Piatak provided years ago that matches the map provided recently. What is actually called the west branch of the Big Creek Parkway that runs behind McDonalds, behind Brookgate, behind the building department and under the railroad tracks. Then it turns and goes into culvert eventually running down CXS (railroad) and would refer to that as the highway. Where the Kolleda Ditch is more of the side streets emerging or the on-ramp merging into that highway. Being down there and looking at it during rains Kolleda Ditch becomes pretty much stagnant meaning the flow of the west branch of Big Creek Parkway is flowing. Don't know of any actual flooding except on possibly West 150th street, that is another issue over the train tracks. Not sure of any flooding along that creek that runs behind McDonalds but know when Kolleda Ditch backs up that when everything floods in this area. I believe it's a money issue and again would like to do all of it but it's a money issue. The project on Brookpark Road basically could be funded totally by the sewer district, that's how it goes. If we add some money in there the city could get that sooner as Mr. Poindexter said moving it up the ladder. If the study is done on Wedo Park and Wengler and still think Wengler will be needed and is a good idea, either way. If the city does this what is the estimated cost of that and the city bears that responsibility. The city could use some of the 25% (residents pay with sewer bills) but the city bears the cost and doesn't get that 75% from the district for that, that's local. My concern is for the city to get the most bang for the buck and put that money into that Brookpark basin. I'm not against these but seems that the city is going to spend this money and even if it works the city can't afford it.

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Mr. Vecchio interjected for a point of information and this falls back to the meeting with NEORS is how much of this falls within the less than 300 yards that would make the city responsible. Obviously, the city knows that a lot of what is going to be in the Wedo-Wengler area is probably going to fall within the city's responsibility.

Mr. Troyer concurred.

Mr. Vecchio continued with that being said, it's below the 300 (yards) so whether or not the city does it today or wait until next year and compound the problem, doesn't make sense and doing this today, in this case, would make sense from what I'm hearing from everybody.

Mr. Troyer continued my point is that let's say Wedo (basin) is \$2 million-dollars and the city spends that money on that; the city won't have the \$2 million-dollars to bring the Brookpark Road project in faster, giving most of the city (flooding) relief.

Mr. Piatak stated that is something I can find out from the sewer district. I'm curious as to the availability of sewer district funds for the Brookpark Road project. Are there funds available next year for this project? I don't think so but don't know that for certain.

Mr. Scott stated this is basically a feasibility study, correct?

Mr. Piatak concurred.

Mr. Scott continued any monies the city spends the city gets reimbursed?

Mr. Piatak responded yes.

Mr. Troyer - Point of clarification.

Mr. Vecchio recognized.

Mr. Troyer stated the 25% is the residents' money just like it would be the city budget.

Mr. Scott continued how would the city be able to figure out what is most-effective for the city if a feasibility study is not done? How does the city know what is right or wrong unless a feasibility study is done? Mr. Troyer you're throwing up in the air that this is possible, that is possible, this is possible. How does the city know

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until a feasibility study is done? The city must have a feasibility study basically for the pool. Studies have to be done to figure out what is best recourse or solution for the city. This basin referred to at Wedo Park does affect Ward 4, Gallatin Park flows into through that area into the Kolleda Ditch. In my opinion, I would love to see a basin.

Mr. Troyer - it does not.

Mr. Vecchio - I'm going to interrupt everyone

Mr. Scott - With a feasibility study the city will get reimbursed \$33,800.00 but.

Mr. Troyer - it's the residents' money.

Mr. Vecchio - Gentlemen, here's what we're going to do. I'm going to Mr. Orcutt and Mr. Salvatore and tell you immediately after that Council can either leave this (legislation) for first reading or move forward; Council's vote is what makes this happen.

Mr. Orcutt stated what I have to say is I've paid close attention to the NEORS D representatives speaking last week and went back and re-watched that meeting again. A lot of the information being discussed tonight is good conversation but will say from some of the conversation that I listened too from the NEORS D I agree with the city's engineer where the city is being put on a waiting list. Then when is that going to be the city doesn't know that. I also want to agree with the Mr. Piatak and lot of studies and research that I've done over the summer is the city needs multiple basins throughout the city. Anywhere the city can't afford to put the basins the city needs to take care of the 60 year-old (flooding) issue. I agree with the Mr. Piatak in the fact that if the city owns the land the project can get started quicker because that cost does down. The city won't have to be waiting in line and still think the city gets into that waiting line but we need to start making this such a high priority and deal with it in a way that a shovel can be put in the ground immediately. This is nothing but a feasibility study that was discussed a few weeks ago and really won't know anything until this is done. I understand what Mr. Troyer is saying about it's the residents' money. It is the residents' money and think this money should be utilized in a high-priority area. If I'm a vote on Council that will help the entire city I think this money is a good way of spending money so the city can see exactly where the basin. The engineer can then come back to Council and say the study is done and this is what we think is best for the community and get moving right away. The other thing that the city does is find out exactly what is needed to be done for the Brookpark Road project and if the city can afford that and appropriate the dollars that project gets going as

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well. One question to Mr. Piatak is if this feasibility is done and the city goes forward with the project and does everything told to do during the application process. With submitting reports to the sewer district, take suggestions and perform that project alongside with the district. Does the city get reimbursed monies for the feasibility study?

Mr. Piatak responded the feasibility study has already been approved by the district as a viable project through the community cost-share agreement-account. The city spends the money for the feasibility study and then submits a reimbursement request to draw out of that account, yes.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Piatak for clarifying a few items as to if this doesn't work why is Council looking at this, why is the Mayor introducing. In the fifth 'Whereas' it explains that the city will get reimbursed for the \$33,800.00 and do agree with Mr. Mencini the city needs to start somewhere and this is about as good as a place as any. It's a bigger issue then just flooding and has a much broader effect on a community being back at the table every two years, five years, ten years discussing the same issues; moving forward is of most importance. I'm all in and think the city must go forward with this and remember a few years back talking about using the Wedo Park for a retention basin and not having to give up the baseball fields. There is a lot of things the city can do by owning the property and can move forward with this. Again, I think this will work and think this is a good plan and will probably have to do something on either the north or south side of Brookpark Road, as well.

Mr. Poindexter stated in support of doing the feasibility study but what my concern is doing this hastily because the city owns the property and can do it right away. What I'm worried about is let's say this costs \$2 million-dollars to put a basin in at Wedo Park and the city does that. Then the sewer district does the project on Brookpark Road and that project renders Wedo irrelative, at that point, that the city spent \$2 million-dollars on to destroy a city park. I want to give (flooding) relief to the residents but also want to take care of the money, as well, don't want to throw good money after bad. Obviously the feasibility study has to be done and the engineer wants to get it done I'll support but am pretty sure the sewer district thinks the city's main issue is with the Brookpark Road area. That may solve it and that is what the experts came in and gave their report and study every day. My job is ironworker and I can tell you anything about ironwork the sewer district's main job is storm water and they know what they're talking about. The district seemed comfortable of doing the study that would take the city up to the 100-year-old storm and am in support of doing the study.

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Mr. Troyer - Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Vecchio - Conversation is done on this, Mr. Troyer, let's move forward.

Mr. Troyer - Mr. Chairman, what do you mean it's done I need to speak on this.

Mr. Vecchio - Mr. Troyer you have spoken for roughly 15 minutes on this, sir.

Mr. Troyer - I don't think I have but I'd like to clarify a few things. Point of clarification.

Mr. Vecchio recognized.

Mr. Troyer - the cost-share money is the residents' money paid through their sewer bill. It is reimbursed the district gives the money back to the city but it's the residents' money anyway. We could spend that money on other things i.e. catch-basin projects, equipment or a lot of other things. It's not like its money sitting there that is not the city's; it is money the city needs to apply for and then get reimbursed. To start somewhere Brookpark Road.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to suspend.

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

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

Mr. Troyer stated will be voting yes on this, should vote no, but want it known I don't think this is the best way to go; would like to hear about Wengler and that why I'm voting yes. I don't think Wedo Park is proper and again with the map in front of me and talking with Meiring many times. I know how the water flows in this city and can tell me all you want but the Kolleda Ditch is the main problem; because it can't get into gentlemen's creek nor the west branch of Big Creek Parkway. Hopefully, I'll be proven wrong but the problem is the city will find out when the study is done and think the money could have been used for better purposes. Let's get the study done and see what comes of it but I don't look to be putting that kind of money into Wedo Park and taking out the city park and not having the money to make it nice. Would rather put that money into the basin on Brookpark Road and the more money the city can put into the Brookpark Road project the faster it will be done and the city will get relief, except for Ward 1.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Scott, Salvatore, Poindexter, Mencini, Troyer, Orcutt, Schmuck
NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 11164-2020, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Mencini, to go back to the regular order of business.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2020.

Note: Moved by **motion** from the September 15, 2020 Council agenda for amendments to pages 18 & 19.

The clerk verified the amendment to page 18 first paragraph I typed MOS and should have read MLS. On page 19, seventh paragraph Mayor Gammella speaking I typed 'interested party' and insert 'buyer'.

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

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

2. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2020.
3. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2020.
4. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2020.
5. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2020.
6. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2020.
7. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2020.

Mr. Troyer stated for the record there are little typo's, little errors i.e. the word is being are that sometimes doesn't make sense but people need to understand the minutes are not verbatim.

Mr. Vecchio commented if anybody wants anything additional there is an audio recording can be requested.

Mass Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Scott, to approve as printed.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Poindexter, Scott, Schmuck, Orcutt, Troyer, Mencini, Salvatore
NAYS: None. The mass motion carried for minutes two (2) through seven (7).

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

Mrs. Schmuck stated has nothing on tonight's agenda and no report this evening.
Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott reported the Finance committee has nothing on tonight's agenda. The Board of Control met earlier today with three members' social distanced with masks and approved the 15 items presented with the three largest were Ports Petroleum for unleaded gas and diesel fuel for \$40,000.00, Shamrock Company, Inc. for 2020 tax forms and mailing in the amount of \$10,947.10 and the largest was for Barbicas Construction for the Smith Road resurfacing project in the amount of \$137,226.33.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported the Legislative committee has three (3) items in committee and if Council has something to pull out let me know.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reported the waterpark renovation project bid forms and contract documents went out to bid on October 2nd, with bid openings until October 16th. Basketball and cheerleading registrations are ongoing until October 31st deadline. The month of October is half-off recreation center memberships.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Orcutt

Mr. Orcutt reported the Planning commission met last night with one item on the agenda for a renovation approval at 13930 Brookpark Road for Classic Mazda. The renovation to the former Nissan dealership will include meeting current Mazda USA design guidelines and scope of work will include both renovations to the interior and exterior. This project was approved by the commission unanimously.

Safety Committee - Chairman Troyer

Mr. Troyer asked Mr. Orcutt this is temporary spot for Classic Mazda, the dealership is still moving to former skating rink?

Mr. Orcutt responded no, this is not, these renovations will be a permanent. There is an issue with across the street didn't go through with the sale of the land and what Mazda is doing is moving into the old Nissan building with renovations.

Mr. Troyer reported the Safety committee has no legislation in committee and has nothing on tonight's agenda.

Service Committee - Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported the service committee has one item on tonight's agenda that was discussed in great length that was already adopted. Hats-off to the city's service workers for working short-handed and getting the jobs done.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported the Board of Zoning met last evening in the Council chambers with three requests on the agenda. The first one being for a fence variance extension beyond the rear line of main structure at 6552 Engle Road that was

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approved by the board. The second was for a request for 184 sq. ft. variance to construct an addition on an existing shed at 20908 Sheldon Road the board approved with an amendment of 8'x12'. The third request was for a 232' variance to construct a 240' addition on an existing shed at 6540 Fry Road the board approved.

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

Mr. Orcutt reported thanked Southwest General Hospital President CEO Young for joining Council tonight in recognizing the hospital's 100 years of history and service at Southwest General. It's truly a note-worthy achievement for the city and for the surrounding communities. Also, would like to thank Mr. Salvatore for bringing forward, once again, a resolution for breast cancer awareness that has been done since 2016, thank you for leading the charge for this great cause.

Berea Board of Education Representative, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported school started this week and attended the 8th grade football game at the intermediate school pretty good turnout with each family only having two (2) members in attendance. Students can't get into the school until 7:00 a.m. and if last names begin with A through L those blue students go on Mondays and Wednesdays and the orange students M-Z go on Tuesday and Thursdays. Some students may get switched from blue to orange if there is a sibling leaving on the same day. What the schools are doing a learning in real-time when students are at school, engaged in the classroom and have good instructional support that is dynamic and great experience; probably good for the students getting back to school since being out five or six months due to the pandemic. The students seem happy and there were thoughts that it may be chaotic with the two new schools but so far from what I understand the first two days went well. The second learning experience is using the remote learning 201 that is learning happening on the student-parent schedule and a self-pace for the students. Students are there during the day to get the lessons and is something to see how it's done with the teachers being at the school and the students watching remotely. What students are expected when at school is wear the face-coverings on the buses, hallways and classrooms with six-foot distancing. Lunch is in the classroom and there no large groups, assemblies or field trips to date.

Technology and Innovation Council Representative - Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter commented on Mr. Mencini's report stating that his daughter is thankful to be back in class, remote learning was okay but at that age it's hard to be alone all day and glad to see friends on a limited basis. From the technology committee there is a memorandum of understanding (MOU) from DriveOhio with legislation currently in the law department and presented to Council in the near future. What the MOU will do if Council approves will allow the city to partner with

Reports of Special committees:**Technology and Innovation Council Representative, Poindexter: cont.**

technology companies that research and develop autonomous vehicles and other safety equipment around the transportation industry. Brook Park would be the only city north of I-70 to have this MOU and will put Brook Park on the map in the technology world. Mayor Gammella was at the meeting where DriveOhio came identified the Opportunity Corridor as a potential testing location and possibly doing a circular route from the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to NASA and back. Some of those companies like to test in different climates and traffic patterns so there may be potential for a partnership. When those companies come into the area they come with nice funding and infrastructure that goes along with their testing. With the city campus WIFI all the information has been obtained from the library's potential to get the area covered and are waiting on more information from one of the city's big internet planners in the area, once that information is compiled the committee will formulate a presentation to Council shortly.

Mr. Salvatore asked if the technology committee has had any dialogue with Baldwin-Wallace (BW) college?

Mr. Poindexter responded not to date, planned on doing that early-on but with the pandemic the committee has been reluctant to reach out to some of those groups; that will happen in the near future. It was mentioned early on when doing livestreaming of the city's sports programs potentially reaching out to BW students for digital media and so forth.

Mr. Salvatore stated I had dialogue with some of them at BW and also the administration about filming some of the youth sports being shown live for people to watch from their homes, this is no greater time than now to be experimenting with some of these ideas. Mr. Salvatore asked Mr. Poindexter during your recreation committee report you mentioned basketball sign up beginning. Is there a plan in place as to how the games will be played?

Mr. Poindexter responded there is a protocol with two spectators per athlete, there will be separate enter and exit door and can't enter gym until everything is wiped down and cleaned from previous games. No pre-meeting or post-meetings of staff or coaching staffs meet via Zoom or some other medium.

Mr. Salvatore asked sanitizing will take place in-between games?

Mr. Poindexter responded yes, protocol will be posted throughout the recreation center so everyone follows the guidelines.

Mr. Mencini commented volleyball has started on Saturdays.

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

Mr. Vecchio excused Mayor Gammella from tonight's meeting.

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

Mr. Cingle reported September monthly reports will be distributed in the next few days. If residents are on extension to file income tax return it is due Thursday, October 15th. If residents are not on extension and have not filed Brook Park income tax, please do so as soon as possible.

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak thanked the NEORS D representatives for coming to a recent meeting in September. Thought they presented good information about the studies currently being conducted. Also, thanked Council for their consideration on the feasibility study legislation passed earlier. Reaching out to any Councilmembers or Administration to look at sewer maps to see where water flows please contact me. To Mr. Troyer we have a difference of opinion and would like to sit down with you to look over what is what in the city. With this feasibility study the intent is to coordinate any of the city's findings with the study that's currently underway with the sewer district to make sure projects complement each other and coming to fruition with those.

Law Director Horvath

Mrs. Horvath reported the list of pending civil litigation has been provided to Council with one case being dropped from the list. Any questions please contact me.

Service Director Garner

Mr. Garner reported Shred-it day will take place on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the service garage. Different setup this year the truck will be in the yard with cans to put shred it items in. No plastic and if shred items are brought in cardboard boxes the items get dumped and either keep or give the boxes back.

Questions:

Mr. Troyer thanked Service Director Garner and service crews for the great job on Independence Court, much appreciated. To Mr. Piatak I don't need a lot of help if the map is correct because the map shows the water flows from Ward 4 flows from the west branch of Big Creek Parkway, not the Kolleda Ditch. Will be contacting you about the Smith-Sheldon area where all the lines seem to go together and would like to get a clear adjoined area and a jist of how the water runs due to so

Reports and communications from departments, commissions and public officials: Questions: cont.

many lines making it hard to follow. To Mrs. Horvath wanted to bring something to your attention when reading the minutes. On the last budget change Council amended the budget on the Caucus (Prior to) with the budget being under discussion, not a normal committee. I have a concern with that and would like to have a written opinion on this because it seems to me if it was appropriate, I was part of it, to amend during discussion and mention when passed at the Council meeting.

Mrs. Horvath asked Mr. Troyer to email your specific question in order to be able to address your concern. My first thought is that Caucus Prior to Council meetings are regular meetings also.

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

1. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to provide COVID-19 grant assistance to Brook Park small business owners and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Council President Vecchio. Placed in finance committee.
2. Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ambulance Medical Billing (AMB) and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. Placed in safety committee.
3. Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with North Shore Pump & Equipment Company, without public bidding, for the purchase and installation of two Grundfos dry submersible pumps and the removal of existing pumps and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. Placed in service committee

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: FIRST READING:

Note: Item numbers one (1) through three (3) were moved by **motion** to the beginning of the meeting.

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11164-2020, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BY AN BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) AND THE CITY OF BROOK PARK FOR A WEDO AND WENGLER BASIN FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 17-2020, HONORING SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CENTER CELEBRATION OF THER 100 YEARS OF CARING, COMPASSION AND HEALING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Salvatore, C/W and Mayor Gammella.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 18-2020, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2020 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Salvatore, C/W and Mayor Gammella.

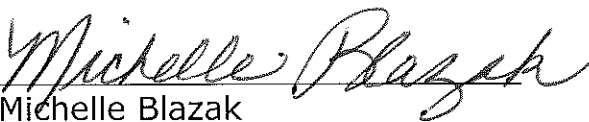
SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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, Scott, Orcutt, Troyer, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 

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