

**SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
HELD ON MARCH 26, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 5:00 p.m., who read the meeting notice. The clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

SCOTT, ORCUTT, TROYER, MENCINI, POINDEXTER, SALVATORE

Also in attendance were Finance Director Cingle, Engineer Piatak, Recreation Director Elliott, Law Director Horvath, Police Chief Dickel, Economic Development Commissioner Adams, Service Director Garner (5:29 p.m.) and Assistant Finance Director Healy (6:00 p.m.).

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, SCOTT:

1. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, STATE OF OHIO, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

Mr. Troyer stated would like to let some people know about this amendment have numbers available, talked with the finance department and thanked the engineer for helping in providing some of the numbers. On page 2, Fund 240 - S.C.M.R. line item 425 second column and what I'm doing as most of you know. Instead of doing a partial of Sandhurst it would be completely doing Sandhurst; which is somewhat cheaper and better idea to finish the road. There was some concern of partially doing Sandhurst and then doing Cambridge that isn't that bad. That would prevent wear and tear on Sandhurst when Cambridge was complete and looking at this over and over I decided on Sandhurst which is a traffic street. The amendments will be second column where it reads Operations \$363,512.60 would be amended to read \$389,033.76. Next line which is Capital Outlay - Contracts reads \$1,159,318.61 that will be amended to read \$1,382,605.72 for a grand total of \$1,960,310.12 amended to read \$209,218.99, to completely do Sandhurst instead of a partial.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to amend as stated above.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mr. Cingle or Mr. Piatak if these numbers have been verified and an accurate amendment to accomplish what the goal is.

Mr. Cingle referred to Mr. Piatak.

Mr. Piatak stated don't follow along with all the numbers that were just put forth. I did provide some additional information to Mr. Troyer regarding Sandhurst Drive so if he used my numbers and put them into the numbers relayed then I guess it

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would be accurate.

Mr. Salvatore rephrased the question to Mr. Troyer, are these the same numbers you were provided by the engineer?

Mr. Troyer responded these are the numbers I came up with based on his numbers because remember half the street was already in there; so had to split the new number with the old number; subtract to get an additional number. The total additional number is \$248,908.27 that we're adding to. Talking with Mr. Healy ahead of time and found a problem and adjusted my numbers from that. I've gone over them quite a few times and believe they are correct.

Mr. Cingle asked Mr. Troyer you sent me an email today at 3:45 p.m. regarding Sandhurst Drive that was forwarded from the engineer dated March 23rd at 4:51 p.m. Sandhurst, Holland to cul-de-sac that total is \$565,485.03 and with Sandhurst, Holland to Cambridge is \$472,311.42; the difference between those is \$93,173.61.

Mr. Troyer stated one was not an erroneous number that is a project we're not doing. It's a difference between the partial Sandhurst Drive which was \$316,576.76 and the full Sandhurst Drive.

Mr. Cingle responded have it see what it is now, just wanted it clarified.

Mr. Scott asked Mr. Troyer for clarification of the number?

Mr. Troyer responded \$248,908.27.

Mr. Cingle confirmed the number.

The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to amend as stated.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Poindexter stated want to make an amendment to the Appropriations for Capital on page 3, Fund 342 - Parks & Playgrounds. Would like to make a motion to increase that by \$20,000.00 for American Disabilities Act (ADA) equipment in city playgrounds. Spoke with Mr. Cingle that a line item doesn't have to be created in revenue until the grant is received from the Cooper Foundation for their portion.

Mr. Vecchio asked Mr. Poindexter that is being taken from Fund 382- 242-402-242? Next question where is it coming from?

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Mr. Poindexter responded from the General Fund into fund 342 - Parks & playgrounds.

Mr. Mencini asked to go to the finance director?

Mr. Cingle responded the motion would be to increase the 382-242 in cost-center 342 Parks & Playgrounds Capital Outlay to \$402,242.00.

Motion by Poindexter, supported by Mr. Troyer, to amend line item 342 Parks & Playgrounds from \$382,242.00 to \$402,242.00.

Mr. Mencini asked Mrs. Horvath if everything looks good?

Mrs. Horvath responded I'm following and it seems to be appropriate to increase that fund.

Mr. Poindexter commented with speaking with the finance director once the grant money is received from the foundation then would have to create a line-item for the revenue coming, transfer to the same fund and used in that manner.

Mr. Scott asked Mrs. Horvath once that occurs legislation would have to be drafted?

Mrs. Horvath responded yes.

The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Troyer, to amend.

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

Mr. Troyer stated in general discussion of the budget; this is an amendment in a sense and am really adamant about this.

Mr. Troyer, that all wording is added to this legislation memorializing the roads program with adjusted Sandhurst being total street, memorializing everything as exhibits A - Streets, B- Capital, C- and D that was given to Council, especially roads program, capital and work sheets on the budget in the legislation.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Poindexter, paperwork received for roads program, capital memorializing everything as part of the legislation.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mr. Troyer the updated roads program and itemized capital provided to Council.

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Mr. Troyer commented also the worksheets given with the budget, breaking down the line items to include the appropriation legislation and work sheets provided to be memorialized into the budget.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mrs. Horvath are you able to get this done before Monday's meeting at 7:00 p.m.?

Mrs. Horvath referred to Mr. Cingle.

Mr. Cingle asked Mr. Troyer to call me later tonight or tomorrow for a meeting to point-out exactly what pages he wants memorialized and bring them down to the Council office on Monday.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mrs. Horvath nothing would have to be changed on anything since this was all done through the finance department. To Mr. Troyer if that gets included that completes your motion.

Mr. Troyer responded except there has to be language in the legislation moralizing those items A, B, and C.; law department would have to be involved with that input.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Troyer is this something that definitely needs to be done by Monday or can it wait until getting closer to the end of the budget. Looking at the streets may want to do what you did tonight and extend a street come Monday. Is this going to be wrapped up tonight, memorialize it tonight, what if over the weekend I find Monday. Is this something you want definitely done tonight?

Mr. Troyer responded won't hurt to get started on it tonight, don't know what you mean by the end of the budget, we are at the end of the budget.

Mr. Mencini interjected close to the end of the budget, still have a weekend.

Mr. Troyer interjected would be nice to have this ready to go on Monday for final looks and possibly suspension and passage. Going to be hard to change on Monday and have it ready for the next day.

Mr. Mencini responded understand and would be nice to have the budget done by now and fine with what you want to do but just want to be sure.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Mencini if you have changes now would be the time to present them.

Mr. Mencini stated now would be the time to present them but there are still the

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directors coming.

The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Poindexter, that all paperwork received for roads program, capital memorializing everything as part of the legislation.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Questions to directors:

Police Chief Dickel:

Mr. Mencini thanked Mr. Vecchio and Mayor Gammella for granting request of bringing the directors forward. Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Dickel for numbers on the bullet-proof vests.

Mr. Dickel responded the way the bullet-proof vest replacement works is by contract in the bargaining agreement. The city is obligated to replace the vests every five-years. The vests have a manufacturer warranty that expires and this year the estimated cost will be \$10,500.00 for vest replacement.

Mr. Mencini asked for an explanation of the data terminals for the police vehicles and a possible breakdown.

Mr. Dickel responded each patrol vehicle has a mobile data terminal in the vehicle. More than five-years ago, possibly closer to seven-years, an experiment was done with tablets. The tablets were much less expensive except there were some shortcomings. One the tablets were only supposed to last one year to possibly three years and have lasted that long. However, in order to make the tablets work the officers have to add items i.e. Bluetooth keyboard, modem for connection to the system and by adding additional pieces it's creating a problem with the availability of ports. Then the officers have to get another USB port with a multi-tap and plugging two or three items into the same port. Since the tablets came out five or six years ago the technology is way better, screens are now brighter than before and it's been determined at this point that the tablet construction is not the way the department wants to go. Would rather have a regular laptop since they contain most of the items that had to be added to the tablet within the unit itself. The department is not looking at the top of the line, looking at mid-range for a rough guesstimate of \$5,000.00 a piece outfitted.

Mr. Mencini continued with the new hire at \$5,000 that seems to be on the low-end.

Mr. Dickel responded the department is looking at hiring one officer and that would be the cost for one officer for the more capital items. That doesn't include the

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uniform or other items that run approximately \$1,700.00 or \$1,800.00 for startup. That is what more less is included but those are the big ticket items.

Mr. Mencini stated with the jail intercom at \$20,000.00 is that the whole police force or building?

Mr. Dickel responded that is a system that is contained mostly within the jail and it is a state requirement if someone is in jail must have the ability to communicate with someone outside of their cell, for safety reasons; any type of issue they need to be able to notify somebody as quickly as possible. There have been some failures and quite honestly it's been frankensteined to be operational but it is hit or miss. Can go in one day and test the system and the next day not so much could be an hour apart and get the same results.

Mr. Mencini stated using the term frankensteined the entrance to the police department is frankensteined and not the only one that thinks that. Any time someone comes to the police department there should be a dispatcher up front and don't stand alone on that.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Dickel with the jail intercom most likely that system would be able to be moved to another building if need be, correct?

Mr. Dickel responded sure at a cost don't know what that would be, it may be able to be moved; it would have to be looked at to say for sure.

Mr. Troyer commented that's something to consider before purchased that it might be able to be moved. Are there any ride-along or still under COVID-19 prevented?

Mr. Dickel responded currently following COVID-19 protocols and hopefully lifted up soon.

Recreation Director Elliott:

Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Elliott lot of these items are pretty obvious and not that high. With the football goal posts at \$12,000.00 with the program being at Groza fields is there a specific reason for this?

Mr. Elliott responded the Groza staff, recreation center staff and other Groza officials have had some discussions and some of the Flag football played on Sundays there is talk and most likely to move that to Saturdays and play on the city campus; the youngest flag football teams. They don't use goal posts but the tackle teams are still playing at Groza.

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Mr. Mencini continued with the event tents that seems on the low end?

Mr. Elliott responded a number of the community events that have been held the police and fire departments have those 10x10 tents that are professionally identified by the colors. With as many events the city does throughout a normal year think it would be just a nice touch. Sometimes the city is asked to participate in surrounding communities or health-fairs, etc. so by taking those to the event clearly identifies who the City of Brook Park is representing and cost would be a great buy.

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Elliott with the 2021 Christmas decorations. One thing I spoke with Mr. Garner about is putting something very nice by the football parking lot begins through the ballfields and tennis courts of a drive-thru type of display. The amount of \$10,000.00 seems a little low?

Mr. Elliott responded the reality is the cost is low and even though it's only March at the end of the year when decorating some of the decorations are very old and aged. Service department has done an excellent job in trying to keep them functioning. With the explanation provided if a purchase plan is created this is investing some money this year, next year and the year after. By doing that for three or four years' new decorations have been purchased and look very nice. All city events are always well attended and people like to mill around especially around the characters. Last year I asked recreation staff Colonna, who is very artistic, to do some characters that was created by the recreation center at a very low expense. This is something that needs to be thought about and by doing a little bit each year the big Christmas tree the department has now costs \$25,000.00 brand new. Not asking for that but a little bit at a time would make sense for the community.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Elliott with the gym floor, thank you for the more itemized, detailed list dated January 28th wish could have received then. Says on this sheet that the gym floor is 16 years-old and should be done every ten years. Is that true that it's been 16 years since being redone?

Mr. Elliott responded there is a difference and where I think it's a little confusing. About five-years ago the city did a portion and it's like a maintenance program. The cost could be \$5,000.00 or \$6,000.00 for light sanding or something that does not damage or erase any of the existing lines and then seal with a number of coats. This protects it and maybe do some repairs to the boards by nailing and tidying things up. The last time with this renovation is the floor will be stripped entirely to the natural color of the wood, all the lines will be gone and nails will be tightened. There is some spacing that exists currently and will redo the entire floor with a new

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design, new stain per each court and seal with probably five coats. After that then the floor will be maintained every few years with light sanding and sealing. With the number of people that use the gymnasium or the number of events that the center holds in the gymnasium beyond sports i.e. voting, indoor concerts, the school has held a number of events, craft fairs, etc. The floor will be maintained throughout the other years but this is a significant and total renovation in the amount of approximately \$38,000.00.

Mr. Troyer stated during previous budget discussions before don't remember being told there were two different types of refinishing that could be done. Another question on the need for more tables is a good thing with the hope of having events at the recreation center. How many tables are being replaced because I thought the tables were pretty new not too long ago?

Mr. Elliott responded what the staff is trying to do now is in the center's stock of round tables there are two different kinds. One is a much lighter and easier to carry throughout the building, the other tables are heavier and the edges are damaged badly. We will be purchasing 15 or 20 tables the center has probably 40 rectangular tables but a lot of the events i.e. small weddings, anniversaries, etc., round table are often requested; the round tables are the ones in worst condition and the need for replacement.

Mr. Troyer commented there was always a shortage at the Beautification & Pride committee's spring event benefit. Good to be looking forward and hope it comes to fruition to get back to use the tables.

Service Director Garner

Mr. Mencini questioned the building improvements for \$8,000.00 working in that building and the department in that building a while, close to 25 years, that's it on the building improvements i.e. painting updates.

Mr. Garner responded could the department use paint, absolutely, but looking to replace some entry doors and man doors that have rusted frames.

Mr. Mencini continued with the mechanics' amount of \$15,000.00 for tools is that for the upgrades for the new vehicles?

Mr. Garner responded yes, tools break and some of that is for hand and/or power tools or plug-in tools to the trucks themselves.

Mr. Mencini commented would like to see more service department employees the crews do a great job.

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Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Garner why are the man-doors so expensive; are they double doors?

Mr. Garner responded they are exterior security doors that need a closure and push-button entry devices, frames and masonry install.

Mr. Troyer commented more than just doors and stated throughout this the city is getting six pickup trucks? Can you explain what they all will be used for?

Mr. Garner responded noticed that the other day, there are only two pickup trucks that have been split up by cost to three different departments. Roads, snow and parks are playing for two trucks.

Mr. Troyer asked these will be four-wheel drive trucks with plow attachments?

Mr. Garner responded yes, they will have plow accessories and all the items that does with that.

Mr. Vecchio asked these are F-250's being purchased?

Mr. Garner yes, there was in an accident and replaced by insurance.

Mr. Vecchio asked bid pricing was checked like always?

Mr. Garner responded absolutely, Mr. Pensis would have all that information in the quotes.

Mr. Scott confirmed the discussion on the man-doors I priced them and use to install them and at \$48,000.00 for the doors and mechanical equipment that's a good price.

Mr. Garner asked for clarification on the amount of the doors.

Mr. Scott responded \$48,000.00.

Mr. Garner continued I don't have \$48,000.00 on those doors I have \$8,000.00, asked for \$10,000.00.

Mr. Scott commented there are three man-doors at \$48,000.00.

Mr. Garner responded there is a misprint.

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Mr. Scott stated there are building improvements for \$89,000.00.

Mr. Garner commented will have to check that because looking at my list provided.

Mr. Scott interjected the total is \$56,000.00 total, know them doors are expensive with all the electrical.

Mr. Garner responded these doors are not electrical just man-doors that average approximately \$3,200.00 each. Will have to find out what else was bundled into that total.

Mr. Cingle clarified this document was compiled by the Mayor's office so any questions, with respect to this document, the Mayor's office put all the capital together, for the most part.

Mayor Gammella commented will look into that and have a response to Council.

Mr. Scott commented have installed doors for \$48,000.00 before. To Mr. Garner on \$17,000.00 for boiler controls at Brook Park Memorial (BPM). These are new and more WIFI accessible?

Mr. Garner responded that will be inside-outside sensors so the heat can be controlled. There school had a software setup but didn't function and were doing by hand. Have a quote from Brewer-Garrett to do that and they would provide WIFI service from the school to the recreation center.

Mr. Scott asked each room is heated individually by thermostat?

Mr. Garner responded that would be Brookview elementary; BPM has two boilers.

Engineer Piatak

Mr. Mencini stated flooding was covered while back I'm good with the engineering department.

Economic Development Commissioner Adams

Mr. Mencini stated some of the things I would like to cover don't pertain to the budget, more so involved with economic development.

Mr. Adams stated on page 2 of the budget there is a fund breakdown under fund 243 - line item 325. That involves prior encumbrances of approximately \$390,665.91 and fund 361-line-item 250 is new. The old is part of what is encumbered at \$250,000.00 to finalize the BJAM contract for the rebuild of the

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former Kuts N Such underground area and removal of the toxic substances is included and will be reimbursed by the Ohio Department of Development grant. The outstanding payment for the senior snow-plow program is \$284,000.00 that is encumbered due to being from last year's contract for this year's parcels. There was a feasibility study for some brownfields that was conducted having a balance of \$50,000.00 that is set aside for payment to Hall & Associates. The \$36,000.00 to Debt Advisor was billed to fund 243 dealing with some finance that the city was involved in. There is an outstanding balance of \$1,100.00 unearned but encumbered for Davie Resource Group that are working with the city to remediate the wetlands on vacant properties on the west end that the city owns in the TechPark areas. The city is 75% the way through that and was delayed from 100% due to weather. The area has to be dry so a re-evaluation can be done EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) representatives from Buffalo, NY can be done, that the city is hoping will show a release from their jurisdiction to an Ohio EPA jurisdiction for ownership of the property. The new money in fund 361-line-item 250 with \$85,000.00 for personal services projected for appraisers, surveyors, additional engineering and planning consultants. Also incurs the cost of the Baldwin-Wallace (BW) university digital program that Council agreed to last year for social media, doing very well. Also requested and listed is \$8,000.00 for the Heritage Home program is a program with the City of Cleveland restoration society. This is a community based program that many communities in Cuyahoga County participate in. The program is a preservation based approach offered to residents with homes 50 years or older. Residents of Brook Park would receive free technical assistance on home improvement projects and access the low interest financing to cover projected costs for the project with expert guidance start to finish. The program would work under then envelope of the City of Brook Park alongside with the building department through the permit process. This will allow the homeowner and nice nuance is there are two major banks involved underwriting any loan established by appraisal. Just like a second mortgage on a home based on equity, not so focused on income as it's focused on the equity; that's one of the benefits of being in the program. Loans will be allowed through KeyBank or Third Federal both in high standards, for instance, the fixed rate for this month with KeyBank is anywhere from \$3,000.00 to \$150,000.00 is two-percent (2%) for anywhere from five to ten years and will do a loan the value of 85% to 90%. This will put the money in the position to help seniors, new homeowners and homeowners through COVID-19 don't have the money available but want to do improvements to the exterior or interior. Third Federal offers a similar program with the basis point being 2.99% and allows up to 85% loan value with very nominal fees for appraisal and escrow. KeyBank will loan to non-owner occupied residents and some of the biggest problems involves non-owner occupied homes. This program through KeyBank for landlords to borrow the funds for repair to the property. One of the things heard when speaking to residents is don't have the

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funds this program will allow the city to show the resident how they can have the money through appraisal and equity they can do the repairs. Can't force the residents to do this but once this program is in place they have remedy to do that. The annual projected cost of this program is \$7,995.00 that started in January and have a call into them about a pro-rated amount, that's part of what is in new money. There is an additional \$225,000.00 for senior snow and grass removal contracts for this year and asked for \$50,000.00 for the HMAP (Home Maintenance Assistance Program). Would like to retool through legislative action to lower the amount in order to help more people.

Mr. Salvatore stated with the Heritage program the city has been part of that for several years but didn't get the participation looking for. Going forward looking into this program can you check to see what the participation was prior.

Mr. Adams responded it wasn't good participation but Heritage has done since then is retooled the program to make it more user-friendly and have lowered the threshold for the credit situation. That is where the problem began that individuals based on earnings or credit history couldn't qualify for the loan; so now it's more of an equity based situation with a fixed interest rate, for individuals that find themselves in a bad situation. Will ask for those direct numbers from the prior program.

Mr. Salvatore stated is in favor of the program and one of the sponsors when first initiated and am for the program being more user friendly.

Mr. Adams stated this program will be monitored under the Mayor's office and building department with a guarantee of reports as requested; every month for sure. Reports will be requested more often than when Brook Park residents get involved the city wants to be known of it to police the situation from start to finish, especially dealing with the seniors. This program is upfront with monies being paid when the work is complete.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Adams was on Council when voted to do this program and wasn't happy with the way it turned out, happy to hear that it's changed and more available to the residents. I want to commend you on watching that residents don't get ripped off.

Mr. Scott stated to Mr. Adams do the residents' contact you about the Heritage program or how will word get out?

Mr. Adams responded there will be a city-wide mailing done by the Heritage group to registered homeowners informing residents of the project then there will be a helpline; several city phone numbers will also be included in this mailing. The goal

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is launching from what HMAP attempted to do but because of funding constraints can't do. Now take this to the next level to not only help the residential homeowner but when getting to that level we can't hardly get to because HMAP doesn't apply. Is to get to the landlord level to help those landlords that don't have the funds; the city has found a way to get the funds and a way to make sure they apply properly through the permit system.

Mr. Scott continued to go back to the HMAP there used to be if a person doesn't qualify for HMAP there would be a recommendation.

Mr. Adams responded that program is underwritten through Cuyahoga County and thanks to County Councilman Dale Miller. This program is underwritten through KeyBank called Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP) but also Huntington Bank underwrites this program. With the Huntington Bank located at Brookgate Shopping Center if residents don't qualify because of earnings potential for HMAP or HMAP has expired I roll them over to the HELP program. Also, the city has available support services in harder situations that involves church groups and other programs that are available through non-profits and government itself, to protect the homeowners the best the city can do.

Mr. Mencini asked Mayor Gammella with the \$35,000.00 for the dog park that will be done this year?

Mayor Gammella responded yes.

Mr. Mencini continued there is nothing for the animal warden and hope to put good monies in later would like to see a whole new building or setup, that building is dated.

Mr. Troyer asked Mayor Gammella with the dog park's \$35,000.00 is this Brook Park or looking at Middleburg Hts. project again.

Mayor Gammella responded that \$35,000.00 is the city of Brook Park's share of the dog park. Speaking with Mayor Castelli and that project will go forward this year.

Mr. Troyer stated big concern with that was with the way the agreement was written, thought it was not in our favor. With the contractor fees for the natatorium for \$10,000.00 what is that?

Mayor Gammella responded will need those guys to look at the natatorium and tell the city can do and can't do with that. How structurally sound it is and isn't.

Mr. Troyer stated thought there was three proposals being looked at.

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Mayor Gammella responded we narrowed that down to one and after the budget passes will bring forward to Council.

Mr. Troyer asked the \$10,000.00 was for the studies or proposals.

Mayor Gammella responded there won't be any proposals there will be a study telling us where we're at and what we have to do, there will be no work done.

Mr. Troyer commented that's a lot of money to be put out for no work done.

Mayor Gammella responded the entire amount may not be used but before an intelligent decision can be made, as a contractor yourself, you have to know how to attack the problem. We need to know how structurally sound the roof and walls and things of that nature and what has to be done.

Mr. Troyer clarified the fire roof at station two is Ruple Road?

Mayor Gammella responded yes, an entire roof replacement that roof is in horrendous shape.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mrs. Horvath rumor has it, numbers are telling me, that you're hiring another full time employee in the law department?

Mrs. Horvath responded the department has been down two employees for quite some time and attempted to handle the business while understaffed. There is certainly a possibility as coming out of COVID-19 that someone will be added to be fully staffed.

Mr. Troyer clarified this will be a full-time qualified person?

Mrs. Horvath responded of course.

Mr. Troyer commented excellent probably the best thing about the budget, besides getting Sandhurst Drive done.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Troyer, to place on the special Council agenda immediately following under first reading as amended.

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear as Ordinance No. 11187-2021.

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

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*
Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED *April 6, 2021*

THESE MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY BROOK PARK CITY COUNCIL ARE A SYNOPSIS, NOT TRANSCRIBED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ALTHOUGH ACCURATE.

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