

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED  
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:00 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

**SCOTT, SCHMUCK, ORCUTT, TROYER, MENCINI, POINDEXTER, SALVATORE**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11190-2021, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION TO PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF BROOK PARK'S MUNICIPAL CAMPUS OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella. **Note:** Moved by **motion** from the April 13, 2021 Caucus meeting for further discussion.

Mr. Orcutt stated to Mr. Elliott, there was discussion about seeking information about the installation of the electrical for this project. Were you able to come up with any numbers from the contractors?

Mr. Elliott responded the contractors put together a price for the city and, in addition, spoke with a few of the contractors basing on square footage of the amphitheater. Just visited a smaller amphitheater this afternoon and the quote and estimate prepared today is overkill, compared to what this other community put on. It's probable somewhere in-between that but let's just when talking about the quote I received for materials and so forth is about \$7,500.00. But, believe this would be quite a bit more and the facility I visited today was half of that. Seeing this other example today makes me just say that the city can efficiently light that facility between \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00.

Mr. Orcutt continued that was for lighting only, was there any additional costs for receptacles?

Mr. Elliott responded that includes receptacles, breakers, conduit and everything.

Mr. Salvatore commented had a lengthy conversation with Mr. Elliott and not in favor of putting restrictions on the amount in order to see what is available to the city and how far the city can go. Even if more monies have to be added to do this right am in favor, think that's what should be looked at. When looking at an amphitheater think of one with seating arranged and maybe we don't do all

**Discussion: cont.**

permanent seating but have a section to bring own chairs. Not interested in seeing an amphitheater that looks like a pavilion but with a stage. Would like to see the cost of having more than one option available to the city and don't think this has to be done prior to Home Days. Let's get all the legwork done and start construction after Home Days, if the event happens.

Mr. Mencini stated spoke on this last week and stand by most of those comments. Waling Engle Road one thing I have heard about this is very good feedback about this. I spoke about the location and am not against this project but want to know that five (5), ten (10) or 20-years from now we did the right thing. I think it's important with everything we do with the campus and a lot of Ward 2 residents and myself want the improvements at the recreation center and Kennedy Park but want it done right and have other issues i.e. flooding and streets. Who is going to maintain the amphitheater, will bathrooms be there, is this going to be the permanent place?

Mr. Scott agreed with Mr. Salvatore there should be no cap, open-ended. Again, agree with Mr. Troyer let's remove 'enter into contract'. Get the numbers to bring back to Council and if it's going to cost more than the \$100,000.00 let's look at that. If it's going to be a major upgrade, then let's move that way but this legislation is to go out and get some bids. The exact location, at this time, is not a dire need but let's get some bids, leave it open-ended and move ahead.

Mr. Poindexter is in support of the amendment.

Mr. Troyer stated good comments but if the amendment 'not enter into a contract' let's see what is out there and what ideas can be brought forward i.e. pictures, measurements, dimensions and that type of stuff. So Council knows what that will be but still not happy with the location and think the bathrooms are too far away. Not opposed to starting somewhere and having a plan that can be expanded to later and reiterated the amendments. Remove 'enter into a contract' from the title and Section 2 and eliminate Section 3 and move up numerically.

Mrs. Schmuck commented in favor of this and looks forward to project moving forward and agree with colleagues.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, that this was discussed.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to adjourn.

Mayor Gammella requested to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Vecchio commented Council, the executive session is listed on the Council agenda, is anyone opposed to the Mayor’s request?

Councilmembers Troyer and Orcutt **rescinded** motion and support.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to go into Executive Session for Confidential business information of an applicant for economic development assistance.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Troyer, Mencini, Poindexter, Salvatore, Scott, Schmuck, Orcutt  
**NAYS:** None. The motion carried at 7:16 p.m.

In attendance: Members of Council, Mayor Gammella, Law Director Horvath and Finance Director Cingle.

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

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Troyer, Mencini, Poindexter, Salvatore, Scott, Schmuck, Orcutt  
**NAYS:** None. The motion carried at 7:50 p.m.

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

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Michelle Blazak*  
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Clerk of Council

APPROVED *May 18, 2021*

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