

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
HELD ON JULY 16, 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, SCHMUCK, ORCUTT, TROYER, MENCINI, SALVATORE

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

Councilman Poindexter was excused.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON SUBJECT MATTER ON THIS
AGENDA ONLY:**

Joan markusic

13911 Bellbrook Drive

Ms. Markusic reiterated comments from last night's meeting of firefighters being responsible for their job when negotiations are taking place and the Mayor is standing up for the city's safety and well-being.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11205-2021. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOK PARK FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1141, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, AFL-CIO-CLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

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

Mr. Mencini asked Mayor Gammella for a comment on this matter.

Mayor Gammella stated this has been discussed at length and the proper thing to do is vote this contract down in its entirety, will come up with a new contract. roper thing to do is vote down in its entirety.

Mr. Troyer stated there are several reason for voting no on suspension and contract. There is not a signed contract by the union, there is nothing marked exhibit A, what is Council actually voting on. There have been process problems with no signatures and anybody has to ask themselves how can Council come to a conclusion to vote no, where there have been

Third Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions: cont.

no open discussions on this, except for now. Think residents need to know why Council is voting on this. How can Council vote on something when there is no exhibit A? Another reason I will be voting no is this contract has a 'Me Too' clause and I can't vote for a 'Me Too'.

Mr. Cingle stated this has been a long process with Local 1141 negotiations with the Mayor negotiation with the union for over a year and a half. In section 13.4 there was language that was deleted out that the administration didn't agree too and wasn't caught in the final draft sent over to Local 1141 for their vote. Also in 15.1 there was a clerical minor error that was also not caught in the final proof. The administration went back to the fire union representatives for Local 1141 and has reached a compromise with (section) 13.4 that meets the local's approval and the city will find out next week when submitted to a vote of the body. Also, there has also been a compromise with (section) 15.1 with the union agreeing to the correction of what the city will pay and the employee will pay on hospitalization. The administration is asking for Council to reject this contract to let the union vote on the compromised language and let the union vote on the agreement in its entirety with the administration bringing back to Council for approval.

Mr. Troyer stated the biggest reason I can't vote yes on this is besides the other obvious reasons are because Section 3 of the ordinance that he read in

its entirety. I know that didn't happen and can't mislead the people. By saying that happened, that's the most important reason I can't vote for this.

Mr. Salvatore commented I also will be a no vote on this contract in front of Council since it is not in the best interest of the city.

The clerk called the roll on the **motion** by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Mencini to adopt.

ROLL CALL: AYES: None.

NAYS: Scott, Mencini, Salvatore, Troyer, Orcutt, Schmuck. Ordinance No. 11205-2021 is **defeated** by a vote of 6-1.

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

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

NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak
Clerk of Council

APPROVED

August 24, 2021

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