

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Law Director Horvath and Service Director Garner.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. RESOLUTION NO. 17-2021 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

Mr. Troyer commented a slight amendment is needed at the Council meeting.

Mr. Salvatore asked Mr. Troyer what is the amendment, Council should know what is being talked about.

Mr. Troyer responded last week the amendment was made for the legislation to read in section 2 (two) `as set forth in Schedule A and B as attached, that was the amendment that Council made. The piece of legislation in front of Council it reads `as set forth in the attached, Exhibit Schedule A and Exhibit Schedule B. That's not the amendment that Council made.

Mr. Salvatore stated the issue is to clean that up a little.

Mr. Troyer stated no, it works either way just wanted to make an amendment that would read as section 2 (two) presently does.

Mrs. Horvath stated I just want Council to know before Council gets to the point of determining whether or not this amendment is made. Mr. Troyer had an extensive conversation with my assistant, Vicky Cardaman, and I also believe Finance Director Cingle weighed in on this piece of legislation and it was explained to Mr. Troyer why it reads the just fine.

Mr. Troyer stated yes, it does read just fine and works just the way it's written and that's what I said. But, Council didn't make it that way so an amendment is needed to make it like that, that's Council's job.

**Discussion: cont.**

**Motion** by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on the Council agenda immediately following under Letter M.

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

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear as M-4.

2. PROCLAMATION FOLDER QUOTES VS. PICTURE FRAME QUOTES FOR RESOLUTION PRESENTATIONS.

Mr. Vecchio stated the clerk found the proclamation folders having the little tab inserts on the inside for placement of the proclamations. There would be a quantity of 500 for \$996.25 plus \$25.00 delivery fee. The cost equating approximate \$1.99 each versus the picture frames that may not be in stock and senseless sending the clerk to look for them. So Council is aware over the last roughly six (6) Council has averaged about four (4) proclamations, some years there were seven (7).

Mr. Mencini asked if any other places were looked at i.e. different style or price?

Ms. Blazak responded no other company has the 8 ½ x 14 size that is needed, the 8 ½ x 11 size won't work with all necessary signatures.

Mr. Vecchio commented the proclamation would then become illegible.

Mr. Poindexter commented this price is more in the ballpark where I expected to be compared to the ones presented last week.

Ms. Blazak stated the only difference with the ones presented last week were the words presentation and proclamation, presentation folders are more of an intricate design.

Mr. Salvatore stated this is an administrative function and doesn't need legislative action.

Mr. Vecchio responded still needs approval on the expenditure.

**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Troyer, to place on the Council agenda immediately following under Verbal Approval.

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

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, MENCINI:**

1. A RESOLUTION URGING AN INVESTIGATION BY THE CUYAHOGA BOARD OF ELECTIONS INTO HOW THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Troyer.

Mr. Troyer stated Council, wish this would have been sent down for straight answers and wish someone would have taken responsibility for what happened. Walking every street someone tells me they couldn't vote due to standing in that line, not a few people a lot of people. The Brook Park Recreation Center will be all of Ward One (1); Brook Park United Methodist Church will be all Ward Two (2); UAW Hall will be all of Ward Three (3) and Brookview Elementary School will be all of Ward Four (4). There are more locations and hopefully that will take care of the problem. People are not happy on the west end that the fire station can't be used but understand COVID-19 being the reason.

Mr. Mencini stated this was November, 2020 and four (4) Board of Elections (BOE) attended a Zoom meeting and thought they explained pretty well what happened. One of the things said is it's tough to get employees to work and there's no question it was a nightmare out there. My point is the BOE did say it would get corrected and also said they were surprised by the turnout, shouldn't have been but were. How often this happens is not too often and it was a Presidential election. Seems the BOE is trying their best to get this nipped in the bud.

Mr. Troyer stated just to correct you on one thing, they did not have a shortage of employees, they had plenty of employees. The problem being is jamming all into one room being a no-no.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Poindexter, that this legislation was read in committee.

**ROLLCALL: AYES:** Troyer, Poindexter, Mencini, Salvatore, Scott, Schmuck, Orcutt

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, TROYER:**

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11220-2021, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUTPHEN CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SET OF RESCUE TOOLS AND TWO SETS OF AIR BAGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

Mr. Troyer stated there are a few things on this, Council should have received a corrected sheet for Exhibit A. The first (1<sup>st</sup>) An amendment needs to be made to attach the new 'Exhibit A'.

**Safety Committee - Chairman, Troyer: cont.**

**Motion** by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mrs. Schmuck, to attach the new Exhibit A.

**ROLLCALL: AYES:** Poindexter, Schmuck, Scott, Orcutt, Troyer, Mencini, Salvatore

**NAYS:** None. The amendment carried.

Mr. Troyer continued the second amendment will be to section one (1) delete Sourcewell, per the Finance Director, and insert NPPgov.

**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Orcutt, to amend section one (1) by deleting Sourcewell and inserting NPPgov.

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

**NAYS:** None. The amendment carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mrs. Schmuck, to place on the Council agenda immediately following as amended.

**ROLLCALL: AYES:** Poindexter, Schmuck, Scott, Orcutt, Troyer, Mencini, Salvatore

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

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

**ROLLCALL: AYES:** Mencini, Schmuck, Scott, Orcutt, Troyer, Poindexter, Salvatore

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

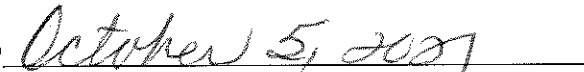
Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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