

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:30 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

TROYER, MENCINI, ROBERTS, SCOTT, COYNE, POINDEXTER, SALVATORE

Also in attendance were Mayor Orcutt, Law Director Horvath, Finance Director Cingle, Recreation Director Gonzales, Service Director Beyer, and Engineer Piatak.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter stated no report.

Finance Committee – Chairman, Scott:

Mr. Scott stated the Finance Committee has nothing on the agenda. The Board of Control met on January 19th with 11 items on the agenda, the three largest were Minerva bunker gear cleaning for the fire department in the amount of \$10,000.00; Onsolve for code red alerts in the amount of \$20,463.98 and Euthenics for five different projects totaling \$21,732.23. The Board of Control met earlier today approving 15 items with the three largest being Protegis fire panels for the fire department in the amount of \$35,352.22; Metive amphitheater system construction project in the amount of \$ 35,352.22 and Cargill for road salt for \$50,000.00.

Mr. Troyer asked Mr. Scott with the red alert is that for one year.

Mr. Scott responded yes, for this year.

Legislative Committee - Chairwoman, Coyne:

Madam Coyne stated there is no legislation on tonight's agenda.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Mencini:

Mr. Mencini reported basketball is in its fifth week, baseball signups started today. The Mother-Son dance is in discussions.

Planning Committee – Chairman, Troyer:

The Planning Committee will have two items on the Monday, February 7th agenda. One being a company for a conditional use permit to operate an automotive repair facility at 5710 West 130th Street. The second request is for approval of a Class 2 Group Home facility at 14084 Holland Road; if both requests are approved will come before Council for approval. Also, mentioned a safety item with all the recent fires watch out with heaters if putting hand in front of heater and gets hot, don't use it. To residents uncover fire hydrants to the street for fire personnel.

Reports from Standing Committees: cont.

Safety Committee – Chairman, Roberts

Mr. Roberts reported he met with the city's police chief and police captain who gave a tour that was very informational and would like to meet with fire chief in the very near future.

Service Committee – Chairman, Poindexter:

Mr. Poindexter stated there is nothing in committee and thanked the service crews for all their hard work.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman, Salvatore:

Mr. Salvatore stated the board has not met since last meeting.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated looking to the February 23rd board meeting. Visitors still have restrictions with masks, social distancing and washing hands. Some of the programs available at the hospital are for expectant parents, water therapy, stroke victims and many others.

Mr. Troyer asked Mr. Mencini if there is any information on why the emergency room was closed.

Mr. Mencini stated there is no answer on that and don't think it was a hindrance, the concern is appreciated.

Berea Board of Education Representative, Coyne

Madam Coyne stated unable to attend the first two meetings due to being in conflict with Council meeting but will be able to attend future meetings. The subject of bullying that Mr. Vecchio brought up recently will be looked into to come up with a resolution.

Technology & Innovation Committee – Chairman, Poindexter:

Mr. Poindexter stated there has been no meeting since last report; the members are researching electric charging stations; with one member has reached out to NOPEC for more information. The next meeting will be held on February 9th.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Orcutt reported due to upcoming storm the snow ban is in effect. The city crews are asking residents not to blow snow into the street and to clear the tops of fire hydrants. Am proud to announce Paul Martichuk as the new Economic Development Commissioner from Cleveland Partnership and is currently working on legislation to demolish the Motel 8 on Snow Road. Also, in discussions with the owners of the former BP gas station at Snow and Smith to demolish the building.

Reports and communications from the Mayor: cont.

Mayor Orcutt requested an Executive Session prior to adjournment for Collective Bargaining matters.

Mr. Poindexter asked Mayor Orcutt if Mr. Marticheck is a Councilperson in North Royalton.

Mayor Orcutt responded Mr. Marticheck is the Council President.

Mr. Mencini requested directors be in attendance at meetings after the budget process to inform Council of their plans and ideas. Glad to hear the overnight parking ban is being enforced. Also, with the exchange zone at the police department is that being done?

Mayor Orcutt responded all vehicles parked on the street overnight are being ticketed and has been up over the last month. Having department heads appear before Council will happen. Spoke with the police chief about the exchange zone and it has been determined the area must be well lit with a camera.

Mr. Mencini continued the entrances to the city are open gateways to the community and think they should be enhanced more. With the parking of commercial vehicles on residential properties should be discussed due to the police having an issue on Sylvia having two vehicles loaded. Think that public hearings should be done a bit more to listen to residents' issues about the community, city budget, medical marijuana and ward redistricting. Finally, received many phone calls about the recent school choice legislation.

Mayor Orcutt responded the entrances to the community is an investment and we all want to get a return on that investment; with the entrance and exit ramps from I-71 leading in and out of city. There are dead trees that need to be removed as well as the center island needing more modern lighting. The city's redistricting was certified in September, 2021 and is something that Council needs to undertake.

Mr. Troyer asked who on Council is taking care of the Census.

Mr. Vecchio responded before coming to Council Mr. Scott has been working on this and it is my understanding there are programs out there for Census concerns.

Mr. Troyer commented that all of Council should be involved with this.

Mr. Vecchio concurred and stated all information will be forthcoming to Council at a future Caucus meeting.

Reports and communications from the Mayor: cont.

Mr. Troyer thanked Mr. Scott for doing this.

Mr. Troyer asked Mayor Orcutt if Mr. Martichuck is part of Cameo?

Mayor Orcutt responded not sure.

Mr. Troyer stated with public hearings the Mayor should not be bothered that is a Council undertaking.

Mr. Roberts asked Mayor Orcutt if there is an official closing business date for the Motel 8.

Mayor Orcutt responded the title agency will be transferring the deed to the county that will then be transferred to the City of Brook Park and take ownership. The Southwest Emergency Bureau has asked that the facility be used for training purposes as well as the fire department; leaving enough time for preparation of legislation.

Mr. Poindexter asked if there is any information on the Forward Innovation Center phase one target.

Mayor Orcutt responded the Brownfield mediation grant submitted was submitted to the state yesterday that will bring monies to the developer for starting of projects. I speak with the developer three to four times a week and the plan was to break ground in January, 2021. But that didn't happen due to the building being moved 90-degress and may have to be brought forward to the Planning commission

Mr. Troyer asked with the previous Ford property is that expected to be more or less one company or a multiple of companies?

Mayor Orcutt responded the concept plans passed by Council in 2021 there may be 12 buildings but that may change.

Mr. Troyer continued there is a rumor of a certain company?

Mayor Orcutt responded that rumor was not true back then or currently.

Mr. Vecchio stated to Mayor Orcutt about the email received with snow removal of sidewalks is that being addressed?

Reports and communications from the Mayor: cont.

Mayor Orcutt stated that question has been brought up and the city has been calling businesses to remove snow from the sidewalks. There is an ordinance by the State of Ohio that if snow is cleared the walkway has been changed. If someone slips or falls or if the sidewalk ices over that business or resident then becomes liable. Service crews have been cleaning up pathways for children to walk to school. Speaking with the business on Snow Road they do not have the personnel to clear sidewalks and the city has to be very careful with plowing private companies. Working as best possible with Snow Roads businesses to have sidewalks cleared.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**Law Director Horvath:**

Mrs. Horvath updated Council with the Super 8 motel sale recently that the lien issue has been resolved and documents have been placed with the title agency. On January 31st the city received addendums that have been reviewed and also given to the title agency.

Recreation Director Gonzales:

Mr. Gonzales reported the Father-Daughter dance deadline is February 11th to date 30 couples are registered. As Mr. Mencini stated there are talks about a Mother-Son dance being offered in May. In addition, baseball and softball registrations are now open to four years old to adults. The recreation department is adding a new adult program, Pickle Ball, in the open gym that is popular among the senior group. In talks of adapted programming in the community I have challenged, Danny Colonna, to research an adaptive baseball program for people with disabilities. Monitoring the spread of Covid-19 and is a high concern for the recreation staff and will keep everyone in the loop.

Service Director Beyer:

Mr. Beyer reminded residents that bulk pickup is the week of February 14th on normal rubbish days. In between snow storms and water-breaks the city's arborist has created a list of trees that need trim in different wards. Trimming is best when the trees are dormant and trimming of the trees also helps with plow trucks curbing which has happened in the past, as well as walkers. Mayor Orcutt has instructed service crews with the upcoming snowstorm to have the environments mats placed in areas of flooding. Service crews are on three-shifts and asked for consideration of plow drivers during the upcoming storm. Route plowing consists of mains being done first, than the secondary's roads and then the residential streets.

City Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak reported that information was received that the Sheldon Road waterline project is done with paving of the street on Wednesday or Thursday.

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

Finance Director Cingle

Mr. Cingle reported that he is working on the budget with the Mayor and administrative staff to bring before City Council.

Mr. Poindexter asked Mr. Beyer with the environmental mats placement; could that cause a flood issue on city streets, with temperature changes?

Mr. Beyer responded that will be monitored and if there is a temperature change crews will do a little pretreat with salt and whatever it takes to get those mats up.

Madam Coyne thanked Mr. Gonzales for the livestreaming of basketball games, has family out of town that were able to watch her son's basketball game.

Mr. Gonzales responded that was a big investment to the community using Covid dollars.

Mr. Troyer thanked service crews for the trimming of trees and also thanked Mr. Cingle and Mayor Orcutt to have the budget for next Tuesday.

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Gonzales is the senior club not meeting; will they convene?

Mr. Gonzales responded the senior club took the month of January off and met this morning.

Mr. Mencini stated to Engineer Piatak with the Sheldon Road project and the upcoming snowstorm most likely the contractor will be looking at Thursday?

Mr. Piatak responded looked at the project today and didn't see any snow; told the contractor to get the road opened as soon as possible.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS AND VERBAL APPROVAL:

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2022 energized community grant(s) funds and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Placed in Finance committee.

An Ordinance amending certain sections of the administrative code to provide adjustments in compensation for employees of the city other than elected officials or those covered under negotiated labor contracts and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Placed in Finance committee.

Introduction of New Legislation: cont.

A Resolution approving the storm water management and access easement agreement between Pawuk Realty Limited and the City of Brook Park, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Placed in Service committee.

An Ordinance amending Section 537.05 of the Brook Park codes entitled 'Aggravated Menacing' and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Councilman Poindexter. Placed in Legislative committee.

A Resolution urging residents to enroll students in the Berea school and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Councilman Poindexter. Placed in Legislative committee.

Mr. Vecchio commented that audience participation is limited to five-minutes per Council Rules.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Liz Sayers

23065 Cedar Point Road

Ms. Sayers offered assistance with snow plowing and a can of Pepsi is thanks enough.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Vecchio stated to Council today is the last day for masks and social distancing protocols.

Motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to have mask and social distancing protocols for an additional 30 days.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Salvatore, Poindexter, Troyer, Coyne, Roberts, Scott, Mencini

NAYS: None. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Poindexter, for a five-minute recess.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Poindexter, Coyne, Roberts, Scott, Salvatore, Mencini

NAYS: None. The motion carried at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to go into Executive Session for collective bargaining matters.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Poindexter, Coyne, Roberts, Scott, Salvatore, Mencini
NAYS: None. Unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Roberts, Coyne, Poindexter, Mencini, Salvatore, Scott
NAYS: None. Unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Roberts, Coyne, Poindexter, Mencini, Salvatore, Scott
NAYS: None. Unanimous.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Carol Johnson
Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 4-5-22 ^{ad} amended

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