

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
HELD ON MARCH 29, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:11 p.m., who read the meeting notice. 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, Economic Development Commissioner Marnacheck, Service Director Beyer and Recreation Director Gonzales.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THIS AGENDA ONLY

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11244-2022
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, STATE OF OHIO, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2022.
Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

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

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

Mr. Vecchio thanked Council and the administration for the hard work with this budget. From the long healthy conversation of budget needs my feelings are this. Everyone says that \$108.00 is paid from property taxes to the city, absolutely correct. Heard from many residents say they are paying more in property taxes then when purchasing their home, absolutely correct, most house payments are around 1,000.00 today. The \$108.00 paid in property taxes is for city services for police, fire, rubbish pickup and snaking of drains. There are many residents in other cities that are paying for rubbish to be picked up. Brook Park is a very lucky group and will say and as a resident and city leader and believe 100% we must have a property tax increase for ourselves and children's future.

Mr. Poindexter stated the theme up here seems to be a tax increase. I won't support a tax increase on working residents, they are already cash-strapped and working hard. Taking a one-half percent may be a nominal amount that would be acceptable but is not acceptable to me. This year we are budgeted \$3 million-dollars in refunds that could have been put towards the roads program and estimated income taxes lower than in a normal year. My personal belief is our revenue estimates are probably conservative and probably the best at a time like this but it's hard for our working

people of this city. For us to say we need more, yes we need more, but not from the people that are working hard. The source should be bringing in businesses and more jobs. I am confident that the Forward Innovation Center will be bring a plus of tax monies when built out. I think we should hold off preaching to people to fork-out more money wait and see what happens over there.

There being no further business a **motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to adjourn.

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Carol Johnson
Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED August 23, 2022

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