

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

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 Safety Director Sensel. Engineer Piatak excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Caucus Prior to meeting minutes held on January 3, 2023.
2. Regular Council meeting minutes held on January 3, 2023.

Mr. Mencini stated there is a typo on page one, Elliott should be Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Roberts, to approve as corrected.

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

NAYS: Troyer.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reported the Aviation and Environmental committee has nothing on the agenda, therefore no report.

Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott reported the Finance committee has no legislation on tonight's agenda. The Board of Control met on January 6th with 17 items on the agenda; the three largest being City of Strongsville dispatch services for 2023 - \$673,104.00; Huntington first-year of a five-year rubbish truck lease increase of \$350,000.00 for a grand total of \$130,531.21 and TCC IT service agreement \$49,695.00. January 13th Board of Control had 23 items on the agenda with the three largest being Key Government Finance for the seventh year lease of a seven-year lease for rubbish packers and sewer Vactor - \$142,827.25; Key Government Finance for side loader trucks third-year of a seven-year lease - \$75,987.78 and Key Government Finance third-year of three-year lease for snow removal truck - \$58,547.21.

Mr. Mencini questioned an amount of \$15,000.00 for architects, that was not read.

Mr. Scott responded Makovich & Pusti Architects, for commercial plan review fees, city will be reimbursed.

Reports of Standing Committees: cont.Legislative Committee - Chairwoman, Coyne

Madam Coyne reported nothing on agenda and commented good to see more residents in the audience you are the reason we are here.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini concurred with Madam Coyne good to see everyone. Silver Sneakers are held on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the mini gym. On Thursdays in the mini gym is Chair Yoga exercises at 9:30 a.m. The senior group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., must be a member. The second week of basketball is going well. The Red Cross will have a blood drive on January 25th at the recreation center; must sign-up at the Red Cross website.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Troyer

Mr. Troyer reported aesthetic approval was given for front porch construction at 6540 Smith Road; 21388 Sheldon Road and 6538 Burton Drive; all are vacant lots, just wanted preliminary approval. Preliminary approval for splitting off and right-of-way dedication to build buildings four, five and six at Proposed Innovation Parkway (former Ford Cleveland Engine Plant No. 2). This was for preliminary approval to see if the Planning Commission had any problems, there were none, everything looks good and train cars will have access inside the building. There was a tabled item removed from the table for Pemberton Drive with no further action taken, due to the representative no longer interested.

Safety Committee - Chairman, Roberts

Mr. Roberts reported Safety committee has nothing on tonight's agenda, therefore, no report.

Service Committee - Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reported the Service committee has nothing on tonight's agenda, therefore, no report.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore reported the Board of Zoning met on January 9th with the same project Mr. Troyer spoke of for a 489,600 square-foot building at 18100 Innovation Parkway (former Ford Cleveland Engine Plant No. 2). Five (5) variances were requested for parking; non-masonry construction; side-yard requirement, barb-wire fence and for installation of a three-strand barbed wire fencing. All five (5) variances passed allowing to open up the roadway and get this project started.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported Southwest General and the Berea school district approved a \$200,000.00 sponsorship to continue displaying Southwest sponsorship outside Roehm athletic complex and Groza baseball fields for ten (10) years. It was \$30,000.00 in 2022 and in 2023 will have the same with an annual of \$17,500.00 over the next decade; these funds will help support academic and sports activities at the discretion of the district. Southwest Foundation has exceeded its

Reports of special committees:

Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Mencini: cont.
fundraising goals by \$1.6 million-dollars. Southwest medical EMS, called Life-Line, has achieved in 2022 and has been recognized by the American Heart Association.
Berea Board of Education Representative, Coyne

Madam Coyne reported the last meeting was on January 9th the board went over the tax budget for fiscal year 2024 levy and everything of that nature. The nominating board nominated for President - Cori Farris and Vice-President - Anna Chapman, both were sworn in at the meeting. The board also appointed a legislative liaison; student achievement liaison and assigned board members committees. Shout-outs were given to the board members and committees; which I think is very important and positive feedback.

Technology & Innovation Council Representative, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reported the last meeting was on Wednesday, January 11th, with the changing of the roles of members: Mr. Dufour is Chairperson, Mr. Presley is recording secretary and new member Mr. Guzman is co-Chairman. The committee discussed the full agenda and spent much focus on the city website. Mr. Dufour will meet with the law director to review the website RFP's to be able to go out to bids. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:****REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Orcutt congratulated Jim Tesar on his successful career in the police department and wished best of luck on retirement. The update on the Sheldon Road project between Engle and Eastland Roads in cooperation with the Sewer District, Cuyahoga County and the City of Middleburg Heights. The engineer is developing the scope and schedule for this project that Brook Park will be the lead agency for this project; currently slated for construction in mid-2025. The district indicated that a draft will be sent to the city for review by the end of January. Last week met with Nasa Administrator, Senator, Bill Nelson; Senator, Sherrod Brown and Cuyahoga County Executive Ronayne for a round-table discussion of Nasa Glenn's efforts of returning to the moon, very productive meeting showing great opportunity for the community. Relating to the city's website, it is outdated, and I would like to thank the technology committee for all their hard work and looking forward to the meeting with the law director.

Questions:

Mr. Mencini agreed with Mayor Orcutt with the outdated website and asked about for an update on the budget coming forward.

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

Mayor Orcutt responded currently reviewing all the revenue coming in and the department capital needs are taking place to be incorporated into the budget. The big thing pushing forward will be legislation giving the service director permission to go out for bid(s) for the roads to mill and fill, that has been discussed with all of Council, very important to have this with the concrete shortages and so forth.

Mr. Mencini stated with all the action at the (former) Ford plant is it possible to have a representative come before Council to give a status update for next year or the next five years?

Mayor Orcutt responded think it's important to have them here, they come to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning meetings, that are not livestreamed, where those discussions take place. With the number two building in the works it's also important to discuss the utilities and future roads. There is a lot of information and this will be a six (6) to 10-year project.

Mr. Mencini asked if there is any way possible to have a city Job Fair for interested businesses in the city?

Mayor Orcutt responded think that's a great idea with a lot of the business struggling with employment that could market businesses with successful new candidates; should include the recruiters.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**Service Director Beyer:**

Mr. Beyer reported it's the season for frequent water breaks if one is seen contact the service department so Cleveland Water can be notified and make the appropriate repairs; from start to completion can take two to three weeks. There have been a few fire hydrants replaced throughout the city that may look lower; Cleveland Water contracts those out and the stems are on backorder. Once the stems come in the hydrants will be repaired and Cleveland Water will come back in the spring to repair tree lawns. With the winter months please keep the streets clear of automobiles and give the plow drivers enough space to plow.

Recreation Director Gonzales:

Mr. Gonzales reported the amphitheater bathrooms were delivered and installed today and a huge thank you to the service department for their hard work with the fitting of these bathrooms, especially with the plumbing fittings. These bathrooms were funded through county and state dollars and many thanks to both entities. The Daddy-Daughter dance registrations are open with the dance being held on Friday, February 17th, last year had over 180 participants. Baseball, softball and spring flag football signups will begin on February 1st.

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

Finance Director Cingle:

Mr. Cingle reported December month-end reports have been distributed and are available on the city's website.

Safety Director Sensel:

Mr. Sensel reported a new patrol officer was sworn in on January 2nd and patrol officer Chance Ferrell was promoted to sergeant. The E-bikes have been received and will be seen out and about through the community and especially around Home Days. Congratulations to Officer Tesar on a well done career.

Law Director Horvath:

Madam Horvath stated no report.

Questions:

Mr. Scott asked Mr. Beyer how should tree lawn damage from snow plows be handled?

Mr. Beyer responded call the service department to get on the repair list for the spring.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Cingle with the Breezeline expense of \$12,850.00 is that annually?

Mr. Cingle concurred.

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Beyer how is the Saturday drop-off going from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.?

Mr. Beyer responded it's going great big turn-out from the residents and there was one time it was so busy two trucks were put out.

Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Beyer great job with the water breaks on Sylvia, Fry and Robert Drive.

Mr. Beyer explained with water breaks when Cleveland Water makes a repair they have to get on a valve that is not exercised and could crack. So when Cleveland Water returns to reopen the area notices the valve sprung a leak.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Beyer such a good job last year on snow plowing didn't do a tree lawn repair list, usually wait until spring. How is the department doing on salt?

Questions to the directors:

Mr. Beyer responded don't want to jinx, doing pretty good, any day in January with no snow is a good day.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS, AND VERBAL APPROVAL: (INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION):

New Legislation:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL LEASE AGREEMENT FOR JAIL HOUSING AND ANCILLARY SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Assigned to Safety committee

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Troyer, to move to letter M.

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-1 as Ordinance No. 11312-2023.

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR MOTOROLA CAD SOFTWARE WITH THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Assigned to safety committee

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Madam Coyne, to place under letter M

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-2 as Ordinance No. 11313-2022.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Lou Modic

14399 Fayette Blvd.

Mr. Modic expressed concerns with public records, Apollo Drive business, planning commission report and new billboard at Park N Fly at 19000 Snow Road.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11312-2023, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL LEASE AGREEMENT FOR JAIL HOUSING AND ANCILLARY SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Madam Coyne, to suspend.

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

Ordinances and Resolutions; (First Reading): cont.

Motion by Madam Coyne, supported by Mr. Roberts, to adopt.

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

NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11312-2023, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 11313-2023, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR MOTOROLA CAD SOFTWARE WITH THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Madam Coyne, to suspend.

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

Motion by Madam Coyne, supported by Mr. Roberts, to adopt.

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

NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11313-2023, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:


THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

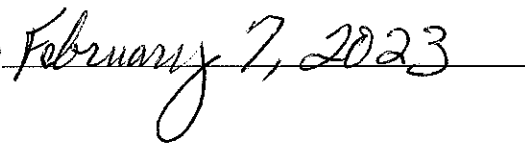
There being no further business to come before this meeting a **motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Madam Coyne, to adjourn.

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 
Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 

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