

**SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 6:00 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

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

Also in attendance were Mayor Orcutt, Law Director Horvath, Interim Finance Director Maykut, Safety Director Sensel and Service Director Beyer.

PLANNING COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, TROYER:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MAKOVICH & PUSTI, ARCHITECTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Mayor Orcutt stated this legislation will allow the city to utilize \$30,500.00 from Economic Development Fund #243 to build renderings for grant purposes to explore ideas for design of landscaping along I-71 and Snow Road. Also, includes work on the recreation center, city hall and building department color schemes. Inside the recreation come up with different ideas for the natatorium area rather than a pool. Another thing done is a rendering of installing a billboard on the municipal campus along I-71 which then becomes a revenue stream for the city. The reason this is important is there is a family on Holland Road that owns property and talking about installing a billboard. According to Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) there are only so many billboards allowed in a municipality. The rendering for the recreation center must make money for the city just like the LED lights replacement being a savings to the city, we must look at other ways to generate revenue.

Mr. Mencini stated like the idea and like the word 'planning' by putting a plan in place for the municipal campus. The former administration did a rendering at the cost of \$17,500.00 for the municipal campus; will this \$30,500.00 be enough?

Mayor Orcutt continued one highlight point missed is airport parking; the city owns parcels around the Five-Points area that were once used for entrances and exits to Ford Motor Company that are no longer used. The city could get into the business of airport parking that would require a shuttle bus expense but we need to look at generating revenue for the city, the past rendering will be used and updated.

Mr. Poindexter stated like the billboard idea one question can things be added to the scope?

Planning Committee - Chairman, Troyer: cont.

Mayor Orcutt commented the price will change.

Mr. Poindexter continued with the roof and walls (natatorium area) need to protect the interest of the recreation center by possibly having a field house; for indoor events such as flag football that could generate revenue. With not having an indoor pool possibly design an outdoor pool, next to the waterpark. One complaint received is there is nothing for older children or adults to do at the waterpark. With the Gateway project it seems that anytime ODOT is working on I-71 that location is the hub for parking of vehicles; will that affect the way the entranceway would look like?

Mayor Orcutt clarified any work done, in that area, will be in conjunction and approval from ODOT. To the other suggestion of an outdoor pool I like that idea and a good area would be behind the slide.

Madam Coyne stated good decision on this and touched on Mr. Mencini's comment will this be enough money to do all the things we want to get done. Lot of this is cosmetic work, and needs further discussion by Council to see if this is the best decision for this building and best uses/places for certain items to go.

Mayor Orcutt continued this administration takes in all information and a few years there was approval for \$5.2 million dollars with interest for bonds to update a better portion of the recreation center, at 20 years. This would be phase-two of fixing the recreation center building with mention of the former Brook Park Memorial School building being used for a safety building, to house fire trucks and police squads. This city is losing a ton of money for dispatch and we know that price tag would be substantially high; a decision has to be made and can't be kicked around. There have been ideas with street lighting that is being done. These renderings will be used as a tool to go to the state legislators to assist for grant monies. Some of the other things such as a billboard or airport parking have to be placed on the conference table to bring in revenues for the city. Another idea is to have a hall inside the recreation center to be rented out which will help with the repairs by not taking money from the taxpayers.

Mr. Troyer stated when talking about going to the state you're just talking about the roof and walls repair?

Mayor Orcutt responded at that point we need to be definitive and tell them what we want done. This would also give the city a second look at that area, seems the

Planning Committee - Chairman, Troyer: cont.

\$5.1 million-dollars is a lot of money for the roof and walls. Must move forward when presented to generate cash and fun, must have something in place when applying for grants.

Mr. Troyer continued the problem I have is with fixing the walls and roof and with the other roof that has not stopped leaking.

Mayor Orcutt responded the polyurethane foam leak were created by the company putting together and analyzing the roof area of the natatorium; the water in the halls of the recreation center is from the natatorium roof.

Mr. Troyer commented there is still leaks in front of the Council office.

Mayor Orcutt continued the city has a warranty and we can call the company back out.

Mr. Troyer continued would like a study of where the fire station should be placed and a study with the condition of the waterpark.

Mayor Orcutt responded yes, with the water-park service crews are following the leaks and found no indication of primer or glue being used on the piping in 1996; location for the safety building should be put in central location.

Mr. Troyer stated police station should be centrally located by geographic. When the safety building is no longer used sell for mixed-uses.

Mr. Mencini stated a study could be done for the entire campus, have a town hall meeting and most importantly ask the residents how they want to pay for this.

Mr. Troyer continued there is a master plan for the central park that the Planning Commission passed.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on November 8th Council meeting and also Caucus Prior to under Discussion.

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

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE VEHICLES AND WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY UPFITTERS FOR THE NECESSARY UPFITTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Discussion: cont.

Mayor Orcutt stated there is a shortage of police vehicles and this legislation would allow the purchase of two (2) police vehicles for 2024 to be paid for in 2023. These vehicles would not be leases they would be purchased outright from the Law Enforcement Fund #272.

Mr. Sensel stated this is to get in-line to purchase two (2) vehicles.

Mayor Orcutt continued exhibit A of the legislation shows a price of \$45,444.33 each for a total of \$90,888.66. The up-fitting for removing equipment from the old vehicles to the new vehicles totals \$32,407.48.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mayor Orcutt the city did not get the two (2) units from September?

Mayor Orcutt responded those units are from Statewide to get in-line for 2024, with a letter of intent. This legislation is redundant for Montrose Ford, for the city to capture four (4) units in 2024.

Mr. Troyer continued it is my understanding these will be built in December and city will get in 2024. To Mr. Sensel the city is in line to get another vehicle, correct?

Mr. Vecchio stated the city is in the que for two (2) vehicles from Statewide and two (2) vehicles from Montrose Ford; for a total of four (4) vehicles.

Mayor Orcutt stated past practice for Brook Park is purchase orders are stopped in October and the budget doesn't get passed until March, trying to get creative and the city has the funds to get in line for the purchase.

Troyer commented likes the fact of the V-6 twin-turbo.

Mr. Poindexter my recollection that at budget time there was discussion of six (6) cars.

Mayor Orcutt responded there were four (4) purchased in 2022 and approval was given for funding of two (2) more in 2023, totaling six (6).

Mr. Sensel commented with these four (4) vehicles this gives the city eight (8) new police cars and from now on if two (2) vehicles are purchased every year, the city won't have this problem.

Mr. Scott stated the first two (2) vehicles approved were for leases?

Discussion: cont.

Mayor Orcutt concurred and stated there is \$180,000.00 in the Law Enforcement Fund.

Mr. Troyer mentioned the budget in March, Fund #272 had an estimated \$184,691.83, so what was added?

Mayor Orcutt stated that deposit was made prior to the budget.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Poindexter, discussed.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTERS - MAYOR ORCUTT:

Motion by Madam Coyne, supported by Mr. Roberts to go into executive session.

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

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Mencini, to go back to regular order of business.

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

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

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

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Carol Johnson
Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED November 21, 2023

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