

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY JUNE 3, 2025
7:30 P.M.**

- A. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**
 - 1. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING MINUTES HELD ON MAY 6, 2025.
 - 2. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON MAY 6, 2025.
- D. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
 - Aviation & Environmental Committee - Dufour
 - Board of Zoning Appeals - Mencini
 - Finance Committee - Scott
 - Legislative Committee - Scott
 - Parks & Recreation Committee - Mccorkle
 - Planning Committee - Poindexter
 - Safety Committee - Troyer
 - Service Committee - Roberts
- E. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**
 - Southwest General Health Center Trustee - Mencini
 - Berea Board of Education Representative - Mccorkle
 - Technology & Innovation Council Representative -Dufour
- F. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**
- G. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:**
- H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**
- I. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**
- J. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS, AND VERBAL APPROVAL: {INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION}:**

K. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

L. REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

M. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

N. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

O. THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

P. ADJOURNMENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Salvatore at 7:56 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

TROYER, ROBERTS, DUFOUR, POINDEXTER, MENCINI, McCORKLE, SCOTT

Also in attendance were Mayor Orcutt, Law Director Horvath, Finance Director McGann, City Engineer Piatak, Service Director Beyer and Recreation Director Wetmore.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Caucus Prior to meeting minutes held on May 6, 2025.
2. Regular Council meeting minutes held on May 6, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Roberts, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to approve as printed.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Roberts, McCorkle, Scott, Mencini, Poindexter, Dufour,

NAYS: Troyer.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Dufour

No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported the zoning board met last night with three (3) variance requests on the agenda. First (1st) being a garage variance at 6142 Sylvia Drive - denied; second (2nd) garage variance at 15635 Meigs Drive - denied and third (3rd) was a two (2) variance requests for 5340 West 161st Street - both denied.

Finance Committee - Scott

Mr. Scott reported one (1) item on the Council agenda. The Board of Control met on May 21st three largest being 2025 General Paving - \$1,840,942.35; bid documents Sylvia Drive reconstruction project - \$132,999.00 and contract award to Fabrizzi Trucking for Sylvia Drive reconstruction project - \$812,288.75. The board met earlier, June 3rd, with eight (8) items on the agenda. Three (3) largest being Crossroads 2025 General Paving Services - Snow Road - \$166,733.62; Crossroads general paving services - Water Park parking lot - \$180,324.87 and Police Sergeants testing exam & assessments - \$15,395.00.

Legislative Committee – Scott

No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee – McCorkle

Mr. McCorkle reported T-Ball started last night; baseball & softball games are in week two (2), all leagues have good turnouts. Pitch, Hit & Run signups started Monday and Cheer registrations are closed but late registrations are being accepted with a fee charge.

Reports from Standing Committees: cont.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reported Planning Commission met last night with one (1) item on the agenda for a request of a storm water access easement for E.L. Mustee & Sons at 5370 West 161st Street, passed unanimously.

Safety Committee – Troyer

Mr. Troyer reported there is one (1) item in committee that will appear on next Caucus agenda. Putting grass in the street is dangerous to motorcycles, like ice, and also against the law, please don't put grass in the street.

Service Committee – Roberts

No report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported Southwest General offers many medical services naming a few Orthopedics, Heart Vascular Center, Wound Care Center, Radiology, Family Medicine and Digital Imaging. The past few years the turnover rate at Southwest General is better by 15%. Southwest General is always looking for jobs in Nursing; Patient Support; MRI Technicians; CAT Scan Technicians, Tech Management; Clerical and non-clerical positions and for LifeWorks Rehabilitation Center.

Berea Board of Education Representative – McCorkle

Mr. McCorkle congratulated the graduating seniors and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

Technology & Innovation Council Representative - Dufour

No report.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Orcutt thanked the Recreation, Service, Police, Fire Departments; Joe and Darlene Humenik; Brook Park Garden Club and City Council for joining in the Memorial Day celebration, honoring those that died to provide our freedom. Mayor Orcutt announced that on June 14th the third (3rd) annual 5K Run and Picnic in the Park, will be held. City Council and this administration are working together to bring the Cleveland Browns to Brook Park by writing letters of support to all 33 Senators, the Governor and Lt. Governor and 99 House of Representatives, in order to make our presence known in Columbus. The Ohio Senate has appropriated \$600 million-dollars for this new stadium and currently there is \$4.8 billion-dollars in an unclaimed property fund, from the last three (3) to five (5) years. \$1.7 million-dollars will be put in a State Sport and Culture Fund leaving \$3.1 billion-dollars left in the Unclaimed Property Fund. This \$6 million-dollars will be a loan with interest tied in for inflation with an estimated payback of 16 years

Reports and communications from the Mayor: cont.

at a total of \$36 million-dollars for the new domed Cleveland Browns stadium. As a city we will continue to fight hard to bring this project forward as a great investment for this city.

Questions:

Mt. Troyer stated to Mayor Orcutt with the \$600 million-dollars the Haslam's are borrowing one (1) concern is why can't the city borrow that?

Mayor Orcutt responded will be in Columbus tomorrow and taking one (1) step at a time.

Mr. Troyer continued with the leasing of the IX Center is that a good move.

Mayor Orcutt responded with the question to the \$600 million-dollars we are looking at that as an investment for the state in building a dome stadium. That revenue increases, this is not a grant, it is a loan that pays interest back. With that \$600 million-dollars there will be \$50 million-dollars sitting in escrow to be looked at as how the investment is going. With the IX Center, the city receives income, admissions and parking taxes from the IX Center. I did not participate in any discussions on advice of the law director due to the Brook Park vs Cleveland lawsuit. When the IX Center converts to manufacturing the admissions and parking taxes will be eliminated. The City of Brook Park will still receive income tax so if there are ten (10) jobs the city receives one-fifth (1/5th) percent or if there are 150 jobs the city still receives one-fifth (1/5th) percent.

Mr. Troyer asked for an update on Blue Abyss?

Mayor Orcutt responded meetings continue to be strong from Washington D.C to Columbus. The city is currently working on being able to provide some type of structure with the city's Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in savings that Blue Abyss may be able to utilize as a tool.

Mr. Troyer asked with the land recently cleared that was paid for by Blue Abyss?

Mayor Orcutt concurred.

Mr. Dufour thanked the Mayor for leadership on all these different issues, exciting time for the City of Brook Park. Have received anonymous letters from a resident relating to motor vehicle violations. What is the process when these types of letters are received?

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

Mayor Orcutt responded every call is taken serious and recommends the person come forward to meet with Police Chief Powers.

Mr. Poindexter continued with the upcoming 5K Run last year several residents couldn't leave their homes. Will notices be sent out of the road closures?

Mayor Orcutt responded notices are sent out every year. The reason for the route change last year was due to a little boy, murdered at the North Olmsted Giant Eagle parking lot, funeral procession coming through the city; when the 5K race was taking place. As negative as that was the positive was the residents of the City of Brook Park lining the streets to honor that little boy.

Mr. Mencini thanked the Mayor on work orders being addressed. Glad to hear about more employees at the Animal Warden department. With the Cleveland Browns coming need to look at what is going to take place with roads i.e. widening and, also, some residents are concerned with homes being taken?

Mayor Orcutt responded still in process of working with the traffic study we do have a great understanding of what needs to be done, which is not a lot, with having the highways close by.

Mr. Mencini interjected Ford Motor Company helped with that.

Mayor Orcutt concurred and continued no thought of taking any homes and the widening of I-71 northbound to Snow Road is to make an extra exit lane. The service director, city engineer and I are heavily involved with the improvements.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mayor Orcutt and administration on the Memorial Day Parade, very good event.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Law Director Horvath

Madam Horvath reported with the Brook Park Vs City of Cleveland lawsuit witness testimony finished last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; on Friday the city entered exhibits to the court. The law department would like to thank Mayor Orcutt for his support and dedication to this case and acknowledged three (3) city employees that were called by the City of Cleveland for cross-examination: Service Director Beyer, Tax Director Thumberg and Economic Development Commissioner, Marnacheck for giving of their time. One (1) witness for the City of Brook Park was presented on Tuesday with six (6) from the City of Cleveland on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, all testimony is done, which is a good thing.

Reports and communication from department, commissions and other public officials:Law Director Horvath: cont.

Madam Horvath explained the timeline for the trial judge to make a decision. Now that all the witnesses have been presented the court has ordered that all transcripts in this case be filed on June 23, 2025, which gives 30 days for typing of transcripts and given to all parties. On July 25th at the close of business day both parties are ordered to present findings of facts and inclusions of law to the trial court; with closing arguments given on August 7th, there are things that need to be done prior to closing arguments. The City of Brook Park has 78 exhibits and the City of Cleveland had an estimated 58 exhibits, with one having over 100 pages. The trial judge has to look at all exhibits entered in the case in order to come up with an appropriate decision; this will take a while before hearing anything. Madam Horvath thanked City Council, the administration and everyone for their support in being able to present the city's case and am optimistic that the City of Brook Park will prevail.

Finance Director McGann

Mr. McGann reported month of May financial reports will be provided next week. Last Friday, the city submitted the 2024 financial statements to the Auditor of State's office with auditors back in the city within the next few weeks to wrap up the audit, that is due by the end of June. With the Senate proposed budget for the Cleveland Browns domed stadium the \$600 million-dollars will be paid in cash by the State of Ohio meaning no borrowing costs saving the state between \$400 to \$500 million-dollars, which is critical going forward.

Recreation Director Wetmore

Mr. Wetmore reported the Water Park opened yesterday. As stated, the 5K Race and Picnic in the Park will be held on June 14th. At 9:30 a.m. the Kids Fun Run followed with the with 5K race at 10:00 a.m., with 150 participants currently. At 11:00 a.m. race participants will join the picnic until 2:00 p.m. The first (1st) Concert in the Park will be on Friday, June 20th. Prescription Fitness is a personal training group that will start offering services on July 1st, for two (2) weeks. In mid-July there will be a boxing program starting, very excited about this. Home Days parade applications are available with scheduling going very well.

Service Director Beyer

Mr. Beyer reported it is orange barrel season please respect all road workers. There is a lot of construction going on in the City of Brook Park so keep phones down so no road crews get hurt or killed. Removal and installation of the vinyl fence at Plant Lane Park is moving along and it has been brought to my attention that residents are not picking up after their dogs. Which makes a bad situation for everyone especially with children playing. Would like to thank City Council for the TRAC application submission for minor modifications around the proposed dome stadium site, this is a huge step in moving forward.

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

City Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak reported opening bids for the Fry Road reconstruction project, south of Holland Road and Birchcroft Drive are scheduled for June 17th. As mentioned, Fabrizio Trucking and Paving was the lowest and best bidder for the Sylvia Drive reconstruction project, between Mercer and Michael Drives, waiting to get necessary signatures and anticipate work beginning in the next few weeks; residents in the affected area are being notified. This is not a City of Brook Park project but the Smith Road reconstruction project in Middleburg Heights, between Pearl and Sheldon Roads, work is scheduled to begin this week with waterlines and storm sewers installation and traffic maintained in the easterly direction.

Questions:

Mr. Troyer thanked Service Director Beyer for meeting with the residents on Leslie Drive regarding removal of the old fence and finding a place to take it. Very good meeting with many questions answered. To Mr. Piatak will Smith Road be widened?

Mr. Piatak responded I don't know but will look into and report back.

Mr. Dufour asked Mr. Beyer what is the proper procedure with use of the recycle bin and breaking down of cardboard?

Mr. Beyer responded the city sends out a pamphlet every year that is also on the city's website. Or residents can look at the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste website. Don't think residents are aware of what is recyclable and not having room in their recyclable bins. The city is compensated on recyclables and cardboard is a recyclable if broken down and placed in the black 95-ton cart or can be placed in cardboard dumpsters located throughout the city.

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

New Legislation:

1. A Resolution encouraging the United States Federal Government to relocate the headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to Brook Park, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Council as a whole and Mayor Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to place on Council agenda, under letter M, first reading.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dufour, Poindexter, Mencini, McCorkle, Scott, Troyer, Roberts
NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-3 as Resolution No. 12-2025.

New Legislation: cont.

2. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to purchase paint and painting services for the Natatorium, Building Department and Pump Station and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Roberts, to place on Council agenda, first reading.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Roberts, Dufour, Poindexter, Troyer, Scott, McCorkle
NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-4 as Ordinance No. 11474-2025.

A Resolution honoring Maggie Jay for being chosen 'Citizen of the Year'.
Introduced by Councilman Dufour. Legislative committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Albert Wolf

5850 Wengler Drive

Mr. Wolf thanked everyone for the fabulous Memorial Day event; after the ceremony American Legion Post 610 offered hamburgers and hot dogs, very nice touch. All past events have been very well attended by residents that are feeling good about the City of Brook Park.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11472-2025
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 11453-2025, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, STATE OF OHIO, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to suspend.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, McCorkle, Scott, Troyer, Roberts, Dufour, Poindexter
NAYS: Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Roberts, supported by Mr. Dufour, to adopt, as amended.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Roberts, Dufour, Poindexter, Mencini, McCorkle, Scott, Troyer
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11472-2025, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted, as amended.

Ordinances and Resolutions: First Reading: cont.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 11473-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BREWER-GARRETT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK RECREATION CENTER NATATORIUM POOL FOR USE BY ITS RESIDENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to suspend.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Scott, McCorkle, Poindexter, Dufour, Roberts, Troyer
NAYS: Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Scott, to adopt.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dufour, Scott, McCorkle, Mencini, Poindexter, Roberts, Troyer
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11473-2025, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 12-2025

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RELOCATE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION TO BROOK PARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council as a Whole and Mayor Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Roberts, to suspend.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Roberts, Dufour, Poindexter, Mencini, McCorkle, Scott
NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Dufour read the 'Whereas' into the record.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, McCorkle, Scott, Troyer, Roberts, Dufour, Poindexter
NAYS: Unanimous. Resolution No. 12-2025, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 11474-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE PAINT AND PAINTING SERVICES FOR THE NATATORIUM, BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND PUMP STATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Roberts, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to suspend.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Roberts, McCorkle, Mencini, Scott, Troyer, Dufour, Poindexter
NAYS: Unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Mencini, McCorkle, Scott, Roberts, Dufour, Poindexter
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11474-2025, 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 Mr. Roberts, to adjourn.

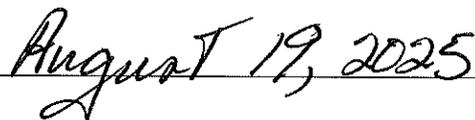
ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Roberts, Troyer, Dufour, Poindexter, McCorkle, Scott
NAYS: Unanimous.

Council President Salvatore declared this meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



THESE MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY BROOK PARK CITY COUNCIL ARE A SYNOPSIS, NOT TRANSCRIBED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ALTHOUGH ACCURATE.

