

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
7:30 P.M.**

- A. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**
 - 1. SPECIAL CAUCUS TO MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JULY 21, 2025.
 - 2. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JULY 21, 2025.
 - 3. CAUCUS TO MEETING MINUTES HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2025.
 - 4. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON AUGUST 19, 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:

1. A RESOLUTION GRANTING A STORM WATER ACCESS EASEMENT AT 5370 WEST 13QTH STREET, LOCATED IN THE U5-C ZONING DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council As A Whole.

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 7:30 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, Recreation Director Wetmore, Service Director Beyer and City Engineer Piatak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Special Caucus meeting minutes held on July 21, 2025.
2. Special Council meeting minutes held on July 21, 2025.
3. Caucus Prior to meeting minutes held on August 19, 2025.
4. Regular Council meeting minutes held on August 19, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Mencini, to approve all four (4) sets as printed.

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

NAYS: Troyer

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Dufour

Mr. Dufour reported city is hosting a rain barrel workshop in cooperation with Cuyahoga County Soil Conservation on September 9th with 38 out of 40 seats filled. Relating to aviation there are issues with the height of the domed stadium and the developers are continuing to work with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and stakeholders to resolve those issues. From my perspective ODOT approved 370' cranes with 11 Federal Aviation Association (FAA) no-hazard for a 220' building.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Mencini

No report, next meeting September 9th.

Finance Committee - Scott

Mr. Scott stated Finance committee has nothing on tonight's agenda. Board of Control met on August 6th with 11 items on the agenda; three (3) largest being gas & diesel fuel - \$50,000.00; new steam room men's mechanical replacement - \$14,680.00 and Signal Service maintenance & service of traffic signals - \$200,000.00 increase for a total of \$400,000.00. Board of Control met on August 19th three (3) largest being Pro-Tec security service sales - \$13,305.00 with reimbursement of \$7,864.75 and natatorium pump station - \$88,539.00 and Euthenics for the Sheldon Road bridge raising until July 25th - \$19,582.91. The board of control met earlier today with 22 items on agenda; three (3) largest being full depth replacement for Sylvia Court - \$183,960.00; annual maintenance for ambulance equipment - \$14,981.00 and firefighter testing - \$9,609.00.

Reports of standing committees: cont.

Legislative Committee – Scott

No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee - McCorkle

Mr. McCorkle reported last two (2) events from the Recreation center Amazing Race and Dog Swim had great turnouts. Last concert was one (1) of the biggest the city has had and hope to see everyone on September 12th for the final concert.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reported Planning committee has one (1) item on agenda under second reading.

Safety Committee - Troyer

Mr. Troyer reported one (1) item in the safety committee that will appear on the September 9th Caucus agenda. Watch out for children and school buses.

Service Committee – Roberts

No report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported Southwest General is seeing improvements in organizational patients' goals and is leading in many targets. To improve patients' safety with blood draws new handheld devices are being used to properly identify a patient at bedside. The physicians and physicians' assistants have automated patient documentation process with voice recognition technology.

Berea Board of Education Representative - McCorkle

Mr. McCorkle reported first (1st) meeting of the school year with the treasurer report looking very good; Polaris continues to expand. The new track and fencing is installed at the middle school the high school principal received funding grant for testing, with a 66% passage rate to receive college credits. Watch out for school children and buses.

Technology & Innovation Council Representative - Dufour

No report but wanted to mention Council laptops should be ready for pickup next Friday.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Orcutt reported the Strongsville Dispatch Center is cancelling Brook Park's contract due to Strongsville getting out of the dispatch business. Dispatchers will remain where they are but will now get paid from Chagrin Valley Dispatch beginning February 1, 2026; legislation is necessary for the new contract. With the proposed domed stadium, the developers with Haslam Sports Group are

Reports and communications from the Mayor: cont.

working with appropriate agencies to correct issues with height restrictions. City Council recently passed rezoning of 176 acres to include not only industrial but also U-1, U-2, U-4 and U-6 zones. There are multiple items being worked on that will need to come before the city's Planning commission and City Council, as well as working on the development agreement. The update on the recreation center roof & wall is nearly 80% complete and are now tearing off and replacing the roof above the gymnasium. The pool area painting is almost complete as well as light tracking, almost 90% completion.

Questions:

Mr. Mencini stated the pool area is coming along very well what is the plan for the pool area.

Mayor Orcutt responded currently working on the mechanical, pumps & filters, HVAC and upgrades to the duct work; the concentration is just get the essentials done.

Mr. Mencini mentioned with dispatch would like to have back in-house. Any possibility of working with neighboring cities of Middleburg Hts. and Berea for a sisterly dispatch system?

Mayor Orcutt responded no discussions have taken place and think Berea is signing on with North Olmsted and Middleburg Hts. is going with Chagrin Valley. Would like to see in-house but with a growth of three-percent (3%) to six-percent (6%) increases need to make sure it's affordable.

Mr. Mencini continued with the Cleveland Browns domed stadium tell residents they will know what will be taking place, moving forward.

Mayor Orcutt responded there will be presentations and explanations on how the city will be setting up for an event; whether a football game or concert and traffic. Most importantly will be how the city makes sure those agreements have long-standing sustainability to include increased costs and how the city will generate revenue(s) from those 176-acres.

Mr. Poindexter stated with the switch to dispatch, years back, the premise was for cost-savings but over the years those costs have increased. Would like to see dispatch come back in-house, if possible.

Mr. Troyer stated with dispatch when I voted yes for the move to Parma and/or Brooklyn think that was one of the worst votes ever made. Am for bringing dispatch in-house depending on the numbers/dollars working out. Having a regional dispatch with mutual aid included would be more advantageous and safer

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

for residents. Mentioned Carpenter Park is completed but original equipment still needs to be painted.

Mayor Orcutt responded the fence will get done but speaking with Gametime representatives they suggested the equipment not being painted, due to making it look worse. The equipment has been inspected and safe to use.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mayor Orcutt for the thorough report and couldn't agree more with the Cleveland Browns and think working hand in hand will be the best thing for the City of Brook Park.

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

Law Director Horvath

Madam Horvath reported the pending two Wagner lawsuits one (1) was dismissed and then refiled. Also, a couple of foreclosure and workers' compensation cases. Looking forward to seeing City of Brook Park vs City of Cleveland lawsuit coming to some sort of fruition.

Finance Director McGann

No report.

Recreation Director Wetmore

Mr. Wetmore reported the summer league baseball and softball went extremely well with four (4) league champions receiving proclamations as well as one (1) spring league volleyball championship. Special events have been very well attended and thanked both the recreation center staff and service department for assisting. Fall sports of football, volleyball, baseball and softball are currently up and running. The center will be offering an adult art special event class on October 24th for Halloween. Boxing program began last week with 10 participants and looking at making an additional session late September or early October. Summer camp was a success and will return next year. The main gym may be closed sporadically during the day with the roof tear offs. The Suicide Prevention training class currently has five (5) participants and would like to see expand to 10; in order for the class to run. The program class will be held on Wednesday September 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 in the community room.

Service Director Beyer

Mr. Beyer reported sidewalk program letters have been sent to residents on Grosse, Dale, Kalvin, Scott and Hio with a deadline date of September 19th; to date 30-some blocks have been paid for replacement. The service yard will remain open from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for drop off rubbish and yard waste. Bulk pickup is next week on regular rubbish days and the last shredding event will be held on October 18th. Plant Lane baseball field fence is on schedule for repair early October once fall ball leagues are completed on September 25th. A quote

Reports and communications from departments, commissions and public officials:

Service Director Beyer: cont.

in the amount of \$7,300.00 for the northerly side of Carpenter Park was received.
City Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak reported the Sylvia Drive reconstruction project mainline and concrete pours are complete on the southbound lane, currently working on driveway aprons. The Fry Road southbound lane and driveway aprons are complete and now focusing on the northbound lane. Fry Road at Richard Drive intersection will be closed beginning tomorrow through Friday in order to open a utility vault. Both the fire department and school transportation has been notified. A draft copy of the Sheldon Road bridge project between the Northeast Regional Sewer District, Cuyahoga County and Cities of Brook Park and Middleburg Hts. is currently under review. The county and sewer district are requesting the agreement to be signed by September 22, 2025 to be included in the grant application being prepared by the county.

Questions:

Mr. Mencini stated to Mr. Beyer when a resident received notice of sidewalk block needing replaced. Since the city has a sidewalk program can the resident wait it out until crews are in their neighborhood?

Mr. Beyer suggested the resident take care of the problem due to the city staying in the same neighborhood, so bad concrete isn't poured.

Mr. Mencini stated to Madam Horvath active civil litigation cases are up to 12, requested meeting for better understanding of the cases.

Madam Horvath responded possibly Friday a.m.

Mr. Mencini thanked Mr. Wetmore for the notice on the gym closing due to roof repairs.

Mr. Roberts thanked Mr. Beyer for the incident last evening with the resident and city personnel working together.

Mr. Beyer thanked Mr. Roberts for bringing the incident to attention.

Mr. Troyer clarified with Mr. Beyer 30 applicants have paid for sidewalk blocks.

Mr. Beyer concurred.

Questions to the directors: cont.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Beyer a resident has a piano on the front porch that needs to be removed, is that done in pieces?

Mr. Beyer referred to Mr. Mencini due to being a rubbish man for the city years ago.

Mr. Mencini responded take out the inside bass string that has all the weight, that is recyclable.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Piatak with the new top for Fry Road was that the problem?

Mr. Piatak responded the top will be lowered underneath the pavement but chambers will remain on top for access, all noise can be eliminated.

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

New Legislation:

1. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GovDeals.com for the purpose of auctioning miscellaneous city property and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Safety committee.
2. An Ordinance authorizing the police chief to trade-in police equipment and/or unclaimed or forfeited property no longer needed by Brook Park Police Department and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Safety.
3. An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and for the Mayor to enter into a contract for the 2026-2027 Equipment and General Pavement Services Program and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Service
4. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a new member participation agreement with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Safety
5. An Ordinance amending and enacting certain sections of Chapter 373 of the Brook Park codified ordinances entitled 'bicycle and tricycles' and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Legislative

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Liz Sayers

23065 Cedar Point Road

Ms. Sayers expressed concerns of not receiving public records request for recreation center environmental and safety reports and pool affordability.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. RESOLUTION NO. 20-2025

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A STORM WATER ACCESS EASEMENT AT 5370 WEST 130th STREET, LOCATED IN THE U5-C ZONING DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council as a Whole.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Roberts, Dufour, Poindexter, Mencini, McCorkle, Scott
NAYS: Unanimous. Resolution No. 25-2025, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 11484-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE 'PAYMENT OF INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS COUNSEL FEES' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Mayor Orcutt & C/W.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dufour, Poindexter, Roberts, Troyer, Scott, McCorkle, Mencini
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11484-2025, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 11485-2025

AN ORDINANCE MAKING A WRITTEN RETURN TO THE FISCAL OFFICER OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, FOR CHARGES FOR SERVICES OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO, FOR CUTTING WEEDS ON CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGES TO BE PLACED UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE AND COLLECTED AS OTHER TAXES PURSUANT TO SECTION 731.54 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt & C/W.

Motion by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to suspend.

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Roberts, McCorkle, Scott, Mencini, Poindexter, Dufour, Troyer
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11485-2025, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

Ordinances and Resolutions: cont.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 11486-2025
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GAMETIME FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT McGOVERN PARK PLAYGROUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt & C/W.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dufour, Mencini, McCorkle, Scott, Troyer, Roberts, Poindexter
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11486-2025, 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. McCorkle, to adjourn.

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

Council President Salvatore declared this meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Carol Johnson*
Carol Johnson
Clerk f Council

APPROVED *October 7, 2025*

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