

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026  
7:30 P.M.**

**A. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

1. SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2026
2. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2026.
3. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2026.

**D. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Aviation & Environmental Committee - DUFOUR

Board of Zoning Appeals - MENCINI

Finance Committee - SCOTT

Legislative Committee - ROBERTS

Parks & Recreation Committee - McCORKLE

Planning Committee - SCOTT

Safety Committee- POINDEXTER

Service Committee - GONZALEZ

**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}:**

1. APPOINTMENT: CHAIRMAN TO CITIZEN OF THE YEAR  
COMMITTEE - ANDRES GONZALEZ.

**VERBAL APPROVAL :****2. RULE 19 – PERMISSION REQUIRED TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Persons other than Members of the Council and City Officers shall not be permitted to address Council except upon introduction by the presiding officer. Each citizen must identify himself, and his residential address, for purpose of the Public Record. Each citizen shall at all times during any Regular or Special Council meeting conduct themselves in a professional manner. They shall not use offensive or threatening language to elected or appointed officials or to the attending public. The public will be allotted five (5) minutes to address Council and City Officers. It will be up the Presiding Officer or Council to permit an extension of the time allotted. All citizens shall comply with the Rules of Council 2024-2025.

**Is hereby amended to read:**

Persons other than Members of the Council and City Officers shall not be permitted to address Council except upon introduction by the presiding officer. Each citizen must identify themselves, and their residential address, for purpose of the Public Record. Each citizen shall at all times during any Regular or Special Council meeting conduct themselves in a professional manner. They shall not use offensive or threatening language to elected or appointed officials or to the attending public. The public will be allotted three (3) minutes to address Council and City Officers. It will be up the Presiding Officer or Council to permit an extension of the time allotted. All citizens shall comply with the Rules of Council 2026-2027.

**K. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:****L. REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:****M. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING****1. RES. NO. 1-2026**

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR APPROVAL OF A BILLBOARD LOCATED ON PARCEL #343-17-088, 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**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

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:

**DUFOUR, GONZALEZ, POINDEXTER, ROBERTS, 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 Organizational minutes held on January 2, 2026.
2. Caucus Prior to Council minutes held on January 6, 2026.
3. Regular Council minutes held on January 6, 2026.

**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to approve three (3) sets.

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

**NAYS:** Unanimous.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Dufour

No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Mencini

No report, next meeting February 2nd.

Finance Committee - Scott

Mr. Scott reported Board of Control met earlier today with 31 items on the agenda; three (3) largest being Milano Monuments for municipal campus signs - \$36,750.00, Brewer-Garrett natatorium pool project to December 31, 2025 p \$132,239.15 and natatorium pool project until November 20,2025 - \$170,636.44.

Legislative Committee – Roberts

No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee - McCorkle

No report, next meeting February 9th.

Planning Committee - Chairman, Scott

Mr. Scott reported Planning committee has one (1) item on agenda no report from Planning commission, next meeting February 2nd.

Safety Committee - Poindexter

No report.

Service Committee – Gonzalez

No report.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported Southwest General has received documentation from the American College of Surgeons for 2025 achieving accredited service. Southwest was recognized by the College of Health Care Management Executives Digital Health Survey for 2025.

Berea Board of Education Representative - McCorkle

No report.

Technology & Innovation Council Representative - Dufour

Mr. Dufour reported next meeting January 21st.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:**

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Orcutt reported that the Brook Park recreation center is a warming center 24/7. In the middle of the night call the non-emergency line of the dispatch center and Recreation Director Wetmore will be notified to open the center. Thanked Brook Park Administration, City Council, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA); Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); Haslam Sports Group and Osbourne Engineering for a very successful town-hall meeting last week.

Mark calendars for next Wednesday, January 28th, the County Fiscal Office representatives will be in attendance in the Council Chambers from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for question/answer period on property values, appeals and assistance.

Questions:

Mr. Mencini asked for an update on the pool?

Mayor Orcutt responded work is coming along, the interior is complete with painting and duct-sock up for climate control. All holes of the pool are currently being drilled whether suction or discharge lines and will be reset; tile work is also being redone. Anticipate an opening date of July, 2026.

Mr. Mencini thanked Mayor Orcutt for being informative with the proposed dome stadium and continuing with being upfront forthcoming.

Mr. Roberts stated good to know about the recreation center being a warming center and clarified if lost power in the middle of the night call the non-emergency police line.

Mayor Orcutt concurred.

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

Law Director Horvath

No report.

Finance Director McGann

Mr. McGann thanked Ms. Ludwig for presentation of the Auditor Award of Distinction Award. Thanked finance department staff, city departments and City Council for this city-wide award for a fiscally responsible budget. Next week Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax season will open so Tax Administrator Thumberg will give annual tax update next week.

Recreation Director Wetmore

Mr. Wetmore reported February 1st baseball, softball and summer camp registrations will open. Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held on February 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The recreation center new opening hours at 6:00 a.m. population has increased. Summer concerts have been finalized and food trucks booked. The recreation center staff is looking for summer camp counselors and lifeguards. A high school has been locked in to run their swim team and meets out of the recreation center beginning in November and are in final negotiations with a scuba diving company, for classes to begin in September.

Service Director Beyer

Mr. Beyer reported service yard is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for rubbish drop-off, weather permitting; updates will be posted on the service department Facebook page. To report any snow plow damage to tree lawn or sidewalk damage contact the service department, to be added to the list for Spring. To date, this winter season there have been eight (8) water breaks with five (5) repaired and three (3) active. Congratulated Finance Director McGann and finance department staff on the much deserved award and stated thank you for making our jobs easier.

City Engineer Piatak

No report.

Questions:

Mr. Poindexter stated to Finance Director McGann appreciate you including the Council and administration with the award but you are the one that brings it all together and am very happy you are in that position.

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

**New Legislation:**

1. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to dispose of an obsolete city vehicle that is unsafe and no longer road worth and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Service committee.
2. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to dispose of obsolete city fire equipment and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Safety committee.
3. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Manheim Cleveland Auto Auction, public auctioneers, for the purpose of auctioning vehicles that are no longer in service and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Finance committee.
4. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for reimbursement costs of materials used in performing maintenance of county roads and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Finance committee.

**Verbal Approval:**

1. Appointment of Chairman to the Citizen of the Year Committee- Andres Gonzalez.

**Motion** by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Mencini, to approve.

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

2. Council Rule #19 - Permission required to address Council:

The clerk read the Council rule and amendment in its entirety.

**Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez, supported by Mr. Scott, to approve.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Gonzalez, Scott, McCorkle, Mencini, Roberts, Dufour  
**NAYS:** Poindexter

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:**

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:**

Ray Peterlin

5811 Wengler Drive

Mr. Peterlin expressed concerns of not being able to speak at a recent town hall public meeting.

Lou Modic

14399 Fayette Blvd.

Mr. Modic expressed dissatisfaction with not having any discussion of the five-minute Council rule change. Audience participation at Caucus meetings.

Albert Wolf

5811 Wengler Drive

Mr. Wolf stated the recent transportation meeting was very informational as well as the handouts that residents could fill out. In agreement with the Council rule change from five (5) to three (3) minutes.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):**

1. RESOLUTION NO. 1-2026

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR APPROVAL OF A BILLBOARD LOCATED ON PARCEL #343-17-088 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council as a Whole.

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

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Mencini, McCorkle, Scott, Gonzalez, Poindexter, Roberts

**NAYS:** Dufour

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

Mr. Dufour reiterated opposition of approval of this Conditional Use Permit due to zoning codes for these types of signs only permitted in the U-7 Brookpark Special Corridor and urge colleagues to vote no for protection of residential areas.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Roberts, McCorkle, Mencini, Scott, Gonzalez, Poindexter

**NAYS:** Dufour.

**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, Dufour, Gonzalez, Poindexter, Dufour  
**NAYS:** Unanimous.

Council President Salvatore declared this meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED *Carol Johnson*  
Carol Johnson  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED *February 17, 2026*

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