

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026
7:30 P.M.**

A. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. CAUCUS PRIOR MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JUNE 16, 2026.
2. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JUNE 16, 2026.
3. SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JUNE 17, 2026.
4. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JUNE 17, 2026.
5. SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JUNE 23, 2026.
6. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JUNE 23, 2026.
7. SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JULY 15, 2026.
8. SPECIAL COUNCIL HEARING MINUTES MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 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}:
- 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:

DUFOUR, GONZALEZ, POINDEXTER, ROBERTS, MENCINI, McCORKLE, SCOTT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Caucus Prior to meeting minutes held on June 16, 2026.

2. Regular Council meeting minutes held on June 16, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTION: Gonzalez

3. Special Caucus meeting minutes held on June 17, 2026.

4. Special Council meeting minutes held on June 17, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTION: Gonzalez

5. Special Caucus meeting minutes held on June 23, 2026.

6. Special Council meeting minutes held on June 23, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTION: Poindexter

7. Special Public Hearing meeting minutes held on July 15, 2026.

8. Special Council meeting minutes held on July 15, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTION: Poindexter

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee - Dufour

No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported the board met on July 13th with four (4) requests on the agenda: First (1st) being a variance to construct a garage at 6212 Sylvia Drive - denied; second request for a 109 square-foot fence at permanent parcel number 343-21-004 - denied;

Reports of standing committees:

Board of Zoning Appeals - Mencini: cont.

third (3rd) request for paved surface with six-inch curbs at 13625 Hummel road - denied and a fourth (4th) request for a non-conforming monument at 6100 West 130th Street the requestor was a no show - denied. The board met on August 3rd with five (5) requests on the agenda: First (1st) variance to construct a front porch at non-masonry - denied; second (2nd) variance for a non-masonry front porch at 18944 Holland Road - denied; third (3rd) request for a fence variance 6098 Barbara Lane - passed; fourth request for a fence variance at 17990 Holland Road - denied and fifth (5th) request for two (2) variance requests for billboard signage at 5775 Engle Road - tabled. The board met on August 10th with one (1) request for a fence variance at 6212 Sylvia Drive - passed.

Finance Committee - Scott

Mr. Scott reported the Board of Control met on July 8th three (3) largest items on agenda were software system annual fees - \$132,220.00; Crossroads equipment rental for 2026 Roads Program - \$79,847.44 and 111,252.62. The board met on July 21st with 15 items on the agenda; three (3) largest being concrete for various city projects - \$55,000.00; legal fees for outside counsel for domed stadium through May, 2026 - \$126,713.16 and through June, 2026 - \$116,602.00. The board met on August 4th with seven (7) items on agenda three (3) largest being legal fees for domed stadium through April, 2026 - \$118,678.19; Sheldon Road project - \$96,427.12 and new HVAC unit - 14,525.00. The board met on August 18th with 19 items on agenda; three (3) largest being gas and diesel fuel - \$70,000.00; plan examiner fees for stadium - \$50,000.00 and recreation center roof project phase two (2) - \$130,449.48.

Legislative Committee - Roberts

No report.

Parks & Recreation - McCorkle

Mr. McCorkle reported Fall softball and baseball practices are underway as well as volleyball practices with games starting in a few weeks. Thanked Mayor Orcutt and Recreation Director Wetmore for the three (3) baseball and one (1) softball champions.

Planning Committee - Scott

Mr. Scott reported the Planning committee met on July 13th with five (5) requests; first (1st) aesthetic approval for a structure at 17001 Holland Road - passed; asphalt pad at 13525 Hummel Road - tabled; Conditional use permit for a business warehouse at 15300 Brookpark Road - approved; lot split/consolidation for permanent parcel numbers 341-35-002, 341-35-005 and 341-35-006 - approved and aesthetic approval for exterior alterations at 6100 West 130th Street - tabled. The committee met on August 3rd with five (5) items on the agenda; first (1st) being billboard construction at 5775 Engle Road - denied; lot split/consolidation of permanent parcel numbers 342-09-010, 342-09-018 and 342-09-158 - approved; aesthetic project approval for exterior improvements at 14911 Snow Road - approved; project approval 6100 West 130th street - denied and installation asphalt pad at 15325 Hummel Road - approved with conditions.

Reports of standing committees: cont.

Safety Committee - Poindexter

No report.

Service Committee - Chairman, Gonzalez

Mr. Gonzalez stated thanked the Mr. Beyer and service committee crews for the great job being done throughout the city, work does not go unnoticed.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported organization patient experience continues to improve with efforts and billing and large vendors. Southwest has received official notification of full certification to ISO 9001 - Quality Management System from Det Norske Veritas. First half of 2026 shows in-patient volumes below and out-patient volumes above.

Berea Board of Education Representative - McCorkle

Mr. McCorkle reported the board approved renewal of many contracts for student and special education services for 2026-2027 school year. A health and wellness update was provided on current and future medical clinic at the high school. New staff was introduced and with school beginning this week watch out for children, especially riding e-bikes.

Technology & Innovation Council Representative - Dufour

Mr. Dufour reported the committee continues to work on the implementation of the recreation center audio project and will provide quotes to Council on overhauling of the system for meetings and Civic Plus.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Orcutt reported very busy summer thanked residents for participating in city events, thanked all staff members for their hard work. There will be a Thursday night concert and, also a Friday night concert for Happy Birthday America 250. Cleveland Browns update the New Community Authority, allowable by Ordinance to form, has advantages of certain things such as tax exemptions in order to fund the project. The city has five (5) trustees and the developers have four (4). Resolutions must be passed by the board with three (3) representatives from Brook Park, in order to pass; meeting dates have been posted on the City of Brook Park website. Update on the indoor pool has been painted, HVAC and two (2) boilers have been installed and the pool has been filled and the hydro-static test looks good. Currently, are seeking quotes for the rubber lining for the diving well and lap pool, have one (1) looking for one (1) more quote. Reminder, on Friday, September 11th, the annual ceremony for those who perished in the 9-1-1 attack, this is the 25th anniversary.

Questions to the Mayor:

Mr. Mencini concurred with hearing many good things with the attendance at summer events and thank you to all city employees. With the recent North Royalton tragedy any thoughts on doing anything to prevent that from occurring here?

Mayor Orcutt responded first (1st) of all with the North Royalton tragedy that happened after many years of property maintenance issues between city personnel and the resident. The first (1st) thing Brook Park city personnel did was have emergency meetings with building department and city staff to see if there is anything to be made aware about with maintenance issues. Want to make sure the inspectors report if they feel threatened the citation is then turned over to the police department for issuance, to date, there are no concerns with this city but still taking all precautions.

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

Madam Horvath reported Active Civil litigation has been distributed to Council.

Economic Development Commissioner Rocco

Madam Rocco reported a few grants have been awarded first (1st) being the Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant in the amount of \$1 million-dollars for technical assistance; \$25 million-dollar grant for public infrastructure improvements relating to the stadium project; \$100,000.00 for an all-inclusive new playground at Cavanaugh Park and four (4) cases have been approved with the Home Maintenance Assistant Program (HMAP).

Finance Director McGann

Mr. McGann reported July finance reports are available on the city's website and the State Auditor's office have completed their audit and the city received a clean audit. The county extended the deadline for property tax deadline to August 13, 2026 with the city receiving final assessment of property tax installment on September 9th.

Recreation Director Wetmore

Mr. Wetmore reported Summer Camp ended this past week very successful program doubling participation from 2025, very positive feedback. Summer concert was very successful with third (3) installment this Friday at the Amphitheater. Home Days was another smashing success with planning for 2027 taking place. July 4th fireworks 250 celebrating 250 year was a success. Football and cheerleading practices have begun; the waterpark will be closing Monday, August 24th with the dog swim taking place on August 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Inclusive softball program begins next week which is a collaborative program with the City of Middleburg Heights and In-Power Sports for ages eight (8) to 45 years-old using Hufsey-Forbes field on Monday evenings.

Service Director Beyer

Mr. Beyer reported the first (1st) round of resurfacing of streets are complete contractors have now moved to West 151st Street, north of Elm; Liberty Bell and Independence Court for slab and joint repairs. Once completed, will continue to

Reports and communications from departments, commissions and public officials:**Service Director Beyer: cont.**

Brookhaven and Bellbrook Drives. This week service department personnel will be crack-sealing the new concrete slabs at the recreation center, City Hall, Cedar Point Road and other roads on the west end. Service department concrete crews will be over in the Smith Road, north of Elm Road for areas that need repairs funded by the Cuyahoga County Repair and Maintenance Program this year the material amount is \$60,000.00. Beginning Friday the sidewalk program will begin on Grayfriar Drive, East & West Vancey, Sheldon Road, Arden and Parkland Drives and Forestview Circle so that all streets west of Engle Road will be complete in the four (4) years of doing the program, losing one (1) year due to tornado.

City Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak reported there is a pre-bid meeting at the Sewer District next week. With the Route 237 resurfacing project Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) sold earlier this year and construction will be getting started later year or early next year; city plans are do at end of the year. The Eastland Road pre-signal project at Route 237 has been delayed waiting for signal poles to be delivered, anticipate later this week or early next week. The six (6) buildable units on Engle Road, Snow Road and I-71 designs are due to the State of Ohio at end of year; construction to begin April or May of 2027. Cleveland Browns update mass construction of dirt continues with five (5) contractors onsite. Lastly, legislation will be forthcoming to City Council for the Brookpark Road resurfacing project.

Questions:

Mr. Poindexter asked Mr. Piatak will City Council have an opportunity to see the development of the project.

Mayor Orcutt responded yes, also the experience center that had ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday.

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

1. Southwest General Organizations List

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to verbally approve.

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

2. Viasound Troubleshoot for Boxcast

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to verbally approve.

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

Introduction of new legislation:

1. An Ordinance for an agreement being made by and between the Ohio Department of Transportation, (ODOT) 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH and the City of Brook Park, 6161 Engle Road, Brook Park, OH PID NO. 124042. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Service committee
2. An Ordinance for preliminary legislation for repairs or reconstruct five (5) ramps along IR-480 at Grayton Road, West 150th and West 139th in the Cities of Cleveland and Brook Park. PID NO. 119669 Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Service committee.
3. An Ordinance enacted by the City of Brook Park of Cuyahoga County herein referred to as Local Public Agency (LPA) for resurfacing of Berea Freeway (SR-237) from Sheldon Road to Eastland Road in the City of Brook Park, Cuyahoga County, Project to include wearing surface improvement to the bridge over Kolthoff Road. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Service committee.
4. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy for a city-wide property inventory; condition assessment data-mapping and related services; authorizing the expenditure of funds therefor; and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Finance committee.
5. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit a joint application to participate in the year 2028 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Infrastructure Programs and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Service committee.
6. An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; providing for the adoption of new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; publishing the enactment of such new matter; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith and declaring an emergency. Introduced by C/W. Legislative committee

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:**

Albert Wolf

5880 Wengler Drive

Mr. Wolf reiterated on the extra city activities and summer concerts tremendous efforts by all city staff, for keeping the events safe. Presented Mr. Beyer with a hot-dog apron and hat for all the hot dogs grilled during the summer events.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (FIRST READING):

1. RESOLUTION NO. 13-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER AN AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE INNOVATIVE FINANCE AND ASSET CONCESSION (IFAC) GRANT AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUILD AMERICA BUREAU, APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT 'A' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Mr. Salvatore stated Resolution No. 13-2026 has had its First Reading.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 11544-2026

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.04 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by C/W.

(Salaries and Bonds)

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Roberts, McCorkle, Scott, Mencini, Poindexter, Gonzalez, Dufour
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11544-2026, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 11545-2026

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XV, SECTION 15.01 (c) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by C/W. **(General qualification and restrictions of Employees, Councilmen and other elected or appointed officials).**

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Roberts, McCorkle, Scott, Mencini, Poindexter, Gonzalez, Dufour
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11545-2026, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

Ordinances and Resolutions First Reading: cont.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 11546-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (MES) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dufour, Scott, McCorkle, Mencini, Roberts, Poindexter, Gonzalez
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11546-2026, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 11547-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 11516-2026, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, FOR THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, STATE OF OHIO, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dufour, McCorkle, Scott, Mencini, Roberts, Poindexter, Gonzalez
NAYS: Unanimous. Ordinance No. 11547-2026, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURCHASE AND/OR SALE OF LAND – MAYOR ORCUTT

Motion by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Mencini, to go into Executive Session.

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

Motion by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Roberts, to go back to regular order of business.

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

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. Members of Council voted AYE.

Council President Salvatore declared this meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 
Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED September 15, 2026

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