

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Salvatore at 7:00 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.

DISCUSSION:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO PROVIDE ADJUSTMENTS IN COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY, OTHER THAN ELECTED OFFICIALS OR THOSE COVERED UNDER NEGOTIATED LABOR CONTRACTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Mayor Orcutt

Mayor Orcutt stated one (1) change is to 131.07 (a) - Assistant Office Clerk maximum increase to \$38.50. With anticipation of the pool opening some flexibility will be needed for 147.12 (b) Pool Lifeguards and Lifeguards with Safety Instructor Card (W.S.I) increase maximums to \$20.00 an hour.

Mr. Salvatore asked the range will remain and based upon experience?

Mayor Orcutt concurred.

Mr. Mencini concurred with office clerk position with the lifeguards \$20.00 may see a lot of money but there are several things involved i.e. first-aid, deep water training and such.

Mayor Orcutt stated the minimum is \$11.00 an hour for lifeguards and the city is currently at \$15.00 for the outside waterpark.

Mr. Poindexter asked if the safety instructor gives the ability to certify lifeguards in-house?

Mr. Wetmore responded a water safety instructor will be able to teach lessons from infant to adults.

Mr. Poindexter continued shouldn't there be a difference in the amount for a lifeguard and lifeguard with water safety card?

Discussion: cont.

Mr. Wetmore responded a pool lifeguard is more certified than a water safety instructor due to a lifeguard being able to teach classes but not be certified as a lifeguard.

Mr. Gonzalez stated this is a 100% good move due to competition with lifeguard positions. Have any other communities bumped up to \$20.00 an hour?

Mr. Wetmore responded the City of Berea is currently at \$18.00 an hour and the City of Middleburg Hts. for a safety instructor is \$16.00 and for a lifeguard is \$18.00.

Motion by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Mencini, to amend 147.12 - Pool Lifeguard and Lifeguards with safety instructor card maximum to \$20.00 an hour.

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

Motion by Mr. Gonzalez, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place under letter M.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated this will appear under M-4 as Ordinance No. 11548-2026.

2. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS
DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING
THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE
COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Introduced by Mayor Orcutt

Mr. McGann stated this a housekeeping item that the county requires for the city's tax rate. The General Fund is 3.86 mil; Police and Fire pension is 0.30 mil as well as Southwest General Hospital being at 0.30 mil, unchanged for decades. The property tax revenue is the second (2nd) largest revenue stream for the City of Brook Park bringing in a little over \$3 million-dollars projected for 2027; with most of that funding going to the police and fire pensions that are projected at \$2 million-dollars for 2027.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to place under M-5.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-5 as Resolution No. 17-2026.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN, COUNCILMAN ROBERTS

1. 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 Council as A Whole.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to place under letter M-6.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-6 as Ordinance No. 11549-2026.

SERVICE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN, COUNCILMAN GONZALEZ

1. 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.

Mayor Orcutt stated this allows the city to apply for assistance for public works infrastructure project(s) just north of \$6 million-dollars.

Mr. Piatak stated this is time sensitive matter with Ohio Department of Transportation requiring legislation and application by September 10th. This a collaborative project with both the Cities of Cleveland and Parma for State Route 17 (SR-17) - Brookpark Road. The City of Brook Park would be the lead city on this project for a \$2 million-dollar grant request for a basic mill and fill; curb to curb resurfacing and making sure all handicap ramps are American Disability Act (ADA) compliant.

Mayor Orcutt commented with the small contributions from both the Cities of Cleveland and Parma this would bring Brook Park's obligation to around \$2 million-dollars.

Mr. Mencini asked Mr. Piatak if there would be any sewer work done?

Mr. Piatak responded no sewer work, only catch-basins adjustments, utility work would be limited to casting work in the roadway.

Motion by Mr. McCorkle, supported by Mr. Dufour, to place under M-7.

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

Service Committee - Chairman, Gonzalez: cont.

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-7 as Ordinance No. 11550-2026.

2. AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF BROOK PARK OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA). PID NO. 124042- PARTICIPATORY. Created by ODOT.

Mr. Piatak stated this is for State Route 237 (SR-237) from Eastland to Sheldon Road for wearing surface improvements on the bridge over Kolthoff Road. ODOT will be selling the project and managing construction at a cost \$1.78 million-dollars.

Motion by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place under letter M-8.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-8 as Ordinance No. 11551-2026.

3. AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF BROOK PARK OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA). PID No. 119669 - CONSENT. Created by ODOT.

Mayor Orcutt stated this legislation is for the Cities of Brook Park and Cleveland to repair or reconstruct five (5) ramps along I-480 at Grayton Road, West 150th Street and West 139th Street.

Mr. Piatak stated there is no cost to the city with ODOT having this estimated at \$3.4 million-dollars, with selling of the project in March, 2027.

Mr. Mencini asked will there be any widening of streets?

Mr. Piatak responded reconstruct/repair project only.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to place under letter M-9.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-9 as Ordinance NO. 11552-2026.

Service Committee - Chairman, Gonzalez: cont.

4. THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE AND BY AND BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, (ODOT), 1980 WEST BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43223 AND THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, 6161 ENGLE ROAD, BROOK PARK, OH 44142. PID No. 124042. Created by ODOT.

Mayor Orcutt this legislation explains what organizations will be paying and selling of the project.

Mr. Piatak stated this is a companion piece to Service committee item number two (2) for State Route 237.

Mr. Gonzalez expressed concern with this being an agreement and not having an Ordinance title.

Madam Horvath commented a cover page could be included with an Ordinance No. and correct title format.

Mr. Salvatore commented think the Ordinance No. should be reflected under either the agreement or PID number.

Motion by Mr. Roberts, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to amend the legislation to include an Ordinance No.

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

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to place under M-10.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-10 as Ordinance No. 11553-2026, as amended.

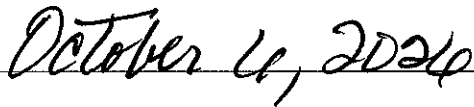
There being no further business to come before this meeting a **motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to adjourn. Members of Council voted AYE.

Council President Salvatore declared meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED



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