

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024
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 OCTOBER 15, 2024.
 - 2. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2024.
 - 3. CAUCUS PRIOR TO MEETING MINUTES HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2024.
 - 4. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2024.
- 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:

1. Ord. No. 11438-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1323.02 OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

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, 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. Councilman Poindexter excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Caucus Prior to meeting minutes held on October 15, 2024.
2. Regular Council meeting minutes held on October 15, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: Troyer

3. Caucus Prior to meeting minutes held on November 6, 2024.
4. Regular Council meeting minutes held on November 6, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: Troyer.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee - Dufour

No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported the zoning meeting held on December 2nd had one (1) request for a fence variance at 6526 Fry Road - approved.

Finance Committee - Scott

Mr. Scott reported Finance committee has nothing on tonight's agenda. The Board of Control met earlier today with 19 items on the agenda; three largest being electric fan, image camera and lithium batteries - \$9,375.00; Gas & Diesel fuel - \$50,000.00 and Brook Park Recreation Center Roof Project - \$523,741.57.

Legislative Committee - Scott

Mr. Scott reported Legislative committee has one (1) item on tonight's agenda.

Parks & Recreation - McCorkle

Mr. McCorkle reported the 7th - 9th grade basketball starts Saturday and the Men's' Basketball league begins Monday.

Planning Committee - Poindexter

No report.

Safety Committee - Troyer

No report just a reminder plow trucks have flashing lights stay clear.

Service Committee - Roberts

No report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported open house November 19th to dedicate main lobby; Dr. Kailash Kedia donated \$1 million-dollars for the renovation in honor of his late son. The Highway Department of Health surveyor found Southwest to be in full compliance, no follow-up required, high C rating. Southwest communities continue to support Southwest with fundraising efforts, i.e. golf outing.

Berea Board of Education Representative, McCorkle.

No report, next meeting is Monday, 9th.

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 all the employees and residents that showed up for tree lighting ceremony this past Friday. Thanked Recreation and Service departments staff for this great successful community event. Update on the recreation center roof repairs there are eight (8) roofs with one (1) being completed within the next week or week and a half, over the pool area. Five others out of the additional seven have been deemed by the insurance company as a complete tear-off and repair; bids have been received with legislation being introduced later this meeting. Wanted to touch base on a recent news media item of a murder in Brook Park, that was incorrect information. The land at I-71 and Snow Road, former Super 8 hotel, have working with a few different developers to bring something forward in 2025.

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

Law Director Horvath

No report.

Finance Director McGann

Mr. McGann reported November month-end reports are available on the website. Next week the administration will be bringing in representatives from NEO-GOV for a presentation about a new implementation of Human Resources and Timekeeping software system.

Recreation Director Wetmore

Mr. Wetmore reported tree lighting ceremony went very well as well as Santa Tours the City this past Saturday, thanked service department staff for driving around town. The Pancake Breakfast will be this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the main gym; Seniors and Children - \$3.00, adults - \$5.00. The

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

Recreation Director Wetmore: cont.

Holiday Art Class will be taking place next Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Basketball and Cheerleading practices have started and the Letters to Santa mailbox is in front of the recreation center. Holiday house decorating will begin December 11th and the Elf on the Shelf will continue to roam the halls of the recreation center.

Service Director Beyer

Mr. Beyer reported leaf pickup will continue through the month of December, weather permitting. Last bulk pickup of the year is next week on regular scheduled rubbish day. The yard will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for drop off. The 2025 rubbish pamphlet has been mailed out so be on the lookout. Please give the plows room to clear the roads and snow ban takes effect with two-inches of snow on the ground.

City Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak reported the Holland Road Repairs Project between Engle and Eastland Roads; west of the railroad tracks is completed except for a few joint repairs and sealing. Work is now focused east of the railroad tracks in the Ziegler Drive area and ready to pour next week, weather permitting. The recreation center roof and walls project is winding down with a few masonry repairs and general cleanup within the next week.

Questions:

Mr. Troyer stated to Mr. Piatak saw construction trucks on Sheldon Road, what is the update?

Mr. Piatak responded the Sheldon resurfacing project between Engle and Smith Roads?

Mr. Troyer concurred.

Mr. Piatak continued had a walk-through with the county and Middleburg Hts. had a request for additional driveway and sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Dufour asked Mr. Beyer how is the city doing with salt?

Mr. Beyer responded doing good with salt still have to take 2,500 tons of contracted amount for 2025.

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

New Legislation:

1. An Ordinance retaining and employing the law firm of Bricker Graydon LLP to act as co-counsel with the law director for the Browns football team relocation, building a domed stadium complex in the City of Brook Park and redevelopment at the Forward Innovation Center and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Legislative committee.
2. An Ordinance to provide for the temporary appropriations of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio, for the three months ending on March 31, 2025 and declaring an emergency. Finance committee.
3. An Ordinance amending the original Appropriation Ordinance No. 11392-2024 as amended by Ordinances 11417-2024, 11427-2024 and 11444-2024 for the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio, for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 by transferring appropriations and making additional appropriations and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Finance committee.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Dufour, to place on a Special Council agenda for Thursday, December 5th at 5:00 p.m.

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

4. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Garland Company as general contractor and supplier to oversee work to be performed on the Brook Park recreation center roof and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt. Recreation committee

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on Special Council agenda for Thursday, December 5th at 5:00 p.m.

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

Communications:

Letter from former resident and former Charter Review Commissioner.

Motion by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Roberts, to attach to the minutes, without being read aloud.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Dufour, Roberts, Scott, McCorkle, Mencini
NAYS:
ABSTENTION: Troyer

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Mary Goldmere, Manager Major Unusual Department of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Ms. Goldmere stated the mission of the developmental disabilities is to help Cuyahoga County residents from birth to adulthood how to live independently and programs this entity provides.

Liz Sayers

23065 Cedar Point Road

Ms. Sayers expressed concerns of the structural engineer report for the recreation center.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11438-2024
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Motion by Mr. Troyer, next Council agenda, December 17th. lack of second.

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

Mr. Troyer stated no interest in repealing current law, will be a no vote.

Mr. Mencini stated this will give the city's building inspector the necessary tools to do the job.

Mr. Troyer commented this repeals current law with no replacement.

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

NAYS: Troyer. Ordinance N. 11438-2024 has passed under Third Reading.

There being no further business to come before this meeting a **motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Troyer, to adjourn.

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

Council President Salvatore declared this meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED January 7, 2025

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