

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025**

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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, Engineer Piatak and Service Director Beyer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. Caucus Prior to meeting minutes held on February 4, 2025.
2. Regular Council meeting minutes held on February 4, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Dufour, to approve both sets, as presented.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee - Dufour

Mr. Dufour reported on February 7th received word of a loud vibrating noise, also on February 14th. NASA had nothing occurring and speaking with airport personnel could have been an airline engine runoff; which is when a pilot does pre-takeoff checks. On the environmental side with NASA and space there will be a solar eclipse on Thursday, March 13th from 11:57 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., March 14th.

Board of Zoning Appeals - Mencini

No report next meeting will be on April 7th.

Finance Committee - Scott

Mr. Scott reported the Finance committee has nothing on tonight's agenda. Since last report there were two (2) Board of Control meetings. First being February 21st with seven (7) items on the agenda; three (3) largest being NEOGOV finance and human resources software - \$112,203.00; Home Days and Christmas fireworks - \$60,200.00 and road salt - \$20,000.00. March 4th Board of Control had seven (7) items on agenda with the three (3) largest being plans and bid documents for Sylvia Drive reconstruction project - \$132,999.00; Westview concrete for road projects and repairs - \$100,000.00 and prepare plans and bid documents for Fry Road reconstruction project - \$98,024.00.

Legislative Committee - Scott

No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee - McCorkle

Mr. McCorkle reported the basketball championship games will take place this weekend. Good turnout for Volleyball signups; baseball and softball signups are still taking place. March Madness will take place on March 28th, with signups taking place. Spring basketball clinics for boys and girls will take place from April 7th

Reports from standing committees:

Parks & Recreation Committee - McCorkle: cont.

through May 5th, registrations deadline March 17th. Safety Town registrations is open and taking applications for teachers.

Planning Committee - Poindexter

Mr. Poindexter reported Planning commission did not meet due to no applications and the committee has one (1) item in committee and that is scheduled for next week Caucus (meeting) assuming Council gets all requested information.

Safety Committee - Troyer

No report.

Service Committee - Roberts

No report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center Trustee, Mencini

Mr. Mencini reported Southwest reported on three (3) major health trends, number one (1) being growth outpatient health care systems and expanding of services of primary care use; number two (2) the use of artificial intelligence to reduce administrative burden for charting and scheduling and number three (3) cyber-security investments. With breaches continuing across the health care industry and with investments in the area being a priority. Another important operation that some people may not know about is the Southwest General Wound Care Center that provides patients with special care for slow to heal wounds or resistant to conventional treatment; provides a thorough outpatient program.

Berea Board of Education Representative, McCorkle.

Mr. McCorkle reported the new Polaris (Career Center) superintendent provided a good report with everything going well with multiple expanding programs. The board approved joining the voucher lawsuit in the amount of \$10K dollars. There were two (2) retirees and both have been replaced with interim personnel until the end of the (school) year.

Technology & Innovation Council Representative, Dufour

Mr. Dufour reported a few more quotes have been received for Council laptops and an updated report will be presented at next week's Caucus meeting.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

1. Housing Council Board

Mr. Mencini reported the 2025 Housing Council met on February 26th for approval of 27 businesses and houses inspected by city personnel for the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) tax abatements. Qualified residents receive ten-year abatement and businesses receiving 15-year abatement; city personnel approved all 27 properties.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Orcutt gave an update on the tornado repairs by stating (city personnel) is still working with the State of Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and have submitted \$800,000.00 in claims outside of the insurance claim(s). Still working with the city's insurance company and, to date, have collected \$1.5 million-dollars of the \$3.7 million-dollars put in. In full transparency out of the \$3.7 million-dollars claiming in damages the city is about \$1.6 million-dollars delta from where the city's insurance company is. The city keeps providing necessary documents and information to the insurance company to keep the delta up. The State EMA still has been very easy to work with in providing good information to keep the claim moving. How the State EMA works is a paid invoice is submitted from the city for reimbursement. The American Legion fence repair has been approved and the backstops will be fixed and fencing. Legislation will be coming forward for damage to Plant Lane fencing. There is a recreation roof pre-construction scheduled for March 12th for the upgrade of the five (5) different roofs. The Cleveland Browns update with this Friday a meeting is scheduled with the city's counsel and Cleveland Browns for discussion of the zoning changes; operation costs; revenue and backstops. The backstop is the key component in case of another pandemic; National football league strike (NFL) and not able to meet the issued bond numbers. Do want to thank the city's law director and staff who is currently in court with the City of Brook Park vs City of Cleveland lawsuit. Madam Horvath is doing a fantastic job in preparing city personnel for that case. Recreation Director Wetmore is absent due to a family matter and mentioned on April 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. there will be an Easter bunny brunch for a cost of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, that includes that includes an Easter egg hunt and pictures with the Easter bunny.

Mr. Salvatore commented to Mayor Orcutt like the way city claims are being handled as well as the Cleveland Browns updates, keep up the good work.

Questions:

Mr. Troyer stated at a past meeting there was mention of meeting with Ford (Motor) personnel can an update be provided?

Mayor Orcutt responded there have been three (3) meetings with businesses with one (1) meeting with Ford Motor executives. Ford Motor executives came down from Michigan to the (City of) Berea to meet with the Cleveland Browns, very positive meeting. Ford Motor executives were excited to hear about the project and liked the fact of potential new neighbors being the Cleveland Browns. There was also talk about investing in advertising if the Cleveland Browns come to Brook Park.

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

Mr. Troyer clarified Ford Motor and Cleveland Browns can co-exist, without a problem. Have been told from someone up here that the Haslams (Group) had an opportunity to purchase Ford Plant number one (1).

Mayor Orcutt responded that is not true, whatsoever.

Mr. Troyer asked for an update on Blue Abyss?

Mayor Orcutt responded Blue Abyss (personnel) is currently working with Representative, Max Miller, for an upcoming meeting with expanding NASA operations. This market is very tough to borrow money so Blue Abyss is looking for more guarantees and utilize that.

Mr. Troyer asked how far along is the (recreation center) natatorium roof?

Mayor Orcutt responded the last estimate was between 90% to 95% completion. Once completed the same company won the bid for the other five (5) roofs. Did have a pre-construction meeting with both the mechanical and roofing companies and this will be done in two (2) phases. Phase one (1) will be starting with hip=- high man door in the bleachers area and moving south, with both the mechanical and roofing companies. Phase two (2) will consist of everything to the north.

Mr. Troyer asked what about the exposed duct-work, will that insulated with a different caliber?

Mayor Orcutt responded any of the non-damaged duct work will stay; the 60 feet of damaged duct work will be upgraded.

Mr. Mencini stated with Blue Abyss when the President makes these cuts that may be good or bad, inflation believe is coming? In case cuts with NASA happens, is the city ready?

Mayor Orcutt responded in front of us is a unique way for streamlining government, in my opinion. With the ten (10) NASA bases located in the United States with one plant building the rocket. With the Brook Park base all components from combustion to zero-gravity and different things for inside the space shuttle instruments is done in Brook Park. So there is a wide variety for testing, studying and being the cutting edge for aerospace technology, which is comforting. As this unique streamlining is happening with the federal government people are coming back to work at the Brook Park NASA plant. There have been discussions on how NASA will peak at 16 hours on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to a Monday through Friday with 3,000 people. As people come back the city is collecting income tax and pure speculation of what may happen. As far as

Questions to the Mayor: cont.

the city being ready this administration and Council have been working as a group on a good budget.

Mr. Troyer requested when NASA does peak have more patrols on Cedar Point Road.

Mayor Orcutt concurred.

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

Law Director Horvath

Madam Horvath reported that as of today there have been two (2) full days of trial with the City of Brook Park vs City of Cleveland lawsuit.

Finance Director McGann

Mr. McGann reported February month-end reports will be on the city's website by end of the week. The week of March 17th the auditors will be on-site for the 2024 audit.

Service Director Beyer

Mr. Beyer reported winter has been rough on the streets and, to date, the service department crews have laid 30-tons of cold-patch, temporary fix. Any sidewalk or snow plow damage contact the service department. Next week is bulk day on regular rubbish day. Beginning April 7th the service yard will be open six (6) days a week. Saturday, April 12th is shred-it day and the street sweeper will be out as long as the temperature hits 35-degrees.

City Engineer Piatak

Mr. Piatak reported working on a few design projects currently in the office. The Sheldon Road Bridge Project, funded through the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) is full speed ahead with early submittals from both the county, NEORS and a few other stakeholders. It is full speed ahead with the Fry Road and Sylvia Drive reconstruction projects. With the Wengler Drive basin, the model was updated by NEORS with some final touches wrapping up and additional plan work.

Questions:

Mr. Troyer commented to Madam Horvath in order to have the (Circle K) meeting on Tuesday will the information be ready, know your department has been very busy with the important lawsuit.

Madam Horvath responded an email was sent out on February 28th advising Council that while I did not have time to write a full opinion: It is the law department's opinion that U-6 conditions would be followed. I provided a conclusion with the intent to fill in a beginning and middle opinion along with a

Questions to the departments: cont.

copy of city code 1121.342 - Standards for a conditional use permit that may be helpful prior to the meeting.

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

New Legislation:

1. A Resolution urging all residents to shop in the City of Brook Park during 'Shop and dine in Brook Park month' during the month of July and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Councilman Mencini.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. Dufour, to place on tonight's Council agenda - letter M.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-1 as Resolution No. 3-2025.

2. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Signal Service Company, without public bidding, to provide for the maintenance of traffic control devices and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Motion by Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. McCorkle, to place under letter M.

Mr. Troyer stated absolutely not, usually goes in Safety committee can't pass without seeing how it reads; what is being paid.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated that will appear under M-3 as Ordinance No. 11457-2025.

3. An Ordinance creating the Storefront Targeted Areas Renovation (STAR) Program and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.
Finance.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

Tim Chornak

6236 West 130th Street- home

5690 Smith Road - business

Mr. Chornak representing the Brook Park Boosters and would like to express appreciation of this Administration and City Council for the continuous support. Night at the Races fundraiser has been taking place for 28 years and had 300 people in attendance; that will help with scholarships. Recognized retired Detective, Tim Robertson, Police Chief Powers, past Council representative, Sonny Dimario and Mom, Dolores Chornak for her bookkeeping efforts.

Liz Sayers

23065 Cedar Point Road

Ms. Sayers stated that the gazebo will have perennials planted, instead of annuals.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Troyer, to address audience.

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Poindexter thanked Mr. Chornak for coming to the podium and please extend my thankfulness to the rest of the Boosters for assisting with getting daughter to Florida for cheerleading.

Mr. Salvatore thanked Mr. Chornak and stated haven't seen anything but good things from the Boosters Organization, pillar of Brook Park.

Mr. Mencini stated Boosters been around a long time and always say yes to the issue, go above and beyond.

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

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Salvatore requested a five-minute recess to have copies made of the Shop in Brook Park and Signal Service legislation.

Motion by Mr. Poindexter, supported by Mr. Mencini, five-minute recess.

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

NAYS: Unanimous.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (FIRST READING):

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2-2025

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN FREE QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER (QPR) SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING OFFERED BY THE ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (ADAMHS) BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by Councilmembers Dufour and Mencini, C/W and Mayor Orcutt.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Roberts, Scott, McCorkle, Mencini, Poindexter, Dufour, Troyer
NAYS: Unanimous. Resolution No. 2-2025, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 3-2025

A RESOLUTION URGING ALL RESIDENTS TO SHOP IN THE CITY OF BROOK PARK DURING 'SHOP AND DINE IN BROOK PARK MONTH' DURING THE MONTH OF JULY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilman Mencini, C/W and Mayor Orcutt.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Dufour, supported by Mr. Mencini, to amend second 'Whereas' to insert Kickers' Pizza after Reddis Pizza.

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

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Roberts, McCorkle, Scott, Mencini, Poindexter, Dufour, Troyer
NAYS: Unanimous. Resolution No. 3-2025, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 11457-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Mr. Salvatore stated Ordinance No. 11457-2025 has had its First Reading.

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. Roberts, to adjourn.

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

Council President Salvatore declared this meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED April 1, 2025

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