

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

### BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

**April 10, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

Present: Debbie Tomusko  
Kathy Pucci  
Mary Albier  
Kevin Tanski  
Barb Paulitzky  
Ron Van Kirk  
Tony DeMarco

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017, amended with a correction to pg. 3 ('go' to 'to') and pg. 4 (add 'is'). **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve, as amended:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Albier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

#### **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Gallagher presented a Mayor's Proclamations on behalf of the Mayor, Council and residents "To honor and recognize Sienna Jackson on earning three State titles at the Ohio State Gymnastics Competition."

Council President Van Kirk updated that Council met last week to discuss the very detailed results of the survey that was mailed out and then tabulated. Dir. Schaeffer summarized and explained them, with scores well above national and regional averages in nearly all surveyed categories. Though pleased with the results, there is always need for improvement. It also provided guidance for Council and Administration for future budget decisions. The 2018 budget discussions will start in the next couple months, and the survey will be used, in part, to set some priorities. Dir Schaeffer will share more later in his report. –Agenda items: still in abeyance (Ord. 2015-77, Res. 2016-5, Ord. 2016-32.) –Old business: Ord. 2017-26 (3<sup>rd</sup> reading), Repealing Ord. 2014-43, adopted 7/10/14, 'Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Agreement with Trinity Landholdings at the estimated cost of \$21,000,000 plus; Ord. 2017-27, Amend Sect. 131.04, 'Authority to dispose of unwanted personal property, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn; Ord. 2017-28, Authorizing Mayor enter into service agreement with Bailey Comm. to provide maintenance of network, software, support and other related services for the City of Brooklyn; Res. 2017-6 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading), In support of the City of Brooklyn's Planned Unit Development (PUD) District overlay zoning measure (Issue 3) on the May 2, 2017 ballot; Ord. 2017-29 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading), Amend Rule 14 of Rules of Council, Order of Business, codified pursuant to Sect. 121.22 of the Codified Ordinances; Ord. 2017-30 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading), Authorize contract modification (Change Order 7 and 8) with Eclipse Co. LLC for Tiedeman Rd. Project for \$32,147.08; Ord. 2017-32 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading), Amend Sect. 2 of Ord. 2006-53, "Establishing a city ice time and admission rate for persons using city ice for figure skating purposes only"; Ord. 2017-33 (hope to pass by emergency), Amend Sect. 1 of Ord. 2006-19, "Providing for fees for a summer figure skating program at the Recreation Center"; Ord. 2017-35 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading), Expressing consent of the City of Brooklyn pursuant to Section 4933.16 of the Ohio Revised Code for Cleveland Public Power to construct distribution facilities within the City of Brooklyn and granting a non-exclusive franchise to CPP to provide electricity services to customers in Brooklyn, providing that the requirements of all applicable code and any related agreements are met. –New business: Ord. 2017-36, Authorize purchase of a Toolcat 5600 G Series from Bobcat Co. for \$52,866.92 through Govt. Contract; Ord. 2017-37 (hope to pass by emergency), Authorize purchase of a Hustler Super Z Hyper Drive riding mower from Baker Vehicle for \$11,284 through Govt. Contract; Ord. 2017-38, Authorize sale of certain city owned vehicles through Greater Cleveland Auto Auction and GovDeals for the purpose of disposing of city vehicles and equipment at public sale; Ord. 2017-39 (need to amend and hope to pass by emergency), Amend Sect 4 of Ord. 2000-75, 'Establishing fees for admission and use of facilities at the City of Brooklyn Multi-Purpose Indoor Recreation Center, repealing

Ord. 1998-21, and declaring emergency'; Ord. 2017-40, Amend certain sections of Ord. 2004-45, 'Establishing fees for admission and use of facilities at Recreation Center'; Ord. 2017-41, Amend Sect. 1(b) of Ord. 2011-15, 'Establishing Parma Hts. Community Partner Rates at John M. Coyne Rec. Center and Natatorium'.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

*Angret Georgi of 9508 Behrwald Ave.* spoke of her displeasure with the City being part of Parma Regional Dispatch, explaining various reasons, adding her background, a story of them not understanding where her street was located, and the loss of personal connection she feels has resulted. She would like Brooklyn to go back to doing its own dispatching services. She questioned the costs involved and what the city pays.

*Michael Shockey of 7440 Woodhaven,* is making a statement on behalf of his wife Meghan, unable to attend. As a member of the Planning Commission and with a Master's degree in Urban Planning believes Issue 3 is a zoning tool Brooklyn needs. Added revenue losses and the need to come together and move forward. It would give a planning tool the city currently doesn't have, doesn't guarantee a town center plan, but allows a large development of 25 plus acres of mixed use. If we don't plan for future now the city will need to conservatively raise taxes and cutting current services we appreciate. The city needs to raise revenue and passage of Issue 3 is a first step.

*Steven Herbig of 4402 So. Amber* voiced concerns of his and his neighbors and others against Issue 3 He's attended several meetings and presentations, all changed every time. Major concerns outside of Issue wording: every Councilmember and School Bd. member he's spoken to verifies issue has been rushed through, not studied, vetted or analyzed enough, and forced from approval to ballot in three weeks. Some Councilmembers have agreed it needed more study; there's no guarantee this company will stay in Brooklyn, nor has the Mayor or any Councilmember said they've met with them; we could build and be stuck with more vacant office space in Brooklyn if they don't commit. He thinks this is a scare tactic. Dir. Udris mentions Independence doing this, but he's learned they allowed eight-nine months of study for the plan, apartment and other multi-housing was rejected by residents, they were removed, and more time spent studying it. He questions public and private financing statements. His concern is apartment and multi-family units, and wants them removed to protect property values and safety. Councilmembers are elected and come and go, they can't guarantee to stop this. He's asking any Councilmember to sponsor a resolution asking Issue 3 be removed from the ballot for additional time for study of the plan; if not, meet with him to add names to campaign literature opposing it. Some Council admitted to not reading entire full text of plan, but we're supposed to trust them with future decision-making. There is also question on percentage of space for park usage. He said we are being held hostage by this company with no further commitment from them. He said to vote no on Issue 3.

*Victor Ardito of 7439 Outlook Ave.* said he helps support the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, with a fundraiser on May 20 from 7:30-10:30 at Tony K's. He hopes Issue 3 won't be built on city dollars, but investors do it. He has no problem with it because he doesn't want to see the police or fire or public services or property values go down. So he hopes we do it and build it properly, because all the other cities are doing it this way.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:**

Recreation Board (Councilwoman Balbier): The next Board meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Rec Center.

Domestic Abuse Commission (Councilwoman Paulitzky): The next Commission meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station community room, and open to the public with any concerns, questions or information to share.

Bd. of Zoning Appeals (Comm. Kulcsar): The next Board meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the conference room to hear a request from T. Caruso for 42" height variance for a fence in side yard at 4726 Brookwood Dr.

Planning Commission (Councilman DeMarco): The Commission met April 6<sup>th</sup> and approved a request from M. Weber for an amendment to the parking lot plan approval from May 7, 2015 for 8459 and 8575 Memphis

Ave. This is the lot where Aldo's Restaurant is. They will resurface the lot, make drainage, landscaping and fencing improvements.

Economic Development Committee (Councilwoman Pucci): The Comm. met today at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. They recommended Council rescind CRA agreement with Trinity Landholdings (property targeted for senior living at Northcliff/Idlewood); the property has been sold, so the abatement will be rescinded from the previous owner. Approved and accepted an application for a new CRA for same property, known now as Lumen Park Landholdings, then change to Brooklyn Pointe (the name of the new facility); they request a 50% abatement over 10 years. The Comm. recommended moving forward with it. Brooklyn City Schools and Polaris will be notified, and have a comment period to reply with questions or objections. She gave some general information on the project (2-story, 80 unit assisted living suites, with 22 special memory care units.) Received an update on National Safety Apparel, were in process of trying to purchase a Tiedeman Rd. property to locate to; the Comm. offered a Job Creation Agreement, and Dir. Udris updated the deal with current property owner fell through. They're looking at another Brooklyn location, so hoping it will come to fruition and bring these approx. 280 jobs to Brooklyn.

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. met at 6:30. Items for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading/adoption: Ord. 2017-26, Repeal Ord. 2014-43, adopted 7/10/14, 'Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Agreement with Trinity Landholdings; Ord. 2017-27, Amend Sect. 131.04, 'Authority to dispose of unwanted personal property, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn; Ord. 2017-28, Authorizing Mayor enter into service agreement with Bailey Comm. to provide maintenance of network, software, support and other related services for the City of Brooklyn; Ord. 2017-33 (recommended to adopt by emergency), Amend Sect. 1 of Ord. 2006-19, "Providing for fees for a summer figure skating program at the Recreation Center"; New business: Ord. 2017-36, Authorize purchase of a Toolcat 5600 G Series from Bobcat Co. for \$52,866.92 through Govt. Contract; Ord. 2017-37 (recommend to adopt by emergency), Authorize purchase of a Hustler Super Z Hyper Drive riding mower from Baker Vehicle for \$11,284 through Govt. Contract; Ord. 2017-38 (1<sup>st</sup> reading), Authorize sale of certain city owned vehicles through Greater Cleveland Auto Auction and GovDeals for the purpose of disposing of city vehicles and equipment at public sale; Ord. 2017-39 (recommend to adopt amend and by emergency), Amend Sect 4 of Ord. 2000-75, 'Establishing fees for admission and use of facilities at the City of Brooklyn Multi-Purpose Indoor Recreation Center, repealing Ord. 1998-21'; Ord. 2017-40 (1<sup>st</sup> reading), Amend certain sections of Ord. 2004-45, 'Establishing fees for admission and use of facilities at Recreation Center'; Ord. 2017-41 (1<sup>st</sup> reading), Amend Sect. 1(b) of Ord. 2011-15, 'Establishing Parma Hts. Community Partner Rates at John M. Coyne Rec. Center and Natatorium'.

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

**Debbie Tomusko:** Taste of Brooklyn was a well attended and great event that earned money for the schools, and the Jazz Band was wonderful. Commented on Issue 3, that it got off to an auspicious start at Council, and it's agreed it was rushed in four weeks, with thoughts of losing a company we don't want to lose. Some on Council said yes quickly (can't fight change, it's a wonderful thing), some said no quickly (it was rushed), some read and went over it thoroughly. Her heart is in Brooklyn and desires to maintain it for the wonderful small town it is. She and another went through it and made many changes (better density, setbacks, landscaping, public meetings). They were admonished for some of it. It takes time and work to be a good Councilperson and do the job. –It came to her attention that someone said on Facebook she didn't read the ordinance; she read it. She's glad we added the public meetings, for the number of people that are coming to them. There is one more. They're smart, ask good questions, and are looking for information and facts. The biggest point she can make is to get the facts (not from Facebook or neighbors); read the ordinance (on website or get a copy), or Council can answer questions. She will not tell anyone how to vote; make your own decision. –There's a pending Resolution on Agenda to offer support for the passage of Issue 3 that she will abstain from because she won't tell how to vote. She asks people to keep listening, reading the facts and the zoning. What is being voted on is an overlay to the zoning, giving us more flexibility to add the concept of a mixed use development – that is what is on the ballot. Things are getting squirrely because simultaneously we've had the Econ. Dev. Director working with Geiss, and going through what a Planned Unit Development might look like, or it might contain. It's on iteration 8 now, but none of those iterations have been formally presented to Council. When Council finally sees what the potential proposal is (a long way off), she will go over it with a fine tooth comb. She doesn't want to see the park

destroyed. Her point is to get the facts. She has all the legislations, showing all the changes for anyone who wants to see them. –Wished everyone a blessed and joyful Easter.

**Kathy Pucci:** Spoke on the Heritage Home Program, the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> year the city's been involved. Participation has gone up, but we need higher numbers to justify the city paying to continue the program. If remodeling, or building an addition, this is a free resource. They come out, give advice, provide technical assistance, and if interested there is also a loan component. She's had positive feedback from persons who used it. The city pays the membership so it's no cost to the resident. There are two upcoming meetings – April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and April 13<sup>th</sup> noon at the Senior Center. –Complimented the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce on the Taste of Brooklyn. They set another record for number attended of 245 people. Kudos to Sean Sullivan and the Jazz Band, they always do a fabulous job. Appreciate all the businesses who donated the food. She appreciates the efforts of our Chamber members, who for the most part do not live in Brooklyn, but have businesses or work for businesses here; they devote time, effort and money to benefit our community. This fundraiser is for scholarships for Brooklyn residents. Thank them for their efforts. –PUD. She respects different views and opinions, and the right of residents to question and disagree with elected representatives. A big question from residents calling her is what land is being rezoned. There's not any land being re-zoned. It's an overlay, so if an owner or developer could meet requirements (residential, 15 acres; mixed use, 25 acres) they could apply for the overlay to allow a Planned Unit Development. The legislation isn't for a particular project, it's city wide. Other properties could be used, and benefit us, such as the former American Greetings property. Corporate employers want this type of environment, and our current zoning code we can't provide. The current employer is going to leave the city if we can't find the space they need. The PUD allows more control over development than we currently have when an owner wants to build; it's the most control we'll have over a development. If the zoning is appropriate and they follow our codes, there's not a lot of input we have. She explained the lengthy approval process (numerous mtgs., publicized public mtg.). –She shares some concerns as residents. We value green space. When asked if she supports City Center, she has an open mind to see what the plan is. All we have now are conceptual drawings. A study was commissioned to see if it's feasible, to answer a lot of questions residents and Council has. We hope to have results in the next couple weeks. It's so early in the process we don't have answers to all questions. We have to work with experts to see what we can afford. She hopes most residents know she's an independent thinker, and does her homework, and pledges to do due diligence through the process and made decisions in the best interest of the city. –As mentioned previously, and on Facebook, and in conversations, the process coming before was too rushed, and she objected to it. She researched numerous other communities, made changes to strengthen it, and her personal reason was: 1, she felt comfortable with the changes made; and 2, because of the situation with the current employer who has to vacate their space, she wanted to demonstrate we are moving forward in a positive direction. Also, in May we'll know if we have mixed use or Planned Unit Development in our future. –Please attend the last meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Senior Center. If unable, videos and documents are all on the city's website. Any questions or concerns, contact one of the elected representatives. –Congratulated Sienna Jackson on her three State titles. Her grandparents are Don and Carrie Hilberg; Don is a former firefighter and former Safety Director here. –To Mrs. Georgi, regarding the Dispatch Center, if we didn't regionalize by 2018 we would lose 9-1-1 funding; so to continue as a small community, with investing in technology (that changes very quickly), it was something we had to do. There are kinks in it, and the Police and Fire Chiefs are on top of it. Maybe familiarizing the dispatchers more with our community to have a better sense. Asked the Chief to elaborate later. In Brooklyn they know where you are, and usually who they are. So she understands the concern. –Thanked Mr. Ardito for his work with his group. –Clarified some of Mr. Herbik's comments. She read the ordinance numerous times. Public investment, private investment and the TIF, clarified the public investment would be if able to improve/replace some city facilities. A study we commissioned showed some aging buildings are to the point no longer feasible to keep putting money into. TIF was explained, to pay for the public improvements in the development part (developer/owner gets relief from property taxes, but instead make payments that are turned to pay for the bonds on the public improvements-roads, sewers, sidewalks, connections). She will meet with him any time. To clarify, everyone knew there was a possibility of apartments, because the ordinance calls for possibility of mid-rise multi-family housing. When she said she didn't know about apartments, she had all versions up to six, and seven was new with a change to the conceptual drawing starting showing some apartment bldgs. Keep in mind this is a conceptual drawing, not even begun the first step (make an application for an overlay). –Council will have a lot of questions if we can proceed with this, and everyone will do their due diligence to make sure, if it comes, it can be something we can all be proud of.

**Mary Balbier:** Gave a Legislative report: HB 73 prohibits over counter sales to minors of products with dextromethorphan without a prescription, the active ingredient in cough syrups. Taking more than prescribed causes a mild hallucinogenic state, and frequent use to addiction and psychosis. Violation is a minor misdemeanor. –HB 44 designates May 24<sup>th</sup> as First Responders Appreciation Day in the State of Ohio. –She had a phone call from Dennis Petro of 10236 Harmony Ln., who was unable to come to the Council mtg. tonight, and asked her to read a letter he wrote (in part): Can't believe you want to take our green space and turn into congested inner city setting and parking lots for 4-7 story apartments, restaurants, retail. People are buying on-line. Tired of half-truths to push zoning through. Wrote of the Kingdom area, and a possible connector. Feels it's wrong to connect that area with the re-zoning. Every city except ours knows the value of parks. If it passes he feels sorry for children, wildlife and owners of houses near the park for property values cut in half. Give IRG time to fill old Amer. Greetings before we destroy the park. –Responded to Mr. Herbik, that we should have waited longer, for a few more months; and have less questions and back and forth, and become clearer. She would have liked it to go on November ballot. –Wished all residents a happy and joyous Easter celebration; and the same to Orthodox friends. She shared some of her Easter traditions, being of Polish ancestry, and food and symbolism (blessing baskets on Saturday with butter, bread, eggs, sausage, ham, cheese, sweets, candle and wine...) Monday after Easter there is an Easter exhibition and bazaar at Ukrainian Museum in Tremont, showcasing ancient arts of egg decorating. –Congratulated Sienna for her hard work and dedication, along with her parents and grandparents.

**Kevin Tanski:** Thanked everyone who came to the Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Brooklyn at the Copperstone Center Saturday. There was great food, drinks and music from the jazz ensemble. Proceeds benefit the scholarship and education fund. Summer Youth Opportunities program is underway, helping ages 14-24 find summer jobs. Information and requirements are available at [www.youthopportunities.org](http://www.youthopportunities.org). Registration closes May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. –Had many calls on Issue 3. Whether for or against it, the Fire, Police, city services, jobs, Rec Center is all on the line. We could prolong it to November. We're deficit spending this year, what happens next year? Deficit spend again? Other cities had these agreements and things have moved on. Mr. Herbik spoke, and they also spoke outside of the last public meeting; he understands his concerns. One was Section 8, and others he thinks could possibly hurt his house, or houses near, or the city. To residents, do you think with the way this Council looks at everything, they'll let anything hurt the city? It won't happen. If you watch the videos for mtgs., you can see as much as back and forth goes on with things, it won't happen with this PUD or anything being built; things get questioned, talked about. Bottom line is we need more revenue. He doesn't want us to pay for garbage. We are here because we have these services. –School system. Spoke to many about different levies and times they've put on ballot to raise taxes. The City Center will also help the school system. How many times can they come and keep raising real estate taxes? They need it. We also need revenue to slow that process down, or taxes will go up. The money has to come from somewhere, to pay wages and fix the building, for sports and music. We need to offer all the business something if they need space, and bring new businesses in. He hopes everyone looks at the whole picture. He doesn't like to see, like at last public mtg., fighting between directors, Council, Mayor – we need to come together and figure out how to produce revenue in a fast way. We need to benefit the entire city, not just 'me', and pull together.

**Barb Paulitzky:** She also attended Taste of Brooklyn, and it was crowded and the food was wonderful. –She is for the Ordinance (PUD) but agrees with everyone else, that the residents need to look at it and make their own decision. She told Mr. Herbik she knows what he's facing, as she's lived on Tiedeman since 1971, and she's seen changes, which have also benefitted the city. So she understands his concerns. As the Garden Club president and a longtime organic gardener, nothing about changing any of the green space will get past her, as long as she's on Council. –Shared a story about Ann Schuster, who would have been 100 years old April 4<sup>th</sup> (died June 1999). She feature co-hosted The Mike Douglas Show, and shared TV time with Paige Palmer (started first exercise program on TV in 1947-in high heels), Captain Penny, demonstrated cake decorating on air, taught at John Hay High School, and many stars (Vincent Price, Betty White, and others). She left a copy at reception counter of a Feb. 13, 1992 Brooklyn Sun Journal article for her Valentine collection. She was part of the Brooklyn Historical Society, and donated valentines and post cards to them. She lived on Saybrook for many years. Her daughter (Councilwoman Paulitzky's) married her youngest son 29 years ago.

**Tony DeMarco:** Issue 3 – asks residents to do their homework and contact someone they trust. Don't listen to neighbor or Facebook. It's an extremely important issue. There's a reason why the Charter is



written the way it is, that requires residential approval to make a change to the Zoning Code, it's that important. He won't tell how to vote, it's your decision. He is available if anyone wants to get facts; if not from him, then contact someone else. But you have to have the facts before you make a decision. Threatening residents with removal of additional services if it doesn't pass shows a lack of leadership. There are other ways to solve the problems we have. Use your own judgment and get the facts. Clarified to Councilwoman Tomusko they were given three, not four weeks. –Wished everyone a happy Easter.

**Ron Van Kirk:** Thanked Mgr. McGinty and the City and the Mayor for the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. His two-year old son had never been to one before, but he saw the Easter Bunny and knew it was fun; he had a great time, but he wouldn't let him open the candy in the car. It was beautiful weather and there were a lot of kids there. –PUD. There have been many accusations about dishonest, misleading, etc., mostly on social media, which rarely ends well. Working with his church's youth department for 15 years, social media is what this generation is about. He is not on Facebook. Caution that everyone get the facts. –Wanted to speak as a concerned citizen, rather than Councilperson. \$6 million loss of revenue is a reality. This year we'll deficit spend \$1.5M. Council and Mayor (current and former Mayor) set aside significant amount of revenue to build up in preparation for this day; while still updating very aging equipment and moving forward with repairing aging streets (again this summer with Roadan project). Set to begin budget process for 2018, with preliminary dates for next month. In those conversations will reduce deficit spending for 2018, so we will have to cut expenses; which is either increasing revenue or decreasing expenses (which is usually decreasing services). Based upon survey returns, residents enjoy the services offered and don't want to see them cut, and neither does he. So how to make up \$6M in lost revenue, maintain excellent services, and repair and replace \$19M worth of necessary building improvements as laid out by a report we had done on our buildings. We could cut payroll across board (with agreements from five unions), cut services (no one wants to see that), or increase revenue (easier said than done), or a combination. As a resident a combination of those makes sense; which is why as a resident the PUD comes into play. A vote for Issue 3 is a zoning overlay issue, not a particular project. Allows property to attract new businesses, new residents, etc. The PUD and City Center project are separate items. The Geiss study is a feasibility of a potential City Center project. After complete in next week or so it will be sent to Council for review. And it will change. Council will offer changes. It's just a study, a feasibility study at this time. This PUD adds a lot of restriction to what potential project builders can do. Echoed what was said, he's not necessarily for or against the City Center project, he is for looking into it and see if it works for this piece of property. Again, PUD and City Center are separate items. The zoning of portions of the city are antiquated and needs to be changed (his opinion as resident). The PUD allows for that change; over 10 pages of detailed cans and cannots, and sets parameters for what a mixed use developer can and cannot do. Numerous checks and balances are set up inside for those reasons. Weighed pros and cons as a resident, and studied the issue in detail. For him: \$1.5M deficit spend this year, deficit spend next year, and year after, without significant changes; a top three employer leaving city unless Class A office space is obtained in Brooklyn (which can't be built without the PUD-and why it was placed before Council, the employer needs to find space or will leave); with aging buildings, police station in particular, must be replaced/updated. The PUD allows potential development on city owned and privately owned property. It allows for different types of financing (public, private and TIF) to pay for some buildings and improvements/additions. The only guarantee is, if we do nothing we will run out of the General Fund surplus and forced to dramatically cut services. It's fact, in time it will happen. If the PUD passes it doesn't guarantee the City Center will come to fruition and be successful, nor an influx of revenue to city and schools. But the potential return greatly outweighs the risk in his opinion. He chose to move here, raise his family here, run for Council to make a positive difference. The potential to move forward and recoup some lost revenue with potential future projects, possible update of aging buildings, keeping a top three employer in town are reasons for him to vote yes on Issue 3. –Encouraged residents to do homework; don't believe everything read on-line or hear. Ask questions face to face with knowledgeable people with facts. –He sat with Mr. Herbig for a cordial, over two hour meeting, and agreed to disagree on this issue. He shared facts and insights. Though on May 2<sup>nd</sup> they may vote differently, as was said, we're all on the same team, and want to see Brooklyn succeed and move forward. Whether for, against, or still undecided, make conversation based on facts and nothing more. He prays it passes because he thinks it's vital for Brooklyn's future. His door is always open, and phone always on for any resident wishing to discuss this or any issue. Thanked Councilwoman Balbier for her quotes about Easter. Wished everyone happy Resurrection Day, however you choose to participate with it.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Gallagher:** Added an additional item discussed at Planning Comm. that she wanted to make residents aware of: the engineer working on Aldo's plan is also working on another plan he will propose at the next Planning mtg., a possible Hilton hotel on property just south of Wild Ginger, on Key Bank property. The purchaser has a letter of intent for that property. –Parma Regional Dispatch Center – she met with Parma's new Safety Director. Brooklyn signed agreement with Parma, Parma Hts. and Brooklyn to do regional dispatch back in Oct. 2015, a three year contract. The contract states Brooklyn pays \$212,000 annually for the service. We let go of our dispatchers, and had savings in that, but also had to add staff. We still see a savings going forward with it. They've talked about moving the rate to \$240,000 annually. She e-mailed Council to inform them of it. There are issues on the table she'd like to discuss, as it is a three-year contract, and if we get out of it we must decide by Feb. 2018. The Fire Chief praises his transition for the Fire Dept., and it has helped his services. The Police Chief has hesitations about where we are going forward on it, and has been working it out. Both Chiefs meet bi-weekly with all Chiefs to work out kinks. Brooklyn needs to evaluate whether it makes sense to move forward or not, with this agreement. Brook Park just joined in December, and she'll be sitting down with the other Mayors to speak on these issues. –Thanked Mgr. McGinty and Rec Center staff for the terrific Easter Egg Hunt; she's never seen so many residents participate. –Thanked Chamber of Commerce and high school Jazz Band. The Taste of Brooklyn was amazing. Our Chamber does so much for our city and schools, and should be recognized for putting on these events. –Wed. April 19<sup>th</sup> is the last PUD public mtg. at 6 p.m. in Comm.-Senior Center. The last two mtgs. were taped, and are available on city's website. –Statements about Issue 3. She hates looking backwards, it's not productive. If we're moving forward we can accomplish things. An example that we can look at back at, to not make the same mistake, is from in 2009 when we passed our income tax increase, and didn't talk to American Greetings about it. She wasn't on Council or the Mayor then, but she can say she's met with CEO of American Greetings, Zev Weiss, twice as Mayor; he made clear to her it's the prior administration's lack of communication and unwillingness to work with him lead to their departure. She knows there were other factors on the table, huge state incentives, private and personal investments elsewhere. But we need to learn that we need to make sure our businesses are at the table when talking about these things. Our number two taxpayer is clear about what they want, and the necessity of what they need to stay here. Their timeline was consolidated at the tail end of last year, and her administration had to expedite measures to try and keep them in Brooklyn. The expedite of the process doesn't mean her staff didn't work diligently on putting a solid PUD ordinance in front of Council. At the last public mtg. someone present with vast economic development experience (and not in administration) said it was one of the better pieces of legislation he had ever read. Bottom line: since obtaining new Law Dir. last year and Econ. Develop. Dir. early last year to join our Building Comm., the three worked tirelessly on issues affecting our businesses, in order to respond to them in a business friendly manner. Business retention needs to be our number one priority, followed closely by business attraction. Then after months of trying to secure a Finance Dir., she brought in Dir. Schaeffer the past August, and he's a proven asset to the community. With his help, she's made strides exploring city financial options going forward. But the city just lost over \$6M annual revenue when Amer. Greetings left Sept. 2016. If we lose our second largest taxpayer we're looking at another significant amount of money revenue. \$6M equates to 64 full-time employees (what it would pay for). We have 102 full-time right now, so imagine if she had to cut 64 employees what would be left. Not saying to scare, this is reality, real numbers. We're deficit spending this year, and we can't do that much longer. –At the end of this year she doesn't want to say that she did not try her best to save our second highest taxpayer in the city. And she doesn't want to give them an out like Amer. Greetings. That's why Issue 3 is on May ballot. This Council has done a nice job. Whether you support it or not, get informed.

Councilwoman Pucci asked Mayor Gallagher if for sure it's a Hilton hotel. Mayor Gallagher said it is; and it's the same brand across the street. They were confused as well. –She also said another advantage of Regional Dispatch is that we have the capability of when you call for a medical emergency; there is Emergency Medical Dispatch, which we couldn't provide in Brooklyn because of our staffing, because we're a small community. You need a dispatcher who can stay on the phone with you and not respond to other dispatch traffic calls. They tell you to remain on the phone and talk through any medical procedures, first aid you can perform before they get there.

**DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

Rec Mgr. McGinty: The spring ice show Rise Up will be April 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. –There is still registration for youth baseball: on-line at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com) or at Rec Center, regular business hours. –The Rec Center will be closed Fri., April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Dir. Schaeffer: Thanked Council for attending work session detailing results of 2017 Community Survey. 1500 were mailed out with a goal of 300 responses; the city received 412 responses. Thanked the residents for their input. It provides Council and the Administration with statistically reliable results to base decisions and prioritize services. It was based on national and regional averages. 84% of respondents were either very satisfied or satisfied with quality of services provided by the city; 35% higher than national average, and 31% higher than Great Lakes regional. It indicates the city is providing quality services to residents overall. 92% very satisfied or satisfied with snow removal; 80% very satisfied or satisfied with maintenance of major city streets; 90% very satisfied or satisfied with quick police response; 94% very satisfied or satisfied with quick ambulance personnel response. The results are all posted on-line on the city's website under What's New tab- there is a thank you letter and the survey results. –Dates coming up, trying to do Tues., May 9 and Tues., June 20 to do some Council work sessions associated with the budget, starting on 2018 permanent appropriations. As the Mayor said, the city's projection of approx. \$6M less in municipal income tax revenue is holding true through first quarter with RITA projections. He sent an e-mail to Council and directors to go over that. He'll be working with Mayor and dept. heads to start preliminary discussions on 2018 Capital requests for the budget, and present some of it in the work session in May. The Council and Administration will have to address how departmental operating budgets will be adjusted to accommodate the city's new normal, with less income and less revenue. –2017 permanent appropriations has a deficit spend of approx. \$1.5M. Based upon previous discussions with everyone, the leadership's not comfortable with that deficit spending in 2018. He needs a better understanding of comfort level is in 2018. He'll be providing as much information to understand the options (revenue enhancements and expenditure reductions in each dept.). Hopes to have an update on post-audit conference with Zupka, and dates for the Audit Committee.

Police Chief Mielke: Dispatch Center concerns. The unfamiliarity of some dispatchers has been an issue and been brought up. We've brought them here and given them ride-alongs with officers, and continue to with new employees there. They cover four cities, so could take them a little while to learn our city. –Extremely proud of survey and response time results. They monitor it, and if find a discrepancy they approach City of Parma with it and work through them. Always said there's going to be problems, every day or week sometimes. We work with Parma to try to get them solved, and if we can't, at end of or slightly before end of three-year contract the city has to sit down and talk and figure if there's a better option for our city, somewhere else, staying there or doing it ourselves. But we are purchasing a service from another agency, and we'll continue to monitor it every day, and ensure what we're getting is as good as or better than what we had. –Safe Routes to School Touch a Truck event is Sat., May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. at Ridge Park Square (fire, police, construction vehicles).

Mayor Gallagher asked the Chief to speak about PSAPS (Public Safety Answering Points) and why we explored doing Regional Dispatch to begin with. Chief Mielke said Councilwoman Pucci touched on it. It's a mandate from the State that filtered down through County about 9-1-1 answering points. Anywhere you answer 9-1-1 is a public service answering point; a mandate from the State is to consolidate the 9-1-1 centers. It's cost cutting so we don't have to buy nearly as much equipment as we would have to. Mayor Gallagher added we wanted to go into a contract where we had more say in what was going to happen, instead of not having a choice in a couple years. Chief Mielke agreed, that we didn't want to end up with the county, so we went with a city we're familiar with and neighbors with, and had more input.

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE 2017-26**, Repealing Ord. 2014-43, adopted 7/10/14, 'Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Agreement with Trinity Landholdings at the estimated cost of \$21,000,000 plus. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To adopt:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**



**ORDINANCE 2017-27**, To amend Sect. 131.04, 'Authority to dispose of unwanted personal property, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To adopt:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: DeMarco. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-28**, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into service agreement with Bailey Communications to provide maintenance of network, software, support and other related services for the City of Brooklyn. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To adopt:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**RESOLUTION 2017-6**, In support of the City of Brooklyn's Planned Unit Development (PUD) District overlay zoning measure (Issue 3) on the May 2, 2017 ballot. (President Van Kirk read the legislation in its entirety). **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-29**, Amending Rule 14 of Rules of Council, Order of Business, Codified pursuant to Sect. 121.22 of the Codified Ordinances. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-30**, Authorize contract modification (Change Order 7 & 8) with Eclipse Co. for the Tiedeman Rd. project for \$32,147.08. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-32**, Amending Sect. 2 of Ord 2006-53, 'Establishing a city ice time and admission rates for persons using city ice for figure skating purposes'. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-33**, Amending Sect. 1 of Ord. 2006-19, 'Providing for fees for summer figure skating program at Rec Center'. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-35**, Expressing consent of City of Brooklyn pursuant to Sect. 4933.16 of Ohio Revised Code for Cleveland Public Power to construct distribution facilities within the City of Brooklyn and granting a non-exclusive franchise to CPP to provide electricity to certain customers in Brooklyn, provided they meet all codes and any related agreements. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-37**, Authorizing the purchase of a Hustler Super-Z Hyper Drive riding mower from Baker Vehicle Systems for \$11,284 through Govt. Contract. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-38**, Authorizing sale of certain city owned vehicles through Greater Cleveland Auto Auction and GovDeals, for the purpose of disposing of city vehicles and equipment at public sale. **(FIRST READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-39**, Amending Sect. 4 of Ord. 2000-75, 'Establish fees for admission and use of facilities at Recreation Center, repealing Ord. 1998-21, and declare emergency.' To be amended to add it can be determined by 'Recreation Commissioner or Recreation Manager' in two sections. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to amend. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To amend:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tanski to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. *To adopt, as amended:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-40**, Amending certain sections of Ord. 2004-45, 'Establish fees for the admission and use of facilities at the Recreation Center.' **(FIRST READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-41**, Amending Sect. 1-B of ord. 2011-15, 'Establish Parma Hts. rates at the Recreation Center and Natatorium.' **(FIRST READING)**

Councilwoman Pucci wished everyone a happy and joyous Easter.

Council President Van Kirk reminded that City Hall is closed on Friday in celebration of the Easter holiday.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tanski to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED:**  
*To Adjourn:* Yes: Tomusko, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco. No: None.  
**(ADJOURNED)**

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