

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

### BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

**February 11, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

Present: Kathy Pucci  
Tony DeMarco  
Ron Van Kirk  
Colleen Gallagher  
Katie Gallagher  
Kevin Tanski  
Tom Murphy

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Pucci, on behalf of City Council, offered condolences to the family of Service Department employee Don Pesta on the passing of his father, Donald Pesta.

#### **DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by Tanski to approve the minutes of January 28, 2013. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Approve:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

*Dan Gentile* of 4656 Southwood Drive said he was starting his personal campaign, and asked for everyone to join, for support of the levy/bond issue for the schools. A lot of information will be coming out. It's about the kids – the kids that have grown up in the community, taxpayers and homeowners now, to do the right thing for the kids today. Encouraged everyone to get information from the School Administration. Spoke of age and condition of buildings. Everyone needs to band together and support this and do the right thing, including the Mayor and Councilmembers.

#### **AMEND AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Murphy, second by VanKirk to amend the Agenda to include authorization to go out to bid for roof replacement for the City Hall, with an option for the old Fire Station. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Amend Agenda:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(AGENDA AMENDED)**

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

Finance Committee (Councilwoman Pucci): Met early to start to address 2013 Budget. Recommended adoption of Ord. 2013-4. The next meeting (Feb. 25) will begin at 6 p.m. to continue budget talks.

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): The next Recreation Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Court. Asked Mrs. McGinty can give an update on the exercise/weight room, the splash pad, and the SilverSneakers Program.

Domestic Violence (Councilwoman C.Gallagher): February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Those in need should call 216-229-8800 or visit [dvcac.org](http://dvcac.org).

Planning Commission (Councilwoman K.Gallagher): The Commission met February 7<sup>th</sup> and passed a request by US Bank for a 15.7 sq. ft. LED illuminated identification sign at 10000 Brookpark Road (Wal-Mart - PP#433-18-006); and from Aldi's for a 68'25 sq. ft. cabinet/illuminated sign on front and side at 5170 Tiedeman for a remodel (PP#433-17-005).

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

**Tony DeMarco:** Read from an e-mail from Mr. Moore of Summer Lane, thanking everyone for their assistance, as the railroad ties have been removed, and his suggestion of consumer information on their dangers. Thanked the Finance Director for her time on preparation and documents with the budget process. Thanked Mr. Gentile for his comments. Said the Council and School Bd. had a joint meeting last week to discuss financial issues facing the school system and the community. Agreed there are serious issues to be addressed; and the independence of the schools and their positive impact on the community cannot be overstated. Said he met with the Mayor last week, conversation included economic development in Brooklyn. Passed out, and read a snippet, from a Sun Post article on economic development efforts in Independence, where they will have two full-time employees working on economic development, and an outside firm, providing assistance. Feels it's something Brooklyn needs to do as soon as possible. Asked Mrs. Pucci to bring the topic up at the next Economic Development Committee meeting to see what progress can be made in this.

**Ron Van Kirk:** Commented on the joint Council/School Bd. meeting, thanking them for the invitation to participate in the informative meeting, where the case for the bond levy and tax increase was discussed. Hopes residents come to future meetings to hear the explanation. Said that the debt that was paid off last year had little effect on the General Fund's bottom line; and the city still paid cash for the new automated garbage truck and cans. It has been proven to be the right thing to do. Looks forward to working fiscally responsibly together on the 2013 budget.

**Colleen Gallagher:** Thanked the School Board for their invitation for the joint meeting on the schools, which was informative and provided accurate information. Urged residents to contact School Board members for any questions on the School's financial situation. Read an e-mail she received from a resident commenting about the automated truck making multiple runs down Elizabeth Lane on unscheduled days, saying it's a waste of taxpayer money. She asked Dir. Verba if he knew what was going on with this. Dir. Verba said this resident contacted him previously about this, and this person is not in favor of the program, and further explained why it was done at Christmastime. He will look into why it went down today twice. Councilwoman Gallagher will give him the e-mail to address the resident. The Mayor will give his State of the City Address on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for the Democratic Club at the Senior-Community Center; all residents are welcome.

**Katie Gallagher:** No report.

**Kevin Tanski:** Thanked the School Board for having Council present and explaining the levy/bond issue. Thanked the Finance Dir. for working hard and diligently on the budget. Also thanked Mr. Gentile for his comments on the school system.

**Tom Murphy:** No report.

**Kathy Pucci:** Reported the Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) met February 6<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose to meet with the new NAI Daus broker (for Memphis-Ridge property) and extend the contract an additional six months, and agreed to lower the price to \$125,000. Safe Routes to School Comm. will meet Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the library at Brookridge. Thanked the School Board, Treasurer and Superintendent for the invitation to the informative meeting. Encouraged anyone with questions to contact the School Board, Superintendent or Treasurer, as this is a critical issue. Also thanked Mr. Gentile for his comments. Regarding Economic Development Committee, has also been pushing moving forward with some outside assistance or marketing firm to help strategically put together a plan to market the city to businesses. She will bring it up at Friday's meeting. Attended the Chamber's Taste of Jazz, which benefits their scholarship fund. There was record attendance and record profits.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Balbier:** Also attended the Taste of Jazz; 175 people were present, and they took in \$4,700. Brooklyn belongs to the First Suburbs Consortium, the 19 cities surrounding Cleveland, representing 480,000 residents. A meeting was held on housing, including foreclosed properties, suggesting the title have contact information. They are also pushing to keep funding for the Land Bank, which Brooklyn has utilized for some projects. Said he will give the State of the City Address on Thursday to the Chamber of Commerce, and Friday to the Democratic Party, and the Library on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Last year there was House Bill 601 (municipal income tax collection through the state), and now re-introduced as HB 5; so we will pass a new Resolution opposing it. Brooklyn would lose over \$200,000 if this passes. [www.ohiomuniadvocates.com](http://www.ohiomuniadvocates.com) has additional information. Was informed today Brooklyn received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its CAFR. He thanked Dir. Esarey for all her efforts. Dir. Esarey thanked the Mayor, and also thanked her Finance staff, JoAnn Haig, Linda Kelber and Tina Westfall for their work and efforts.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

Acting Rec. Mgr. McGinty: Youth soccer registration will be February 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 and February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-12 noon. Cost is \$55 for residents and \$60 for nonresidents. In response to Councilman Tanski, SilverSneakers has increased, and as of January 1<sup>st</sup> Kaiser Permanente was added. The weight room will be going to bid Thursday, with bid opening February 28<sup>th</sup>. A pre-bid meeting was held for the splash pad, estimates bids to go out mid-March, tentatively to be completed June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**REQUESTS:**

Request to advertise for bids from the Service Dir. for roof replacement of City Hall, with an option of the portion over the old fire station. **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by VanKirk to authorize to advertise for bids. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Authorize:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, Van Kirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(AUTHORIZED)**

Council Confirmation for Similar Conditional Use Approval for Gold's Gym, 6700 Biddulph Road, which was requested to be held in abeyance for the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by VanKirk to confirm Similar Conditional Use. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Approve:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, Van Kirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE 2013-4:** Amending Section 1 of Ord. 2000-63, entitled, "Establishing the personnel for the Division of Fire with the Dept. of Public Safety of the City of Brooklyn. **MOTION** by VanKirk, second by Tanski to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. *Adopt:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Councilwoman C.Gallagher asked, and Mayor Balbier responded that he believes his State of the City Address at the Library will be at 7 p.m. on March 7<sup>th</sup>. President Pucci asked that be added to the city's website, which the Mayor said it is.

The Mayor requested Council go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation relating to the Landfill, with the Law Director, Finance Director and outside counsel. **MOTION** by VanKirk, second by Tanski to adjourn to Executive Session. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Adjourn to Executive Session:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, Van Kirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

**MOTION** by VanKirk, second by DeMarco to reconvene. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Reconvene:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, Van Kirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(RECONVENED)**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by VanKirk, second by K.Gallagher to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Adjourn:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None **(ADJOURNED)**

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Asst. Clerk of Council

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