

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

### BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

**February 25, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Pucci, on behalf of City Council, offered condolences to former School Board member Kit Krause on the passing of his father, Robert Krause.

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

**MOTION** by Murphy, second by Tanski to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013. **VOTE RESULTED:**  
*Approve:* Yes: DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, Pucci. No: None.  
**(APPROVED)**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

*Rick Cyngier*, of 6211 Delora, Brooklyn School Board member, gave an update on the schools. Tours of the buildings will be upcoming in March. Thanked everyone for attending the successful spaghetti fundraiser. Encouraged seniors, parents of school children to register to vote, as there is an important levy campaign on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Finance Committee (Councilwoman Pucci): Met at 6 p.m. and recommended approval of acceptance of grant for breathing apparatus (Fire Dept) for \$137,176 with the city's share being \$7,219; authorized to advertise for bids for the apparatus; authorized to advertise for bids for pop; recommended 1<sup>st</sup> reading on Ord. 2013-5, and adoption of Ord. 2013-6.

Economic Develop. Committee (Councilwoman Pucci): Met February 15<sup>th</sup>. New businesses Triad Engineering on Clinton coming; U.S. Bank will have grand opening March 1<sup>st</sup>; Huntington Bank will also move to Giant Eagle; and the Wal-Mart Super Center will have grand opening February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Discussed Plain Dealer access agreement for County assessment grant; the adding of right turn lane from Tiedeman onto 480 west; widening of ramps onto Tiedeman from 480 and timing of the lights; repairs on Associate Ave., with some possible grant funding; the hiring of marketing/strategic planning firm; voted to extend Job Creation Agreements with Donald Martens Ambulance and Cleveland Tech Solutions (daycare in old library); will host a Mayor's breakfast in June.

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): Updated on Silver Sneakers membership, currently 233 members, and added Kaiser to the program. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Mayor's Court.

Zoning Bd. of Appeals (Comm. Fitzgerald): Met on February 21<sup>st</sup> and granted three variances for a freestanding sign at 10750 Brookpark (Lomax) for height, sign face square footage, and freestanding sign; a

six month variance extension at 6607 Vandalia to not rebuild a two-car garage, with stipulation of progress updates in six months.

Planning Commission (Councilwoman K.Gallagher): The Commission will meet March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Mayor's Court for a request from Sign Vision to install a 151 foot illuminated sign at TJ Maxx, 4794 Ridge Road; and a request from Cleveland Bible Baptist Church for a lot consolidation at 4431 Tiedeman for various parcels.

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

**Tony DeMarco:** Attended the fundraiser for the Brooklyn Schools levy effort. Major changes coming to Brooklyn, with city business and the schools. The schools are facing serious financial issues, and asked people to get informed, and seek the facts from the Superintendent or School Board member.

**Ron Van Kirk:** No report.

**Colleen Gallagher:** No report.

**Katie Gallagher:** Thanked and congratulated Chief Zemek on applying for and approval on the FEMA grant. Congratulated Finance Director and staff for the Certificate of Excellence for the CAFR. Reminded residents of a budget meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the conference room, which everyone is welcome to attend.

**Kevin Tanski:** After the Council meeting there will be a Council work session for a presentation by Johnson Controls relating to potential energy savings projects for the city, with the Sustainability Committee.

**Tom Murphy:** Wanted to confirm that there is discussion of the widening of all ramps on Tiedeman Road for right turns onto and off of 480. Mayor Balbier said he understands one lane to each exit ramp will be added, but there is no discussion on adding to the on-ramps. A continuous on-ramp westbound in front the Plain Dealer will be going in. Councilman Murphy asked that this be checked into so it can relieve some of the traffic.

**Kathy Pucci:** The Safe Routes to School Comm. met February 12<sup>th</sup>. The logo will be changed due to a copyright infringement, and a contest will be held at the Middle School to select a new logo. Will apply for more funding in next round, but not for infrastructure. Bike Rodeo May 3<sup>rd</sup> for schools, May 4<sup>th</sup> for the community. Bike registration will be re-implemented in the city. Walking Wednesdays will be held every week after spring break. The Brooklyn License Bureau will conduct background checks for volunteers. A flyer will be added to the city website when it becomes available. Thanked Comm. Fitzgerald for including the business/resident names with the Planning Commission report, so people are more aware of the location addressed. The next budget meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The work session after the Council meeting is also open to the public.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Balbier:** Attended a dinner at Polaris today. They will have a career fair March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their facility at 7285 Old Oak Road, Middleburg Hts. Senior Olympics will be held May 13-17 in Cleveland, register and information at 216-749-5367. Highlighted some of the annual reports he received. Building Dept: residents reinvested in their properties \$20,660,000 worth of improvements, with 496 permits; commercial investment was \$9,610,000 with 427 permits. Senior Center: over 20,000 people signed in using the facility, delivered 3,107 Meals-on-Wheels, transported 3,517 passengers. Fire Dept: 722 fire alarms, 1702 EMS calls, for 2,424 alarms; received over \$365,000 from EMS billing; received \$96,266 in grants; fire loss of \$321,150. Wal-Mart will have grand opening for their Super Store this Wednesday at 7:30 a.m., public invited. They will add 85 more jobs to the complex.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

No reports.

Council President Pucci addressed a 'housekeeping' item. At the Organization meeting two members were appointed to the Volunteer Fire Dependents Board, but have since learned that the Ohio Revised Code requires the legislative body must elect these members. She asked for confirmation of Councilmen Murphy and Tanski to the Board by a formal vote. **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by VanKirk to approve Councilman Murphy to the Board. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Confirm Appointment:* Yes: DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, Pucci. No: None. **(CONFIRMED)** **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by VanKirk to approve Councilman Tanski to the Board. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Confirm Appointment:* Yes: DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, Pucci. No: None. **(CONFIRMED)**

**REQUESTS:**

Liquor permit stock transfer at 6980 Biddulph Road (Biddulph Beverage). **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by Murphy for a position of no objection. **VOTE RESULTED:** *No Objection:* Yes: DeMarco, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, Pucci. Abstain: VanKirk. No: None. **(NO OBJECTION)**

Approve acceptance of grant for breathing apparatus in the amount of \$137,176 with a city match of \$7,219. **MOTION** by Tanski, second by VanKirk to accept the grant. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Accept Grant:* Yes: DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, Pucci. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Request to advertise for bids for the breathing apparatus. **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by Murphy to authorize to advertise for bids. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Authorize:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, Van Kirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Request to advertise for bids for various pops, juices, water, drinks, vending services for John M. Coyne Recreation Center and Memorial Park. **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by Tanski to authorize to advertise for bids. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Authorize:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, Van Kirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE 2013-5:** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Juvenile Diversion Coordinator. **(FIRST READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2013-6:** Authorizing the sale of certain city owned vehicles through the Greater Cleveland Auto Auction, public auctioneers, for the purpose of disposing of city vehicles and equipment at public sale. **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by VanKirk to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco. No: None. *Adopt:* Yes: DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Mayor Balbier mentioned there was a water main leak on Ridge by Orchard Grove, which has been repaired, and the Water Dept. will pour the concrete tomorrow.

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