

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

### BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

**May 22, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

Present: Barb Paulitzky  
Ron Van Kirk  
Tony DeMarco  
Kathy Pucci  
Kevin Tanski

Absent: Debbie Tomusko  
Mary Balbier

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MOTION** by Tanski, second by Van Kirk to approve the minutes of April 10, 2017. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve, as amended:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Tanski. Abstain: Kathy Pucci (out of town the last few weeks, she did not have a chance to read it) No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Council President Van Kirk said city offices will be closed May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. The city will hold its annual parade, 11 a.m. from the high school to City Hall, with services to begin around noon. Services at Westpark Cemetery begin at 9:30 p.m. On the Agenda: Res. 2017-7, In support of the City's application for a Northcoast Brownfield Coalition Community Assessment Initiative Guidelines Grant; Ord. 2017-43, Authorize and approve purchase and installation of security cameras and ancillary items for use of Community-Senior Center; Ord. 2017-44, Amend Sect. 1345.01 'Permit Fees' of Codified Ords.; Ord. 2017-45, Amend Ch. 1361 'Occupancy Permits' of Codified Ords.; Ord. 2017-46 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading), Amend Sect. 303.99 'General Traffic Code, Misdemeanor Classifications and Penalties' of the Codified Ords.; Ord. 2017-47, Amend Sect. 3 of Ord. 2017-3, 'Establishing Soza Fitness and Wellness Community Partner rates for certain programs at Recreation Center and Natatorium; Ord. 2017-49, Authorize a Community Cost Sharing Agreement with NEORS D for the Rodoan Rd. Improvements Project. –New business; Res. 2017-8, Adopting the Tax Budget for the fiscal year 2018. Still in abeyance (Ord. 2015-77, Res. 2016-5, Ord. 2016-32.)

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

*Angret Georgi of 9508 Behrwald Ave.* mentioned Councilman DeMarco in a few things (some Councilmembers don't have time for important mtgs., his job description and business development, president of, and hopes his company isn't involved in the firm that wants to build a high-rise here.) A person volunteers to be elected for Council, make the time. - The traffic nightmare and parking headaches haven't been talked about; but Issue 3 was voted down, and so is the high-rise. -Support the likes of those who manage the former Amer. Greetings property, as interested in bringing such as medical supply firms as city management is and treat them with respect; they didn't ask for our tax dollars. -Each Councilperson should assess income in a different part of city. -A person she saw at RITA was not cooperative, making her wonder. Half or more businesses weren't here 10 years ago. -Told Council to roll up sleeves and assess individual income sources (Westbrooks, city employees, restaurants, hotels, gas stations). -Said she's seen Brooklyn ambulances go up Ridge to Parma, and wondered if they are saving on theirs to call on ours; while a Brooklyn resident will be held on the line and told to hang in there. She thinks the Dispatchers would like to call down the hall to say an officer is needed somewhere. Asked to consider the costs of dispatchers working here. –Asked to open the Rec Center during the day. –Respect and support the businesses we have. –Do own research, the auditors came in quick and cost us money.

*Rob Slattery of 4396 W. 62<sup>nd</sup> St.* said he spoke with a high ranking official at Metroparks on their involvement in Issue 3 project; was told received a call from a guy (said from Hofbrauhaus), and they told him they wanted nothing to do with it, having done their own study around 10 years ago, that the property was undevelopable. Asked how they allegedly came out and fell in love with the property when they said

they had nothing to do with it? Asked for a response. –Thanked the Police Dept. regarding a homeless person building a shelter on their property, which they came and dismantled and the person is gone.

*Paula Ritter of 8974 Boxwood Circle* gave tribute to Rita Enovitch, (and the past and current Senior Center directors). She spoke about her services, her family, her serving well at her position of Senior Coordinator, a conversation prior to her retirement, her gentleness and goodness, and offered good thoughts to her family.

*Jennifer Mladineo of 7419 Brookside* said she remembers as a child seeing yellow and blue stars on doors and learned what they stood for. As a member of the Laurel Garden Club thanked Council for approving the dedication of the makers on Memorial Day, and those involved in getting it established. She personally invites residents who are in or were or who have/had family in the military to come to the celebration after the parade for unveiling of the markers. She thanked everyone for their help in getting it together with the Garden Club.

*Victor Ardito of 7439 Outlook Ave*, reminded of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Ride for Kids fundraiser on June 11<sup>th</sup> in Independence on Selig Drive. –Thanked the Police for helping a friend a week ago. –Issue 3, no matter what we lost \$6M, and we need a super big company to come and make that up. Only so much money to go around. We need to build and give people alternatives. There were no threats regarding police, fire and services. Look at the books, they can show totals. We don't want to lose the park, but things changed. He received a warning at work he probably won't have health insurance at the end of the year. Things change, hold onto the seat of your pants.

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

Planning Commission (Councilman DeMarco): The Commission will meet June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. in the conference room for requests: from Ellwood Ohio Machinery for sign approval at 9000 Brookpark Rd.; from Blink Signs for sign approval of two illuminated wall signs, one business identification, one directional at 7731 Clinton Rd.; from K. Mencini for sign approval of internally lit cabinet wall sign at 7004 Biddulph Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend and comment (in person or in writing).

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. met at 6:30 and discussed Res. 2017-7 (hope to pass by emergency), expresses formal support for the City's application for a Northcoast Brownfield Coalition Community Assessment Initiative Guidelines Grant (helps reimburse the city for expenses related to CEC, Inc. prep for support of the solar project at landfill-not to exceed \$11,000); Ord. 2017-43 (3<sup>rd</sup> read/adopt), Authorize and approve purchase and installation of security cameras and ancillary items for use of Community-Senior Center; Ord. 2017-44, Amend Sect. 1345.01 'Permit Fees' of Codified Ords.; Ord. 2017-45, Amend Ch. 1361 'Occupancy Permits' of Codified Ords.; Ord. 2017-46 (hope to pass by emergency), Amend Sect. 303.99 'General Traffic Code, Misdemeanor Classifications and Penalties' of the Codified Ords. (regards to doubling fines in construction zones); Ord. 2017-47, Amend Sect. 3 of Ord. 2017-3, 'Establishing Soza Fitness and Wellness Community Partner rates for certain programs at Recreation Center (offers a monthly pass); -New business; Res. 2017-8 (1<sup>st</sup> reading), Adopting the Tax Budget for the fiscal year 2018. The Committee recommended all items up for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and up for emergency were recommended to be adopted by Council.

Econ. Develop. Committee (Councilwoman Pucci): The Comm. met May 3<sup>rd</sup> and authorized revising two offer letters to a potential employer (Project Century-confidential) to coincide with their revised numbers. Gave some possible figures, which could result in a Job Retention and Creation Grant for an amount not to exceed \$3.5M or \$5M (dependent on their scenario) with payment over six years at different percentages.

#### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

**Barb Paulitzky:** Thanked the residents who spoke tonight. –She offered condolences to the Enovitch family on the loss of Rita, adding the city has lost a special and loved lady who spent much time in positions at our Senior Center. –The city accepted the Garden Club's offer on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> to install a Blue and Gold Star memorial marker to honor veterans of all wars. Everyone worked hard on this; from the city she thanked Chief Mielke, Service Dept. (installation), Rec Dept. Invited everyone to join them on Memorial Day.

**Tony DeMarco:** Said he wasn't sure what Ms. Georgi's comments were regarding him and his business; said he would answer questions she might have after the meeting. –Offered condolences to the Enovitch family, they've been through so much in their lifetime. He has been friends of the family for many years. Rita will be missed by very many people, including him. She had so much more she wanted to do.

**Kathy Pucci:** The annual Big Creek cleanup in Brooklyn behind the Fire Station is June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. – Attended the Laurel Garden Club plant sale; thanked the members, it was a well attended event. Thanked them for the projects they do in the community. –Was part of Supt. Gliedhof's advisory council, met May 18<sup>th</sup> on topics relating to the Brooklyn Schools. He will hold quarterly meetings. –Offered condolences to the Enovitch family. It was a sad day for Rita's family and the community. The dedication and devotion she had to her family was the same she had for Brooklyn's seniors, their advocate, friend and with a sense of humor. In spite of great personal losses to their family, Rita demonstrated great faith and strength.

**Kevin Tanski:** Offered condolences to the Enovitch family.

**Ron Van Kirk:** In line with the upcoming Big Creek cleanup, his school he teaches at (Heritage Christian) spent the day at the West Creek Reservation in Parma picking up trash and items. Encouraged people to come for the Big Creek cleanup. –Encouraged residents to attend Memorial parade and ceremonies, with the added bonus of the memorial markers. Spoke of his and his wife's family who have served, and we should take time to celebrate American heroes. –Responded to comment about ambulances. We do provide mutual aid to surrounding communities, and we receive it (seemingly more than we give it). – encouraged people if they have a motorcycle to go on the Pediatric Brain Tumor ride, and thanked Mr. Ardito for his work with that. –Issue 3 and Metroparks. Metroparks had no part of Issue 3, it was a zoning change trying to get through. Mr. Slattery might have been talking about the feasibility study with City Center. Dir. Udris was dealing with the Metroparks, he should be the one addressed. –Offered condolences to the Enovitch family. In the short time he knew her he knows she did a wonderful job in her position.

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

**Mayor Gallagher:** –Offered condolences to the Enovitch family. She echoed sentiments already pointed out on the loss to our community. –Told Ms. Georgi mutual aid has been going on for years prior to Regional Dispatch, and wanted to separate the two. We would continue to have mutual aid, even if we were to ever separate from Regional Dispatch. It's necessary in order to keep all of our communities safe. –To Mr. Slattery, as far as Metroparks she was involved with CEO Brian Zimmerman and his team on March 29, 2016; they're very interested in exploring a bike trail and water retention for the Zoo. There was a follow-up mtg. with Dir. Verba and Dir. Udris and the team when they walked the Kingdom area. She's not sure the specific questions, but she would be happy to discuss it. –Thanked Councilmembers for attending budget mtg. last Tuesday, it was a productive mtg. with discussion about moving forward in the financially difficult times. She thanked Councilman Van Kirk for contacting the Finance Dir. with suggestions about the budget moving forward. She appreciates his input and looks forward to other Councilmembers' input. –She and Chief Mielke had a mtg. with Parma Regional Dispatch, talked about concerns as far as how the dispatch is going so far. A new communications mgr. was named, who is receptive, and hopefully some concerns will be addressed, and how payments will be addressed moving forward. –Last Wednesday the County and First Suburbs Consortium sponsored a workshop with Prof. Ellen Dunham-Jones, focusing on redevelopment of large properties in first ring suburbs. The old American Greetings site was one of the research properties. The Professor highlighted redevelopment projects in the country that turned into successes, and the success of many of them was the use of Planned Unit Development to foster many community needs into one area and a vibrant space for years to come. They took ideas from many different economic development directors in the county, and planners and mayors, for what a successful project would look like. She will put the presentation on the city's website if anyone would like to see it. –Looks forward to seeing everyone at the Memorial Day parade. Thanks the Laurel Garden Club for their work on the Blue and Gold Star memorials, it will be a nice presentation.

**DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

Rec Mgr. McGinty: Recognized Acceptance Insurance for their seasonal baseball advertisement; also Buffalo Wild Wings for two baseball advertisements, a pool advertisement, rink advertisement, and a Zamboni wrap, and three sports sponsorships. They totaled \$4,250. If anyone is interested in advertising call her at 216-635-4284 or by email at [mmcginty@brooklynohio.gov](mailto:mmcginty@brooklynohio.gov). –Registrations are being taken for learn to skate, learn to swim, summer volleyball, Camp Brooklyn online at [www.activitiesreg.com](http://www.activitiesreg.com) or at the Rec Center during regular business hours. June 1<sup>st</sup> they are open from 1-4 p.m. and Sundays 8-6. The outdoor pool opens June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Finance Dir. Schaeffer: Thanked Councilmembers able to attend budget work session on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The next session is June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.; let him or Mary-Jo know if there are scheduling conflicts. Will try for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays in Sept. (18<sup>th</sup>) and Oct. (16<sup>th</sup>) with directors to discuss their departmental budgets and capital requests. Again, let them know if scheduling conflicts. –May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. is the second quarter Audit Committee mtg. All Councilmembers are invited to attend, but it is not a public mtg. because of discussion of the 2016 audit in progress (presented by Zupka). –Send an e-mail May 17<sup>th</sup> recapping the sale of the 2017 Notes for \$1,940,000; still on track to close on the sale June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Service Dir. Verba: The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District 2016 report is finalized: recycling rate was 44.16% (increase of 4% from last year). Rates are down in our first quarter, so we encourage everyone to recycle. We will monitor it more closely with the enforcement code passed in April. A warning door hangar will be coming out first, and then it will be enforced. There are still some items being worked on (tickets, warning letters, etc); when finalized we will crack down on putting waste out too early, items out on weekends, not recycling, not putting can back in timely manner... More information will be on the door hangar. –Garbage pickup will be one day late with Memorial Day on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be no special pickups that week. Remember to notify the Service Garage by Thursday for a pickup on Friday (but not Memorial Day week). –Expressed condolences to the Enovitch family.

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION 2017-7** (hope to pass by emergency), In support of City's application for a Northcoast Brownfield Coalition Community Assessment Initiative Guidelines Grant. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: Suspend the rules:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Pucci, Tanski. No: DeMarco. **To adopt:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Pucci, Tanski. No: DeMarco. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-43**, Authorizing and approving the purchase and installation of security cameras and ancillary items for use at the Brooklyn Community-Senior Center. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To adopt:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Tanski. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-44**, Amending Section 1345.01 "Permit Fees" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To adopt:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Tanski. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-45**, Amending Chapter 1361, "Occupancy Permits" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To adopt:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Tanski. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-46** (hope to pass by emergency), Amending Sect. 303.99 'General Traffic Code, Misdemeanor Classifications and Penalties' of the Codified Ords. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to suspend the rules. Councilwoman Pucci noted it's being passed by emergency to be included in our Codified Ordinances due to have set. **VOTE RESULTED: Suspend the rules:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Tanski. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Tanski. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-47** (hope to pass by emergency so Soza can start advertising the classes), Amending Sect. 3 of Ord. 2017-3, 'Establishing Soza Fitness and Wellness Community Partner rates for certain programs at Recreation Center and Natatorium. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the rules:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Tanski. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Tanski. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2017-49**, Authorizing a Community Cost Sharing Agreement with NEORS D for the Rodoan Rd. Improvements Project. **(SECOND READING)**

**RESOLUTION 2017-8**, Adopting the Tax Budget for the fiscal year 2018. **(FIRST READING)**

Councilman DeMarco said in Res. 2017-8, in Sect. 3 is missing the word "Brooklyn" for "City of Brooklyn." Councilwoman Pucci asked if the date should also be amended. Pres. Van Kirk read again, **RESOLUTION 2017-8**, Adopting the Tax Budget for the fiscal year 2018. Read the amendment of "Brooklyn" and also the date on the attachment should read "July 20, 2017". **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to amend with the changes. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To amend:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Tanski. No: None. **(AMENDED-FIRST READING)**

Councilwoman Pucci wasn't at the last meeting, but the meeting before was a discussion trying to schedule resuming the Organization mtg. She thought Council would be polled for availability, because Rules of Council have to still be discussed. Asked if we could do it immediately after the next Council mtg. on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Pres. Van Kirk said he has no problem if all of Council is here for it. Councilwoman Pucci asked Mary-Jo to mail out to let everyone know.

Pres. Van Kirk reminded everyone the Memorial Day parade starts at 11 a.m. at the High School, with the route down Biddulph, to Ridge, to Memphis, and meet here at City Hall.

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

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council