

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

April 23, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Present: Ron Van Kirk
Meg Ryan Shockey
Andy Celcherts
Kathy Pucci
Mary Balbier
Kevin Tanski
Barb Paulitzky

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer was offered by Pastor Eric Markovich of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-March 12, 2018. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to approve, as previously amended. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve, as amended:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Paulitzky, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

-March 26, 2018. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to approve, as previously amended. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve, as amended:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Paulitzky, Tanski, Paulitzky No: None. **(APPROVED)**

PRESENTATION:

Mary Beth Talerico, Community Outreach Mgr. at University Hospitals Parma Medical Center. She is there with the President of Parma Medical Center, Peter Bergman, and John Bundy, board member representing the City of Brooklyn.

Peter Bergman, President UH Parma Medical Center, gave a brief overview of the state of the hospital. Commented he likes that we opened the meeting with an opening prayer; and also on the weather. He's been here about a year, taking in what Parma Medical Center is about and what it means to the community. It's been in existence for 57 years to benefit the community. They want to provide all the services necessary for 95% of their patients to access the care they need (if something is subspecialty, healthcare can be accessed downtown). They have the Seidman Cancer Institute (for cancer care locally), HHVI (Harrington Heart and Vascular Institute) (all cardiac and vascular needs locally), partner with EMS (live feed strokes from ambulance, medical direction for squads...) In December named a five-star hospital by CMS (Medicare and Medicaid), of which only around 300 in the country get that highest rated recognition (based on quality, patient satisfaction, patient safety...) University has provided access to physicians, with all primary care and specialists needed in the community. The entire hospital building has been renovated; next up is the operating rooms (\$25-30M project). They are investing in the community. Put in a new cath lab; will be doing a new MRI. For outreach and providing community care, they've provided screenings in Brooklyn (for over 400) for hearing, cancer, blood pressure and others; partner with the city on employee health and wellness fairs, sponsor home days, partner with Fire Dept. for safety fair and open house. They have a great board of the founding members of the hospital and all the communities, of which John Bundy and Andrea Wittine are for Brooklyn.

John Bundy, Bd. of Trustees, UH Parma Medical Center, said he's been on the Bd. of Directors at Parma Hosp. for almost 14 years. They've been our medical director for paramedics since Deaconess closed, and are an outstanding hospital, excelling in cardiology and joints. We are lucky to have Mr. Bergman. If anyone has questions or problems with Parma Hosp. he will be glad to help in any way.

Pres. Van Kirk thanked them for coming, and that we appreciate having Parma in our community.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Victor Ardito of 7439 Outlook Ave., said the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation has upcoming events, including their Ride for Kids (June 10 at Independence Field House for motorcycles), a fundraiser (Tony K's on May 19), and shoe collection (can bring to his house, for donation to Third World countries). –Said most restaurants have signs you have to buy something to use restrooms, and mentioned the Starbucks incident.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): Brooklyn summer camp will be held at Brooklyn Elementary School June 11-July 20, Mon-Fri, 8a-2:45p, ages 5-12, \$275 resident fee, \$345 STM, Heritage and Parma Hts/corporate fee. Parent mtg. June 8 at 7 p.m. They offer many activities. Registration is May 1-June 1. After June 1, the child will not receive a t-shirt and no discount on late registration fee. More information at daycamp@brooklynohio.gov or Rebecca Byndas. –Learn to Swim classes are being offered, registration begins May 14, in person or www.activityreg.com. For class dates/times call the Rec Center at 216-351-5334. The next Bd. mtg. is May 21st in the Rec Center mtg. room at 7 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Comm. Kulcsar): The Bd. met April 19th for requests from: approved Cicogna for two sign variances for number of identification signs permitted on a building face for Marc's at 7359 Northcliff; approved American Fence Co. for barbed wire fence, (not permitted in commercial district) for All State Peterbilt at 9500 Brookpark (it was an existing condition); approved Labella Assoc. for 4-ft variance to max. width of access drive for All State Peterbilt at 9500 Brookpark; Labella Assoc. withdrew request for 2-ft variance for 8-ft tall fence in commercial district for All State Peterbilt at 9500 Brookpark (will put a permitted 6-ft. fence up). The next Bd. mtg. is May 17th at 6 p.m. in the conference room.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The next Comm. is May 3rd at 6 p.m. in the conference to hear requests from: Agile Signs for illuminated wall sign, free-standing pole sign at 9500 Brookpark; Direct Image Signs for three illuminated channel letter signs at 5092 Tiedeman; J.Cliff for two wall signs, one wall mounted LED channel letter sign, and one business identification at 4315 Ridge; Menards for final site approval for Menards retail business at 7700 Brookpark.

School Board Liaison (Councilwoman Paulitzky): The Bd. met April 17th. Safe Routes to School Bike Rodeo event is May 5th from 9-11 a.m. Bring bike/helmet to bicycle skills courts at 9200 Biddulph. Also touch and climb in police/fire vehicles. Can win prizes, do events, register for Kindergarten. More information at 216-485-8176. –Dr. Gleichauf shared ways they are reducing operating costs (administrative salaries, energy costs, shared bus services with Parma.) Have lost \$1.8M/year since 2010 because of reduced state funding. There will be a deficit of \$324,356 in '18, \$2,261,000 in '19. Funding to charter schools is most of the problem. Contact state representatives and let them know you're not happy with this situation. This is why we need the renewal issue to pass, the children and property values are at stake. Vote on May 8. –Polaris National Technology Honor Society honored three seniors: Kayla Cobb, Jeffrey Rosin, Sabrina Carey.

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. met and recommended: bid approval request for 2018 streets program (Torrance, Orchard, Delora). Came in under budget so looking to get quotes for Southwood (by the school) and So. Parkside. Ord. 2018-37, ratification of updated statement of investment policy; Ord. 2018-39, amends Ord. 2016-88, compensation for p-time, f-time, and administrative employees (non-bargaining); Ord. 2018-41 (asking for suspension/adoption to start promoting it), amends Ord. 2016-23, fees for advertising at Rec Center (adds center ice and dasher board advertising); Ord. 2018-43, provides for programs operated/conducted by Rec. Dept. (eliminates all the individual Ordinances and consolidates all into one); Ord. 2018-42, authorizes updated Capital Improvement Plan for 2018 (for the Ridge Slope repair project, swap of a piece of equipment, software purchase and battery backups); Ord. 2018-44, (request suspension/adoption), authorized agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants (provides consulting for the landfill for the solar panel project for \$31,636 – reimbursed by contractor on project completion); Ord. 2018-45, amends Ord. 2016-83 establishing rules and regulations and rental fees for use of Fire Station community room and the Community Center (increase to deposits, rental fees, and updated some requirements).

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Meg Ryan Shockey: The Domestic Violence Comm. will meet May 3rd at 6:30 (location will be on the public notice). –April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. –Early voting is taking place. We have the school levy on May 8th ballot; encourages residents to vote for this, it's a foundation of our community. –Google coming to Cleveland for an all-day event 'Grow with Google' downtown on May 11th with workshops, networking, one-on-one coaching. Schedule and details at g.co/growcleveland.

Andy Celcherts: Please support schools, by mail-in ballot or in person at polls. –Taste of Brooklyn is this Saturday from 7-10 at Copperstone. Proceeds go to scholarships to the students.

Kathy Pucci: Spring is here, hopefully to stay, and means spring cleaning. Clean out old medications and dispose of properly. There is a locked drop box in the lobby in the Police Dept. (no liquids, needles). –More students walking/biking to school; use extra caution and be aware. –Safe Routes to School Bike Rodeo and Touch a Truck (also raffle for a bike, prizes, giveaways). It is a new location this year at the Elementary School. –Encouraged everyone to support Issue 4, Brooklyn City Schools renewal levy; no increase, and very important to maintain quality schools. It collects \$2.2M and represents almost 14% of the budget, and is critical it be renewed. Majority of Council voted to support the levy. –Deadline to vote by mail is 12 noon May 5th, ballots postmarked by May 7th. Last fall when the levy failed by two votes, some ballots were not postmarked by the day before the election (but mailed before, though not postmarked in time). Remember to complete inner envelope with required information or it won't count. 713 residents have requested vote by mail ballots (as of Saturday). –Thanked Mr. Bergman, Mrs. Talerico and Mr. Bundy for speaking about Parma Hospital. We were a founding community; and they've been an important asset to Brooklyn. –Congratulated Law Dir. Butler, named Man of the Year by the St. Edward High School Legal Eagles.

Mary Balbier: Welcomed and thanked Rev. Markovich. She met him on campaign trail when he was first moving here. –Thanked Mr. Bergman and the UH staff. She was born there, her mother was a nurse, and her children were born there, family works there. It's a wonderful hospital, and they do wonderful things there, as a teaching hospital. –Vote for the levy. A strong school is a strong city. –Made an observation on the system of justice and politics; that citizens exercising their rights to select their choice in leadership positions is the most important aspect. If you are registered in the May 8th Primary there is deluge of literature, and signs all over. Take the time to look into the various candidates, not just vote for a familiar name. There's advice from neutral and informed organizations (ex. judgeforyourself.com, comprised of four judicial bar associations, which investigate candidates, hear speeches from them, evaluate their qualifications, then rate their competency). Our ability and right to choose our leaders is the greatest benefit in a free society.

Kevin Tanski: Gives his full support on Issue 4. Sports, music, activities are on the line. Support our schools, mail ballot in, get to the polls and vote for it. It's a renewal, won't cost more, and our students need it.

Councilwoman Paulitzky: At this month's Chamber of Commerce mtg., those who attended previewed and tasted some food for Taste of Brooklyn. Thirteen organizations should be there, and the food should be good. The Brooklyn Jazz Band will be there. Please come on Saturday at 7 p.m. –We have to support this school Issue, otherwise she doesn't know what would happen. –The Brooklyn Historical Society will have a program by Bill Krejci on Haunted Franklin Castle and the Tiedemann family's connection to it on Wed. at 7 p.m. There will be a raffle for the spring quilt, hand quilted by members; a chance is \$1.

Ron Van Kirk: Thanked Mr. Ardito for talking of the fundraiser; a church family has a brain tumor and fighting for her life (Colette Piazza, please pray for her). He appreciates the work. –Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in Room 173 at the High School, the mini group (members of School Bd. and Council) will meet to continue discussion on the Hurricane Alley property. Behnke will be there to show iterations of the what the property could look like as a sports facility and other needs. –Thanked Pastor Markovich for coming. Thanked all the pastors who have come, he's heard nothing but positive comments about it. –Get out to vote May 8th; it's crucial to our Republic that you do that.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gallagher: This Wednesday at noon and 7 p.m. the Heritage Home Program will be at the Senior-Community Center. In conjunction with the city's support, if planning to upgrade your home, they offer technical assistance, and low interest loans to residents. It's a great organization. –Cleveland Water Dept. has their open house May 12th (1245 W. 45th St) with tours, family friendly events, food trucks, and a great opportunity to see the Water Dept. It's once a year, at different facilities. –This past weekend residents should have received a printed City/School newsletter, a first of many. Residents have often said people they'd like to have some 'in hand'; so she and Dr. Gleichauf put a newsletter together, with their staff help. She hopes it's useful. If you have not received one, contact City Hall to ensure you're on future lists. There are extra copies at reception. –Thanked the PTA for inviting her to Founder's Day Saturday. Every year they honor all the past presidents of the PTA. Thanked them and all the parents, they volunteer so much of their time to help the school and community, and do double duty. –They had the Shred Day this weekend, with the Service Dept. open for drop-off. It was a great turnout. It will be offered again on Oct. 20th for the drop-off component, and seek another grant for a Shred Day next year. –Passed on information from the Secretary of State. They released their state issue report for Issue 1 (proponent and opponent viewpoints for redistricting of Congressional Districts), and it's available on their website.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Recreation Mgr. McGinty: The Center will host its Spring Sizzle Ice Presentation May 5th at 7 p.m. All are welcome. –Wanted to correct Councilman Tanski's Rec Bd. report, that students registered before June 1 will receive a t-shirt; those registered after June 1 will not receive a t-shirt for the Camp.

Finance Dir. Schaeffer: Provided Council with the 2018 updated gross municipal income tax collections through first four months. So far I 2018 the city grossed \$4.7M. In 2017 we collected just shy of \$15.2M, while projecting to collect \$15.3M for 2018. Spoke of the target amount, saying actual versus projected has the city down \$622,000. He will provide updates as we move through 2018. It's our largest source of revenue.

Fire Chief Paul: The Fire Dept. will be conducting annual inspections and testing of the fire hydrants in the city beginning May 7th. Signs will be posted the day before in each area to be flushed. City Hall and Cleveland Water will be notified on the day of, the areas to be tested. Discolored water is a common occurrence; turn on the faucets in your home and let them run for 3-5 minutes or until it runs clear. If it does not, or you have questions, call the Fire Dept. or Cleveland Water (216-664-3060).

REQUESTS:

Request for bid approval for the 2018 Streets Program. Winning bid is from Fabrizi Trucking and Paving for \$1,150,380. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to award the bid to Fabrizi Trucking and Paving. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

LEGISLATION:

ORD. 2018-17, Authorize the Mayor to enter into a ground lease with Enerlogics Solar, LLC for the development, design, installation, and operation of a solar powered electric generation facility on a portion of land located at 9400 Memphis Ave. **(IN ABEYANCE)**

ORD. 2018-34, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Job Retention and Creation Grant Agreement with Hopebridge, LLC. **(IN ABEYANCE)**

ORD. 2018-37, To ratify the City of Brooklyn's Updated Statement of Investment Policy. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To adopt:* Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-39, Amending Ex. A of Ord. 2016-88, 'Providing for the compensation for the part-time, full-time and administrative employees (non-bargaining agreement) of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Pucci to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To adopt:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-40, Amending Sect. 1 of Ord. 2016-6, 'Establishing fees for the Sports Sponsorship Program at the John M. Coyne Recreation Center. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-41 (request to suspend/adopt), Amending Sect. 1 of Ord. 2016-23, 'Establishing fees for advertising at the John M. Coyne Recreation Center. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Pucci to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-42, Authorizing the Updated Capital Improvement Plan for 2018. Needs amended as he stated in his Finance report. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Ryan Shockey to amend, as stated. **VOTE RESULTED: To amend:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(SECOND READING, as amended)**

ORD. 2018-43, Providing for the programs operated and conducted by the Recreation Dept. of the City of Brooklyn. **(FIRST READING)**

ORD. 2018-44 (request to suspend/adopt), Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC, Inc.) to provide consulting services at the Sanitary Landfill as it relates to the Cuyahoga Urban Renewable Project. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Pucci to suspend the rules. Councilwoman Pucci asked for the amount and that we will be reimbursed be in the record. Pres. Van Kirk said the amount is \$31,636; it will be reimbursed at the conclusion of the project. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-45, Amending Ord. 2016-83, 'Establishing rules and regulations and rental fees for the use of the City of Brooklyn Fire Station Community room and the Community Center. **(FIRST READING)**

Councilman Tanski said to Mgr. McGinty that he had said about registration for the program registrants would not receive a shirt after June 1st.

Pres. Van Kirk said hello and welcomed Patrick Yaeger, one of his sophomore students he teaches History.

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

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Minutes approved: 5.14.18