

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

February 26 2018

7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-Jan. 22, 2018. **MOTION** by Tanski, second by Celcherts to approve. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:*
Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

PUBLIC HEARING: Councilwoman Pucci spoke about the Safe Routes to School. She asked everyone to sign the sign-in sheet being passed around before they leave. She explained the Safe Routes to School program (for walking and bicycling safely to school), along with projects and programs that go along with it. It's administered by ODOT, with reimbursable funding and awarding. The City of Brooklyn and Brooklyn City Schools formed the Safe Routes to School Coalition, along with the County Bd. of Health, where we applied for and received a planning grant. A long-term plan was created, and then accepted by ODOT. Each year we receive funding for several events relating to the program. Non-infrastructure grants are administered by the Brooklyn City Schools. Infrastructure grants are administered, as required, by the city. In 2012, a grant we received had to be rejected because of the plan to relocate students that were at Brookridge, then had to wait till students were in the new facility for two school years, and then revise the travel plan based on the new location. Last week we submitted a new travel plan, and will submit another infrastructure grant, with various striping; marked zones; islands; painted various areas; including signage at the school, W. 66th and Hurricane Alley (also a pedestrian beacon), Biddulph at Williamston and Heather (beacon, crosswalks), and other school zone beacons and lighting at several other locations. Various locations will also deploy radar sign beacon (for school zone awareness). Total estimated for all improvements: construction (\$305,931.50), contingencies (\$30,568.50), for \$363,500; survey/design, \$30,600; construction engineering, \$30,600; legal advertising, \$1,000; for grand total estimated at \$399,700.

Pres. Van Kirk said the Council and Brooklyn School Bd. will meet again on March 6th at 6 p.m. to discuss the future of Hurricane Alley and the property attached to it. There is a proposal from a landscape architect company for the following services: inventory and analysis of current site landscape; provide minimum of three concept plans (from the analysis and group input) to explore spaces with multiple uses for all users; layout of athletic fields, location of Hurricane Alley (maximizing parking, safety, maintenance, access mgmt. of the space); and a final master plan presented after a concept is selected (with anticipated costs). The project will be determined by City Council, Brooklyn City Schools and administration. He listed the services and the company will do. The meeting is open to the public, all are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Earl Bloam of 4720 Elizabeth Ln. said next weekend the Brooklyn School students present their annual theatrical production of Beauty and the Beast and encourages everyone to attend. March 8 at 7p.m., March 9 at 7 p.m., March 10 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The event involves 100 or more students in various aspects. He encourages everyone to support the children and the school and attend one of the events.

Victor Ardito of 7439 Outlook Ave. said if anyone has an iPhone to not do the latest download, you won't be happy. -When they're painting the streets and they throw the (glitter like) stuff down to do carefully, it's slippery for motorcycles. -Said again he thinks So. Amber needs to be repaved, or repaired better.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): American Red Cross lifeguard training will be held at the Rec Center on March 4, 11, 18 & 25th from 10a-4p; residents \$180, non-residents \$190. Persons must be at least 15 years old by the last class. Register on-line at www.activityreg.com. Contact Ashley with questions at abutler@brooklynohio.gov. Private swimming lessons for ages five and up are available at the Rec Center; cost for 3-1/2 class: resident \$60, Parma/Parma Hts. \$67.50, non-resident \$75. Contact Ashley. Learn to swim group classes on Mon and Wed nights March 5-May 2; also parent and tot and pre-school classes; resident \$50, Parma/Parma Hts. \$57.50, non-resident \$65. Swim Team will be Mon and Wed nights, 7:30-8:30p March 5-May 2; resident \$65, Parma/Parma Hts. \$77.50, non-resident \$90. 2018 youth soccer (ages 3-14) starts April 6-May 19, registration March 6th; resident \$60, non-resident \$65; questions to Jen O'Banion at 216-635-4274. For questions on anything contact the Rec Center at 216-351-5334. The next Rec. Bd. mtg. is March 19th in the Rec Center mtg. room at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The Commission will meet March 1st to hear requests from: Copperstone Catering for portable electric changeable copy sign at 4630 Ridge; request from M. Hayes for a free-standing sign for Hayes Equip., Inc. at 3600 Ridge (both were deferred from the Feb. mtg.)

School Board Liaison (Councilwoman Paulitzky): The Bd. met Jan. 23rd. Athletic Dir. Kelber gave information on student achievements for the school year. -Andrew Zarins recorded his 100th career wrestling win in Dec. (was 3rd runner up in sectionals this weekend); Seth Majewski and Carl Ramser both took 3rd place; Jeff Rosin took 1st place in a division, and Alex Gucwa another division. Jelly Benz recorded her 1,000 pt. win last month. Varsity Hockey won 2nd consecutive Blue South Division. Marchello Carrossellia and Eric Prusak qualified for district bowling tournaments, each finished in top four of their divisions. She updated on other sports ending and beginning. -Dr. Gleichauf met with the full Finance Comm. in Columbus to present our argument for fair funding in schools (with the help of Rep. Martin Sweeney); we aren't an affluent community, and among 26 communities in the state with this predicament (we receive per student \$729; non-public schools receive \$1,209.) -The May 8th ballot will have a critical renewal issue- 2.2 mill renewal levy (no more money out of tax dollars), is 13% of our budget. The children are our future, and property values are the result of good school systems. -The recent Florida tragedy brought safety issues to the floor, with many ideas to review (she will update). -Updated on all upcoming events (Night at Races, March 3; Beauty and Beast, March 8, 9, 10). -Bd. Pres. Neale thanked City Council for collaborative efforts on strategic planning initiative for schools and Hurricane Alley development.

Sustainability Advisory Committee (Councilman Tanski): The Comm. met Feb. 21st and discussed Ord. 2018-17 (deferred by Council, the ground lease with Enerlogics Solar for the solar powered facility on part of 9400 Memphis). Dir. Butler discussed the Ord. in depth. Comm. members had questions/comments that Dir. Butler will research and update at a future mtg. The Ord. needs held in abeyance until more information is obtained.

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. met and recommended: Ord. 2018-3 (for adoption), Establishes full-time position of Clerk of Council (per the Charter); Ord. 2018-24 (request suspension of rules), Authorizes Mayor to enter in to an agreement with Civil and Environmental Consultants to provide consulting and other services for 2018 for the Sanitary Landfill not to exceed \$43,800 (ongoing that we have to do every year at the Landfill, with funds set aside in the account for it); Ord. 2018-25 (request suspension), Amending Sect. 2 of Ord. 2012-85, as previously amended, 'Establishing petty cash funds for various departments' (allows a \$100 increase in the change till for Mayor's Court); Ord. 2018-26 (request suspension), Authorizing Community Cost Sharing agreement with NEORSO for elicit discharge corrections project (work being done on Torrance and Orchard with several bad connections); Ord. 2018-28 (for 2017) and Ord. 2018-29 (2018-2020) for the Laborers Union (highlighted some changes, and the wage increases of 1.75% in 2018, 2% for 2019 and 2020, as the other contracts; there will be an executive session before these are voted on); there will be a purchase of an excavator (in the 2018 budget, but the new price is \$63,356-a savings of \$11,000).

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Kathy Pucci: Attended annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the schools Saturday; good to see everyone coming together for their benefit. –There is a school levy renewal on the May 8th ballot; asked Dir. Butler to prepare of a Res. of support for the next mtg. Also reminded for registering or changing their address for voting, the deadline is April 9. –Encouraged residents to attend the play. –Ord. 2018-26 (contract with NEORS), these funds come from monies paid for by residents through a Storm Water Management Program; 25% of what is collected in the community is for projects in the community. –Asked Dir. Butler when he gets the answers relating to the solar panel legislation to share with all of Council.

Mary Albier: Paying for prescription drugs for ongoing conditions is a problem for many families. A Consumer Protection Bill (HB 479) was introduced last month to increase the transparency in pricing, to address rising prescription drug prices to protect Ohio consumers. It has to do with when pharmacy benefit managers (the middleman between pharmacies and insurers) over-inflate costs of prescription meds at point of sale and pocket the money overcharged; and ban pharmacist gag orders (discussing true cost of meds with customers). The Legislature is starting to respond to consumers' complaints on outrageous prescription prices. –Highlighted two Brooklyn students with art displayed at 2018 Ohio Art Education Assn. Young People's Art: Emily Jerry (at State Teachers Retirement System) and Colin Schilinger (at Rhodes State Office Tower). She congratulated them on their artwork (and captured eyes on tigers in their work). –Commented on the terrible event that occurred in Florida, and kids today worrying about if they can be hurt. Asked Chief Mielke what we're doing in our city. Chief Mielke replied it's not new, and though you can never be prepared for it, you can train, practice, educate officers and teachers. We have two trained officers that we have offered to train school staff. We have trained for this at St. Thomas More. Our officers are working through schools more, more visible before and after, special attention and alert; bicycle detail begins shortly (more presence before/after school). It is in the forefront for all of our officers. We train every year as a priority and practice as much and as often as we can. –Reminded this weekend is Night at the Races (with much preparation and baskets).

Kevin Tanski: In regard to the question on the solar panels at the Sustainability mtg. Asked Mary-Jo if the questions are reflected in the minutes (she responded they are).

Barb Paulitzky: She bought tickets for the spaghetti dinner and forgot about them until yesterday, so missed it. But it supported the schools. –Thanked Councilwoman Albier for speaking about HB 479, because her daughter's inhaler went from \$50 to \$200/month.

Meg Ryan Shockey: It was inspiring to see so much support for Brooklyn Schools and students at the spaghetti dinner this weekend. –There is a school levy renewal on May 8th ballot and it's important for the schools to keep mentioning it. It's not an increase, but the resources that come with passage are vital to our schools. –Thanked Fire Chief Paul for showing her around the Fire Station last week, learning about their jobs, and meeting a shift. The city prides itself on safety services. He invited her to come on an extended period to do a ride along and learn more what they do daily for residents. She will schedule it in the future, encouraged her colleagues to do the same.

Andy Celcherts: Adding about the hockey team, their season ended Saturday against St. Ignatius, and highlighted their game. –At the High School auditorium for students in K-3rd grades held One Book-One School; this year's book is Winn Dixie, which each student and teachers received (for discussions). There will be a Skype meeting with the author and the students. Ridge Park Square sponsored the event. –Saturday, Officer Meadows and five teachers took part in the Cleveland Polar Plunge for Special Olympics.

Ron Van Kirk: About the school shooting, encouraged parents to communicate with your kids, know what's going on in their social media. He's had several meetings with parents at his private school here about social media. Communication is key. Echoed the Chief's comment about upping patrols at schools; one of his students came in and asked why a police officer was in the hallway; the police have been coming to his school with walk-thrus once or twice a day. It starts at the home. God forbid anything like it happens in our community.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gallagher: The State of the City is available on the city's website, and airing on cable stations. – RTA has delayed increasing their rates; they're trying their best to keep them down. If she hears they attempt to increase, she'll let everyone know. –Thanked all bargaining employees, with wrapping up negotiations. All employees do a wonderful job, and she thanks them for all they do. The negotiations went very well this past year; it's tedious with directors and employees representing the units. Everyone's respectful, and it's all you can ask for when they're sitting across the table from you. –Thanked the employees who took part in reading to the children last week (she was out of town and unable to participate as usual). Some police officers, fire fighters, and other employees read to them at Brooklyn schools.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Finance Dir. Schaeffer: In Finance gave long explanation on upcoming legislation (formalizing banking services agreement and service with it). Reported the projections from RITA were increased since the last formal projection (a \$1.3M increase).

Service Dir. Verba: For residents (especially newer ones), getting off 480 eastbound at Ridge Rd. heading north is still Cleveland until Delora. There have been many calls about the potholes on Ridge on the Cleveland side. He's sent crews to repair them several times, and contacted Cleveland. Pothole complaints should go to Cleveland. –Through dye testing there were seven houses in Orchard/Torrance area with elicit discharge. The County's sub-contractor (Fabrizi) is making repairs, and there could be some trees affected (if not taken down by them, it will be added to street program and taken down then). Roots are being exposed and might not be safe; we will address it if the county does not. Last week they hit a waterline, had to do emergency repairs; tried notifying residents by knocking on doors, but if no one was home they didn't know there was no water for a few hours. It's been corrected with Fabrizi, and if it were to happen again, they will inform him, and we'll try to let every affected resident be informed by a letter.

Pres. Van Kirk said he forgot to mention we authorized last mtg. a grant request from the County for a Recycling Awareness Grant for a shred day on April 21st and provide magnets that highlight materials to recycle.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2018-3, Establishing the full-time position of Clerk of Council. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To adopt:* Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-11, Authorizing Declarations of Official Intent under US Treasury regulations with respect to reimbursements from proceeds of bonds, notes or other obligations of temporary advances made for payments prior to issuance and related matters. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-12, Amending various Rules of Council, codified pursuant to Section 121.01 of the Codified Ords. of the City of Brooklyn. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Balbier to amend by substituting a moment of silence for prayer. She expressed her concerns about different religions and offending some not wanting to pray, and silence would suffice instead, second by Councilwoman Pucci. Councilman Tanski asked if we could add moment of silence before or after prayer so it's all in there. There was brief further discussion. Councilman Tanski said he wouldn't have a problem with a moment of silence; sometimes there might not be someone to do prayer. Pres. Van Kirk explained it would start with a letter to all churches in the city to be the first ones; then on rotating basis each Councilmember has the opportunity to invite someone to come in to pray, if they choose. Councilwoman Balbier said again she wouldn't want to impose prayer upon anyone. She hopes to think about and talk, or table it. Councilman Tanski suggesting adding the words 'prayer or moment of silence'. Clarification was made on the different motions. Councilwoman Pucci repeated her stand, to represent everyone, religion or not. After further discussion, **VOTE RESULTED:** *To amend, to replace prayer with a moment of silence:* Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Ryan Shockey. No: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Celcherts. **(MOTION TO AMEND FAILED, SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-13, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the Dir. of Transportation relating to the slope repair along the portion of Ridge Rd. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-14, Authorizing all actions necessary Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-15, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a service renewal with Bailey Communications, Inc. to provide maintenance of network, software, support, and other related services for the City of Brooklyn. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-16, To vacate a portion of Montgomery Place south of Manoa Ave. **(SECOND READING)**

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. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-19, \$1,420,000 Notes. He read the Fiscal Officer's Certificate. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-24, (hope to pass by emergency), Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants (CEC) to provide consulting and other services for 2018 for the Sanitary Landfill in the amount not to exceed \$43,800. Councilwoman Ryan Shockey asked for clarification is this is something we've done every year since closing the landfill. Pres. Van Kirk said yes, and will continue for 30 years. She wanted to make sure it had nothing to do with the solar project. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Tanski to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-25, (hope to pass by emergency) Amending Sect. 2 of Ord. 2012-85, as previously amended, 'Establishing petty cash funds for various departments in the City of Brooklyn." **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-26, (hope to pass by emergency), Authorizing a Community Cost Sharing Agreement with NEORSO for the Elicit Discharge Corrections Project. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-27, Authorizing the service, configuration, installation of e-mail system upgrade to the City of Brooklyn's IT computer system from Bailey Communications in the amount of \$37,587.50. **(FIRST READING)**

ORD. 2018-28 and 29, the Council intends to go into executive session, and come back and take votes on them.

MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of labor negotiations with the Mayor, Finance and Law Directors. **VOTE RESULTED: To adjourn to executive session:** Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **(ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

Reconvened.

ORD. 2018-28, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Municipal Foremen and Laborers Union Local 1099 for 2017. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk,

Celcherts. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-29, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Municipal Foremen and Laborers Union Local 1099 for 2018-2020. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Tanski to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Van Kirk, Celcherts. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

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

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Minutes approved: 4.9.18