

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

May 14, 2018

7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Mary Balbier

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer was offered by Pastor Gerald Madasz of the Brooklyn Trinity United Church of Christ.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-April 9, 2018. **MOTION** by Tanski, second by Celcherts to approve. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

-April 23, 2018. **MOTION** by Ryan Shockey, second by Celcherts to approve. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

PRESENTATION:

David Turner of First Energy gave information on their customer assistance programs, available for residents who might be in need of bill paying options and qualifications for payment assistance programs. 1-800-589-3101 is a customer service number for people to call. Mayor Gallagher noted that Mr. Turner (or a representative will be present at the Home Improvement Expo on May 23rd, so residents can speak specifically about any program.

President Van Kirk reminded that due to the Memorial Day holiday all city buildings will be closed on May 28th. The parade takes place that day. The Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29th at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION:

None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): Summer Camp will be held at the Elementary School June 11-July 20 (M-F 8a-2:45p) for ages 5 thru 12. Registration thru June 1. For fees and more information, contact Rebecca Byndas at daycamp@brooklynohio.gov. -Baseball registration extended to May 16. -Learn to swim classes registration begins May 14, in person at the Rec Center, at www.actigityreg.com, or call 216-351-5334. -The next Bd. mtg. is May 21st at 7 p.m. in the Rec Center mtg. room.

Domestic Abuse Commission (Councilwoman Ryan Shockey): The Comm. met May 3rd, with brainstorming ideas for the year, such as adding a Domestic Abuse resource page to city's website, updating flyers to distribute in city, fundraiser in Oct. to collect resources and raise awareness of the issue, and other ideas. Want to focus on education on teen dating violence, elder abuse, and anger problems with school aged kids. Reach out to her with any additional ideas, or join the next mtg. in June, date to be determined. -If in an abusive relationship there are resources to help: contact the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center, 216-391-4357.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. met May 3rd and approved the following 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 mounted LED channel letter sign, and one business identification at 4315 Ridge; Menards for final site approval for Menards retail business at 7700 Brookpark. The next mtg. is June 7th at 6 p.m. in the conference room, all are welcome to attend.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Comm. Kulcsar): The next Bd. meeting is May 17th at 6 p.m. in the conference room for requests from: W. Svoboda for 48 sq. ft. variance to maximum allowable area of storage shed at 10700 Biddulph; M. Mosely for 1.5" variance to minimum 3 ft. required for an accessory structure side yard setback at 4582 Forest Edge; M/M Paoella for 19" height variance for a fence parallel to house and side yard at 10314 Manoa; B. Dariano of WD Partners for a 13 sign variance to maximum of one sign per building face permitted for Wal-Mart at 10000 Brookpark Rd. (they currently have 11 signs and requesting two more). All are welcome to attend.

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. met and recommended: approval of request for matching funds for Rec Center grant for \$2500 (to go with previously approved grant); approval of request to add streets to 2018 streets program (Southwood-no. of Biddulph and So. Amber); Ord. 2018-17 (hope to remove from abeyance), to enter into a ground lease with Enerlogics Solar for development, design and installation and operation of the solar powered electric generation facility at the landfill; Ord. 2018-40, amending Sect. 1 of Ord. 2016-6 for sponsorship fees; Ord. 2018-42, authorizes updated Capital Improvement Plan for 2018; Ord. 2018-43, provides programs operated/conducted by Rec Dept.; Ord. 2018-47 (request pass by suspension), amends Ex. A of 2018-39, for compensation for p-time/f-time, non-bargaining employees (changes salary/hourly rate for p-time Dir. of Finance), to be amended to change rate; Ord. 2018-48, repair of packer truck by Service Dept. not to exceed \$20,000; Ord. 2018-49, repeals Ords. 2014-4 and 2011-67 as related to Community Reinvestment Agreements with 4476 Ridge Rd. Holdings and ClevelandTech Solutions (incentives offered at time for expansion of property will not move forward); Ord. 2018-50 (Finance Comm. recommends pass by suspension), authorizes the city to enter an addendum to the agreement with City of Parma for purchase of services through Parma Regional Dispatch Center (starts Aug. 1 thru July 31, 2019, \$41,157.91/monthly, allows a six month opt-out notice beginning Oct. 1). All are welcome to attend.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Meg Ryan Shockey: Good news for children of Brooklyn: Brooklyn Chamber hosted Taste of Brooklyn, raising over \$7,000 for scholarships; and residents passed Issue 4. Thanks all residents who volunteered and voted. –Wished a happy birthday to Earl Bloam.

Andy Celcherts: Thanked Mr. Turner for explanation on First Energy programs that might help residents of Brooklyn. –Thanked all who voted, and got behind schools and supported them. –This Saturday Relay for Life is at the football stadium from noon-midnight, with events, including a movie around 9 p.m. (after luminary presentation).

Kathy Pucci: Hope all had a lovely Mother's Day. –Thanked Mr. Turner for information on programs available to those who need it. –Thanked Brooklyn voters for passing school renewal, and the volunteers, especially Pam Verchio for leading the efforts and coordination. –May 5th was Safe Routes to School Bike Rodeo and Touch a Truck. Thanked Police and Fire Depts. and other businesses who brought vehicles. Many volunteers made the event possible, especially leader Suzy Marquis (behavioral interventionist for Brooklyn Schools). There will be a wrap up Safe Routes mtg. soon. –Two events from Big Creek Connects: 1- Celebrate 2018 River Day, May 19th from 1-2:30, with a historic lower Big Creek valley tour (under Pearl/Brooklyn Brighton bridge), more RSVP/information from Bob Gardin, bgardin@bigcreekconnects.org or 216-269-6472; 2- 20th annual Big Creek Watershed Cleanup, June 2nd from 9a-12noon, behind the Fire Station, volunteers needed, properly dressed. –Thanked Dir. Butler for explanation of legal proceedings involving Cleve. Public Power and First Energy. Asked what body signs off on construction project to ensure safety regulations being followed. Dir. Butler replied any contractors working in public right of away with respect to overhead power lines are governed by national code sections. First Energy, a public utility

regulated by PUCO, would be responsive to PUCO; Cleveland Public Power (not a PUCO regulated utility, but a municipal power company) would be responsible to those code provisions and to any drawings approved by and permitted by the city. She asked if the city provides a permit that we're signing off it's being done how it should be. He replied we only provide a permit to construct the facilities in accordance with the plans that have been approved by City Council; we are not providing daily oversight over construction activities engaged in by CPP. He will keep Council posted. –Thanked Dir. Schaeffer for time meeting with her; and also for his efforts while here with us, and his diligence and keeping Council in the loop. Wished him and his family the best in the future, and he will be missed. –Wished Mr. Bloam a happy birthday.

Kevin Tanski: Thanked voters for passing renewal levy; if it hadn't it could have affected sports and music programs. –Asked Dir. Butler if he knows of any cutoff time he'll have a conclusion on what there will be an end to the hearings and move on (regarding the CPP/First Energy and solar program). Dir. Butler said he does not, but the Judge has scheduled a hearing to tomorrow. Brooklyn is not a party to the case, so he is not aware of any activities that go on behind the scenes; we will have to wait and see. Councilman Tanski asked if the lines hung by CPP were done above or below or criss-crossing, as being complained about. Dir. Butler said he doesn't know the answer, but his understanding is certain lines were above other lines, and the cause of First Energy's consternation.

Barb Paulitzky: The Taste of Brooklyn was best it's ever been, with more people, successful fundraising, the absolutely amazing Jazz Band. –Thanked the voters who voted for the school levy; music, sports, extracurricular activities can continue. Our children deserve it; we're raising the next generation to run our country. It's proof this city values our youth. –Spring has arrived, and it's time for planting. The Laurel Garden Club will be planting at the wooden stars and the Blue Star Memorial. Their annual plant sale is Sat., May 19th from 9a-2p, with annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs from local green houses, and some perennials from members' yards. This is their only fundraiser, and they support school gardening programs and planting at various areas in the city.

Ron Van Kirk: Reminded the May 28th Memorial Day parade kicks off at 11a from the high school, followed by a ceremony at noon at City Hall. Encourages everyone to take time to come out, and we honor those that deserve honor, our veterans.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gallagher: Hope the Moms had a wonderful Mother's Day; she's lucky to have a terrific mother, and two happy, healthy kids of her own. –Recapped some thank yous for events that have taken place: Thanked arborist Jerry Eschuk and Larry Dryer for working with 3rd graders from STM and Heritage Christian on Arbor Day; thanked residents who supported the Taste of Brooklyn, with a record breaking year, and the Chamber raised money for scholarships; thanked Suzy Marquis and Safe Routes to School team for inviting her to attend the school for greet the bikers week; thanked the Kiwanis Club for inviting her to their annual luncheon to recognize the Honor Society students (also congratulated the students at the Academic Awards banquet tonight); thanked Senior Coord. Karen Fratto and assistant Kathy Messeri and senior volunteers for a wonderful Women's Tea last Friday (sold out event). –Last couple weeks the Economic Development Dir. and she have been meeting with commercial brokers from Cleveland area to market property at Memphis/Tiedeman; also using as opportunity market other vacant spaces. There's been great feedback from the brokers, and looking forward to turning over property sitting idle, including Gold Circle property (at with owner of Gateway Security at that property, with conceptual plans he drew up, and helping him move forward with his vision for the site). –Sad news tonight, we are losing our Finance Dir. Dave Schaeffer, to a terrific job in Oscoda, MI; relocating to be near his wife's family. She's happy for him, his family, and his professional career, but sad to see him leaving, as he's done an exceptional job. Thanked him for all his hard work here; we will miss him. Hope to find someone as good to replace him. We have one more mtg. with him, and a budget mtg. next Monday at 6 p.m. in the conference room, all are welcome. –Our first annual Home Improvement Expo is Wed., May 23rd at 6 p.m. in the Senior-Community Center. The Bldg. Dept. secretary has been working on it and has booked over 22 vendors, including utility companies, the county, non-profits and businesses in our community. If looking to save money on utilities, do a project in your home, this is a great one-stop place to talk to different vendors and ask questions. It's the first annual, and we're looking forward to feedback, if residents find this helpful. We put out messages on our website and Facebook on utility savings, but this is face to face asking questions. –During the

summer there are a lot of solicitors out. We have a No Soliciting registry, contact the Police Dept., fill out a form, get a sticker to put on your door. If a vendor (ex., utility company) partakes, they register every week with our Police Dept., are given a wearable ID tag and the list of names on No Soliciting list, and they cannot go to your address, or you can report them.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Finance Dir. Schaeffer: Thanked the Council, Mayor, and his colleagues for their support since he started August, 2016; appreciates kind words and well wishes. He will be relocating to Oscoda, MI; he and his family are excited for the opportunity. –Reiterated that Mon., May 21st at 6 p.m. is the first 2019 budget work session in the conference room. –Reminded that the Post Audit is Thurs., May 24th at 8 a.m., not a public meeting. All members of Council are invited to attend. –The Notes for the city are sold tomorrow, and we close at the end of May. He can still sign off on everything, as planned. –The next Council mtg., May 29th is when he will introduce change #1 to the appropriations, as well as the 2019 Tax Budget (prepared in 2018, and submitted to the County Fiscal Dept. before he leaves.)

REQUESTS:

Request for approval of matching funds for the Recreation Dept. for \$2,500. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Ryan Shockey to approve \$2,500 matching funds for Ohio Parks and Recreation Grant. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve:** Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Request to add two additional streets (Southwood north of Biddulph and So. Amber) to 2018 streets repair project for an increase of \$212,069. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Tanski to approve. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve:** Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. 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. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tanski to remove from abeyance and place on second reading. **VOTE RESULTED: To remove from abeyance:** Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(REMOVED FROM ABEYANCE; SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-40, Amending Sect. 1 of Ord. 2016-6, 'Establishing fees for the Sports Sponsorship Program at the John M. Coyne Recreation Center. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To adopt:** Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-42, Authorizing the Updated Capital Improvement Plan for 2018. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To adopt:** Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-43, Providing for the programs operated and conducted by the Recreation Dept. of the City of Brooklyn. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Tanski to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules,** Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. 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. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-46, To approve the 2018 replacement pages to the Brooklyn Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules**, Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. *To adopt*: Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-47, Amending Ex. A of Ord. 2018-39, Providing for the compensation for the part-time, full-time and Administrative employees (non-bargaining agreement) of the City of Brooklyn. Needs amended to reflect change to make Dir. of Finance temporary/part-time to \$52.88/hour. Councilwoman Pucci said she noticed the double asterisk by this position says eligible for healthcare (for the temporary person). Mayor Gallagher said it has been on there. Councilwoman Pucci asked if this person will get healthcare through us; Mayor Gallagher said yes, being offered healthcare. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to amend. **VOTE RESULTED: To amend**: Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Pucci to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules**, Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. *To adopt, as amended*: Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(ADOPTED, AS AMENDED)**

ORD. 2018-48, Authorizing and approving the emergency engine replacement and associated parts for repair of the 525 Packer to be performed in-house by the Service Dept. personnel in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Ryan Shockey to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules**, Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. *To adopt*: Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-49, Repealing Ords. 2014-4 and 2011-67 as they relate to the Community Reinvestment Area Tax Agreements with 4476 Ridge Rd. Holdings, Inc. and ClevelandTech Solutions, LLC. **(FIRST READING)**

ORD. 2018-50, Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio to enter into an Addendum to the Agreement with the City of Parma for the purchase of services through the Parma Regional Dispatch Center. (he misspoke earlier that the Administration requested it be adopted by emergency; the Finance Committee was the one that recommended it be adopted by emergency) **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Ryan Shockey to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules**, Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. *To adopt*: Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

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

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Minutes approved: 5.29.18