

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

### BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

**May 29, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

Present: Andy Celcherts  
Kathy Pucci  
Mary Albier  
Barb Paulitzky  
Ron Van Kirk  
Meg Ryan Shockey

Absent: Kevin Tanski

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer was offered by Retired Lt. Col. Brad Borke.

President Van Kirk said the Agenda needs amended to add a request for approval to apply for the Community Development Block Grant funding, for purchase of property at 4747 Tiedeman Rd. for a total of \$50,000. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Ryan Shockey to amend the Agenda. Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Albier, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(AGENDA AMENDED)**

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

-May 14, 2018. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to approve. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. Abstain: Albier. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

#### **CDBG PUBLIC HEARING:**

President Van Kirk asked those present to sign on the sheet at the back of the room. He reviewed the process for Community Development Block Grant funding, and explained the objectives: benefit low to moderate income persons, or aid in elimination of blight. Listed eligible initiatives. The public session is a requirement, and notices were publicized last week. Comments from residents are welcome, and if wish to make one, you can comment at this meeting, or to Economic Development Director Andi Udris at 216-635-4289 or [audris@brooklynohio.gov](mailto:audris@brooklynohio.gov) or mailed to 7619 Memphis Ave. Deadline for application is June 8. He opened the podium for anyone wishing to make a suggestion. There were none. **(HEARING CONCLUDED)**

President Van Kirk updated that tonight is Finance Dir. Schaeffer's final meeting, thanked him for all of his great work done on behalf of the city and residents, and wished him well in his new position, he will be missed. In his absence Val Harry will be Interim Finance Dir., bringing tremendous experience to provide services needed until a permanent replacement.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Victor Ardito of 7439 Outlook Ave. spoke about the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundations upcoming ride on June 10<sup>th</sup> ([www.rideforkids.org/cleveland](http://www.rideforkids.org/cleveland))

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

Domestic Abuse Commission (Councilwoman Ryan Shockey): The next Comm. meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Community Room at the Fire Dept. They will further discuss missions and plans for the next two years. There are resources to help those who believe they are in an abusive relationship- Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center, 216-391-4357.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Comm. Kulcsar): The Board met May 17<sup>th</sup> for requests from: approved W. Svoboda for 48 sq. ft. variance to maximum allowable area of storage shed at 10700 Biddulph; approved M. Mosely for 1.5' variance to minimum 3 ft. required for an accessory structure side yard setback for a garage at

4582 Forest Edge; approved M/M Paoletta for 19" height variance for a fence parallel to house and side yard at 10314 Manoa; approved 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. The next mtg. is June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. in the conference room.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. meeting scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to no applications being filed. The next mtg. is July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the conference room, all are welcome to attend.

Economic Development Committee (Councilman Celcherts): The Comm. met at 5:45 p.m. today and reviewed/approved letter of solicitation to TRG Studios, Inc. for relocation/creation of 35 jobs and \$2.9M annual payroll (plus est. renovation of \$1.15M), and tax increments approved Job Retention and Creation Agreement, they would go into One American Way. They also discussed, for the 2018 Capital Budget amendment a request for \$410,000 for future land acquisition.

School Board Liaison (Councilwoman Paulitzky): The Bd. met last week, with various additional training requests; accommodations for HPAC (Health programs); a special grant received by 11<sup>th</sup> graders, and awarded for their studies. The Strategic Planning Committee for Safety and Discipline met May 21<sup>st</sup> and discussed ways to make the building more secure and how to effectively enforce discipline rules. They'll meet periodically over five years to evaluate progress of suggestions. Track team finished 8<sup>th</sup> in district finals. High School roof is over 20 years old, and needs a permanent solution; all ideas for funding will be considered.

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. met and recommended: approve request for painting swimming pool; approve agreement with Brecksville Purchasing Consortium for salt purchases; approve to apply for CDBG funding for purchase of 4747 Tiedeman for \$50,000; Ord. 2018-17 (requested to be deferred to next mtg.), 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. 2018-45, updates the rules and rates for the use of the Fire Community Room and the Community Center. Res. 2018-4 adopts the Tax Budget for fiscal year 2019 (reflects 5.9 mills of property taxes, estimated at \$1,792,999); Ord. 2018-51, Amends the Annual Appropriations (highlighted some changes).

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

**Andy Celcherts:** Thanked for all participants in the parade, and more so to those who served or are currently serving. –School is out, be careful on the side streets, and slow down. –August 18<sup>th</sup> is the Picnic in the Park (Chamber of Commerce), with entertainment and fireworks. –Thanked Dir. Schaeffer for his knowledge and work, he will be missed and will be a good addition to people up north.

**Kathy Pucci:** Hope all enjoyed the holiday weekend, and reflected on true meaning of Memorial Day. She was out of town and unable to participate. Thanked everyone who helped with this huge event on its preparation and work (before, during and participating). –Thanked Col. Burke for his serving and being here this evening. –Attended last week's budget work session; thanked Dir. Schaeffer for all provided documentation. She wished him and his family all the best; appreciate all his efforts. He will be missed. –Welcomed Mrs. Val Harry as interim; her background if perfect to step in, and appreciates her stepping up to help. –Reminded the Big Creek Cleanup is this Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9a-12 noon behind the Fire Station. Dress appropriately for weather and work (long sleeves, pants, boots, under 18 have adult supervision). –Thanked Mr. Ardito for his volunteering he does on the Pediatric Brain Tumor cause.

**Mary Balbier:** Proposed SB 259 concerns Physicians Assistants, making it easier to practice in Ohio and improve access to healthcare, to cut the speed and ability to get their services through bureaucratic red tape and requirements, and streamline the procedure in agreements and start practicing and other updates. –Thanked the veterans who served. Her husband is a Viet Nam vet, her father was a WW II vet (of which there are not as many). She sees the camaraderie of veterans, with her husband, and told stories of the hat he wears. Again thanked all the veterans. –Wished the best to Dir. Schaeffer and his family, he was informative. –Wished the best to all graduates on different levels of education, including her daughter from Pharmacy school.

**Barb Paulitzky:** Yesterday was hottest recent Memorial, though many organizations, church groups, and others watched/rode/walked the route to Veterans Memorial Park, their participation was appreciated. The Mayor read names of those residents serving and asked family to stand behind the flag of that branch; and then the names of residents who gave their lives. –Said her brother is a WW II veteran, he will be 97 in July. –Thanked the Service Dept. in working on sprucing the city up. –Told Dir. Schaeffer she will miss him and sorry he's leaving, but it's his family's and Michigan's gain. –Drive more carefully, the children are out and don't always look for cars. Lou Changeri always reminded this at May Council meeting before school ended.

**Meg Ryan Shockey:** Thanked Dir. Butler on her rounds through all the departments. –Thanked Dir. Schaeffer for his service to Brooklyn, and wished the best of luck. –The first Housing Expo was last week, and was very successful. She saw residents coming and going. Great one-stop to get various information on utilities, housing updates, etc. Thanked Comm. Kulcsar and Dawn (Neal) for all the work on it, it was an asset to the residents.

**Ron Van Kirk:** Thanked those involved in the ceremony yesterday. Was also grateful for the hot weather. Honored to be part of the ceremony to honor those who paid freedom's price. Thanked the Mayor and administration for making it a priority. –He will be absent at the next mtg., for his church's annual youth camp (has served as counselor for 17 years). Councilman Celcherts is Council Pres. Pro-Tem and will run the mtg. in his absence. –Dir. Verba sent Council an email with road construction schedule, starting with Delora on May 31<sup>st</sup>, Torrance on June 8<sup>th</sup>, So. Torrance June 29<sup>th</sup>, Orchard July 25, So. Orchard Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, Southwood and So. Amber July 27<sup>th</sup>, final asphalt coatings week of Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Weather will affect dates. –Thanked Mr. Ardito for his work with Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The child from his church he has previously mentioned is improving some every day, and hopefully home next month.

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

**Mayor Gallagher:** Thanked the residents for coming out in the hot weather to celebrate members of military who gave ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and great seeing much of the community there. Special thanks to John Kelly, VFW, American Legion 469, Boy Scouts, Brooklyn Marching Band, City Councilmembers who attended, the employees for their work in making the city look great. –Thanked and congratulated Ryan Kelber, Brooklyn's part-time athletic director and teacher, moving to full-time athletic director for Cuyahoga Heights. She's known him since kindergarten at St. Thomas More; he's genuine, honest, a true advocate for Brooklyn community, serving the schools for 12 years, six as athletic director, and other notable coaching and other positions. –Thanked Dir. Schaeffer and asked him to remember us (on his back deck sitting and looking at the lake).

#### **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

Finance Dir. Schaeffer: Thanked Mayor Gallagher, members of Council, his colleagues for their support since he started here Aug., 2016, and appreciates kind words and well wishes received. Leaves the Finance Dept. in the capable hands of Val Harry as interim Finance Dir.; she's already hit the ground running. –The city closes on the 2018 notes May 30<sup>th</sup>, and he'll sign everything as planned. –The Tax Budget, Res. 2018-4 is in accordance with Ohio Revised Code. It must be approved by County Fiscal Office no later than July 20<sup>th</sup>. It's on first reading tonight, then adopted in June before recess. Let him know any questions before the end of the week. Details were already given. Anyone with questions should contact him directly.

Police Chief Mielke: Thanked community corporate members that donated for the Gather and Grill after the parade: Ridge Park Sq., Wal-Mart, Giant Eagle, Frito Lay (all items needed).

Building Comm. Kulcsar: Recapped the Brooklyn Home Expo., which was excellent. All the credit goes to Bldg. Dept. secretary Dawn Neal for all the coordination for the event, and got all the vendors together. Anything and everything to do with your home was presented all in one place for everyone. He hopes we can do it again. Updated on projects: Aldi's is getting an addition; a Grant Showroom at 11400 Brookpark Rd. (next to LaVilla); Hampton Inn raising their roof, redesigning their façade, changing the roof line, lighting, revamping the hotel; La Casa Tequila recently opened at the former Wild Ginger location behind Cracker

Barrel; Brooklyn Pointe continues to move along, proposing an open house to see the complete areas in a couple weeks, with a sales trailer on-site next to the bldg. for information now. Property maintenance: grass cuttings have been kept on, with all the rain in spring. For information, most cut the front grass, but we can't see the back yards unless there is access; so if you have a complaint about a neighbor's back yard you need to provide access so the city can see it and advise them to care for it.

**REQUESTS:**

Request for approval of proposal for pool painting at the Recreation Center. Two proposals were received, one disqualified as not provide all required information. Request approval to enter an agreement with Metropolitan Pools for \$42,500. Work would begin August 13<sup>th</sup> and conclude Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to award bid to Metropolitan Pools. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Request approval to enter agreement with Cargill, Inc. Salt Division, in cooperation with the Brecksville Purchasing Consortium for purchase of salt dump delivery (\$58.71/ton) and piler delivery (\$63.71/ton) and contract conditions and exceptions for amounts to purchase; for 11/1/18 through 10/31/19. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to authorize enter agreement. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Request approval to apply for Community Development Block Grant funding for purchase of 4747 Tiedeman Rd. for total of \$50,000. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to authorize applying for grant. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. 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. The Law Director has asked this be deferred to the next mtg. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to defer to June 11 mtg. **VOTE RESULTED: To defer:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(DEFERRED; SECOND READING)**

**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. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To Adopt:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. 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. **(SECOND READING)**

**RES. 2018-4**, Adopting the Tax Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019. **(FIRST READING)**

**ORD. 2018-51**, Amended Annual Appropriations. **(FIRST READING)**

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

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