

CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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February 15, 2021

The Council President Boldt called the **REGULAR COUNCIL** meeting to order at 8:35 p.m.

Ms. Mahnic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Boldt (Ward 4 Councilor, President)
Mr. Thomas Pavlica (Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. Brian Wolf (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. George Stelmaschuk (Ward 3 Councilor, President Pro-Tem)
Mr. Glenn Goodwin (Councilor At-Large)
Mr. Joe Price (Councilor At-Large)
Ms. Jennifer Mahnic (Councilor At-Large)

OFFICER(S) PRESENT: Mr. Samuel J. Alai (Mayor)
Mr. Vince Ruffa (Law Director)
Chief Steven Raiff (Police Chief)
Chief Jeffrey Hajek (Fire Chief)
Mr. David Schroedel (Service Director)
Mr. Gary Yelenosky (City Engineer)
Mr. Joe Mandato (Chief Building Official)
Mrs. Amy Jo Washabaugh (Human Service Director)
Mrs. Helen Dunlap (Clerk of Council)

OFFICERS ABSENT: Mr. Dave Pfaff (Finance Director)
Ms. Amanda Hutcheson (Parks & Recreation Director)

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

None this evening.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Alai stated that not counting today and tomorrow we will continue to see helicopters patrolling the area. He took a call from a resident in Ward 2 and actually his wife asked him the same question when she saw low flying helicopters. They will be out for about three weeks depending on the weather performing routine maintenance patrols for the Illuminating Co. Also at the corner of Broadview and Valley Parkway the light signal is working full time so be careful with that. On some good news, election news, Dane Thomas from the Board of Elections called him and they discussed issues that the Mayor had with how the General Election went in 2020 and they got St. Michael's to agree to put Precincts 2A, 2B and 2C back there, therefore reducing the numbers of Precincts from 10 to 7 and a 30% reduction of Precincts here at City Hall

for the next election. We may have a special election at some point this year because indication are our Representative to Congress Marcia Fudge will be taking a job in the Biden Administration which will leave a vacancy. He doesn't think that she is going to resign in time to have that at the Primary Election so there will be a Special Election most likely sometime in the summer and that will help us get through this to see how the traffic is here but he wants to give Dane Thomas a lot of credit. He took a lot of heat from us and he did a good job trying to get St. Michael's to agree to have us back there.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Mayor Alai asked for the confirmation of the appointment of Lyn Hazelton to the Parks and Recreation Board replacing Dave DiCillo. He also stated that Mr. Pavlica may also want to put a Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. DiCillo for service on the Parks and Recreation Board. He is moving out of the city and the state and we wish him very well. Dave was great to the city on all of the Boards and Commissions and in his place he would like to submit the name of Lyn Hazelton. Lyn presently is a member of our Records Retention Commission and she will be leaving that for Parks and Recreation Board and she is also part of the Preschool Mom's Club and Community Foundation so she is really a good person, really involved. She has a young family and she is very excited to come on Parks and Recreation Board.

Mr. Pavlica moved to confirm the appointment of Lyn Hazelton to the Parks and Recreation Board; seconded by Mr. Goodwin. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Lyn Hazelton is confirmed as a Member of the Parks and Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATIONS, CLAIMS AND PETITIONS

Mrs. Dunlap stated that she received from the United States Census 2020 a thank you recognizing Broadview Heights City Council as an invaluable member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program. They appreciate the efforts we made in making the Partnership Program a success in helping achieve the successful 2020 Census.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Boldt stated that the Planning Commission met last week and the only item that was on the agenda was tabled.

Mr. Wolf stated that the Safety and Service Committee met this evening and everyone was here so there is not much to say about that and they do not have another meeting scheduled at this time.

Mr. Pavlica stated that he would like to make a recommendation for a Resolution of Appreciation to David DiCillo for serving on the Parks and Recreation Board.

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION

None this evening.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2021-22 for a first reading. Mr. Wolf moved to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read once by title only. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ODPS EMS 2020-2021 PRIORITY ONE GRANT FROM THE OHIO DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Wolf moved to adopt Resolution 2021-22; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Resolution 2021-22 is adopted.

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2021-23 for a first reading. Mr. Wolf moved to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read once by title only. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC. FOR NEWSLETTER PUBLISHING SERVICES IN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Wolf moved to adopt Resolution 2021-23; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Resolution 2021-23 is adopted.

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2021-24 for a first reading. Mr. Wolf moved to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read once by title only. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND STEPHEN CAMPBELL & ASSOCIATES FOR RECORDING EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE IN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Wolf moved to adopt Resolution 2021-24; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Resolution 2021-24 is adopted.

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2021-25 for a first reading. Mr. Stelmaschuk moved to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Price. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read once by title only. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNCIL MEETING AND WORK SESSION DATES FOR SUMMER 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Stelmaschuk moved to adopt Resolution 2021-25; seconded by Mr. Price. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Resolution 2021-25 is adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Pavlica moved to amend the motion to strike out “reduce the number of street lights to 4 or 5” and replace with “determine the minimum amount of lighting required for safety purposes” and adding at the end “and dumping of waste in the buffer zone”; seconded by Mr. Wolf. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes.

Mr. Pavlica moved to accept Planning Commission’s recommendation to grant final approval to Triban Investments, LLC in Case 2020 PC #07, Harris Road Development, PPN # 583-11-001 with the conditions that there will be additional landscape screening on the northern and eastern property lines on sub lots 1, 2, 13 and 14, they will re-examine the lighting plan to determine the minimum amount of lighting required for safety purposes and amend the HOA document to state there will be no exposed concrete block masonry on any of the houses, define what “approvable exterior construction materials” are, that the front elevations / façade has a minimum amount of 25-30% brick or stone and to add language to define the buffer zone and dumping of waste in the buffer zone as amended; seconded by Mr. Wolf. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Motion approved as amended.

Mr. Pavlica moved to accept Planning Commission’s recommendation to grant final approval of Laura Pacanin (Lava Spa) in Case 2020 PC #11, PPN # 583-26-032; seconded by Mr. Wolf. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes. Motion was approved.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Ms. Mahnic stated that she just wanted to thank all of the department heads, city administration, council and especially the residents. She knows that the Harris Road Development is not something that was an easy discussion to have but she thinks that their hard work will at least get you something better than maybe what the original plan was and as someone who had a development going up right behind her house she certainly can feel for them and she hopes that what you guys have done as residents will be something that other residents can model to and be active. It was really refreshing to see so active in city government basically so she does appreciate that. She knows that during COVID and this weather that wasn’t always easy to do but thank you.

Mr. Boldt stated that he agrees with Ms. Mahnic and what she stated. Also, going forward if they are going to change the light requirements he thinks that they should have that quantified and that way nobody is treated any different than any other subdivision and they have the same parameters throughout the city. If they are going to change to a safety conscious lighting scheme, that is fine but he thinks that they should quantify it so everybody knows the rules and regulations of it. Second, Mr. Yelenosky, they talked about 3-4 months ago that we do not own the intersection anymore of Boston and Broadview but they talked about

blinking lights and Mr. Yelenosky did call them and they said that they would look into that. Are they or are they not going to do something like that?

Mr. Yelenosky stated that they were receptive to that. They wanted to know if the city would contribute any funds to pay for some of those. That was something that he was going to put on the Work Session.

Mr. Boldt asked if he would bring that to the next Work Session with a price tag on it so they can then discuss it.

Mr. Yelenosky stated absolutely.

Mr. Wolf stated that the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District is closed tomorrow. No remote, no in person.

Mr. Price stated that he also wanted to thank the developer on the project who was patient and went through a lot of questions. It seemed like there was a great void at times but he has to say when Chairman Emling looked at the developer and asked him to personally think about supporting some of the measures that they wanted to put forward to and your willingness to do that made a difference because he was speaking as a resident at that time who would have these same concerns. You are aware of some of his skepticism and he has said to the developer that he is waiting for the developer that is going to come along and do everything that they promised to do. Be that person.

Mr. Pavlica stated that he agrees with everything that Ms. Mahnic said and Mr. Boldt and Mr. Price. He would like to thank everyone that has helped out with this. It has been almost a year since they started working on this project and he thinks that even though it didn't come out exactly as some of the residents would have liked to have, he thinks that they will be happy with what we have.

Mr. Boldt thanked Mr. Pavlica for the work that he has done on this as well.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS

None this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Stelmaschuk moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation and Collective Bargaining; seconded by Mr. Wolf. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes.

Mr. Todd Hunt was also invited into the Executive Session.

The time was 8:50 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mr. Stelmaschuk moved to Reconvene the meeting; seconded by Mr. Goodwin. Roll Call: Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes.

The time was 9:12 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mr. Boldt stated that with no further business to come before Council, this meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.



CLERK OF COUNCIL, HELEN DUNLAP



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, ROBERT BOLDT