

CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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September 7, 2021

The Council President Boldt called the **REGULAR COUNCIL** meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Pavlica led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Boldt (Ward 4 Councilor, President)
Mr. Brian Wolf (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. Glenn Goodwin (Councilor At-Large)
Mr. Thomas Pavlica (Ward 1 Councilor)
Ms. Jennifer Mahnic (Councilor At-Large)

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Mr. George Stelmaschuk (Ward 3 Councilor, President Pro-Tem)
Mr. Joe Price (Councilor At-Large)

OFFICER(S) PRESENT: Mr. Samuel J. Alai (Mayor)
Mr. Vince Ruffa (Law Director)
Chief Jeffrey Hajek (Fire Chief)
Mrs. Amy Jo Washabaugh (Human Service Director)
Mr. Joe Mandato (Chief Building Official)
Ms. Amanda Hutcheson (Parks & Recreation Director)
Mrs. Helen Dunlap (Clerk of Council)

OFFICER(S) ABSENT: Chief Steven Raiff (Police Chief)
Mr. David Schroedel (Service Director)
Mr. Gary Yelenosky (City Engineer)
Mr. Dave Pfaff (Finance Director)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Mahnic moved to approve the Council meeting Minutes dated July, 6, August 23 & 30, 2021, Work Session Meeting Minutes dated July 6, August 23 & 30, 2021, and Growth, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 23, 2021 as submitted; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Pavlica, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes. Minutes are approved as submitted.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Ms. Hutcheson stated that they have soccer starting as you see the campus was a little bit more abuzz this evening. There is a basketball clinic, swim lessons started this week and right now they have a reciprocal agreement with Seven Hills as they are closed for the next two weeks so their members are coming over

here and they allowed us to use their facility the last few weeks while we were closed and doing our renovations and things. They are very thankful for that as well.

Mrs. Washabaugh stated that she wanted to quickly mention to council and to the residents about their Mind Challenge Team if you haven't heard, we won this year, first place. They competed against just over 30 teams and the team did win \$2,500 for the Senior Center. They donated it to Yuletide Hunger which is a program in the community that benefits many children in need through the holidays. That was a really great program that we were able to do through COVID and keep everyone safe but active. The team members were Carol Siebert, Marlene and Ken Winter, Tom Bendycki who is a 3-day Jeopardy champion, Connie Brittain, Dr. John Bertschler and Richard Biasella.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Alai stated that just to put a cap on what Mrs. Washabaugh said, we are the Highest of the Heights, we are the safest city and now we are the smartest city.

Mayor Alai stated that he would like to read a letter that was just submitted to him a couple of hours ago.

Dear Mayor,

This letter serves as my official resignation from my position as Human Services Director for the City of Broadview Heights. My husband is retired as we are relocating to Savannah, Georgia. We would like to thank you for the opportunity to work with you and council and the residents of the City of Broadview Heights. My last day will be Friday, October 8, 2021 and I am happy to assist you in the replacement and to help alleviate the transition. Before my departure I will do everything to support the department for preparing for and attending events, programs we currently have planned. I am happy to help train my replacement or update Human Resource documents to accurately reflect my current responsibilities. If there is anything else I can do before I move please do not hesitate to ask. Again, I cannot thank you enough for the opportunities you have provided me working here for the past 13 years has been incredibly instrumental in my personal growth and professional development. I appreciate the encouragement, mentorship in the community that I found working for you. I will never forget the residents, colleagues and friends that I have met here. If there is anything that I can do to help make this transition easier please let me know.

Sincerely, Amy Jo Washabaugh

Mrs. Washabaugh stated that it has been an honor to work with everyone here.

Mr. Boldt stated that she has made this an easy job and thank you for all that she does for Broadview Heights. It is a lot of hours that we don't realize she puts in.

Ms. Mahnic stated that we are going to have to get two people at least to do what she did.

Mayor Alai stated that Mrs. Washabaugh told him to read the letter and not say another word but he cannot refrain from that. It has been truly an honor. Amy along with many people in the audience have been here but maybe not in their capacities, but Amy was before anybody.

Mrs. Washabaugh stated that Mr. Schroedel has her by two weeks.

Mayor Alai stated that it has just been an honor and to watch Amy grow and develop into that position and he has to be honest, when Amy started her position like anybody in that position and the next person, wasn't greatly received. He is going to get lynched when they find out she is leaving and the next person is going to have the transition and it just goes to show the love and devotion that Amy has and those seniors for Amy.

Ms. Mahnic stated not just that but she completely transformed that department and did things that no other community is doing or being the model for that. She feels like our Human Service Department before was so narrow and now she just branched off to so many other entities. It is like a resident comes up to her with an idea and she is like okay and she figures it out. The Mayor is seriously going to have to find minimum two people to continue doing what she does.

Mayor Alai stated that this is not a surprise. We all knew or at least some of us knew that Amy's husband is retired and they were looking and they wanted to be in Georgia next to some friends. We have everything in motion to start posting and looking so we are going to get on it and Amy will stay as long as she has to and make sure the next person is in.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS, CLAIMS AND PETITIONS

None this evening.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Boldt stated that BZA was cancelled last week and Planning Commission will meet tomorrow.

Mr. Wolf stated that the Human Services meeting that was scheduled for this Thursday will be rescheduled for September 16th at 5:45 p.m.

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION

None this evening

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2021-142 for a first reading. Mr. Wolf moved to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Pavlica, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, 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 CASCADE CART SOLUTIONS FOR RECYCLING CARTS IN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Wolf moved to adopt Resolution 2021-142; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Pavlica, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes. Resolution 2021-142 is adopted.

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2021-143 for a first reading. Mr. Wolf moved to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Pavlica, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes;

Mr. Wolf, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read once by title only. A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-96 REGARDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND ANDRE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR BLOCK MATERIALS FOR THE AMPHITHEATER IN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Wolf moved to adopt Resolution 2021-143; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Pavlica, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes. Resolution 2021-143 is adopted.

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2021-144 for a first reading only. Clerk read once by title only. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR CREATE A DEED RESTRICTION ON PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 583-22-050 FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND EXECUTE ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO CREATE SUCH RESTRICTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCES

Mr. Boldt presented ordinance 44-2021 for a first reading. Mr. Wolf moved to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Pavlica, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read once by title only. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MASTER PLAN PREPARED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Wolf moved to adopt Ordinance 44-2021; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Pavlica, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes. Ordinance 44-2021 is adopted.

Mr. Boldt presented ordinance 45-2021 for a first reading. Mr. Wolf moved to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Goodwin. Roll Call: Mr. Pavlica, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes. Motion passed. (Clerk never read the legislation title and it was never adopted. It will be on the next agenda for a first reading.)

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mr. Wolf stated that he will miss Mrs. Washabaugh not only as a colleague here but as a friend. She will be far away but there is always social media and emails and texts.

Mr. Goodwin stated congratulations to Mrs. Washabaugh. She worked hard at what she did and now she is going to leave a whole bunch of seniors out on a limb. She may have to take a few of them with her.

Ms. Mahnic stated congratulations. It is certainly well deserved. She is not happy about it but she understands.

Mr. Boldt stated that he is not going to thank her but he is going to thank her husband because there were many hours that he put in and never got paid and was always doing the right thing to help her out at any hour. Please tell Greg congratulations on his retirement and he wishes them all the best.

Mr. Pavlica stated that we will definitely miss Mrs. Washabaugh. Her shoes will be hard to fill. We always enjoyed your husband, Greg at Home Days and other events and seeing both of you together. You will be missed and he hopes that they will come back in the summertime during Home Days.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS

None this evening.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



CLERK OF COUNCIL, HELEN DUNLAP



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, ROBERT BOLDT