

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

HELD August 3, 2021

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Council was **CALLLED TO ORDER** in Regular Session by Council President Harwood at 8:05 P.M. in Ralph W. Biggs Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Following the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, members of Council answered to **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
ROLL CALL as follows:

Members Present: L. Carouse, Jr., M. Harwood,
D. Kingston, L. Redinger, K. Veras.

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: D. Caruso, A. Koepke.

Others Present: Mayor Jerry N. Hruby, Law Director D. Matty,
Assistant Law Director DiGeronimo,
Engineer G. Wise, Finance Director L. Starosta,
CBO S. Packard, Purchasing Director R. Riser,
Fire Chief N. Zamiska, Police Chief S. Korinek,
Service Director R. Weidig, Myles Rapkin,
Council Clerk T. Tabor.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2021 REGULAR MEETING: Motion by Carouse, seconded by Redinger, to dispense with the reading of the July 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes and to accept same as presented.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 7-20-2021 APPROVED

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5163 re: a Resolution promoting and appointing Sergio I. DiGeronimo to the position of Lieutenant in the Fire Department of the City of Brecksville; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

RES. 5163 APPT. S. DIGERONIMO TO LT. IN THE BRECKSVILLE FIRE DEPT

Motion by Veras, seconded by Redinger, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5163 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5163.

Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby said Firefighter DiGeronimo has been with the City since 2013. Firefighter DiGeronimo has been responsible for conducting fire inspections, preplanning buildings, CPR Inspector, Public Life Safety Educator and conducting Quality Assurance on EMS reports. Firefighter DiGeronimo is an active member of the SERT Regional Fire Investigative unit, four year President of the Brecksville Firefighter Association. Firefighter DiGeronimo's education includes Paramedic class at Parma Hospital, State Certified Fire Officer, Associate Degree in Fire Protection, and Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration.

COMMENTS

Mayor Hruby administered the Oath of Office to Lt. DiGeronimo. Lt. DiGeronimo introduced his family, his wife Gina had the honor of installing the badge of Lieutenant on her husband. Lt. DiGeronimo and his wife have (3) sons. Many members of his family and fellow firefighters were in attendance.

OATH

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- RESOLUTION 5164 re:** a Resolution appointing Andie Asimes Lazaridis as a Citizen Member to the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Patrick Barth; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5164 APPOINT A. LAZARIDIS TO RECREATION COMMISSION**
- Motion by Veras, seconded by Redinger, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5164 on third and final reading.
- Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5164.
- Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- Mayor Hruby administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Lazaridis. **OATH**
- RESOLUTION 5165 re:** a Resolution appointing Nicholas A. Hanna as a Citizen Member to the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Zenir; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5165 APPOINT N. HANNA TO RECREATION COMMISSION**
- Motion by Veras, seconded by Redinger, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5165 on third and final reading.
- Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5165.
- Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- RESOLUTION 5166 re:** a Resolution appointing Josh Slaga as a Citizen Member to fill a vacancy on the Design and Construction Review Board; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5166 APPOINT JOSH SLAGA TO DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION REVIEW BOARD**
- Motion by Veras, seconded by Redinger, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5166 on third and final reading.
- Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5166.
- Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- RESOLUTION 5167 re:** a Resolution affirming all funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 be expended only to cover costs of the city consistent with the requirements of section 603(c)(1) of the act, creating the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 212, and increasing estimated resources and appropriation in fund 212; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5167 AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS**
- Motion by Veras, seconded by Redinger, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5167 on third and final reading.
- Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5167.
- Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

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ORDINANCE 5429 re: an Ordinance amending Extension of Agreement No. 20-5274, be, and the same hereby is, amended to increase the hourly pay rate for all temporary general labor staffing for the service department; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. Motion by Veras, seconded by Redinger, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5429 on third and final reading. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS. Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Ordinance 5429. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS. ORDINANCE 5430 re: an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5421 as it relates to Employee Compensation; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. Motion by Veras, seconded by Redinger, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5430 on third and final reading. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS. Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Ordinance 5430. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Council President Harwood on behalf of Councilmember Caruso reported the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be Monday, August 9th, at 7:30 P.M. PLANNING COMMISSION: Councilmember Harwood reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be August 5th at 7:00 P.M. RECREATION COMMISSION: Councilmember Redinger reported the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be August 23rd. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Councilmember Veras reported the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be August 10th at 3:00 P.M. TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: Councilmember Carouse reported a meeting is proposed for August, a date to be determined. SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Veras reported the committee met earlier today and STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Carouse reported the committee met earlier today and UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Councilmember Kingston reported the committee met earlier and BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Veras reported the Buildings & Grounds Committee met earlier this evening and has three items for Council consideration.	ORD. 5429 INCREASE HOURLY PAY RATE FOR GENERAL LABOR STAFFING ORD. 5430 AMEND ORD. 5421 RELATING TO EMPLOYEE COMPENSA- TION BD. OF ZONING APPEALS PLANNING COMMISSION RECREATION COMMISSION DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES TELEC. COM. SAFETY- SERVICE STREETS & SIDEWALKS UTILITIES COMMITTEE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
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Approval of a blanket vendor purchase requisition in the amount of \$3,704.94 for repairs to the Cupola on the Brecksville Police Station. Account #110210 2603 (Police)
Motion by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.
Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**POLICE
DEPARTMENT
CUPOLA
REPAIR**

Authorizing the Purchasing Director to advertise for bids for the Wall Inspection and Restoration Project at the Community Center.
Motion by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.
Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**AUTH BID
FOR WALL
INSPECT AND
RESTOR. AT
COMMUNITY
CENTER**

Approval of an Increase to Purchase Order #P210329 to I.A. Lewin P.E. and Associates in the amount of \$2,560.00 for the Wall Inspection and Restoration Project at the Community Center. Account #C490240 3202 Project #BI210006 (Recreation)
Motion by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.
Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**WALL
INSPECTION
AND
RESTORA-
TION AT
COMMUNITY
CENTER**

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: Councilmember Veras had no report.

**LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Redinger thanked Council for the passage of the legislation presented this evening. The Finance Committee is requesting approval of the payment of monthly bills for professional services.

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

PROFESSIONAL BILLS - Recommending to Council approval of the payment of monthly bills for professional services as follows: Matty, Henrikson and & Greve in the amount of \$17,313.35; Sergio I. DiGeronimo in the amount of \$5,362.50, Roger Wadsworth in the amount of \$350.00, Squire Patton Boggs in the amount of \$744.00, Kulchytsky Architects, LLC in the amount of \$225.00; J Neusser, LLC in the amount of \$2,000.00; and Donald G. Bohning & Associates in the amount of \$26,058.25 and Sixmo in the amount of \$975.00. Total of all invoices \$53,028.10.

**PROFESSION-
AL BILLS**

Motion by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.
Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.

REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR: No Report.

LAW

REPORT OF ENGINEER: No Report.

ENGINEER

REPORT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: No Report.

FINANCE

REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT: C.B.O. Packard reported in December the Building Department issued 136 permits with a valuation of just over \$3.1 Million and the total receipts collected of \$65,329.90.

**BUILDING
DEPT.**

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR: No Report.

SERVICE

REPORT OF PURCHASING DIRECTOR: No Report.

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REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT: No Report.

POLICE

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Zamiska reported the Fire **FIRE** Department Clambake & 9-11 commemoration ceremony will take place on September 11th. Fire Chief Zamiska thanked Council for the appointment of Sergio I. DiGeronimo as a Lieutenant in the Fire Department.

REPORT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT: No Report.

RECREATION

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Hruby said the Community Center revenue **MAYOR** has been increasing since re-opening after the pandemic shut down. The increased concessions seem to be very popular. Mayor Hruby said the COVID-19 infection rates are increasing and residents and personnel should take preventative measures. On September 25th, there will be a City Wide Garage sale, residents that would like to be included should place a sign in their yard. Mayor Hruby thanked Sherwin-Williams for the presentation to Westview Residents. Sherwin-Williams is already expecting an increase in employees and building area for the Brecksville Research and Development site. The DiGeronimo Companies continues to work with Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA as part of the Sherwin Williams and Valor Acres developments.

Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:39 P.M.

Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Kingston, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-AYES, 0-NAYS.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL