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CITY OF BRECKSVILLE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: K. Veras

Committee members – D. Caruso, L. Redinger.

Roll Call

Present: Veras, Caruso, Redinger. Absent: None.

Items for Consideration:

B&G 1. Approval of 5-18-2021 Buildings & Grounds Committee Minutes

Motion made by Veras, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Redinger, Veras.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:03 PM

Motion made by Veras, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Redinger, Veras.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Call to Order at 7:04 PM

Chairperson: L. Redinger

Committee members – A. Koepke, L. Carouse, L. Redinger.

Roll Call

Present: Carouse, Koepke, Redinger. Absent - None.

Items for Consideration:

FIN 1. Approval of Finance Committee Minutes 5-18-2021

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FIN 2. Dog Jog Event - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing the City's Dog Jog event and the donation of funds less related expenses collected for such event to animal shelters and declaring such event and donation as having a public purpose.

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Koepke, Redinger

FIN 3. Professional Bills - Authorize the payment of monthly Professional Bills.

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Koepke, Redinger

Motion to Adjourn at 7:07 PM

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Koepke, Redinger

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Call to Order 7:07 PM

Chairperson- Ann Koepke

Committee members – D. Caruso, L. Redinger.

Roll Call

Present: Caruso, Redinger, Koepke. Absent: None.

Items for Consideration:

LEG 1. Approval of Legislation Committee Minutes 5-18-2021

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Redinger.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:08 PM

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Redinger.

SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE

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Chairperson- Dominic Caruso

Committee members- D. Kingston, K. Veras.

Roll Call

Present: Caruso, Redinger, Koepke. Absent: None.

Items for Consideration:

SAF 1. Approval of 5-18-2021 Safety Service Committee Minutes

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Veras.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Kingston, Veras

SAF 2. Sodium Chloride Bid Acceptance - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of an Ordinance accepting the bid of Compass Minerals America, Inc. for supplying Sodium Chloride for the term of November 1, 2021-October 31, 2022 for use by the City of Brecksville Service Department through the Joint Municipal Improvement Consortium.

Purchasing Director Riser said this will be the first time in over 20 years that Cargill will not be providing road salt to the City. The City contacted several communities that worked with Compass Minerals America on the ODOT agreement and the trucking company that delivered mater was also contacted. All responses were favorable. The 12 member consortium unanimously agreed to accept the proposal of Compass Minerals America, Inc. Purchasing Director Riser said the savings will be \$17.44 per ton over the current contract price. Mayor Hruby thanked Purchasing Director Riser for her leadership on the consortium. Without the consortium, the member communities would not be able to obtain these rates. Councilmember Carouse asked if the salt is sourced locally. Purchasing Director Riser said the salt comes from Canada and has several locations in the Cleveland area where the salt is stocked all throughout the summer. The questions asked of current communities using Compass Minerals were related to supply. No communities reported any issues obtaining needed material. Purchasing Director Riser said in a very heavy season everyone runs into issues. The consortium will be meeting soon with Compass to discuss allocations and distribution in times of trouble.

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Kingston.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Kingston, Veras

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Motion to Adjourn at 7:08 PM

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Kingston.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Kingston, Veras

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Call to Order at 7:13 PM

Chairperson- Louis Carouse

Committee members- D. Kingston, K. Veras.

Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Kingston, Veras, Carouse. Absent: None.

Items for Consideration:

S&S 1. Approval of Streets & Sidewalks Committee Minutes 5-18-2021

Motion made by Carouse, Seconded by Veras.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Kingston, Veras

S&S 2. Engineer - Various Grant & Funding Application Update

Engineer Wise said he has been working on grants with Mayor Hruby. The first grant that has been awarded is the Ohio 629 Roadway Funds Grant. Jobs Ohio was instrumental in assisting the City with this grant. The amount of \$600,000.00 will be for Miller Road between Southpointe Parkway and Brecksville Road.

Engineer Wise said the City will be presenting to the TRAC this week. If successful this grant will cover the cost replacing Miller Road between Brecksville Road and South Edgerton.

The MCIP (NEORSD) grant has been submitted for Glenwood Trail again from SR 82 going up to Oaks Road for sanitary, storm, pavement and sidewalk on one side. The cost would be upwards of \$17 Million for widening and reconstruction of that whole entire quarter, including the road (SR 82) and infrastructure. Engineer Wise said there is also a separate sewer project between Weise and Riverview and up Calvin.

Engineer Wise said the City will be applying for additional “earmark” funding through Senator Sherrod Brown’s office for SR 82, East of Brecksville Road. Mayor Hruby said this is a congressional earmark and that is what the City is seeking through the federal government. This request will go through NOACA and ODOT, so it may be a year before the City knows of an award.

Councilmember Carouse said a conference call meeting was held May 25th between the City, engineering firms, and ODOT regarding the I-77 Miller Road Interchange.

S&S 3. Sidewalk / Connectivity Discussion

Councilmember Carouse said the engineer provided a map of the current areas where the city has sidewalks installed. The Valor Acres project is going to bring a considerable amount of discussion regarding things in that general area and in the SR 21 extension. The engineer just mentioned Glenwood Trail and we've included sidewalks as part of that package if possible. State Route 82 has been considered for sidewalks. The City will

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need to address the impact of an assessment on the residents. Councilmember Carouse said there is a significant cost to begin the process when applications and engineering is needed when submitting grant applications.

Councilmember Kingston said the City may want to have an engineered plan in place in the event funding was available. Perhaps a project that may not have extensive engineering costs. Mayor Hruby asked if Councilmember Kingston was referring to the MetroPark Trail that would connect Valley Parkway to Glenwood Trail. Councilmember Kingston said that and others. Mayor Hruby said that is under discussion, the City committed that would go through the Blossom Property to Oakes Road to Glenwood Trail and connecting to the sidewalks installed along SR 82.

Councilmember Redinger said the City should spend some time looking for any areas where the City has an upcoming project that could connect some existing or if there are areas where variances were granted in areas that could be connected. Mayor Hruby said most of the subdivisions have sidewalks out to the main road. The sidewalks installed on SR 82 should connect to somewhere. Mayor Hruby said it needs to be asked, where is the money coming from? Mayor Hruby asked if we are assessing residents or looking for funding. If the City is looking for funding, it will be several years out, NOACA is (5) years out. Some funding may come from a TIF.

Councilmember Carouse said the cost of installing sidewalks has never been a City expense. The affected property owners will need to be involved. I value their opinion as much as well as much as anybody's because it's directly affecting them not only on their property but in in the pocketbook.

Mayor Hruby each development that's put in uh the resident who is going to buy that lot is charged for the sidewalks charged for the cost of the street I think someone said that the residents don't pay towards the streets they certainly do in the neighborhoods because that's part of the cost of the lot. It is the same with the sidewalks so the residents do pay for that.

Councilmember Carouse said it would be a huge change in direction of if the city were to use general funds to do these things and I'm not saying it can't be done but it certainly hasn't been done. I think these are important things to keep in front of us as we continue to discuss it and try to identify what we can without holding back on anything> Mayor, you and I remember that when the Community Center was done there were a few gaps along 21 and we were trying to make a connected route so that people could get to the downtown and particularly the Community Center and the city contributed to those things. Our justification was that was a State Route and of course State Route 82 falls into that same category so Council could continue with that justification.

Councilmember Koepke said she heard the Mayor say his team will put together this list of pinpoints and she would be happy to throw some out there. She will email some ideas where she hopes to see some connection going. Councilmember Koepke asked how long before there is an answer. Will it be a month or two while you are searching into this

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project. Councilmember Koepke said they are five years out with NOACA but if we don't get the City on that list we'll never get there. Councilmember Koepke said the City has to plan and hopefully get on that list for the five years out. It's not going to happen next year or the year after but we'll never get it if we don't at least get out there.

Councilmember Carouse said he agreed and as we identified some of those steps. Councilmember Carouse said before the City can apply for things you need to do the engineering. When the City looked at Fitzwater years ago, the engineering cost was in excess of forty thousand dollars.

Councilmember Caruso asked if there is some way to also identify some areas where the studies have been done and the City has already spent the money.

Council President Harwood said there may be a point when you just have to state that. Mayor Hruby said that's part of what we're putting together.

Merri Gunzler 9494 River Birch Run, thanked everyone for having the discussion on sidewalks. Ms. Gunzler said the demand should outweigh cost. Ms. Gunzler asked if it was possible to look at other areas that are easier to do and take less time and start on some of those things that are smaller. Ms. Gunzler asked if the engineer could talk about what is in your slate of streets and like developments and things like that.

Councilmember Carouse said when something is identified, the engineer is tasked with the project. The engineer will then need to investigate what can be done, what the cost would be, how much property owners will be assessed. Councilmember Carouse said it has been the expense of the homeowners just like the City has done with other utilities.

Ms. Gunzler asked if property owners have always been assessed for the sidewalks. Councilmember Carouse said yes, except if they were done as part of a larger infrastructure plan. Ms. Gunzler asked if the City could split the cost. Councilmember Carouse said the City has contributed to utilities in the past to lower assessments for large sanitary, storm and water line projects. Councilmember Carouse said he does not know if Council would consider the same for sidewalks.

Councilmember Redinger said there is a five-year capital plan in our budget. Council looks at all of the projects and tries to prioritize them and try to work on funding. Engineer Wise just mentioned some incremental funding for the interchange, the grant that we received. Councilmember Redinger said Council is looking at those projects up here and saying these are all the things that they need to tackle in the next five years. The City will then start working on different funding objectives. The City puts together that five-year capital plan based on prioritization of what needs to get done. Councilmember Redinger said In the past sidewalks have been largely paid for by the residents and I think we're trying to accommodate some of the bigger projects where we know that we're incorporating it into roads getting done and infrastructure getting done and that been the best way where we could help and try to contribute.

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Ms. Gunzler said the budget does not identify streets.

Councilmember Carouse said items in the budget have had funding identified for a project. When Councilmember Redinger talked about the five-year capital plan that's a look forward that no money has been budgeted for those items. The items in a 5 Year plan are expectations. Many times items get pushed back on that plan. Mayor Hruby said funding has to be determined and available before we put it into our budget.

Ms. Gunzler asked if she could see the map from the engineer. Councilmember Carouse said yes, those items are public records. The Mayor and the Engineer are working to identify areas maybe where there may be variances. Mayor Hruby said the Administration will be putting together a package and it will be a public record. It will be given to Council, they will review it.

Councilmember Koepke said just for the record the map that we have been presented is not a topo map it's similar to the map from the master plan that has removed the streets so that we can see where the sidewalks were and where they don't connect. Councilmember Koepke said it is a map of the city without the streets attached to it. Mayor Hruby said Scott (CBO Packard), not the engineer, did that map with CAD. It is not one that's going to show you where there are inclines and you know it's not going to show you that at all.

Councilmember Carouse said the committee will move forward on this conversation. Councilmember Carouse said he has been trying to keep things in perspective and not set unreal expectations. Councilmember Carouse said he doesn't want it to sound like it's coming across negative, it isn't. But at the same time he don't want to lead a lot of discussion that leads people to expect, when the reality is that there's many issues and tasks that have to be done for it to become a reality. Councilmember Carouse said he wants you to know that. Ms. Gunzler said if there is demand, the demand should outweigh the cost.

Steve Schadler 8980 Cinnabar Drive. Mr. Schadler said he is grateful that Council is having this conversation and are being responsive to what seems to be increased demand from the community for more sidewalk infrastructure.

Mr. Schadler said he has a technical question if someone is capable of speaking to it. Mr. Schadler was watching a Council meeting from seven weeks ago talking about sidewalks that had been built in Brecksville over the past number of years and I guess there'd been a phone call that had been received saying that the City hadn't built any new sidewalks recently. Mayor Hruby said in 2020 the City spent \$130,000 on the SR 82 project. In that meeting there was a point made that if you ask where in budgets and financial reports previous sidewalk infrastructure expenditures can be found you'd be more than happy to tell us where to look. Mr. Schadler said he wanted to ask that question in person because when he poured through some past financial reports in 2015 he saw approximately \$7,000 to our capital infrastructure under sidewalks and then in 2016, 2017, 2018 to 2019 the

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value of the capital infrastructure of sidewalks that dollar amount stayed the same over the four-year period of time. Mr. Schadler asked if there is somewhere else in some other financial report or some budget that those numbers can be found. Mr. Schadler asked if the city did not spend any money on sidewalk infrastructure in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Mr. Schadler asked if anyone knew if sidewalks were installed, where they were installed. New sidewalk construction. In other words a place that didn't have sidewalks before. Mr. Schadler said to his knowledge the City has not done that.

Councilmember Carouse said to his knowledge the City has not installed sidewalks where they did not previously exist.

Councilmember Carouse said the City has replaced, and the service director can weigh in on this, sidewalks when our trees in the tree lawn have disturbed the sidewalk. The City has taken on that cost and replaced the sidewalk.

Mayor Hruby said the project on SR 82, where we spent \$131,000 towards the sidewalks. That was part of capital funds in a project that we did with Broadview Heights it didn't come out of the streets and sidewalks funding. It came out of Capital Funding. The trail and the sidewalk that the City did put in along the Valley Parkway, that was also from a Capital Fund, it was an investment that we made with the Metro Parks and with the City of Broadview Heights, the City of North Royalton and the City of Strongsville. That would be under a capital project under a line item in the capital budget and would not appear under streets or sidewalk line. Every year in Streets and Sidewalks there is money that's put aside under the title concrete. That is for the replacement of sidewalks that the City replaces. If the City wants to add some sidewalks where there's a missing piece or two at the end of the street that's where that money comes from. Mayor Hruby said it would be under the concrete program, it wouldn't be specific it's by a square foot or a yard of concrete. You'd have to look individually at each one of the projects to see how much money was spent towards sidewalks. Mayor Hruby said most of the sidewalks in the City are installed by the developers and the developers put them in and the city does replacements or some improvements but primarily they're paid for by the developers.

Councilmember Carouse said replacement is when a tree in the tree lawn that's caused it to break. The repair of a sidewalk is still the property owner's responsibility. We're not fixing any broken sidewalk or upheave in sidewalks in town in those certain situations.

Councilmember Carouse asked if the Tanager Trail project was completed. Engineer Wise said the contractor has left the site and the final sign will be done when the grass growth is sufficient.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:47 PM

Motion made by Carouse, Seconded by Veras.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Kingston, Veras.

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UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Call to Order at 7:47 PM

Chairperson Daryl Kingston.

Committee members L. Carouse, A. Koepke.

Roll Call

Present: Kingston, Carouse, Koepke

Items for Consideration:

UTL 1. Approval of Utility Committee Minutes 5-18-2021

Motion made by Kingston, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Kingston, Koepke.

UTL 2. Engineer - Whitewood Aerial Sewer & Storm Sewer Update

Engineer Wise said the contractor is back on site. Cuyahoga County requires within 60 days after a project is complete the sewers are filmed. There are some areas that were not sufficient. One area showed a collapsed pipe near a manhole. Some areas of restoration are also needed. Engineer Wise said locations on Meadow and Whitewood require additional work.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 PM

Motion made by Kingston, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Kingston, Koepke.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Call to Order at 7:50 PM

L. Carouse, D. Caruso, M. Harwood, D. Kingston, A. Koepke, L. Redinger, K. Veras.

Roll Call

L. Carouse, D. Caruso, M. Harwood, D. Kingston, A. Koepke, L. Redinger, K. Veras.

Items for Consideration:

CoW 1. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes 5-18-2021

Motion made by Harwood, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

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Convene Executive session to discuss matters of personnel as it relates to employment issues and vacancies on a City Commission; matters of real estate as it relates to property acquisitions and economic development.

Motion made by Harwood, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras

Roll Call: L. Carouse, D. Caruso, M. Harwood, D. Kingston, A. Koepke, L. Redinger, K. Veras, Law Director Matty, Asst. Law Director DiGeronimo. Mayor Hruby.

Adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Committee of the Whole.

Motion made by Harwood, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras

Motion to Adjourn at 8:06 PM

Motion made by Harwood, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Mayor and Safety Director: Jerry N. Hruby,

City Council Members: Michael T. Harwood, *President*; Laura C. Redinger, *Vice President*; Louis N. Carouse, Jr.; Dominic Caruso; Daryl Kingston; Ann Koepke; Kimberly A. Veras

Clerk: Tammy Tabor