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**CITY OF BRECKSVILLE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**Virtual Meeting Notice**

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**Call to Order**

6:00 PM

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 Buildings & Grounds Committee Minutes 8-3-2021**

Motion made by Veras, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Redinger, Veras.

**B&G 2. Central School Proposals - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council Rejecting the Proposals submitted through the RFQ/RFP process to select a Developer for the Central School Property.**

Purchasing Director Riser provided information on the RFP/RFQ process. In December 2020, the City advertised for RFQ submissions, and received (2) responses, from DiGeronimo Companies & United Community Developers. It was decided at the time to continue with the process of interviews and additional discussions with those (2) firms. Following all interviews with the two candidates, and review of the feedback from the Old Town residents, it is the unanimous opinion of the Selection Committee members that we seek approval to re-open the opportunity for submissions and discussions with additional firms about the proposed uses and development of the Central School property. In order to do this, we must formally close the current RFQ/RFP process by rejecting the two proposals that were submitted. This action would not exclude those two firms from being able to participate in future RFQ submissions, bidding processes or discussions with the City on this project. A public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ralph W. Biggs City Council Chambers. Similar to the meeting held with the Old Town residents, the design ideas proposed by the two participating Developer firms in the RFQ/RFP process will be shared with attendees. The intended

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purpose will be to encourage open discussion, and gather feedback on the various development ideas that have been proposed so far for the Central School property. Additionally, upon approval of this request by City Council, the administration would also be seeking authorization to begin the required steps with the Planning Commission for placing the re-zoning of the Central School property on the May 3, 2022 ballot.

Mayor Hruby said the committee was not pleased with either proposal. One of the proposals created a lot of redevelopment of the downtown,. When the developer approached many of the stakeholders, property owners, it was determined the property owners did not want to sell property. Mayor Hruby said the preservation of Old Town as residential along Arlington Street is a key issue. The committee decided the best way to move forward will be to have additional public hearings. Suggesting Arlington Street to be zoned as a residential area, single family, attached, detached would need to be determined. Mayor Hruby said the parking lot along SR 82 could be used as retail or multi use, requiring rezoning. Mayor Hruby commended the developers for the time they placed in their proposals. One proposal had very expensive homes, upwards of \$600,000.00 - \$800,000.00. Some of the commercial development was not readily accepted by the committee or old town residents. Mayor Hruby said discussion will be needed regarding the option to sell the property.

Motion made by Veras, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Redinger, Veras.

**B&G 3. Vehicle Storage Building** - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of a Blanket Vendor Purchase Requisition in the aggregate amount of \$8,725.00 for materials repair and replacement of deteriorating concrete along the trench drain. *Account #110170 2603.*

Motion made by Veras, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Redinger, Veras.

**Motion to Adjourn**

7:10 PM

Motion made by Veras, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Redinger, Veras.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Call to Order**

7:10 PM

Chairperson: L. Redinger

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

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**Roll Call**

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

**Items for Consideration:**

**FIN 1. Approval of Finance Committee Minutes 8-03-2021**

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Koepke, Redinger.

**FIN 2. Soccer Supplies** - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of a \$1,000.00 increase to Blanket Purchase Order #BL215650 for Soccer Supplies due to the increase in spring and fall participation. *Account #240748 2201*

Motion made by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Redinger.

**FIN 3. Sales Tax Increase** - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of an increase to Blanket Purchase Order #BL215630 in the amount of \$5,100.00 for the Sales Tax Payable account. *Account #240710 2129*

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Redinger.

**FIN 4. Appropriations** - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5377, making appropriations during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

Finance Director Starosta said the appropriation changes are necessary to related to the Miller Rd/I77 Interchange Project.

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Caruso.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Redinger.

**Motion to Adjourn**

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Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Redinger.

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**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Call to Order**

7:14 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 7-20-2021**

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Redinger.

**LEG 2. OneOhio MOU Settlement** - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of a Resolution to adopt the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding and to accept the material terms of the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Law Director Matty explained the City did not originally apply for inclusion in the settlement as the City did not have damages due to the opioid epidemic. After discussions with the Attorney General, it was determined the funds awarded could be used for law enforcement education, services and training for fire and police department employees. Law Director Matty said 55% of the settlement funds will go to non-profit recovery programs, 15% will be given to the State of Ohio and 30% will be available to municipalities based on their population. After all of the attorneys get paid, it is unknown how much total funding will be available to the municipalities. Passage of this legislation will accept the Attorney General Memorandum of Understanding and the actual form that has been filed with the Attorney General's office. Approval will also allow the City to be included in the settlement and authorizing Mr. Matty to represent the City in this matter

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Redinger.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Redinger.

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**Other Matters deemed appropriate**

Councilmember Koepke said she would like to add discussion of possible changes to the speed ordinances adopted by the City. Assistant Law Director DiGeronimo said Brecksville's Codified Ordinance has language that is not needed and to increase penalties for speeding. The Ordinance replicates the Ohio Revised Code and includes language that does not pertain to the City of Brecksville. The code, currently, does not provide for increased penalties for excessive speeding. Mayor Hruby said as the Safety Director he along with the Police support the changes.

Mayor Hruby asked the committee to consider changes to the zoning code regarding the parking of vehicles, recreational vehicles, etc. The code currently allows for a time limit to comply if you are notified of a violation. The continued violation will result in a hearing, which allows for additional time before coming into compliance. Some residents are using the additional time to avoid compliance with the code. Mayor Hruby said he would like the Asst. Law Director to review the code and suggest any possible changes to the committee.

**Motion to Adjourn**

7:28 PM

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Caruso.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Redinger.

**SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**Call to Order**

7:29 PM

Chairperson- Dominic Caruso

Committee members- D. Kingston, K. Veras.

**Roll Call**

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

**SAF 1. Approval of Safety Service Committee Minutes 8-3-2021**

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Kingston.

Voting Yea: Kingston, Veras

Voting Abstaining: Caruso

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Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Kingston.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Kingston, Veras.

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**STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE**

**Call to Order**

7:29 PM

Chairperson- Louis Carouse

Committee members- D. Kingston, K. Veras.

**Roll Call**

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

**Items for Consideration:**

**S&S 1. Approval of Streets & Sidewalks Committee Minutes 8-3-2021**

Motion made by Carouse, Seconded by Veras.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Kingston, Veras.

**S&S 2. Engineer's Report** Engineer Wise said this proposal was discussed previously regarding the Miller Rd./I77 Interchange project. The proposal has been completely vetted by ODOT, revised to address all comments and is ready for Acceptance by City Council. The proposal, in the amount of \$947,477.00 follows ODOT design criteria, and takes the project from Stage 1 through final design.

**S&S 3. Accept Proposal Euthenics I-77 Interchange Plans Stage 2** - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of a Resolution accepting the proposal of Euthenics, Inc. for the Miller Road/I77 Interchange through ODOT Stage 2. *Project #RD160001 Account # C480171 3501.*

Motion made by Carouse, Seconded by Kingston.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Kingston, Veras.

**Motion to Adjourn**

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Motion made by Carouse, Seconded by Veras.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Kingston, Veras

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**UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Call to Order**

7:37 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 8-3-2021**

Motion made by Kingston, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Kingston.

Voting Abstaining: Koepke.

**Motion to Adjourn**

7:38 PM

Motion made by Kingston, Seconded by Carouse.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Koepke

Voting Abstaining: Kingston

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Call to Order**

7:38 PM

**Roll Call**

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

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**CoW 1. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes 8-3-2021**

Motion made by Harwood, Seconded by Redinger.

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

Voting Abstaining: Caruso, Koepke..

**CoW 2. Beautification Award Presentation at Council.**

Mayor Hruby thanked Council for recognizing the work of the Beautification Committee and the property owners.

**Motion to Adjourn**

7:40 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

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