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CITY OF BRECKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Council President Caruso, Council Vice President Savage, Council Member Bender, Council Member Ganim, Council Member Jantzen, Council Member Koepke, Council Member Stucky

Also Present: Mayor D. Kingston, Law Director D. Matty, Assistant Law Director L. Sabol, Engineer G. Wise, Fire Chief M. Bender, Human Services Director S. Paciorek, Police Chief Korinek, Purchasing Director M. Bartkiewicz, CBO S. Packard, Service Director J. Kickel, Media Specialist T. Russo, Clerk T. Tabor.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Carter P.R Jones, J. Lambert-Shemo, A. Glozer, A. Ponticos, J. Botz, Judy G. , L. Toth, E. Martelon, M. Myers. Approximately 20 Firefighters and additional guests.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of November 4, 2025 City Council Minutes

Motion for passage by Ganim, seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. RES. 5725 - a Resolution appointing Michael J Tusai II as a full-time firefighter/paramedic in the City of Brecksville Fire Department; and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Kingston said Michael Tusai has been an outstanding firefighter for the City of Brecksville for 19 years and will now join the ranks as a full-time firefighter. Firefighter Tusai has been a part-time firefighter/paramedic since 2006 and as a full time firefighter/paramedic with the Village of Newburgh Heights and part time with the City of Seven Hills. Michael has also been a member of Southwest Emergency Response Team as a diver and swift water rescue technician. Michael also comes to us with certifications as a state-certified fire safety inspector, licensed drone pilot, and is very well -rounded in the many computer systems that are used in the fire service and will be a wonderful asset to us in our needs for a seasoned and well -qualified firefighter paramedic.

Mayor Kingston administered the oath to Michael Tusai II and his wife Kristen installed the badge to Firefighter/Paramedic Tusai. Their son Brody and his mother-in law Linda were in attendance.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender to pass Resolution 5725.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

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Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

2. RES. 5726 — a Resolution appointing Sayf S. Shetawi as a part-time firefighter/paramedic in the City of Brecksville Fire Department; and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Kingston said Sayf is currently working part-time for the Brunswick Hills Fire Department and Donald Martin and Sons Ambulance Service. Sayf graduated from North Royalton High School and obtained his firefighting certification from Cuyahoga Community College in 2018 and graduated from the Cuyahoga County Community College paramedic program in 2023.

Mayor Kingston administered the oath to Sayf S. Shetawi and his mother, Susan, installed the badge of firefighter.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender to pass Resolution 5726.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

3. RES 5728 - a Resolution establishing blanket purchase order amount and limit and exceptions with higher limits; and declaring an emergency.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender to pass Resolution 5728.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

4. RES. 5729 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Ohio Department of Development Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Subrecipient Agreement with the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation to set forth terms and conditions upon which certain funds will be subgranted for costs of implementing the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program; and declaring an emergency.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender to pass Resolution 5729.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

5. ORD. 5823 - an Ordinance amending Section 136.07 of the Administrative Code titled "Registration fee; Use of Funds; Rules." to

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include membership pass rates for non-resident students for Community Center Membership; and declaring an emergency.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender to pass Ordinance 5823.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

6. ORD. 5824 - an Ordinance authorizing purchase of various grades of gasoline and diesel fuel for the City of Brecksville through a Joint Municipal Improvement Consortium; and declaring an emergency

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender to pass Ordinance 5824.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

7. ORD. 5825 - an Ordinance amending Section 1311.08 of the Building Code titled Registration Expiration; Application Fee to update the application fee; and declaring an emergency

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender to pass Ordinance 5825.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

8. ORD. 5826 - an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 5758, making appropriations for current expenses of the City of Brecksville during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, making necessary appropriation and revenue adjustments; and declaring an emergency.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender to pass Ordinance 5826.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Report of Council Representatives and Council Committees: Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Recreation Commission, Human Services Advisory Board

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Board of Appeals

Council Member Stucky reported the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be December 8, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Appeal 2025-61

Approval of the request of Kevin Weigand on behalf of Michael and Rachael Passodelis for (1) a variance from Section 1151.24 minimum 125 ft. front yard setback required to allow 107.5 ft., (2) a variance from Section 1151.24 minimum 30 ft. total side yards required to allow 25 ft. for the construction of an addition on the rear of a non-conforming house, located at 6738 East Sprague Rd., PPN 601-01-018.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender for passage.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Appeal 2025-62 Approval for the request of Evergreen Woodcraft on behalf of Jordan Jachna for (1) a variance from Section 1151.24 minimum 10 ft. side yard setback required to allow for 4 ft., (2) a variance from Section 1151.24 minimum 30 ft. total side yards required to allow for 19 ft. for the construction of an addition a non-conforming house, located at 7909 Oakhurst Dr., PPN 602-03-028.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender for passage.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Planning Commission

Council President Caruso reported the Planning Commission has three items for Council consideration. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be December 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

WOW Workshop of Wishes - Approval of a 18 sq. ft. permanent, externally-illuminated, wall identification sign for WOW Workshop of Wishes, 23 Public Square, Brecksville, Ohio as described in the application dated 10/21/25 and shown in the attached plans by RUFFneon dated 10/20/2025, contingent on approval by City Council for the following deviation: 1. A deviation from Section 1187 .11 (b) requirement for the maximum of 1 wall sign to allow 2 wall signs.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage for passage.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Deer Path Estates Entrance Sign 5901 Fawn Lane - Approval of an 8.33 sq. ft. permanent, single sided, externally-illuminated, ground identification sign for Deer Path Estates, 5901 Fawn Ln., Brecksville, Ohio as described in the application dated 10/23/25 and shown in the attached plans by Medina Signs dated 10/24/25 and approval from City Council for the following deviation:
1. A deviation from Section 1187 .08(b) identification signs in a residential district must be 10 ft. from the ROW to allow for an identification sign to be 5 ft. from the ROW to replace an existing sign and contingent on the City Engineer for approval of the final location.

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Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage for passage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
Voting Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Solar Panels 6560 Thorntree Dr. - FINAL Approval for a Solar Photovoltaic System installation at 6560 Mill Road, Brecksville, Ohio, Permanent Parcel Number 601-21-099, as described in the application dated September 19, 2025, and attached plans submitted by YellowLite, Inc. contingent on City Council's approval of the following deviation:
1. A deviation from Section 1186.03(c)(1) to allow panels on a roof that faces a side yard.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage for passage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
Voting Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Water's Edge 7014 Mill Rd. - PRELIMINARY and FINAL approval for a parking lot, exterior facade, and ADA ramp located at 7014 Mill Road (PPN 601-30-042) Brecksville, Ohio, 44141, as described in the application dated 5/19/25 and shown on the plans submitted on 10/25/25, contingent upon the City Engineer and City Council for Final Approval.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage for passage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
Voting Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Council Member Bender was excused due to a conflict with the following items.

Woodlands of Snowville Phase 2 & 3 River Birch Run - Final approval for the revision of the Phase 2 improvement plans to specifically allow the additional clearing and storm sewer changes as described in the application dated 10/20/25 and attached plans contingent on approval of the City Engineer and City Council.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage for passage.
Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
Voting Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Final approval of Clearing, Mass Grading, and SWPP for Phase 3 as described in the application dated 10/20/25 and attached plans contingent on approval of the City Engineer and City Council.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage for passage.
Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
Voting Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Council President Caruso and Council Member Ganim were excused due to a conflict with the following items.

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Flour Restaurant 5720 Independence Dr. # 100 - FINAL approval of an 18 sq. ft., face-lit, channel letter, wall identification sign and facade for Flour Restaurant, located at 5720 Independence Dr. # 100, Brecksville, Ohio, as described in the application dated 10/20/2025 and attached plans by APEX Pinnacle Services LLC. submitted on 10/20/25, and contingent on approval from City Council for the following deviations:

Wall Sign(s):

1. A deviation from Section 1187 .09(c) that the total height shall not exceed 3 ft. for a wall identification sign to allow for 3.83 ft.
2. A deviation from Section 1187 .05(d)(2) that internal illumination may be permitted only on free-standing ground identification signs and limited to business logo or individual letters to allow for a face-lit illuminated wall identification sign.

Motion by Savage, seconded by Koepke for passage.

Voting Yea: Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Council President Caruso, Council Member Ganim, and Council Member Bender returned to the meeting.

Recreation Commission

Council Member Ganim reported the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be December 1st at 7:30 PM.

Human Services Advisory Board

Council Member Koepke reported the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be December 9th at 3:00 PM.

Reports of Council Committees

Safety Service - Council Member Koepke reported the Committee met earlier and has no items for Council consideration.

Streets & Sidewalks - Council Member Stucky reported the Committee met earlier and has one item for Council consideration.

Oakes Road Sidewalks - Recommend to Council approval of a motion to authorize the Purchasing Director to advertise for bids for CUY SRTS 2026 Brecksville (PID 120129) for the construction of sidewalks on Oakes Road from Barr Road to the Blossom Hill Complex entrance.

Motion to approve by Ganim, seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Utilities - Council Member Ganim reported the Committee met earlier and has no items for Council consideration.

Buildings & Grounds - Council Member Jantzen reported the Committee met earlier and has no items for Council consideration.

Legislation - Council Member Bender reported the Committee met earlier and has no items for Council consideration.

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Finance - Council Member Savage reported the Committee met earlier and has two items for Council consideration.

Recreation and Human Services Program Rates - Approval of a motion authorizing changes to the 2026 Community Center and Human Services program rates.

Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Purchase Order Increase - Approval of an increase to PO# 20259617 in the amount of \$8,000.00 for Community Center - General Programming

Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

IT Equipment - Approval of a motion authorizing a requisition in the amount of \$30,000 for various vendors for the purchase of twenty-one (21) UPS units and eight (8) workstations.

Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Reports of Department Directors: Director of Law, Engineer, Director of Finance, Chief Building Official, Director of Human Services, Director of Service, Director of Purchasing, Chief of Police Department, Chief of Fire Department, Director of Recreation

Director of Law, Dave Matty: No Report

Engineer, Gerry Wise: No Report.

Director of Finance, Laura Starosta: No Report.

Chief Building Official: CBO Scott Packard. No Report

Director of Human Services: Dr. Paciorek said the Yuletide Hunger collection is ongoing in the community, donations are needed.

Director of Service, Joe Kickel: No Report

Director of Purchasing, Monica Bartkiewicz: No Report.

Chief of Police Department, Chief Korinek reported Shop with a First Responder will take place on December 6th. Tickets are available at the Police Station or the Clerk of Courts office.

Chief of Fire Department: Mark Bender: No Report.

Report of the Mayor – Mayor Kingston said Shop with a First Responder will take children, referred by the school district, shopping for Christmas gifts and return back to the Community Center for lunch and gift wrapping. Leak collection continues through November 28th. The Christmas Parade and tree lighting will be on November 30th with fireworks when it is sufficiently dark enough.

Regarding the restaurants down at Valor Acres, some updates Masu is opening on Thursday. They're currently taking reservations. Orientation for Flour was yesterday. An opening date for them was not given. Mayor Kingston said he believes it's going to be the end of next week.

Comments: Council President Caruso asked that Council Members let Kristen Kouri know if you will be participating in the Holiday parade.

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Council Member Stucky commented he is happy with the fence going up at Kids Quarters. Council Member Stucky thanked Service Director Kickel and Recreation Director Engle, they did a wonderful job bringing this project for the City. I'm so proud. I'm also proud of our Mayors, Mayor Hruby for getting that project going, and Mayor Kingston for following through. When you walk through that, that's just an amazing thing that our city has done, and thanks to everybody who participated in that.

Adjournment

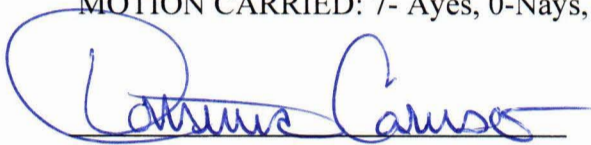
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Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.

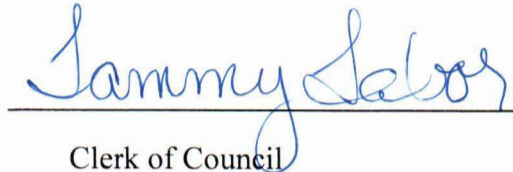
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.



President of Council



Clerk of Council

Mayor and Safety Director: Daryl Kingston

City Council Members: Dominic Caruso, President; Beth Savage, Vice President;
Dan Bender; AJ Ganim; Mark Jantzen; Ann Koepke; Brian Stucky.

Clerk: Tammy Tabor