



BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: AJ Ganim

Members: Dan Bender, Ann Koepke

7:00 PM

Roll Call

Present: Ganim, Bender, Koepke.

Items for Consideration:

B&G 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Buildings & Grounds February 3, 2026

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke.

B&G 2. Portable Fume Extractor - Recommend to Council approval of a motion to approve a purchase requisition for Fume Dog in the amount of \$6,301.88 for the purchase of a portable fume extractor for the Service Department.

Service Director Kickel said the request is for a portable fume extractor to be used for the use of the welder. The City received a grant that will cover approximately 75% of the cost.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Adjourn

7:02 PM

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Dan Bender

Members: Beth Savage, AJ Ganim

7:02 PM

Roll Call

Present: Bender, Ganim, Savage.

Items for Consideration:

FIN 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Finance February 3, 2026

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Savage.

- FIN 2.** NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Program - Recommend to Council approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Funding Through the NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Program.

Purchasing Director Bartkiewicz said NOPEC offers yearly grant opportunities for community events. The City of Brecksville uses these funds for the Firefighters Ice Cream Social.

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Savage.

- FIN 3.** Public Defender Fees for Indigent Criminal Defendants - Recommend to Council approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for Payment of Counsel Fees for Indigent Criminal Defendants.

Assistant Law Director Sabol this agreement is for any payments to the public defender that would represent an indigent defendant in the Garfield Heights Municipal Court. Traditionally when it would come time to make a plea or to enter into a final disposition, the um defense attorney would ask the prosecutor to amend the charge to a "state based" charge if it was a city-based charge so that they may submit their bill to the county to be paid. This recently has come under scrutiny and due to the state paying more attention to the fee bills and also the increase in the public defenders bills. Now if a charge goes into the Garfield Court under a City-Based Code and I later amend that to a state-based code, they no longer will pay that fee bill. The county will request the City of Brecksville for that payment. So, this contract kind of buffers that and any bills that were received by public defenders, whether state- based charge. When there's a city- based charge the city of Brecksville will be covered now through this contract at approximately 82% was this year, with Cuyahoga County. The agreement doesn't cost the City of Brecksville anything to enter into this contract. If approved by Council, Police Officers can write city-based code charges and we can go into Mayor's Court.

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Savage.

- FIN 4.** Employee Assistance Services Agreement — Recommend to Council approval of a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Ease@Work EAP, LLC to provide employee assistance services.

Mayor Kingston said the administration is recommending renewal of the contract for two years with Ease@Work. The administration is happy with the services provided at a six session plan level at \$3,290.00. The annual cost is the same, the City has less full time employees at this time.

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Savage.

- FIN 5.** Appropriations - Recommend to Council approval of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 5829, making appropriations of the City of Brecksville during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, making necessary appropriation and revenue adjustments.

Assistant Finance Director Lemasters said there are some adjustments related to the grant Service Director Kickel discussed for the Fume Dog extractor. Funding has been requested to move a portion of the Capital Budget to the Operating Budget for the purchase of road salt. Additional funding has been moved to the State Highway Improvement Fund for an increase to engineering services on Phase 3 of Brecksville Road Resurfacing.

Sections four through seven of the Ordinance all have to do with our Tax Increment Equivalent Funds. There are the Valor Acres, Sherwin - Williams, Valor Acres phase one, two and three funds. There are two reasons for adjustments to these funds. They are to move capital and operating expenditures as needed and also to budget for any available balances still in those funds that we can use. There's also a \$50,000 increase to the phase 2 fund in order to make a repayment to the TIF loan to the developer that is part of our agreement.

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Savage.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Adjourn

7:12 PM

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Savage.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Beth Savage

Members: Mark Jantzen, Brian Stucky

7:12 PM

Roll Call

Present: Savage, Jantzen.

Absent: Stucky.

Items for Consideration:

LEG 1. Legislation Committee Meeting Minutes February 3, 2026

Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Jantzen.

Voting Yea: Savage, Jantzen.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Adjourn

7:12 PM

Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Jantzen.

Voting Yea: Savage, Jantzen.

SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Mark Jantzen

Members: AJ Ganim, Brian Stucky

7:12 PM

Roll Call

Present: Jantzen, Ganim.

Absent: Stucky.

Items for Consideration:**SAF 1.** Committee Meeting Minutes Safety-Service February 3, 2026

Motion by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.

Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim.

SAF 2. Southwest Council of Governments - Recommend to Council approval of a motion to approve a purchase requisition for the Southwest Council of Governments in the amount of \$27,500.00 for annual membership dues for the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) and Southwest Emergency Response Team (SERT).

Fire Chief Bender said this is used by the Fire Department and the Police Department. The City's membership provides for inclusion in the technical rescue aspect of the Southwest Council of Government. That includes all rope rescue, confined space rescue, hazmat, fire and there's the sub component which is the law enforcement site.

Police Chief Korinek said the membership dues for the Police Department is for the Southwest Enforcement Bureau. This allows officers access to a SWAT team, a bomb unit, mobile field force, and also a crisis negotiation unit. We have four officers on the SWAT team and one on the bomb force. The officers train one to two times a month depending on what group they're in. In the City of Brecksville we don't have events like that all the time, but when we did and it was reassuring to have alot of professionals to get through. For both departments it's a communal effort between the departments in the southwest portion of the county. It seems to have worked well over a period of time.

Motion by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.

Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim.

Other Matters deemed appropriate**Adjourn**

7:15 PM

Motion by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.

Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE**Call to Order**

Chairperson: Brian Stucky

Members: Ann Koepke, Beth Savage

7:15 PM

Roll Call

Present: Savage, Koepke.
Absent: Stucky.

Items for Consideration:**S&S 1.** Committee Meeting Minutes Streets & Sidewalks February 3, 2026

Motion by Savage, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Savage, Koepke.

Other Matters deemed appropriate**Adjourn**

7:16 PM

Motion by Savage, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Savage, Koepke.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE**Call to Order**

Chairperson: Ann Koepke

Members: Dan Bender, Mark Jantzen

7:16 PM

Roll Call

Present: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.

Items for Consideration:**UTL 1.** Committee Meeting Minutes Utilities February 3, 2026

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.

UTL 2. Brecksville Road Watermain Replacement Grant Application - Recommend to Council approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to complete the grant application for replacement of watermain on Brecksville Road from Arlington Road to Parkview Road.

Engineer Wise said an application to Cleveland Water has been presented. Cleveland Water has a competitive program where they fund projects to replace older water mains. Because of the repaving project coming up, Cleveland Water advised that we should look into the program and see what we can do to get anything replaced. So we fill out the application. It's going to be for 7900 ft of water main. The water line goes from Arlington to Parkview and there's a lot of older pipe, 1926 era cast pipe. The City is looking to the one that's part of the overall project which is the repaving project, because after talking to Cleveland Water, they basically said the City had no chance to get the standalone project funded. The project would expose the city for just under about \$3 million of the total project which the City's share would be about \$300,000. If the City gets funding we will have another conversation sometime in April.

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.

Other Matters deemed appropriate**Adjourn**

7:18 PM

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Jantzen.

Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.**

7:18 PM

Roll Call

Present: Dan Bender, Dominic Caruso, AJ Ganim, Mark Jantzen, Ann Koepke, Beth Savage.

Absent: Brian Stucky.

Items for Consideration:**CoW 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole February 3, 2026**

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.

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

CoW 2. Heritage Homes Renewal

Mayor Kingston said Council approved a one year contract with the stipulation to review at the end of the year. Council Members agreed the program was utilized by the residents and there were no objections to renewing the program.

CoW 3. 2026 Fireworks Displays

Mayor Kingston said the contract for providing Brecksville's fireworks displays will be considered shortly. Mayor Kingston asked Council members if any members had an opinion on whether the City should continue with a fireworks display at Home Days and Christmas. Council Member Koepke said she asked the question to several people and all said they really enjoy the Home Days fireworks display. All of the people Council Member Koepke asked about the Christmas/Holiday fireworks display said they enjoy the tree lighting, and would not be disappointed if the fireworks did not take place after the tree lighting.

Council President Caruso said during the COVID quarantine, the Christmas fireworks served a purpose that allowed people to enjoy the display without being close together.

Other Matters deemed appropriate/ Reports/Correspondence**Adjourn**

7:23 PM

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.

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

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