

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CITY OF BRECKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
HELD: February 17, 2026

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Call to Order

8:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent: Brian Stucky.

Also Present: Law Director D. Matty, Assistant Law Director L. Sabol, Engineer G. Wise, Assistant Finance Director T. Lemasters, Fire Chief M. Bender, Police Chief Korinek, Purchasing Director M. Bartkiewicz, Service Director J. Kickel, CBO S. Packard, Media Specialist, Clerk T. Tabor. Veronica Sas, Lydia Heintz, Gavin Racine, Taylor Bibbo, Carya La, Reagan Felker, Christina Lakatos.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of February 3, 2026 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. 5766 - a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Funding Through the NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Program; and declaring an emergency..**

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Bender, seconded by Savage, to pass Resolution 5766.

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

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

- 2. RES. 5767 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for Payment of Counsel Fees for Indigent Criminal Defendants; and declaring an emergency.**

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Bender, seconded by Savage, to pass Resolution 5767.

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

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

- 3. RES. 5768 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a CWD Suburban Watermain Renewal Project Grant through Cleveland Water; and declaring an emergency.**

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Bender, seconded by Savage, to pass Resolution 5768.

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

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

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4. ORD. 5848 — an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amendment to the Customer Services Agreement with AllOne Health Resources DBA Ease@Work, to increase the fee amount, and declaring an emergency.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Bender, seconded by Savage, to pass Ordinance 5848

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

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

5. ORD. 5849 - an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 5829, making appropriations for current expenses of the City of Brecksville during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, making necessary appropriation and revenue adjustments; and declaring an emergency.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Koepke, seconded by Savage, to pass Ordinance 5849.

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

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Report of Council Representatives and Council Committees

Board of Appeals

Council President Caruso reported the Board of Appeals has four items for Council consideration. The next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be March 9th at 7:30 PM.

APPEAL 2026-01 Approval of a variance from Section 1151.24 minimum 60' rear yard setback to allow for 33.5' for the construction of an addition located at 4606 Silver Creek Cir., PPN 603-21-074.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

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

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

APPEAL 2026-02 Approval of a variance from Section 1151.06(i)(2)(B) to allow a trailer on the side of the house instead of the rear as required, located at 6742 Oakes Rd., PPN 603-15-016.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

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

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

APPEAL 2026-04 Approval of (1) a variance from section 1151.23(a) maximum 420' front yard setback to allow 1289.5' for the construction of a new house, (2) a variance from 1151.25(d)(1) maximum 660 sq/ft to allow 864 sq/ft, (3) a variance from Section 1181.11(b) maximum building height 15' to allow 17.7

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

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

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

APPEAL 2025-68 Approval of a variance from Section 1151.26(1) detached garage located in the rear yard required to allow new construction in the side yard, located at 10017 Greenhaven Pkwy, 601-11-002.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

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Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Planning Commission

Council President Caruso reported the Planning Commission has no items for Council consideration. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be March 5th at 7:00 PM.

Recreation Commission Council Member Ganim had no report.

Human Services Advisory Board

Council Member Koepke reported the Human Services Advisory Board will meet on March 10th at 3:00 PM. The Kiwanis and Broadview Heights will have the Empty Bowls Event. It will take place on March 3rd at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, benefitting the Brecksville Food Pantry and South Hills Lend a Hand Program. Council Member Koepke congratulated Dr. Steve Paciorek and his wife Anuja on the birth of their daughter.

Reports of Council Committees

Safety Service - Council Member Jantzen reported the Committee met earlier and has one item for Council consideration.

Southwest Council of Governments - 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).

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

Streets & Sidewalks - Council Member Savage reported the Committee met earlier and has no items for Council consideration.

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

Buildings & Grounds - Council Member Ganim reported the Committee met earlier and has one item for Council consideration.

Portable Fume Extractor - 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.

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

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

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

Reports of Department Directors

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. Steve Paciorek: No Report.

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Director of Service, Joe Kickel: No Report

Director of Purchasing, Monica Bartkiewicz: No Report.

Chief of Police Department, Chief Korinek reminded residents to sign up for community alerts. Safety, weather, road closings and other city events can be sent to your home phone, cell phone and e-mail, but you need to sign up to receive notifications. You can do it online at our website, call or visit the Human Services or Community Center for help with signing up. You can also contact City Hall for help signing up.

Chief of Fire Department: Chief Bender: No Report.

Director of Recreation: Rachele Engle: No Report.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Kingston said he received information that Tom English passed away unexpectedly on Sunday. Tom and his late wife Meg were active in the CVYO baseball program and the Brecksville Recreation Department. The City also lost a former member of the Recreation Commission, Scott Campbell. Mr. Campbell was very active in pickleball and also died unexpectedly on Sunday.

Mayor Kingston congratulated Council Member Stucky on the birth of his grandson, Ramsey.

Other Matters:

Christine Lakatos 6556 Lloyd Road is a new member on the BBH Pride Board and is looking forward to a cooperative and working relationship with the City.

Amy Tytko, 9117 Highland Dr. asked what would happen in terms of construction in the city and the roads because I know there's been a lot of construction lately.

Engineer Wise said there would be more construction. The intent would be that if the City received the grant, we would replace the water line. Prior to repaving the third phase of Brecksville Road, contractors will excavate out and then lay a water main next to the existing water main and then reconnect everyone's house and then they would re-pave the road. Mayor Kingston said roughly once every 20 years we have to resurface Brecksville Road, the entire length of Brecksville Road. The City decided was to do the construction in three phases over three years. Instead of trying to complete in one year, we split it up and we're doing three different sections. So that's why it seems like the construction is never ending. Two of the sections are done. In 2027, we do have a little piece that's going to happen this year, but in 2027, that's when the last section will be done. And this pipe is in that last section if we get the grant. So before the City resurfaces it, if we can get a grant to fix the pipe underneath it, we'll do both at the same time.

Council President Caruso said the pipe is 100 years old. Council Member Bender said last year by Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, we had water coming across Brecksville Road a lot of it. The best case scenario is to replace the pipe before paving.

Adjournment

8:20 PM

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