
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Call to Order

Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

7:00 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

Items for Consideration:

CoW 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole March 3, 2026

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.

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

Abstain: Koepke.

Other Matters deemed appropriate/Reports/Correspondence

Adjourn

7:17 PM

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: AJ Ganim

Members: Dan Bender, Ann Koepke

7:17 PM

Roll Call

Present: Ganim, Bender, Koepke.

Items for Consideration:

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

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim.

Abstain: Koepke.

B&G 2. 2026 Spring Tree Order - Recommend to Council approval of a motion authorizing the purchase of trees for spring planting in the amount of \$8,770.00. Account #2520530-22010 & #1100530-22010

Service Director Kickel said this is the City's semi-annual tree planting. Most of the trees will be planted in the public right-of-way and some will be planted at Blossom along the recently constructed multi-use path.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Mayor Kingston said Brecksville has been named Tree City USA for 2025. Brecksville will be to be hosting the event next year, and the City is working on the invitation favors that we're going to be passing out at the Strongsville event this year.

Adjourn

7:19 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
7:19 PM

Roll Call

Present: Bender, Savage, Ganim.
Absent: None.

Items for Consideration:

FIN 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Finance March 3, 2026

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

FIN 2. Appropriations - Recommend to Council approval of 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.

Finance Director Starosta said there are payroll amendments related to the housekeeping department. Changes will allow for the payroll April 4th and the continuation of one employee in the position of housekeeping supervisor. The changes also estimate unemployment charges and the services of JCI Janitorial. Compensated absences are adjusted to provide cash outs for housekeeping employees upon termination. Finance Director Starosta said funds are also being allocated for the replacement of a police vehicle and equipment due to an accident. Insurance will reimburse approximately \$41,000.00 for this claim. The City was awarded funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 for rooftop HVAC units at the fire station.

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

FIN 3. Transfers - Recommend to Council approval of a Resolution making necessary transfers between certain funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

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

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Adjourn

7:22 PM
Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Beth Savage
Members: Mark Jantzen, Brian Stucky
7:22 PM

Roll Call

Present: Savage, Jantzen, Stucky.
Absent: None.

Items for Consideration:

LEG 1. Legislation Committee Meeting Minutes March 3, 2026

Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Stucky.
Voting Yea: Savage, Jantzen, Stucky.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Council Member Savage introduced Assistant Law Director Sabol to discuss the draft legislation for electric bikes. Assistant Law Director Sabol said the document includes information that was previously discussed with Council. In potentially amending our Ordinance to include some restriction with helmets with all of the classes of bicycles. Assistant

Law Director Sabol said she include the requirement to wear helmets for Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3. Council may want to have it more consistent with Brecksville's bicycle laws in which the restriction would be for any person 18 years and younger. Assistant Law Director Sabol said she added a caveat that the electric bicycles are not permitted on sidewalks which is in our ordinance 331.37 when that motor is engaged. The only other addition, 1A, she added the additional language to say that all electric bicycles shall have fully operational pedals, and that's just to make sure it stays as an electric bicycle, that they can't remove the pedals and turn it into another device, which would have another ordinance that would govern it.

Council discussed the determination of different classes of electric bikes. Assistant Law Director Sabol said the manufacturers have labels on the bike that determines the class and the enforcement begins with a conversation. Repeat offenders will result in parental involvement. Assistant Law Director Sabol said consistency among the code for motorcycles and bikes require helmets for people under 18.

Council asked what happens when an 11 or 12 year old is operating an e-bike on the sidewalk in Echo Hills. Police Chief Korinek said the stop would be informational, officers would stop and talk to the operator. The juvenile would be required to wear a helmet. Positive education, such as riding with a helmet, using the pedals on an e-bike. Council discussed the operation of electric bikes on sidewalks versus roadways.

Notification on the website and social media announcing rules for e-bikes would be a good way to advertise the rules adopted by Brecksville. Discussion continued regarding Police Officers on bike patrols.

Motion by Savage, seconded by Jantzen to authorize the Law Department to prepare legislation adopting electric bicycles based on the draft provided by Assistant Law Director Sabol.

Voting Yea: Savage, Jantzen, Stucky.

Adjourn

7:41 PM

Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Jantzen.

Voting Yea: Savage, Jantzen, Stucky.

SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Mark Jantzen

Members: AJ Ganim, Brian Stucky

7:41 PM

Roll Call

Present: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

Absent: None.

Items for Consideration:

SAF 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Safety-Service March 3, 2026

Motion by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.

Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

SAF 2. Vehicle Purchase - Recommend to Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one 2025 Ford Police Utility Vehicle and related equipment for the Police Department

Police Chief Korinek said a police officer was involved in a crash which totaled the vehicle. From many camera views it was verified that a vehicle ran a red light exiting Interstate 77, no fault of the officer. The car pulled out in front of the police vehicle causing the police vehicle to hit the vehicle exiting Interstate 77. Insurance will cover \$27,960.25 to replace the vehicle. Hall Public Safety Outfitters provided an inspection and determined what equipment could be used in the new vehicle and what needed replaced. The insurance agreed to reimburse the city 100% for the equipment, installation cost and striping on the new vehicle.

Motion by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.

Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

SAF 3. Garment Rental - Recommend to Council approval of a motion accepting the pricing of Unifirst for the provision of Garment Rental for the Service Department for a period of three (3) years.

Service Director Kickel said the best price for uniform rental is the current vendor, Unifirst. Some of the costs have decreased and a 3% increase is proposed for year 2 and 3.

Motion by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.

Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

SAF 4. Oils & Lubricants - Recommend to Council approval of a motion accepting the pricing of Englefield Oil for the provision of oils & lubricants for the Service Department.

Service Director Kickel said the quote of Englefield Oil was approximately 9% less than what the city is currently paying for these items.

Motion by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.

Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Adjourn

7:48 PM

Motion by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.

Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Brian Stucky

Members: Ann Koepke, Beth Savage

7:48 PM

Roll Call

Present: Stucky, Savage, Koepke.

Absent: None.

Items for Consideration:

S&S 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Streets & Sidewalks March 3, 2026

Motion by Stucky, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Stucky, Savage, Koepke.

S&S 2. Brecksville Road Repaving LPA Agreement - Recommend to Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an LPA FEDERAL LOCAL-LET PROJECT AGREEMENT for the CUY-SR 021 00.82 (PID 118560) Brecksville Road Repaving Project Phase 3.

Engineer Wise said this is typical Standard LPA, Local Let Agreement, it's adjusted to include all the information necessary for federal funds being utilized, and if you notice, it has a cap of \$2,160,000.00. That is a maximum cost, dependent on the bid pricing and how it works out eventually. Only eligible bid items can be used for the cap. This project is repaving, SR 21 phase three, from State Route 82 up to Miller Road.

Motion by Stucky, Seconded by Savage.

Voting Yea: Stucky, Savage, Koepke.

S&S 3. Asphalt Materials- Recommend to Council approval of an Ordinance accepting the bid of Kokosing Materials, Inc. for the furnishing of various types of asphalt for road repairs in the City of Brecksville.

Service Director Kickel said Purchasing Director Bartkiewicz worked to obtain pricing of asphalt through the asphalt consortium. Kokosing was the lowest bidder this year with an increase of 1% over last years pricing.

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

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Engineer Wise said Enbridge is replacing the steel piping along Chippewa Road. The project is moving along faster than expected. Additional crews will be brought in to install the long taps to connect to houses. Council Member Koepke asked if sidewalks are being moved. Engineer Wise said if sidewalks are damaged or need to be removed they will be replaced.

Adjourn

7:55 PM
Motion by Stucky, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Stucky, Savage, Koepke.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Ann Koepke
Members: Dan Bender, Mark Jantzen
7:54 PM

Roll Call

Present: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.

Items for Consideration:

UTL 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Utilities March 3, 2026

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

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Council Member Koepke said the utility companies did a good job getting everyone back on line after the recent storms.

Adjourn

7:55 PM
Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.