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CITY OF BRECKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
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**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: None.

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

Christina Lakatos, Mark Carson, Brittany Kulwicki Wheeler, approximately 40 students and coaches.

**Proclamations**

1. Brecksville-Broadview Heights Student Recognitions - Gymnastics, Wrestling.

Council President Caruso read a proclamation recognizing the coaches and students of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights wrestling program. Ryland Sechrist earned his second state championship and Zach Aquila also earned a state title.

Council Member Ganim read a proclamation recognizing the coaches and students of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School gymnastics program. The gymnastics team won their 23rd consecutive OHSIAA State Team Championship and 26th overall State Championship.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. **Approval of April 7, 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. 5779 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a First Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation to extend the term of the Original Agreement for the demolition of Central School by extending the expiration date to December 31, 2026; and declaring an emergency

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5779.

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

Abstain: None.

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

2. RES. 5780 - a Resolution accepting the proposal of of CTL Engineering, Inc. for Geotechnical Investigation Services for the Riverview Road Culvert Replacement Project; and declaring an emergency

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5780.

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Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.  
Abstain: None.  
MOTION CARRIED: 7 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

3. RES. 5781 - a Resolution accepting a Permanent Easement for construction, reconstruction, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing public utilities, and appurtenances thereto in, under, across and through certain lands owned by Joseph P. Hanna and Marie L. Ramundo and known as PPN 603-15-043 and Carollo Properties, LLC and known as PPN 603-15-042,

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.  
Nays: None.  
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5781.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.  
Abstain: None.  
MOTION CARRIED: 7 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

4. RES. 5782 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Partial Release of Storm Easement regarding a storm sewer easement on PPN 603-15-043 located at S/L 9 Victoria Lane, Brecksville, Ohio; and declaring an emergency

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.  
Nays: None.  
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5782.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.  
Abstain: None.  
MOTION CARRIED: 7 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

5. RES 5783 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for Cleveland Urbanized Area Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding from the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program to purchase a Light Transit Vehicle for the Human Services Center; and declaring an emergency.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.  
Nays: None.  
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5783.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.  
Abstain: None.  
MOTION CARRIED: 7 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

6. ORD. 5860 - 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

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.  
Nays: None.  
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Ordinance 5860.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.  
Abstain: None.  
MOTION CARRIED: 7 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

### **Report of Council Representatives and Council Committees**

#### **Board of Appeals**

Council Member Stucky reported the Board of Zoning Appeals has 6 items from the April 13, 2026 meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Appeals is May 11, 2026 at 7:30 PM.

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**APPEAL 2026-09** Kathryn Reel, homeowner of 8436 Riverview Rd. Motion to approve:

1. A variance from Section 1151.26.1 to allow a detached garage in the front yard where a rear yard is required, and
2. A variance from Section 1151.25(d)(1) to exceed the maximum 660 sq. ft. to allow 696 sq. ft., located at 8436 Riverview Rd., PPN 602-10-003.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Abstain: None.

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

**APPEAL 2026-10** Rick Rutkowski, homeowner of 10320 Barr Rd.,

Motion to approve: a variance from Section 1151.06(i)(2)(B) to allow three units (trailers/RV) to be located in the side yard instead of the rear, with appropriate screening, located at 10320 Barr Rd., PPN 604-23-006.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Abstain: None.

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

**APPEAL 2026-11** Gregory and Brittany Wheeler, homeowners of 3340 Royalton Rd., Motion to approve:

**Part 1** – Fence Height (6 ft.) approval for a variance from Section 1185.03(a) to allow a six-foot fence

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Abstain: None.

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

**Part 2** - The Board recommend approval for a variance from Section 1185.02(d) to allow approximately 190 linear feet of solid vinyl fencing.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Abstain: None.

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

**APPEAL 2026-12** Angelo Ezzo, representing the homeowners at 7548 Winding Way,

Motion to approve: a variance from Section 1185.03(a) to allow a six-foot board-on-board fence (approx. 100 linear feet), located at 7548 Winding Way, PPN 601-36-021.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Abstain: None.

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

**APPEAL 2026-13** Motion to approve: a variance from Section 1185.03(a) to allow a six-foot fence (approx. 30 linear feet), located at 7540 Winding Way.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Abstain: None.

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

**Planning Commission**

Council President Caruso reported the Planning Commission has one item from the March 19 Planning

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Commission meeting. The next meeting will be April 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM  
Move to approve a permit for a 47.22 sq. ft. externally illuminated wall sign for Heartwood Coffee Roasters, 8409 Chippewa Road, Brecksville, Ohio, permanent parcel number 601-35-002, as described in the application dated February 2, 2026, and attached revised plan dated February 24, 2026, by Rough Neon, contingent on City Council approval of the following deviation: A deviation from Section 1187.09(c), maximum sign area of 32.55 sq. ft., to allow 47.22 sq. ft.

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

**Human Services Advisory Board**

Council Member Koepke reported the Human Services Advisory Board next meeting will be May 12th at 3:00 PM.

**Reports of Council Committees**

**Safety Service** - Council Member Jantzen 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.

**Brecksville Road Resurfacing Project, Phase 2** - Approval of a motion accepting Change Order No. 1 and authorizing the Purchasing Director to increase Purchase Order No. 25000668 in the amount of \$132,225.20 for Quality Control Inspection, Inc. for construction administration and inspection services for the Brecksville Road Resurfacing Project, Phase 2 (CUY SR 021-2.93, PID 110610)

Motion for passage by Savage, seconded by Koepke.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage.  
Voting Nay: Stucky.  
Abstain: None.  
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 1-Nays, 0-Abstain.

**Utilities** - Council Member Koepke reported the Committee met earlier and has one item for Council consideration.

**Riverview Road Culvert C-14 Replacement Project** - Approval of a motion authorizing the design services of Donald G. Bohning & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$34,350.00 for the replacement of culvert C-14 on Riverview Road.

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

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

**Fire Station Garage Repair** - Recommend to Council approval of a motion accepting the proposal of Mid State Restoration, Inc. in the amount of \$78,490.50 for repairs to the Fire Station Garage. Project ID BI260010 Account No. C4900260-32020.

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

**Legislation** - Council Member Savage reported the Committee met earlier

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

**Central School** - Authorize the Purchasing Director to advertise for bids for the demolition of Central School, 27 Public Square, Brecksville, Ohio 44141 (PPN 601-34-102)

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

**2026 Home Days Portable Restroom Rental** - Recommend to Council approval of a motion authorizing the rental of portable restroom services from United Rentals for the 2026 Home Days weekend in the amount of \$7, 025.00. Blanket Purchase Order 20260105 Account #1100150-24110.

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

**Reports of Department Directors**

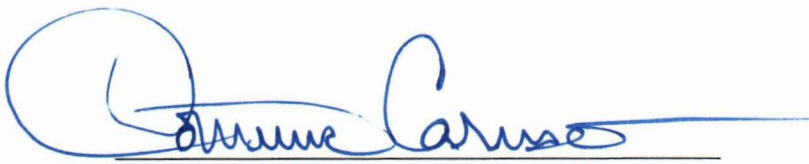
Director of Law, Dave Matty  
Engineer, Gerry Wise: No Report.  
Director of Finance, Laura Starosta: No Report.  
Chief Building Official: CBO Scott Packard: No Report.  
Director of Human Services, Dr. Steve Paciorek said the Human Services Department is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Human Services Department on May 14, 2026. There will be an event recognizing volunteers on May 21, 2026.  
Director of Service, Joe Kickel: No Report  
Director of Purchasing, Monica Bartkiewicz: No Report.  
Chief of Police Department, Chief Korinek said the department will be taking part in the DEA Drug Take-bake event on April 25th at the Horticulture Building from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.  
Chief of Fire Department: Chief Bender: No Report.

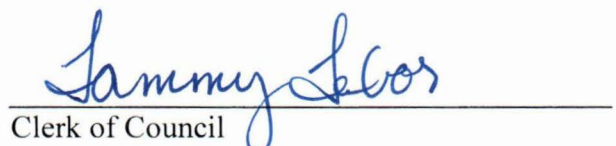
**Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Kingston said on Friday at 10:00 AM at Blossom the city is hosting a tree planting event for Arbor Day. Everyone who comes gets a sapling and we have a bunch of kids coming up there too from the schools and our, you know, horticulture guys and they're going to help plant a couple trees that Council previously authorized. May 5th is primary election. There are no local issues or elected officials on the primary ballot.

**Adjournment**

8:32 PM  
Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage to adjourn.  
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke Savage, Stucky.  
Abstain: None.  
MOTION CARRIED: 7 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

  
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President of Council

  
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Clerk of Council

**Mayor and Safety Director:** Daryl Kingston

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

**Clerk:** Tammy Tabor