

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CITY OF BRECKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
HELD: May 5, 2026

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Daniel Bender, Dominic Caruso, AJ Ganim, Mark Jantzen, Ann Koepke, Beth Savage, Brian Stucky. Also Present: Law Director D. Matty, Assistant Law Director L. Sabol, Engineer G. Wise, Finance Director L. Starosta, Fire Chief M. Bender, Police Chief Korinek, Purchasing Director M. Bartkiewicz, Human Services Director Dr. Paciorek, CBO Packard, Service Director J. Kickel, Media Specialist Rylan, Clerk T. Tabor.

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of April 21, 2026 City Council Minutes**

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. RES. 5784 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for a 2026-2027 Drug Use Prevention Grant through the Ohio Attorney General's Office; 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 5784.

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

Abstain: None.

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

Council Member Bender left the meeting due to a conflict

2. RES. 5785 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a subdivision agreement and escrow agreement with the Woodlands Brecksville LLC for the Woodlands of Snowville Phase 3 Residential Subdivision; and declaring an emergency.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Savage, to pass Resolution 5785.

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

Abstain: None.

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

Council Member Bender returned to the meeting.

3. ORD. 5861- an Ordinance authorizing a contract with Fire Force Inc. for 2026 Personal Protective Equipment for the Brecksville Fire Department; 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 Ordinance 5861.

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

Abstain: None.

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

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4. ORD. 5862 - an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one Brush Bandit 15XP Wood Chipper for use by the Service Department from Earthworx Equipment through Sourcewell 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 Ordinance 5862.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 7 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.
5. ORD. 5863 - an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one New Way Cobra 25-yard rear packer mounted onto a Freightliner M106 Cab and Chassis for the Service Department from Iser Equipment through Sourcewell; 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 Ordinance 5863.
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 Zoning Appeals - Council Member Stucky reported the next meeting of the BZA will be May 11th at 7:30 PM.

Planning Commission - Council President Caruso - The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be May 21st at 7:00 PM

AMERICAN WAY EXTERIORS SIGN – 7007 MILL ROAD

Approval of a permit for 1.) a 12" x 72", 6 sq. ft panel for an existing externally illuminated permanent ground identification sign and 2.) a 26 sq. ft. internally illuminated wall sign for the American Way Exteriors, 7007 Mill Road, Brecksville, Ohio as described in the application dated 03/23/2026, and attached plans by Krusoe Sign Company and contingent on City Council's approval of the following deviation:

- From Section 1187.05(d)(2) of internally illumination may be permitted only on free-standing ground identification signs and limited to business logo or individual letters to allow an internally illuminated wall sign.

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.

EVERLASTING BEAUTY – 8801 BRECKSVILLE ROAD

Approval of the issuance of a permit for two 11.31 sq. ft. permanent wall identification signs for Everlasting Beauty, 8801 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio, as described in the application dated 04/13/2026 and attached plan contingent upon City Council approval of the following deviations:

- From Section 1187.04(c) of a maximum of one sign per unit to allow 2 permanent wall identification signs.
- From Section 1187.09(c) from the requirement that this type of sign be placed on the front of the building to allow the placement of one of these permanent wall identification signs on the east side elevation of the building.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
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WOODLANDS OF SNOWVILLE PHASE 3 – RIVER BIRCH RUN

Approval of Phase 3 only of The Woodlands of Snowville consisting of ten lots and two out-lots on 59.40 acres of land on River Birch Run and Snowville Road and dedication of the remaining portion of Oak Brooke Court in the City of Brecksville, as described in the application dated 01/19/2026 and attached plans:

- Improvement Plans for The Woodlands of Snowville Phase 3 by Davey Resource Group, 33 pages dated 2026-04-06.
- The Woodlands of Snowville Phase 3 plat, 3 pages dated 2026-04-06.

And contingent on approval of the City Engineer and City Council.

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

Council Member Ganim left the meeting due to a conflict.

VA MIXED USE PHASE 1 SITE LIGHTING, LANDSCAPING & FURNISHINGS

Final approval of Buildings D, E, F, G & H Site Lighting, Landscaping & Furnishings in a Business Planned Development Area (“BPDA”) Phase (Phase VI), at Valor Acres (Mixed-Use Phase 1), as described in the application dated 04/03/2026 and Plans Valor Acres BPDA Site Wide Submission (44 pages) dated April 23, 2026 contingent on approval by the City Engineer and City Council, and contingent upon resubmission and evaluation of the site lighting photometrics study with additional information as discussed.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Caruso, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 5 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

VA MIXED USE BPDA SIGNAGE & WAYFINDING DEVELOPMENT

It was moved by Mr. Lahrmer and seconded by Mr. Sciria, to recommend to City Council final approval for exterior signage for Valor Acres Development Phase 1 located at Miller & Brecksville Roads as described in the application dated 04/06/2026 and attached plans by APX dated 3/17/2026 for the following signs:

ID-02	Valor Acres Halo illuminated ground sign	151.7 sq. ft.
VP-01, 02, 03	3 illuminated Parking projection signs	20.8 sq. ft. per side
PD-01, 02, 03	3 illuminated Pedestrian directional signs	12.6 sq. ft. per side
ST-01 to ST-08	8 Street signs	
Building D	Linden Non-Illuminated canopy Identification sign	9.38 sq. ft.
Building E Pool	Valor Acres Halo illuminated wall sign	72.8 sq. ft.
Building E West	The Vale non-illuminated ground sign	46.52 sq. ft.
Building E North	The Vale non-illuminated canopy identification sign	12.34 sq. ft.
Building F North	Laurel non-illuminated canopy identification sign	10.45 sq. ft.

Contingent on discussed alterations and City Council’s approval of the recommended deviations.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Caruso, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 5 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

Council Members Bender and Ganim returned to the meeting.

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Recreation Commission - Council Member Ganim reported the Recreation Commission met on April 29th and has no items for Council consideration.

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

Reports of our Council Committees

For Safety Service Committee Council Member Jantzen: No Report.

For Streets & Sidewalks Council Member Stucky: No Report.

For Utilities Council Member Koepke: No Report.

For Buildings & Grounds Council Member Ganim: No Report.

Service Department Vehicle Storage Building Sprinkler System - Approval of a motion authorizing MG Fire Design, Inc. in the amount of \$10,944.00 and Lee Molnar and Associates in the amount of \$616.25 for consulting and design services for the construction of a fire sprinkler system at the Vehicle Storage Building in the Service Complex. Project BI260011 Account: C4900170-32020.

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.

For Legislation Council Member Savage - No Report.

For Finance Council Member Bender : No Report.

Professional Bills: Approve the payment of monthly professional bills - Matty, Henrikson & Greve LLC \$17,104.83, William Logan \$4,000.00, Kutak Rock, LLP \$1,848.50, Mary Hanna, Esq. \$1,400.00, Mansour Gavin, LPA \$13,172.00, Donald G. Bohning & Associates, Inc. \$19,176.50, Sixmo \$2,750.00 Total of all Invoices \$59,451.83.

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.

Reports of Department Directors

Director of Law, Dave Matty

Engineer, Gerry Wise reported the NEORSD will be working on Riverview Road and expects to have the area closed for 30 days

Director of Finance, Laura Starosta: No Report.

Chief Building Official: CBO Scott Packard: No Report.

Director of Human Services, Dr. Steve Paciorek reported Fran Mlady and Jerry Patterson are turning 100 years old this month. If anyone wants to help carry the American Flag in the Memorial Day Parade. Please contact Human Services.

Director of Service, Joe Kickel: No Report

Director of Purchasing, Monica Bartkiewicz: No Report.

Chief of Police Department, Chief Korinek reported the Police Department participated in the DEA Drug Take Back event on Saturday and collected 19 boxes of unused medication totaling 301.2 pounds.

Chief of Fire Department: Chief Bender: No Report.

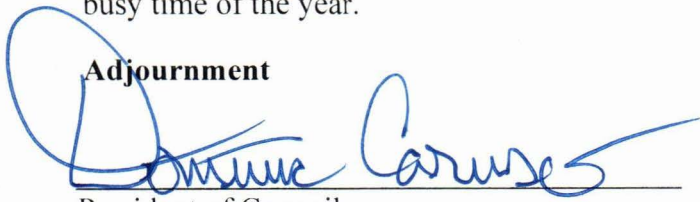
Report of the Mayor

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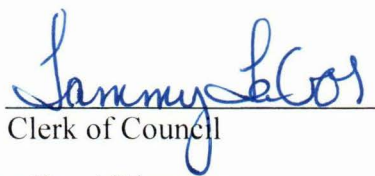
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Mayor Kingston said Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day are recognized in the month of May. Mayor Kingston thanked Service Director Kickel and his staff for all of the work they do during this busy time of the year.

Adjournment



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