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CITY OF BRECKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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Call to Order

8:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

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, Assistant CBO S. Synek, Human Services Director Dr. Paciorek, Media Specialist Daylan, Clerk T. Tabor. Christina Lakatos, John Ference, John Korfage, Linda Crouch, Devon Smith, Jennifer Speer, Mark Marando, Marissa Miraglotta, James & Cassandra Eckerman.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of June 2, 2026 City Council Minutes

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

Unfinished Business

New Business

- 1. ORD. 5869 - 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, Stucky.
Nays: None.
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Ordinance 5869.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

- 2. ORD. 5870 - an Ordinance amending Ordinance No.5858 to include the manufacturer's name and correct the Sourcewell contract no.; and declaring an emergency**

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Nays: None.
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Ordinance 5870.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

- 3. ORD. 5871 - an Ordinance accepting the bid of ProQuality Land Development, Inc. dba Pro Quality Development, Inc. DBA ProQuality Demolition for the demolition of Central School; and declaring an emergency**

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Nays: None.
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Ordinance 5871.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

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4. RES. 5793 - a Resolution authorizing the City of Brecksville Fire Chief to complete the grant process for the FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant; and declaring an emergency.
- Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Nays: None.
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5793.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.
5. RES. 5794 - a Resolution authorizing a five year renewal of the CivicPlus Statements of Work (SOW) and Master Services Agreement for Municipal Websites, formerly CivicEngage; Social Media Archiving, formerly ArchiveSocial; Mass Notification, formerly CivicReady; and SeeClickFix; and declaring an emergency.
- Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Nays: None.
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5794.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.
6. RES. 5795 - a Resolution Establishing the Continuing Professional Training Fund; and declaring an emergency.
- Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Nays: None.
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5795.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.
7. RES. 5796 - a Resolution adopting the alternate format Tax Budget for the year 2027; and declaring an emergency.
- Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Nays: None.
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5796.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.
8. RES. 5797 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with Simple Recycling for a Clothing Municipal Dropbox program; and declaring an emergency.
- Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Nays: None.
Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5797.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.
9. RES. 5798 - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a renewal contract for Year 2 pricing for supplying of sodium chloride for the contract period from November 1, 2026 to October 31, 2027; and declaring an emergency.
- Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.

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Nays: None.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5798.

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

Abstain: None.

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

10. RES. 5799 - a Resolution accepting the quote of Vance's Law Enforcement for the purchase of duty pistols, holsters and simmunition for the Police Department; and declaring an emergency.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5799.

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

Abstain: None.

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

11. RES. 5800 - a Resolution accepting a permanent Storm Sewer Easement for construction, reconstruction, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing storm sewer facilities and appurtenances thereto in, under, across and through certain lands owned by Daniel C. McGee & Gina M. Thomas McGee and known as PPN601-23-004; and declaring an emergency

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5800.

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

Abstain: None.

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

Council Member Bender and Council Member Ganim left the meeting due to a conflict.

12. ORD. 5872 - an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Development Agreement with VA Current, LLC; and declaring an emergency

Motion by Koepke, seconded by Jantzen to move to second reading.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Jantzen, Stucky.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 - Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.

13. Liquor Permit Request - Determine the need or waive the necessity of a hearing to issue a liquor permit #00162853-2, to American Food and Vending Corp. located at 1 Innovation Parkway, Brecksville, Ohio 44141.

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Koepke, to waive the need for a public hearing for ODL #00162853-2.

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

Abstain: None.

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

Report of Council Representatives and Council Committees: Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Recreation Commission, Human Services Advisory Board

Board of Appeals

Council Member Stucky reported the Board of Zoning Appeals has three items for Council consideration. The next meeting of the Board of Appeals will be July 13th at 7:30 PM.

APPEAL BZA 000002, 8322 Settlers Passage

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The Board of Zoning Appeals recommend to City Council approval for a variance from Section 1119.03(b) maximum 12% driveway slope to allow 14.7% as part of the construction of a new house, located at 8322 Settlers Passage, PPN 602-08-005.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Voting No: None

Abstain: None.

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

APPEAL BZA26-000003, 8290 Whitewood Road

The Board of Zoning Appeals recommend to City Council approval for a variance from Section 1197.31 to allow a 6- month extension (currently expired) to BZA variance 2025-33, located at 8290 Whitewood Rd, PPN 601-20-018.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Voting No: None.

Abstain: None.

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

APPEAL BZA 26-000006 9935 Fitzwater Road

The Board of Zoning Appeals recommend to City Council approval for a variance from Section 1119.09(d) not to install the required public sidewalks until such time as the City deems appropriate, located at 9935 Fitzwater Rd, PPN 601-10-049.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Voting No: Koepke.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 - Ayes, 1 - Nays, 0-Abstain.

Devin Smith, 10303 Tanager Trail, said he moved to Brecksville in November. Mr. Smith said he is not understanding why there's a variance, particularly for a sidewalk. With the city walkability score, Mr. Smith believes the walkability score of the City is three. Mr. Smith asked if there is a timeline on getting a sidewalk put in by his neighbor across the street.

Council President Caruso said the variance that was requested grants a temporary variance that the city retains the right to have the homeowner install a sidewalk at a later date when it's determined that the sidewalk will be connecting to some sort of sidewalk that's sort of in the precedent that's been followed up till now. Mr. Smith asked if the variance passed. Council President Caruso said the issue recommended to Council for approval tonight was passed by Council.

Council Member Stucky, Chairman of the Streets and Sidewalks Committee, said he understands these cases, if the city does see that there's a need to expand sidewalks it is the responsibility of the property owner to install a sidewalk. In some areas where there are no sidewalks on a street but some homes may not have enough area to install sidewalks. Council Member Stucky said the City always has a plan, and would not require a sidewalk that ends and does not attached to another sidewalk/path. Council Member Stucky asked Mr. Smith to contact him regarding this issue, they can talk about his concerns or meet Mr. Smith on site.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

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

Voting No: None.

Abstain: None.

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

Planning Commission

Council President Caruso reported the Planning Commission has one item for Council consideration.

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The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for July 9th at 7:00 PM.

Issue a permit for a permit for 1) a 10.25" x 73", 5.2 sq. ft. panel for an existing externally illuminated permanent double sided ground identification sign and 2) a 29.2 sq. ft internally illuminated wall sign for the Top String Lacrosse, 7005 Mill Road, Brecksville, Ohio as described in the application dated May 15, 2026, and attached plans by TRK DESIGN LLC DBA FASTSIGNS and contingent on City Council's approval of the following deviations:

- A 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
- A deviation from Section 1187.09(c) of a maximum of 24 sq. ft. wall sign to allow 29.2 sq. ft.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Ganim.

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

Voting No: None.

Abstain: None.

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

Recreation Commission

Council Member Ganim reported the Recreation Commission has no items for Council. Volunteers are needed as volunteers for Home Days this coming weekend, Contact the Recreation Department to see where you would be needed.

Human Services Advisory Board

Council Member Koepke reported the Human Services Advisory Board's next meeting will be July 14th in the Human Services Building.

Reports of Council Committees

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

EMS Equipment Preventative Maintenance - Recommend to Council approval of EMS equipment preventative maintenance by Stryker in the amount of \$6,207.00 for a term from June 15, 2026 to June 14, 2027, to be paid from Blanket Purchase Order #20260306.

Motion for passage by Jantzen, seconded by Ganim.

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

Voting No: None.

Abstain: None.

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

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

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

Bid Authorization - Authorizing the Purchasing Director to advertise for bids for the 10275 & 10325 Whitewood Road Storm Repair project.

Motion for passage by Koepke, seconded by Ganim.

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

Voting No: None.

Abstain: None.

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

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

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Annual Backflow Preventer Inspections - approval of a motion accepting the pricing for three (3) years from Gillespie Company for annual backflow preventer inspection in the amount of \$7,105.00 per year plus a \$1,467.55 Cleveland Water filing fee for year 1 with said fees for year 2 and year 3 to be determined annually by Cleveland Water.

Motion for passage by Ganim, seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky.
Voting No: None.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0 - Nays, 0-Abstain.

Approval of a purchase requisition for repair to the City Hall Chiller, emergency consideration of repairs to the City Hall North Wing chiller after staff discovered the unit was operating at approximately fifty percent capacity due to a failed expansion valve. The repair is necessary to maintain adequate cooling within the building during the summer season.

Motion for passage by Ganim, seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky.
Voting No: None.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0 - Nays, 0-Abstain.

Legislation - Council Member Stucky reported the Committee met earlier and has no items for Council consideration.

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

2026-2027 Property & Liability Insurance Policy Endorsements - Recommend to Council approval of a Purchase Order Increase for Wichert Insurance in the amount of \$1,143.00.00 for endorsements to the 2026-2027 Property & Liability Insurance Policies for increases to Social Engineering and Leased & Rented Equipment coverage limits and increased property values.

Motion for passage by Bender, seconded by Ganim.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky.
Voting No: None.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0 - Nays, 0-Abstain.

Multi-Factor Authentication Tokens, Hosting & Support Fee - Recommend to Council approval of a motion authorizing the purchase of One Hundred Sixty (160) multi-factor authentication token devices from SHI International Corp. in the amount of \$8,350.16 and the purchase of hosting and support fees from Chagrin Valley Dispatch for a term from July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$3,504.00.

Motion for passage by Bender, seconded by Ganim.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky.
Voting No: None.
Abstain: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6 - Ayes, 0 - Nays, 0-Abstain.

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: Asst. CBO Steve Synek 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 thanked Council for the purchase of duty weapons supporting the Police Department.

Chief of Fire Department: Chief Bender: No Report.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Kingston said home days set up has been going on and thanked everyone in the city, specifically the Service Department. A lot of work goes into setting up for this event and for information on all the fun festivities, check the website. Events start Friday at 5 PM. Fireworks on Saturday. Mayor Kingston said not many streets in the area that aren't under construction, with barrels this year in town. Please use caution in work zones, remain alert to changing traffic patterns. And allow extra travel time when needed. The safety of residents, contractors, and city crews, most importantly, remain a top priority.

Comments:

Christina Lakatos, 6556 Lloyd Drive, on behalf of the board of BBH Pride. She took the opportunity to wish everyone a happy Pride Month. June is Pride Month, and we're excited to celebrate it in many ways. So we'll be at Home Days this weekend. We'll have a booth there, so we look forward to welcoming everyone there. We'll have some fun merchandise to give away. And of course, the following weekend on the 27th, there will be BBH Pride Fest in Broadview Heights so we hope to see you all there it is always just an amazingly fun time. I hope to see a lot of people that we've had a few thousand people now coming every year. She also invited the City of Brecksville to recognize June as Pride Month and to potentially issue a proclamation to that effect. Ms. Lakatos sent Council an email and a letter yesterday and she read that now, "Dear Mayor Kingston and members of City Council, I write to you on behalf of BBH Pride to ask the City of Brecksville to recognize June as Pride Month and to issue a proclamation on behalf of its recognition. Pride Month began as Pride Day, commemorating the protests at the Stonewall Inn in New York City in response to police raids targeting homosexual patrons. The Stonewall (Audio not transcribed) for gay and lesbian individuals, which ultimately grew to encompass all individuals who identify as LGBTQ+. Pride Day and later Pride Month honors the contributions of LGBTQ+ Americans to our shared history and the sacrifices many made in the pursuit of equal rights, which continues to this day. Importantly, Pride Month, while recognizing its serious origins, is also a month of joyful celebrations. If you have ever been to a Parade or BBH Pride Fest, you are surrounded by fun and revelry. These are events that allow everyone in attendance to be themselves and as the name reflects, be proud of who they are. Though Pride Month and other Pride events have been painted as political, it is important for us to remember that equality for all is not a partisan issue. Moreover, commemorating Pride Month is not a zero-sum game that prevents us from celebrating people of other backgrounds. LGBTQ+ individuals themselves come from a wide variety of backgrounds and are part of the fabric of our society, as well as valued members of our Brecksville community, serving as police officers, teachers, soldiers, and politicians. Recognizing Pride Month is a way of signaling that we are all intertwined, regardless of identity. The cities of Broadview Heights and Parma have issued Pride Month proclamations, (National Guard Corps) Which I send to all of you, and Independence and North Royalton have also expressed interest. I urge you to join our neighbors in celebrating the contributions of all Brecksville residents. Thank you so much for your time, I appreciate it. - Thank you.

Council Member Stucky said the Home Days Run is on Sunday June 21st. This is the 16th year. Proceeds benefit high school student scholarships and we give donations to the Kick It for Kids Cancer. So if anybody would like to help with the race and volunteer, sign up begins at 7:00 AM and the event starts at 8 o'clock and 805.

Adjournment

8:53 PM

Motion by Caruso.

Second: Ganim

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

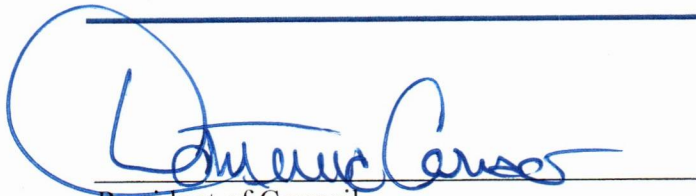
Voting No: Koepke.

Abstain: None.

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

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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