BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: AJ Ganim
Members: Dan Bender, Ann Koepke

Chairperson Ganim called the Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: Ganim, Bender, Koepke.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the June 2, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Ganim.
Second: Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke – Motion carried.

Central School Demolition Bid Award

Administration reported that ten bids were received for the demolition of Central School at 27 Public Square. The lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Pro Quality Demolition in the amount of $683,000. Staff explained that the project is eligible for grant funding, which will reimburse up to 80 percent of the total project cost, significantly reducing the City's financial obligation.

Committee members discussed the demolition schedule and anticipated project timeline. Administration advised that a pre-construction meeting would be held during the week and that demolition activities would begin following Home Days festivities. Prior to demolition, the contractor will be required to complete asbestos abatement and provide the required notification to the Environmental Protection Agency. The overall project is expected to take approximately two months to complete.

Members also discussed the future of the property following demolition. Administration emphasized that the current project is limited to removal of the deteriorated structure and does not include redevelopment plans. Officials stated that any future use of the property would be discussed publicly and would include opportunities for resident input.

Discussion also focused on preserving historical elements of the former school building. Staff indicated that approximately 600 bricks, decorative stone panels, and several interior artifacts would be retained for historical and commemorative purposes. The Brecksville Historical Association expressed interest in preserving certain items, and administration indicated that surplus items may be sold through GovDeals, with proceeds potentially benefiting local nonprofit organizations subject to Council approval.

Several members commented on the sentimental significance of Central School and acknowledged the memories associated with the building. However, it was noted that the structure has remained vacant for approximately eight years and that previous evaluations determined rehabilitation was not economically feasible.

Recommend approval of an ordinance accepting the bid of Pro Quality Land Development, Inc., dba Pro Quality Demolition, in the amount of $683,000 for demolition of Central School.

Motion: Ganim
Second: Koepke
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke – Motion carried.

Simple Recycling Program

Administration presented a proposed agreement with Simple Recycling to expand recycling opportunities available to residents. Under the program, a collection container would be placed near the City's recycling area for textile recycling. Residents would also have access to a no-cost residential pickup service for textiles, clothing, household goods, small appliances, and other reusable items.

Committee members discussed maintenance and monitoring of the collection site. Questions were raised regarding the frequency of collection and how potential overflow situations would be addressed. Administration stated that collections would occur as needed and that the City retains the ability to relocate the container inside the Service Department yard if misuse becomes an issue.

Members expressed support for the program, noting that it provides an additional environmental service to residents while potentially increasing the City's annual recycling totals reported to the county.

Recommend approval of a resolution authorizing an agreement with Simple Recycling.
Motion: Ganim
Second: Koepke
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke – Motion carried.

City Hall Chiller Repair

Administration requested 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.

Committee members inquired about the age and condition of HVAC equipment throughout City facilities. Staff reported that an inventory and replacement schedule is maintained for all major HVAC units and noted that several systems continue to operate using refrigerants that are becoming obsolete and increasingly difficult to obtain.

Discussion included future capital planning and whether additional HVAC replacement projects may need to be prioritized in upcoming budgets. Administration clarified that the current request involves replacement of a single component rather than replacement of the entire chiller unit.

Recommend approval of a purchase requisition in the amount of $8,879 for repairs to the City Hall chiller.
Motion: Ganim
Second: Koepke
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke – Motion carried.

Adjournment

The Buildings & Grounds Committee adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Motion: Ganim
Second: Koepke
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke – Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dan Bender
Members: Beth Savage, AJ Ganim

Chairperson Bender called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Bender, Ganim.
Excused: Savage.

Approval of Minutes

The June 2, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Motion: Bender
Second: Ganim.
Vote Yea: Bender, Ganim – Motion carried.

Budget Amendment Ordinance

Finance Director Starosta presented amendments to appropriations and estimated resources relating to the Central School demolition grant and creation of a Continuing Professional Training Fund for Police Department training reimbursements.

Recommend approval of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5829 and making necessary appropriations and revenue adjustments.

Motion: Bender
Second: Ganim
Vote Yea: Bender, Ganim – Motion carried.

Alternate Format Tax Budget

The Committee reviewed the annual alternate format tax budget for 2027. Staff noted the City's millage rate remains unchanged at 8.21 mils.

Recommend approval of a resolution adopting the 2027 Alternate Format Tax Budget.
Motion: Bender
Second: Ganim.
Vote Yea: Bender, Ganim – Motion carried.

Continuing Professional Training Fund

The Committee considered establishment of a separate fund for Police Department training reimbursements received from the State of Ohio.

Recommend approval of a resolution establishing the Continuing Professional Training Fund.
Motion: Bender.
Second: Ganim.
Vote Yea: Bender, Ganim – Motion carried.

Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Administration requested authorization to submit a regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant application in partnership with several neighboring communities. The grant would fund the purchase of 104 portable radios to be distributed among participating fire departments, including Brecksville.

Staff explained that the grant request totals approximately $1.1 million and would cover 90 percent of project costs. Participating communities would be responsible for the remaining local match. Officials noted that the regional approach improves competitiveness and increases the likelihood of receiving funding.

Committee members commended administration for coordinating the multi-community effort and emphasized the importance of maintaining compatible communications systems among regional safety forces.

Recommend approval of a resolution authorizing submission of the regional grant application
Motion: Bender.
Second: Ganim.
Vote Yea: Bender, Ganim – Motion carried.

CivicPlus Agreement Renewal

The Committee reviewed a proposed renewal of the City's website and communication services agreement with CivicPlus. Services include website hosting, online citizen engagement tools, social media archiving, emergency notifications, and service request tracking.

Discussion focused on utilization of the platform and whether residents are fully aware of available online services. Members noted that residents can report issues such as potholes, submit service requests, and communicate with City departments through the platform. Several members suggested additional public outreach and promotion to increase usage and maximize value from the City's investment.

Administration reported that the website continues to receive positive feedback and serves as an important communication tool for residents.

Recommend approval of the CivicPlus renewal agreement.
Motion: Bender
Second: Ganim.
Vote Yea: Bender, Ganim – Motion carried.

Cybersecurity Insurance Endorsements

The Committee reviewed enhanced social engineering and cyber fraud coverage, increasing protection from $100,000 to $1,000,000.

Motion by Bender: Recommend approval of the additional insurance endorsements.
Second: Ganim.
Vote Yea: Bender, Ganim – Motion carried.

Multi-Factor Authentication Devices

Administration presented the purchase of authentication token devices required for state cybersecurity compliance.

Recommend approval of a purchase in the amount of $3,504 for multi-factor authentication token devices.
Motion: Bender
Second: Ganim.
Vote Yea: Bender, Ganim – Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion: Bender.
Second: Ganim.
Vote Yea: Bender, Ganim – Motion carried.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Beth Savage
Members: Mark Jantzen, Brian Stucky

Acting Chairperson Stuckey called the Legislation Committee meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Bender, Ganim.
Excused: Savage

Approval of Minutes

The June 2, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Motion: Stucky.
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Stucky– Motion Carried.

No additional legislative matters were discussed.

Adjournment

Motion: Stucky.
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Stucky – Motion Carried.

The Legislation Committee adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

SAFETY & SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Jantzen called the Safety Service Committee meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Ganim, Stucky, Jantzen

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the May 19, 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion: Jantzen moved to approve the minutes as presented.
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.- Motion Carried

Police Duty Weapon Replacement

Police Chief Korinek presented a recommendation to replace the Police Department's current SIG Sauer P320 duty weapons with Walther PDP pistols. The Chief explained that safety concerns involving unintended discharges of the P320 platform have emerged nationally and have impacted numerous law enforcement agencies.

The Department evaluated several replacement options through testing and officer feedback. According to the Chief, the Walther PDP was overwhelmingly preferred by officers due to ergonomics, adaptability, and performance.

Committee members discussed trade-in values available for the current weapons and the importance of addressing officer safety concerns proactively. The Chief reported that the Department can still obtain favorable trade-in value through the selected vendor.

Recommend approval of a resolution accepting the quote from Vance's Law Enforcement for duty pistols, holsters, and ammunition in an amount not to exceed $41,000.

Motion: Jantzen
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.- Motion Carried

Sweeper Replacement Ordinance Amendment

Administration requested an amendment to a previously approved ordinance to correct the manufacturer's name and Sourcewell contract number.

Recommend approval of the ordinance amendment.

Motion: Jantzen
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky – Motion Carried.

EMS Equipment Preventive Maintenance

The Committee reviewed an annual preventive maintenance contract for EMS equipment.

Recommend approval of a Stryker preventive maintenance agreement in the amount of $6,207 for the period June 15, 2026 through June 14, 2027.

Motion: Jantzen
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky – Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion: Jantzen
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky – Motion Carried.

The Safety & Service Committee adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ann Koepke
Members: Dan Bender, Mark Jantzen

Chairperson Koepke called the Utilities Committee meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The June 2, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Motion: Koepke,
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen – Motion carried.

Whitewood Road Storm Sewer Easement

The Committee reviewed a permanent storm sewer easement required for the Whitewood Road slope stabilization project.

Recommend approval of a resolution accepting a storm sewer easement for Permanent Parcel No. 601-23-004 at 10275 Whitewood Road.
Motion: Koepke,
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen – Motion carried.

Whitewood Road Slope Repair Project

Administration reviewed plans to advertise for bids for storm sewer and slope stabilization improvements on Whitewood Road.

Recommend approval authorizing the Purchasing Director to advertise for bids.

Motion: Koepke,
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen – Motion carried

VA Current LLC Development and Escrow Agreement

The Committee considered a development and escrow agreement related to infrastructure improvements associated with the CSA project.

Recommend approval of the development agreement and escrow agreement with VA Current LLC.
Motion: Koepke,
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen – Motion carried

Adjournment

Motion: Koepke,
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen – Motion carried

The Utilities Committee adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Brian Stucky
Members: Ann Koepke, Beth Savage

Approval of Minutes

The June 2, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Motion: Stucky.
Second: Koepke.
Voting Yea: Stucky, Koepke – Motion carried

Road Salt Contract Renewal

Administration reviewed a second-year renewal with Cargill for road salt supplies. Staff reported the proposed price remained below comparable ODOT consortium pricing.

Recommend approval of a second-year renewal contract with Cargill, Inc. for supplying sodium chloride for the 2026-2027 winter season.

Motion: Stucky.
Second: Koepke.
Voting Yea: Stucky, Koepke – Motion carried

Departmental Updates

Engineering staff provided updates regarding:

- Wallings Road Bridge project progress and anticipated August 14 reopening.
- ODOT's Chippewa Road Bridge project and public information meeting.
- Upcoming Ronyak paving operations and construction schedule.

No action was required.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council President Caruso called the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:57 PM

Present: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky.
Excused: Savage

The June 2, 2026 minutes were approved as presented.

Motion: Caruso.
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky . – Motion carried

Motion to notify the ODLC a hearing is not requested to issue a liquor permit #00162853-2..

Motion: Caruso.
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky . – Motion carried

Executive Session

Convene an executive session to discuss a matter of imminent litigation and the employment of a public employee at 6:59.

Motion: Caruso.
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky . – Motion carried

Adjourn executive session and reconvene Committee of the Whole

Motion: Caruso
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky . – Motion carried

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Caruso
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Stucky . – Motion carried

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 8:10 p.m.