Buildings and Grounds Committee

Chairperson Ganim called the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with Council Members Bender and Ganim present. Council Member Keopke was excused.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the July 7, 2026 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting minutes. Hearing no additions or corrections, Chairperson Ganim moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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

Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Maintenance Agreement

The Committee considered a five-year agreement with **Johnson Controls** for fire alarm, sprinkler maintenance, and monitoring services for the Community Center and Human Services Center.

Members noted the agenda materials clearly outlined the proposed agreement and indicated there were no questions regarding the contract. The proposed annual cost of $11,744.40 was reviewed.

Chairperson Ganim moved to recommend Council approval of an ordinance authorizing a five-year agreement with Johnson Controls for fire alarm and sprinkler maintenance and monitoring services for the Community Center and Human Services Center at an annual cost of $11,744.40. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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

Finance Committee

Chairperson Bender called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll call was taken with Council Members Ganim, Savage, and Bender present.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 7, 2026 Finance Committee meeting. Hearing no corrections, Chairperson Bender moved to approve the minutes as presented.

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

Ohio Association of Public Treasurers Workers' Compensation Program

The Committee reviewed a resolution authorizing continued participation in the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program administered through Sedgwick Claims Management Services.

Human Resources Specialist Alempijevic explained that the proposal represented a continuation of the City's participation in the existing retrospective rating program approved during the previous year and would allow the City to continue receiving the benefits associated with the workers' compensation group rating program.

Following discussion, Chairperson Bender moved to recommend Council approval of the resolution authorizing continued participation in the program and agreement with Sedgwick Claims Management Services. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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

Community Development Supplemental Grant

The Committee considered authorization for the Mayor to submit the City's annual Community Development Supplemental Grant application through Cuyahoga County.

Purchasing Director Bartkiewicz explained that the grant could provide up to $50,000 for eligible community development improvements. Administration recommended utilizing the funding to replace deteriorated fencing surrounding the City baseball fields, noting the fencing had exceeded its useful life and required replacement.

Committee members commented that the improvements were long overdue and represented an appropriate use of available grant funding. It was also noted that projects are selected each year based upon the available grant amount and the City's priority needs.

Chairperson Bender moved to recommend Council approval of a resolution authorizing submission of the Community Development Supplemental Grant application for rehabilitation improvements at the City baseball fields. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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

Firewall Maintenance Renewal

The Committee reviewed a request from the Information Technology Department to renew the City's firewall maintenance contract.

Staff advised that the renewal would maintain firewall protection and provide an additional layer of cybersecurity for the City's network infrastructure. Members indicated the supporting memorandum adequately explained the technical aspects of the request.

Chairperson Bender moved to recommend Council approval of the firewall maintenance renewal. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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

There being no further business, the Finance Committee adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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

Legislation Committee

Chairperson Savage called the Legislation Committee meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with Council Members Jansen, Savage, and Stucky present.

The Committee approved the July 7, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. No legislative items were scheduled for discussion.

Motion: Savage.
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Savage, Ganim, Stucky.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Motion: Savage.
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Savage, Ganim, Stucky.

Safety and Services Committee

Chairperson Jantzen called the Safety and Services Committee meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Roll call was taken with Council Members Stucky, Ganim and Jansen present.

The Committee approved the July 7, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

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

No additional Safety and Service matters were brought before the Committee.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 7:06 p.m**.**

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

Utilities Committee

Acting Chairperson Bender called the Utilities Committee meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Roll call was taken with Council Members Bender and Jantzen present. Council Member Koepke was excused.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the July 7, 2026 Utilities Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by Bender
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Bender, Jantzen.- Motion Carried

Whitewood Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project

The Committee reviewed two items related to the Whitewood Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project.

City Engineer Gerry Wise reported that bids had been opened for the project, which includes extending the storm sewer outfall and correcting slope instability. Two bids were received, with Leach Excavating, LLC submitting the lowest responsible bid of approximately $302,000, closely matching the engineer's estimate.

Engineer Wise advised that references for the contractor had been reviewed and confirmed satisfactory performance on similar projects. Although this would be the contractor's first project in Brecksville, staff expressed confidence in the firm's qualifications and ability to complete the work.

The Committee discussed the anticipated construction schedule. Engineer Wise explained that specialized manhole structures would require approximately four to five weeks for delivery before construction could begin. Once work commenced, the contractor would have approximately forty-five days to substantially complete the project. Residents affected by the work would be notified prior to construction, and restoration of disturbed property would occur upon project completion. Both motions were seconded and approved by voice vote.

Following discussion, Chairperson Bender moved to recommend Council approval of:

A motion authorizing additional final design and construction management services by Donald G. Bohning & Associates, Inc.;

Motion by Bender
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Bender, Jantzen.- Motion Carried

Chairperson Bender moved to recommend Council approval of an ordinance accepting the bid of Leech Excavating, LLC for the Whitewood Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project.

Motion by Bender
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Bender, Jantzen.- Motion Carried

The Utilities Committee adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Motion by Bender
Second: Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Bender, Jantzen.- Motion Carried

Streets and Sidewalks Committee

Chairperson Stucky called the Streets and Sidewalks Committee meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Roll call was taken with Council Members Savage and Stucky present. Council Member Koepke was excused.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the July 7, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

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

Roadway Project Updates

City Engineer Gerry Wise provided an update on the Brecksville Road resurfacing project. He reported that concrete replacement work was underway following completion of the milling and intermediate asphalt course. Catch basin adjustments had been completed, and crews were working on curb, sidewalk, and ADA ramp improvements before placement of the final asphalt surface.

Staff advised that the contractual completion date remained the end of August, although the contractor's current paving schedule targeted August 17–18, prior to the start of the school year. Mr. Wise indicated the City would encourage the contractor to complete paving earlier if practical once the concrete work was finished.

Committee members discussed public inquiries regarding the construction schedule and the project's anticipated impact on school traffic. Staff confirmed that updates had been provided to the public and that efforts would continue to minimize disruptions.

Future Downtown Resurfacing Phases

Committee members also discussed planning for the next phase of downtown resurfacing.

Mr. Wise reported he was reviewing the Stage II plans and recommended dividing the downtown work into smaller phases. He suggested requiring nighttime milling and paving within the busiest downtown section to reduce traffic impacts while allowing concrete, curb, and utility work to continue during daytime hours.

The Committee discussed the benefits of nighttime construction, including reduced traffic congestion, while acknowledging concerns from nearby residents regarding construction noise. Staff noted that only one complaint had been received during the current project and explained that nighttime work significantly improved traffic flow through the downtown corridor. Members agreed the phased approach would help balance construction efficiency with impacts on residents and businesses. Positive feedback received from local business owners regarding the current project was also acknowledged by Mayor Kingston.

There being no further business, the Streets and Sidewalks Committee adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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

Committee of the Whole

Vice President Savage called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. Roll call was taken with Council Members Bender, Ganim, Jantzen, Savage, and Stucky present. Council President Caruso and Council Member Koepke were excused.

The Committee approved the July 7, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

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

Vice President Savage moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss the employment of public employees. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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

The Committee entered Executive Session at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene Committee of the Whole: Savage
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky . – Motion carried

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole: Savage
Second: Ganim.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky . – Motion carried

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