BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: AJ Ganim
Members: Dan Bender, Ann Koepke
7:10 PM

Roll Call

Present: Ganim, Bender, Koepke.

Items for Consideration:

B&G 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Buildings & Grounds July 21, 2026

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke.

B&G 2. Replacement Holiday Decorations - Recommend to Council approval of a motion authorizing the purchase of Christmas decorations damaged and destroyed as a result of the Blossom Service Garage Fire. Amount to be charged on blanket purchase order #26000439 to Bronner's Commercial Display not to exceed $17,930.00.

The Committee considered the purchase of replacement Christmas decorations destroyed during the Blossom Service Garage fire. Staff advised the purchase would be fully covered through the City's insurance claim. Committee members briefly commented favorably on the proposed decorative selections.
Motion: Recommend Council authorize the purchase of replacement Christmas decorations from Bronner's Commercial Display in an amount not to exceed **$17,930**.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke.
Motion carried.

B&G 3. Change Order Central School - Recommend to Council approval of Change Order #1 in the amount of $42,995.00 for the Central School Demolition Project for additional asbestos removal expenses.

The Committee reviewed Change Order No. 1 for the Central School demolition project. Staff explained that additional asbestos was discovered during demolition, requiring removal beyond the original project scope. Members discussed that completing the work during demolition would be significantly more economical than addressing it after demolition activities concluded.

Motion: Recommend Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $42,995 for additional asbestos removal.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke.
Motion carried.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Adjourn

7:17 PM
Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Koepke.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Call to Order
Chairperson: Dan Bender
Members: Beth Savage, AJ Ganim
7:17 PM

Roll Call

Present: Bender, Ganim, Savage.

Items for Consideration:

FIN 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Finance July 21, 2026

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Savage, Ganim.

FIN 2. Medicaid Agreement - Recommend to Council approval of a Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the City of Brecksville to participate in the program and complete the necessary intergovernmental transfer.

The Committee reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Department of Medicaid. The Fire Chief explained participation would allow the City to receive reimbursement revenue for eligible ambulance transports through the Medicaid supplemental payment program.
Committee members discussed the opportunity to generate additional revenue while continuing emergency medical services.
Motion: Recommend Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Savage, Ganim.
Motion carried.

FIN 3. Appropriations - Recommend to Council approval of 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

Discussion included:
- Revision of projected municipal income tax revenue by approximately $2 million (approximately a 9% increase).
- Updated revenue projections based upon current collection trends.
- Funding for the negotiated 27th payroll for bargaining employees.
- A 3.5% wage adjustment for non-bargaining full-time employees.
- Transfers to Fire and Community Center funds to cover related payroll expenses.
- Elimination of Engineering and Architecture Fee Funds and consolidation into the General Fund.
- Simplification of financial reporting and fund structure.

Committee members questioned whether the additional payroll expenditures had originally been budgeted. Finance Director Starosta explained that the increased income tax estimate would offset the additional payroll costs while maintaining a positive General Fund balance. Discussion also addressed the uncertainty associated with projecting annual business net profit tax receipts compared to employer withholding collections.
Motion: Recommend Council approve the resolution making necessary fund transfers, eliminating the Architecture and Engineering Fee Funds, transferring remaining balances, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Savage, Ganim.

FIN 4. Transfers - Recommend to Council approval of a Resolution making necessary transfers between certain funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026 and closing and eliminating the Architect Fees (7560) and Engineering Fees (7550) funds no longer needed by the City and transferring the remaining balances to another fund; and declaring an emergency

Motion: Recommend Council approve the resolution making necessary fund transfers, eliminating the Architecture and Engineering Fee Funds, transferring remaining balances, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Savage, Ganim.

FIN 5. Professional Bills - Recommend to Council approval of a motion authorizing payment of monthly professional bills.

Approval of a motion authorizing payment of the monthly professional bills : Matty, Henrikson & Greve LLC $16,141.33, William Logan $4,000.00, Mary Hanna, Esq. $700.00, Mansour Gavin, LPA $2,516.00, Donald G. Bohning & Associates, Inc. $22,460.00, Sixmo $2,525.00. Total of all Invoices $48,342.00

Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Savage, Ganim.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Adjourn

7:21 PM
Motion made by Bender, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Savage, Ganim.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Beth Savage
Members: Mark Jantzen, Brian Stucky

7:21 PM

Roll Call

Present: Savage, Jantzen, Stucky.

Items for Consideration:

LEG 1. Legislation Committee Meeting Minutes July 21, 2026

Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Stucky.
Voting Yea: Savage, Jantzen, Stucky.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Adjourn

7:22 PM
Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Stucky.
Voting Yea: Savage, Jantzen, Stucky.

SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Mark Jantzen
Members: AJ Ganim, Brian Stucky

7:22 PM
Present: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

Roll Call

Present: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

Items for Consideration:

SAF 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Safety-Service July 21, 2026

Motion made by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

SAF 2. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center School Resource Officer MOU 2026-2029 - Recommend to Council approval of a Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of understanding with the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center related to a School Resource Officer.

Police Chief Korinek reviewed the proposed three-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center for continued School Resource Officer services. He reported the current program had been highly successful, noting positive feedback from school administrators and students regarding Officer Maxwell's performance.
The revised agreement includes language allowing temporary suspension of the program if police staffing falls below minimum operational levels due to military deployment or other staffing shortages. The City would refund payments for any period during which an officer could not be assigned.
Committee members discussed the funding arrangement, confirming CVCC reimburses approximately 50 percent of the officer's salary and benefit costs.

Motion: Recommend Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center.

Motion made by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

ALICE Active Shooter Training

Mayor Kingston addressed the Committee regarding enhanced emergency preparedness following a recent tragic incident in a neighboring community. He recommended providing ALICE Active Shooter Response Training for City employees and offered the training to members of City Council.
Discussion included:

- Conducting scenario-based training within Council Chambers.
- Training on emergency response techniques and lifesaving skills.
- Tourniquet use and emergency trauma kits.
- Scheduling sessions during September or October.
- Holding the educational session privately as permitted under Ohio law due to security concerns.

Committee members unanimously supported the concept and agreed that conducting the training within Council Chambers would provide the greatest benefit.

Adjourn

7:33 PM
Motion made by Jantzen, Seconded by Ganim
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Ganim, Stucky.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Chairperson: Ann Koepke
Members: Dan Bender, Mark Jantzen
7:33 PM

Roll Call

Present: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.

Items for Consideration:

UTL 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Utilities July 21, 2026

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.

UTL 2. Riverview Road Culvert (C-14) Replacement Project – Recommend to Council approval of a motion authorization the Purchasing Director to advertise for bids for the Riverview Road Culvert (C-14) Replacement Project.

City Engineer Wise presented plans for the Riverview Road Culvert C-14 replacement project and requested authorization to advertise for bids.
Discussion included:

- Estimated construction cost of approximately $325,000.
- Anticipated ten-week construction schedule.
- Required full road closure.
- Coordination with Metroparks and National Park Service.
- Possibility that construction could extend into the following construction season due to project timing.

Motion: Recommend Council authorize advertising for bids for the Riverview Road Culvert C-14 Replacement Project.

Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

Adjourn

7:36 PM
Motion made by Koepke, Seconded by Jantzen.
Voting Yea: Koepke, Bender, Jantzen.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE

Call to Order
Chairperson: Brian Stucky
Members: Ann Koepke, Beth Savage
7:36 PM

Roll Call
Present: Stucky, Savage, Koepke.

Items for Consideration:

S&S 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Streets & Sidewalks July 21, 2026

Motion made by Stucky, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Stucky, Savage, Koepke.

S&S 2. Valor Acres Traffic Study - Recommend to Council approval of a Resolution accepting the proposal from TMS Engineers Inc. to perform an independent third party traffic review of the Valor Acres site.

Valor Acres Independent Traffic Review
City Engineer Wise requested authorization to retain TMS Engineers to conduct an independent third-party review of the Valor Acres Traffic Impact Study.
Discussion focused on:
- Verification of traffic assumptions used by the developer.
- Independent evaluation of projected traffic volumes.
- Future updates as remaining development occurs.
- Particular attention to Brecksville Road and Miller Road traffic impacts.

Committee members agreed an independent review would provide additional confidence in the traffic analysis before final project completion.

Motion: Recommend Council accept the proposal from TMS Engineers, Inc. in the amount of $7,545.

Motion made by Stucky, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Stucky, Savage, Koepke.

Other Matters deemed appropriate

SR 21 Pavement Improvement Project Update - Engineer Wise reported that the intermediate paving course had been completed on State Route 21. Final surface paving was scheduled for the evenings of August 17–18, immediately prior to the start of the school year.

Adjourn

7:41 PM
Motion made by Stucky, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Stucky, Savage, Koepke.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
7:41 PM

Roll Call

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

Items for Consideration:

Budget Workshop
Council discussed scheduling the annual budget workshop. Consensus was reached to hold the meeting on November 10, 2026, with November 12 designated as an alternate date if necessary.

CoW 1. Committee Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole July 21, 2026

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.
Abstain: Caruso.

CoW 2. Salary Continuation A - Recommend to Council approval of salary continuation for a Service Department employee injured while working.

Council reviewed two employee salary continuation requests related to work-related injuries.
Motion: Approve salary continuation for Service Department Employee A.

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

CoW 3. Salary Continuation B - Recommend to Council approval of salary continuation for a Service Department employee injured while working.

Motion: Approve salary continuation for a second employee injured while performing work duties.

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Council Members Ganim and Bender and President Caruso left the meeting due to a business conflict.

CoW 4. Liquor Permit Renewals - Determine the need for a hearing by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the renewal of Class C& D Liquor Permits expiring October 1, 2026.

The Police Department reported no objections to the renewal of Class C and D liquor permits.
Motion: Waive the City's right to request a hearing before the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the liquor permit renewals.

Motion made by Savage, Seconded by Stucky.
Voting Yea: Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Council Members Bender and Ganim, Council President Caruso returned to the meeting.

CoW 5. Executive Session - convene an executive session to discuss imminent litigation.

President Caruso moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss tending litigation. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.
Motion: Caruso.

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

The Committee entered Executive Session at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene Committee of the Whole:

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

Other Matters deemed appropriate/Reports/Correspondence

Adjourn

8:00 PM
Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.