

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

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Council was **CALLED TO ORDER** in Regular Session by Council President Harwood at 8:00 P.M. in Ralph W. Biggs Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Following the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, members of Council answered to **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
ROLL CALL as follows:

Members Present: L. Carouse, Jr., D. Caruso, M. Harwood,
D. Kingston, A. Koepke, L. Redinger, K. Veras.

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor Jerry N. Hruby, Law Director D. Matty,
Assistant Law Director DiGeronimo,
Engineer G. Wise, Finance Director L. Starosta,
CBO S. Packard, Purchasing Director R. Riser,
Fire Chief N. Zamiska, Police Chief S. Korinek,
Service Director R. Weidig, Myles Rapkin,
Acting Council Clerk K. Kouri.

Motion by Harwood, Seconded by Carouse to appoint Kristen Kouri as the Acting Clerk.

ACTING CLERK

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTMBER 21, 2021 REGULAR MEETING: Motion by Redinger, seconded by Caruso, to dispense with the reading of the September 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes and to accept same as presented.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 9-21-2021 APPROVED

Ayes: Caruso, Harwood, Kaingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras. Nays:

None.

Abstain: Carouse.

MOTION CARRIED 6-A YES, 0-NAYS, 1- ABSTAIN.

RESOLUTION 5181 re: a Resolution appointing Martin Kelly as a Building Inspector; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

RES. 5181 APPOINT MARTIN KELLY AS BUILDING INSPECTOR

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5181 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5181.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby administered the Oath of Office to Martin Kelly. Mayor Hruby said as Safety Director he has the opportunity to appoint members to various positions in the City. Mr. Kelly has worked to obtain the necessary certifications required to work as a Building Inspector. Martin introduced his wife Kate to the aufdience.

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RESOLUTION 5182 re: a Resolution appointing Craig S. Mares to the position of Lieutenant in the Police Department in the City of Brecksville, and declaring an emergency; was read by title.

**RES. 5182
APPOINT
CRAIG S.
MARES TO
POLICE
LIEUTENANT**

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5182 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5182.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby administered the Oath of Office to Craig Mares. Mayor Hruby said the retirement of Police Chief Goodrich left a vacancy in the position of Lieutenant when Police Chief Korinek was promoted. A Civil Service test was given and an appointment was recommended to the position of Lieutenant. Lt. Mares began his career in Brecksville in 1990. Lt. Mares introduced his wife Lisa and children Connor, Kyle, Gabrielle and Ryan

OATH

RESOLUTION 5183 re: a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Lumber Package from the Home Depot Pro through OMNIA Partners purchasing organization and non-government related items from various vendors for the brine tank storage and vehicle storage building repairs and storm connections, and declaring an emergency; was read by title.

**RES. 5183
BRINE TANK
STORAGE
AND VEHICLE
STORAGE
BUILDING
REPAIRS AND
STORM
CONNEC-
TIONS**

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5183 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5183.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5184 re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a 2021 Urban Canopy Restoration Grant coordinated by the USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program to provide funding for purchasing, planting, maintaining and protecting trees and other related costs; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5184
AUTHORIZE
2021 URBAN
CANOPY
RESTORA-
TION GRANT**

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5184 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5184.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

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ORDINANCE 5440 re an Ordinance amending Section 1327.11 of the Building Code to give fifteen days written notice of a hearing; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5440 AMENDING SECTION 1327.11 OF THE BUILDING CODE**

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5440 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Ordinance 5440.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

ORDINANCE 5441 re: an Ordinance accepting the bid of WR Restoration for the Brecksville Community Center Wall Inspection and Restoration Project, and declaring an emergency; was read by title. **ORD. 5441 COMMUNITY CENTER WALL INSPECTION AND RESTORATION PROJECT**

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5441 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Ordinance 5441.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Councilmember Caruso reported the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be Monday, October 11th at 7:30 P.M. **ZONING APPEALS**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Councilmember Harwood reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be October 7th at 7:00 P.M. **PLANNING COMMISSION**

RECREATION COMMISSION: The Boo-ville Children's Halloween Party will be held on October 24th. **RECREATION**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Councilmember Veras reported the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be October 12th at 3:00 P.M. **HUMAN SERVICES**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: No Report. **TELEC. COM.**

SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Caruso reported the committee met earlier today and has one item for Council consideration. **SAFETY-SERVICE**

Polygraph Testing - Motion recommending to Council approval of a purchase requisition to Security & Polygraph Consultants in the amount of \$3,600.00 for (16) Polygraph Tests for Police Department Entrance Candidates at \$225.00 each. Account #110130 2103. **POLYGRAPH TESTING for POLICE CANDIDATES**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Veras.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE: No Report. **STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

UTILITIES COMMITTEE: No Report. **UTILITIES**

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Veras reported the Buildings & Grounds Committee met earlier this evening and has (2) items for Council consideration. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Community Center Wall Restoration Motion recommending to Council approval of an increase Purchase Order #P210329 to I.A. Lewin P.E. and Associates in the amount of \$2,650.00 for the Wall Inspection and Restoration Project at the Community Center. Account #C490240 3202 Project #BI210006 (Recreation)

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Drinking Fountains - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of a Purchase Requisition to Kully Supply in the aggregate amount of \$3,922.49 for replacement Elkay Drinking Water Fountains for the Community Center. Account #240710 2501.

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: No Report.

LEGISLATION

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Redinger thanked Council for the passage of the legislation presented this evening. The Finance Committee is requesting approval of the payment of monthly bills for professional services. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Christmas Fireworks - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of a Purchase Requisition to American Fireworks in the amount of \$16,500.00 for a Christmas Fireworks display to be scheduled for Sunday, November 28, 2021, following a Tree Lighting ceremony in front of Brecksville City Hall. Account #110150 2410. **CHRISTMAS FIREWORKS**

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Finance & Building Department Software Maintenance - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of a purchase requisition to Superior, LLC, a Central Square Company, in the amount of \$22,122.30 for annual maintenance for the Finance and Building software programs for the period 11/1/21 – 10/31/22. Administration Account #110150 2103 to be charged: \$15,197.22. **SUPERION SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE**

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Lifeguard Certification - Consideration of a motion recommending to Council approval of a motion approving an increase to Blanket Purchase Order #BL215708 for CPR Lifeguard Certifications for Aquatics in the amount of \$1,500.00. Account #24020 2702. **LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION**

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

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Professional Bills - Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to approve the **MONTHLY** payment of bills for professional services, as follows: Matty, Henrikson and & Greve in the **BILLS FOR** amount of \$10,536.33; Sergio I. DiGeronimo in the amount of \$5,417.50; Roger Wadsworth **PROFESS-** in the amount of \$350.00; Kulchytsky Architects, LLC in the amount of \$150.00; J **IONAL** Neusser, LLC in the amount of \$2,000.00; and Donald G. Bohning & Associates in the **SERVICES** amount of \$23,805.75; Sixmo in the amount of \$525.00. Total of all invoices \$42,784.58.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Salary continuation for a Police Officer injured while on duty totaled 88 hours to **SALARY** be returned to the officer's sick pay balance. **CONTINUA-**

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR: No Report.

LAW

REPORT OF ENGINEER: No Report.

ENGINEER

REPORT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: No Report.

FINANCE

REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT: CBO Packard reported the Building **BUILDING** Department issued 103 permits with just over \$7 million in valuation. Fees collected in **DEPT.** September totaled \$45,019.56.

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR: No Report.

SERVICE

REPORT OF PURCHASING DIRECTOR: No Report.

PURCHASING

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT: No Report.

POLICE

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Zamiska reported the Fire **FIRE** Department will be holding a Safety-Service Fair and Ice Cream Social on October 17th at the Brecksville Horticulture Department.

REPORT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT: No Report.

RECREATION

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Hruby said the Secretary of State reported **MAYOR** from the 2020 Census there are 13,635 people currently living in Brecksville. On September 30, 2021 Judge Wyler of the Municipal Court retired. On October 2nd a Code Red Test was performed. Code Red provides notifications to residents regarding safety concerns in our area. Another test will be performed after notifying residents of the service, so that they have an opportunity to register. Mayors and City Managers are recommending October 31st for trick or treating. Mayor Hruby attended the funeral for Matt Loede. Mr. Loede was the son of Police Sgt. Russ Loede.

COMMENTS: Laura Pajeska spoke to concerns regarding former Councilmember **COMMENTS** Petsche obtaining contracts for work at Valor Acres. Mayor Hruby said Tony DiGeronimo is affiliated with the environmental part of DiGeronimo Companies and will not be part of Valor Acres. Rob and Kevin DiGeronimo are the Developers of Valor Acres.

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Pat Coleman, Pershing Dr., on behalf of his neighbor Sandy McNair wish to thank Council for working to change the time notification for written public hearing notice to residents.

Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 **ADJOURN**
P.M.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL