

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

HELD April 20, 2021

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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 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,
Engineer G. Wise, Purchasing Director R. Riser,
Fire Chief N. Zamiska, Police Chief W. Goodrich,
Myles Rapkin, Council Clerk T. Tabor.

Teleconference: Finance Director L. Starosta, Finance Director L. Starosta,
CBO S. Packard, Service Director R. Weidig,
Recreation Director T. Tupa.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2021 REGULAR MEETING: Motion by Carouse, seconded by Redinger, to dispense with the reading of the April 6, 2021 regular meeting minutes and to accept same as presented.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 4-6-2021 APPROVED

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5143 re: a Resolution expressing condolences to the family of David J. Deuch and commending his contribution to the City of Brecksville; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

RES. 5143 OFFERING CONDOLEN- CES TO HIS FAMILY AND COMMEND- IND DAVID DEUCH FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BRECK- SVILLE

Motion by Carouse, seconded by Redinger, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5143 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 5143.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby said David Deuch was a dedicated Councilmember, serving as Council President in 2004 & 2005 during his tenure on Council from January 2, 1998 - January 1, 2010. Mr. Deuch is recognized for his professionalism, his vision, and his contribution to the community not only what was visible, but also behind the scenes. Mr. Deuch was very involved in the development of the Community Center. The City of Brecksville offers condolences to the family, David's wife Joan, children and grandchildren.

RESOLUTION 5144 re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Flock Group, Inc. to access their technology platform and safety dashboard for investigative purposes; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

RES. 5144 AUTH. MOU WITH FLOCK GROUP AND POLICE DEPT.

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5144 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 5144.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

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ORDINANCE 5403 re: an Ordinance amending Section 145.08 of the Administrative Code to eliminate snow removal work; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Veras, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5403 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 5403.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

ORDINANCE 5404 re: an Ordinance accepting the bid of Kokosing Materials, Inc. for the furnishing of various types of asphalt for road repairs in the City of Brecksville; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5404 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 5404.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

ORDINANCE 5405 re: an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5376 as it relates to employee compensation; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Veras, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5405 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 5405.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

ORDINANCE 5406 re: an Ordinance authorizing the Turnkey Installation of HVAC Equipment for 4410 Oakes Road at the Blossom Hill property through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Veras, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5406 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 5406.

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, May 10th at 7:30 P.M. The Board is recommending the approval of two (2) variances to City Council.

**ORD. 5403
AMEND
§145.08 OF
THE ADMINI-
STRATIVE
CODE
ELIMINATIVE
SNOW
REMOVL
WORK**

**ORD. 5404
ACCEPT BID
OF
KOKOSING
MATERIALS
FOR
FURNISHING
ASPHALT FOR
ROAD
REPAIRS**

**ORD. 5405
AMEND ORD.
NO. 5376
RELATING TO
EMPLOYEE
COMPENSA-
TION**

**ORD. 5406
AUTHORIZE
PERCHASE OF
HVAC EQUIP
FOR 4410
OAKES ROAD
AT THE
BLOSSOM
HILL
PROPERTY**

**BD. OF
ZONING
APPEALS**

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APPEAL 2021-11 Accepting the recommendation of the Board of Zoning Appeals for approval of 1) a variance from Section 1185.03 (a) maximum fence height of 4ft. to allow 6 ft. for a total of 50 lineal feet of fencing, as shown in the drawings dated March 2, 2021, located at 7960 Brecksville Road, PP# 601-02-024.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Veras.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**APP. 2021-11
7960 BRECKS-
VILLE RD.
FENCE
HEIGHT
VARIANCE**

APPEAL 2021-13 Accepting the recommendation of the Board of Zoning Appeals for approval of an amended variance to place the fence between the small pine trees and the large pine trees and for (1) a variance from Section 1185.03 of a maximum fence height of four feet to allow five feet and (2) a variance from Section 1185.03 to allow a fence in front of the building line on a through lot not allowed located at 9315 Lawn Park Drive, PP# 603-08-045.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Veras.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**APP. 2021-13
9315 LAWN
PARK DRIVE
FENCE
HEIGHT**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Councilmember Harwood reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be April 22nd at 7:00 P.M. and a special meeting on April 29th at 7:00 P.M.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

VERIZON ANTENNA UPGRADE – 9001 BRECKSVILLE ROAD - Accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of preliminary and final approval of plans for the removal of existing radios and associated equipment, relocation of certain existing antennas, install new antennas, radios, and associated equipment at the same 126 foot height on the existing wireless facility tower, 9001 Brecksville Road, Brecksville Ohio, 44141, PP #606-31-001, for Verizon, as described in the application dated March 17, 2021 by Crown Castle and contingent on approval by City Council.

C-1 Project Drawing – Verizon Project B + T Group 3/12/2021

Notice of Eligible Facilities Request (3pgs.) Crown Castle 3/19/2021

Boundary Survey (3 pages) Geoline Surveying 1/22/2018

Motion by Harwood, seconded by Veras.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**VERIZON
ANTENNA
UPGRADE –
9001 BRECKS-
VILLE ROAD**

RECREATION COMMISSION: Councilmember Redinger reported the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be April 26th at 7:30 PM

**RECREATION
COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Councilmember Veras reported the Empty Bowls Grab & Go event on May 4th tickets maybe purchase at Star Sports or from Kiwanis Member. The Human Services Center will be reopening on May 3rd with limited capacity and strict COVID-19 protocols. Dr. Paciorek hopes to have classes resuming at the Human Services Center in June. May is designated Older Americans month. The next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be May 11th at 3:00 PM.

**DEPT. OF
HUMAN
SERVICES**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: Councilmember Carouse reported the next meeting of the Committee will be April 26th at 5:30 PM.

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

**SAFETY-
SERVICE**

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Approval of a Purchase requisition to Hall Public Safety Upfitters in the aggregate amount of \$5,010.77 for the replacement of emergency equipment and vehicle graphics on Police SUV #1821 and Police Sedan #1812. Damages were caused by an uninsured motorist, this claim has been submitted to the City's carrier, Selective Insurance, who will be reimbursing the City the replacement amounts. Account #110150 2125.

**HALL PUBLIC
SAFETY
UPFITTERS
VEHICLE
EQUIP &
GRAPHICS**

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: Councilmember Carouse reported the committee met earlier today and has no additional items for Council consideration.

**STREETS &
SIDEWALKS**

UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Councilmember Kingston reported the committee met earlier and has no additional items for Council consideration.

**UTILITIES
COMMITTEE**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Veras reported the Buildings & Grounds Committee met earlier this evening and has one item for Council consideration.

**BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS
COMMITTEE**

Approval of a Blanket Vendor Purchase Requisition in the amount of \$3,760.00 for the installation of concrete sidewalk on the north end of City Hall as part of the Historical Walkway project. Account #C480171 3102 Project #LI110001.

**HISTORICAL
WALKWAY
PROJECT**

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: Councilmember Koepke reported the committee met earlier today and has no additional items for Council consideration.

**LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Redinger thanked Council for the passage of the legislation presented this evening.

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR: No Report.

LAW

REPORT OF ENGINEER: No Report.

ENGINEER

REPORT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: No Report.

FINANCE

REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT: No Report.

BUILDING

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR: No Report.

SERVICE

REPORT OF PURCHASING DIRECTOR: No Report.

PURCHASING

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Goodrich reported Saturday, April 24th will be Drug Take Back Day. Residents can drop off expired or unused medication. The drop off location will be at the Horticulture Building on Stadium Drive. Corn hole with a Cop is an event that the Department hopes to begin this year. Police Chief Goodrich said this will be his last Council meeting before his retirement next month. Police Chief Goodrich said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the City of Brecksville for the past, almost 33 years, the last 6 years as Police Chief. Police Chief Goodrich thanked all of the staff members for the many years of support of the Police Department and to him as well.

**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

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REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Zamiska reported there will be a **FIRE** COVID-19 mass vaccination event on April 24th and May 22nd at the Brecksville Broadview **DEPARTMENT** Heights High School. Appointments are still available.

REPORT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT: No Report.

RECREATION

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Hruby reported the City will be holding a **MAYOR** drug takeback event at the Horticulture Building on Saturday April 24th. Mayor Hruby reported several employees have notified him of their retirement. Police Chief Goodrich and Lieutenant Brian Zimlich will be retiring in May. Recreation Director Tom Tupa will be retiring May 15th. Tom has been with the City for 15 Years. Police Officer Jim Kickham also submitted his intent to retire. Officer Kickham has served the City as a part time officer for almost 3 decades, in the Mayor's Court and filling in where needed. Mayor Hruby asked Council to authorize legislation recognizing Fire Lt. Brian Zimlich, Police Chief Goodrich, Police Officer Jim Kickham and Recreation Director Tom Tupa.

Motion by Carouse, seconded by Redinger, to authorize legislation recognizing Fire Lt. Brian Zimlich, Police Chief Goodrich, Jim Kickham and Tom Tupa.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS. COVID-19

Mayor Hruby thanked Fire Chief Zamiska for helping to set up a mass vaccination site scheduled for April 24th at the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School.

The Brecksville Civil Service Commission will be testing next week for the position of Police Chief.

Election Day is May 4th. There is only one ballot item for the City of Brecksville. It is for the rezoning of a parcel of land owned by the Sherwin-Williams Company. Mayor Hruby asked residents to please vote.

Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 **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