

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
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Council was **CALLED TO ORDER** in Regular Session by Mayor Hruby 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 W. Goodrich, Recreation Director T. Tupa, Service Director R. Weidig, Council Clerk T. Tabor.	

Mayor Hruby said Council has an organizational matter to deal with before the regular meeting. Council will elect President of Council and Vice President of Council. **ORGANIZATION**

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Mayor Hruby opened the floor for nominations for the office of City Council President for the year 2021. Councilmember Carouse nominated Michael Harwood to serve as the President of Council in 2021, Seconded by Councilmember Redinger. Mayor Hruby asked for any additional nominations. Hearing none, Councilmember Redinger moved to close nominations, seconded by Councilmember Carouse. **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL**

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse to elect Michael T. Harwood as President of Brecksville City Council.

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Council President Harwood opened up the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of City Council. Councilmember Caruso nominated Laura Redinger as Vice President of City Council for 2021. Seconded by Carouse. Motion by Councilmember Harwood, seconded by Caruso to close nominations. Motion by Caruso, seconded by Veras to approve Councilmember Redinger as Council Vice President. **ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL**

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 REGULAR MEETING: Motion by Carouse, seconded by Redinger, to dispense with the reading of the September 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes and to accept same as presented. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 12-15-2020 APPROVED**

Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5107: a Resolution authorizing the issuance of a grant in the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) to the Brecksville Historical Association, Inc. to be used to fund utility expenses at the Squire Rich Museum; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5107 BRECKSVILLE HISTORICAL ASSOC. GRANT**

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5107 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.

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Abstaining: Carouse.

MOTION CARRIED 6-AYES, 0-NAYS, 1-ABSTAIN.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Caruso, to pass Resolution 5107.

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

Nays: None.

Abstaining: Carouse.

MOTION CARRIED 6-AYES, 0-NAYS, 1-ABSTAIN.

**RES. 5107,
CONTINUED**

RESOLUTION 5108 re: a Resolution accepting the proposal of Squire Patton Boggs LLP to provide professional services as Special Counsel to the City of Brecksville for the redevelopment of certain properties on matters of economic development, including TIF consultation; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion made by Veras, seconded by Caruso to suspend the rules and place resolution 5108 on third and final reading.

Voting Yea: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion made by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to pass Resolution 5108.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**RES. 5108
SQUIRE
PATTON
BOGGS
PROPOSAL**

RESOLUTION 5109 re: a Resolution confirming the appointment by the Council of Robert Hasman as a Citizen Member to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term ; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Veras to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5109 on third and final reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Resolution 5109.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**RES. 5109
APPT.
ROBERT
HASMAN TO
BOARD OF
ZONING
APPEALS**

RESOLUTION 5110 re: a Resolution confirming the appointment by the Council of Eric Lahrmer as a Citizen Member to the Planning Commission for a term of five (5) years; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Veras, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5110 on third and final reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Veras, to pass Resolution 5110 on third and final reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**RES. 5110
APPT. ERIC
LAHRMER TO
PLANNING
COMMISSION**

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- RESOLUTION 5111 re:** a Resolution confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Judy Kovacik to the Human Services Advisory Board for a term of five (5) years; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5111
APPT. J.
KOVACIK TO
HUMAN
SERVICES
ADVISORY
BOARD**
- Motion made by Veras, Seconded by Caruso to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5111 on third and final reading.
- Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Resolution 5111.
Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
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- RESOLUTION 5112 re:** a Resolution confirming the appointment of Brant Giere to the Board of Tax Review; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5112
APPT. B.
GIERE TO
BOARD OF
TAX REVIEW**
- Motion made by Councilmember Caruso, Seconded by Councilmember Veras to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5112 on third and final reading.
- Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Resolution 5112.
Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
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- RESOLUTION 5113 re:** a Resolution confirming the appointment of Douglas Hubert to the Board of Tax Review; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5113
APPT. D.
HUBERT TO
BOARD OF
TAX REVIEW**
- Motion made by Councilmember Veras, Seconded by Councilmember Caruso to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5113 on third and final reading.
- Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Resolution 5113.
Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
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- RESOLUTION 5114 re:** a Resolution confirming the appointment of Daniel Prendergast to the Board of Tax Review; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5114
APPT. D.
PRENDER-
GAST TO
BOARD OF
TAX REVIEW**
- Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Veras to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5114 on third and final reading.
- Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**
- Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Resolution 5114.
Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras.
Nays: None.
- MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

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RESOLUTION 5115 re: a Resolution confirming the appointment of Michael T. Berlin as a Citizen member to the Telecommunications Commission for a three year term; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion by Veras, seconded by Caruso, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5108 on third and final reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Resolution 5115.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5116 re: a Resolution appointing Louis N. Carouse, Jr. as a Council Representative to the Volunteer Firemen's Dependents Board for a term of one year; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion made by Veras, Seconded by Caruso to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5116 on third and final reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Resolution 5116.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5117 re: a Resolution appointing Kimberly A. Veras as a Council Representative to the Volunteer Firemen's Dependents Board for a term of one year; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Redinger to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5117 on third and final reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Resolution 5117.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5118 re: a Resolution confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Charles J. Boulware as a Citizen Member to the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Candice Honroth Beaver; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion made by Councilmember Veras, Seconded by Councilmember Caruso to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5118 on third and final reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Resolution 5118.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**RES. 5115
APPT. M.
BERLIN TO
TELECOM-
MUNICATION
COMMISSION**

**RES. 5116
APPT. L.
CAROUSE JR.
TO
VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN'S
DEPENDENTS
BOARD**

**RES. 5117
APPT. L. APPT.
K. VERAS TO
VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN'S
DEPENDENTS
BOARD**

**RES. 5118
APPT. C.
BOULWARE
TO
RECREATION
COMMISSION**

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ORDINANCE 5385 re: an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 5377, making appropriations for current expenses of the City of Brecksville during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, making necessary appropriation and revenue adjustments; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5385 APPROPRIATIONS**

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Veras to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5385 on third and final reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion made by Redinger, Seconded by Carouse to pass Ordinance 5385.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

ORDINANCE 5386 re: an Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Brecksville the question of amending the Zoning Map by changing the classification of a portion of the Sherwin-Williams property from R-8 Residential to O-L Office Laboratory, Permanent Parcel Number 604-08-008 located at Brecksville Road; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5386 REZONE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PROP. PP# 604-08-008 FROM R-8 RESIDENTIAL TO O-L OFFICE LAB.**

Motion made by Carouse, Seconded by Redinger, to pass Ordinance 5386 to third reading.

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, January 11th at 7:30 P.M. Councilmember Caruso thanked Council for the reappointment of Mr. Hasman. Mr. Hasman is a strong member of the Board and done a good job for the City. **BD. OF ZONING APPEALS**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Councilmember Harwood reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be January 7th at 7:00 P.M. Council President Harwood thanked Council for the reappointment of Eric Lahrmer to the Planning Commission. **PLANNING COMMISSION**

RECREATION COMMISSION: Councilmember Redinger welcomed Charles Boulware as a member of the Recreation Commission. The first meeting of the Recreation Commission will be January 25th. **RECREATION COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Council Representative Veras thanked Judy Kovacik for continuing her appointment for another five years. The first meeting of the of the Human Services Advisory Board will be February 7th at 3:00 P.M. **DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: Councilmember Carouse thanked Council for appointing Michael Berlin to the Telecommunication Commission. The Commission has received questions regarding fiber installations and will be responding to those questions. **TELEC. COM.**

SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Caruso reported the committee met earlier today and has no further items for consideration. **SAFETY-SERVICE**

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Carouse reported the committee met earlier today and has one item for consideration. **STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

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Motion by Carouse, seconded by Redinger to authorize the Purchasing Director to advertise for bids for the Tanager Trail Pavement Improvement Project. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.	TANAGER TR BID AUTHOR- IZATION
UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Councilmember Kingston reported the committee met earlier and has two items for Council Consideration.	UTILITIES COMMITTEE
Motion by Kingston, seconded by Veras, authorizing an Engineering & Surveying Design Proposal for Robin Lane Storm Sewer Repair Project. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.	AUTH ROBIN LN STORM REPAIR SURVEY & DESIGN PROP.
Motion by Kingston, seconded by Veras, to authorize the Purchasing Director to advertise for bids for the Conifer Acres Storm Outfall and Slope Slippage Repair Project. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.	AUTH BID ADVERT FOR CONIFER ACR STORM & SLOPE
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Veras reported the Buildings & Grounds Committee met earlier this evening and has no items for Council consideration.	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: Councilmember Koepke reported the committee met earlier today and discussed the	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
ENGINEER: Engineer Wise reported the Cleveland Water Department will be undertaking a project on Snowville Road. The project will extend the water line for the Woodlands subdivision. Residents in the development will have the water shutoff tomorrow (1-6-2021) between 9:00 Am -12:00 PM. Residents have been notified by door tags, message board and Code Red notification. The total project will take about two to three weeks and obviously this time of year restoration will be lacking. They'll come back and do that in the spring that concludes my report.	ENGINEER
REPORT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: No Report.	FINANCE
REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT: C.B.O. Packard reported in December the Building Department issued 57 permits with a valuation of just over \$2.4 million the total receipts collected of \$65,214.11.	BUILDING DEPT.
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: No Report.	FIRE
REPORT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT: No Report.	RECREATION

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REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Hruby reported the City received (2) **MAYOR** submittals regarding the Central School RFQ submission were DiGeronimo companies and United Community Developers, LLC, United Homes Incorporated. The packets of information submitted by both have been submitted to the (selection) committee. The committee will be reviewing them in preparation of meeting and deciding which of the two we would want to suggest to City Council. Perhaps even consider, because there are only two, maybe going out for an additional period of time to try to attract more applicants. There may be further interest in Central School, there were a few applicants that had taken out the packets but did not submit.

The city was pleased to learn that we were second highest in the County for the collection of household hazardous materials of the Service Department, in 2020 collected 14,175 pounds of hazardous materials that were disposed of by the County upon the delivery from the city to the County facility. We have been given a report of County Board of Health Family Review Board. The information I hope that you find interesting. We get that report from an annual needs about child fatality in our County which is one of the tragedies of all the larger cities and their suburbs surrounding them.

Mayor Hruby said next week we have our department head meeting and during that meeting we're going to discuss updating the Emergency Preparedness Manual. For those new members of Council, the city has put together a service manual for emergencies. This will be sent out to all of our residents, it tells them what to do and how to prepare for a variety of emergencies that take place. Mayor Hruby said it's time to updated because of the threat that we've had in this pandemic, and because of other matters that have been brought to the forefront in recent months over this past. We'll be talking about that, and we will be making some recommendations to City Council and submit it to you for your review and approval prior to sending it out.

Mayor Hruby said there is another vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. I interviewed two young ladies today who expressed an interest in being part of becoming members of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Greve served many years on the Commission. Due to his work it is unable to continue to serve. He and some others that have left us Candice Beaver, Mr. Rittman. There will be Resolutions thanking them for their service to the community that will be submitted to City Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Hruby wished everyone a Happy New Year and those of you who were out of town during that time, welcome back in. Mayor Hruby said he is looking forward to working with Council with the continuation of the leadership between Mike and Laura. Mayor Hruby thanked President Harwood and Vice President Redinger for their support and working with our staff the way that they do and look forward to working on the things we have coming up this next year.

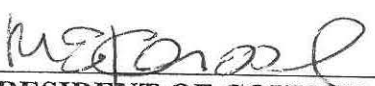
COMMENTS: Councilmember Koepke asked if everyone that will be effected by the water issue has been notified. Engineer Wise said ye, it will only effect houses in the Woodlands development. The residents received (3) notifications. They received a door tag, the message board is posted and a code red notification was sent out. Councilmember Koepke asked if anyone outside of the Woodlands has to worry. Engineer Wise said just residents in the Woodlands.

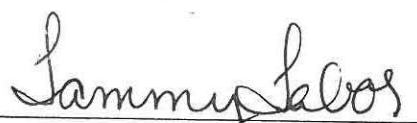
Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 P.M.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL


CLERK OF COUNCIL