

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

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Call To Order

Mayor Elect Kingston welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the Organizational meeting. Pursuant to the Brecksville Charter and Codified Ordinances following each municipal election City Council is to hold an organizational meeting on January 2nd. It is at this meeting that Council determines its leadership team for the upcoming year and citizen members of our various boards and commissions are appointed and sworn in. Prior to this organizational meeting the Mayor-elect and the four recently elected members of City Council will be sworn in and take their Oaths of office. We will begin with the swearing in of the Mayor-elect. Mayor Elect Kingston said he is truly honored to be sworn in tonight by a remarkable woman who needs no introduction in the City of Brecksville. Former Brecksville Magistrate, former Judge of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas and currently sitting on the federal bench as District Judge of the United States for the Northern District of Ohio, the Honorable Judge Pamela Barker.

Virtual Meeting Notice

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The Oath of Office was administered to Daryl Kingston by the Honorable Judge Pamela Barker of the United States for the Northern District of Ohio.

9:55

The Oath of Office Administered to Council Members -Elect: Daniel Bender, Dominic Caruso, Mark Jantzen, Ann Koepke by Mayor Daryl Kingston.

Mayor Kingston thanked Judge Barker and Jeff Barker. Mayor Kingston thanked his family. In attendance, his wife Nancy, sons Jack, Lucas, and Blake, his parents Larry and Diane and his sister Leah came in from Buffalo. Mayor Kingston thanked the voters for putting their trust in him and it's not a responsibility that he will take lightly. Mayor Kingston promised to work hard each and every day and was humbled with all the kind words of support and encouragement over the past several months. Mayor Kingston said the success of the City of Brecksville over the past 50 years has been a result of the partnerships formed between the administration and City Council. The cornerstone of Mayor Kingston's administration will be to continue this tradition of working collaboratively with City Council to keep our residents safe to manage growth and to always be improving on the high level of city services that our residents have come to expect. Mayor Kingston said Mayor Jerry N Hruby, there is much to be said about your lifetime of service in the city and we'll get the opportunity to do just that when Council brings you back next month to acknowledge all of your accomplishments and your career but for tonight, Mayor Kingston said thank you to Mayor Hruby for being his mentor and for being so gracious during this transition and above all thank you for being such a good friend.

9:55

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Election of Officers

1. **Election of President of Council** - Call for nominations by Mayor Daryl Kingston for the office of President of City Council. Second to the nomination. Call for other

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nominations. Motion to second and close nominations. Roll call. Motion and second to elect the President of City Council for the year 2024. Roll call.

13:05

Mayor Kingston asked for nominations for Council President.

Motion made by Stucky, Seconded by Savage to nominate Dominic Caruso as President of City Council.

Mayor Kingston asked for any additional nominations for President of City Council. Hearing none. Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Stucky to close nominations.

Motion made by Stucky, Seconded by Savage to elect Dominic Caruso as President of City Council.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

14:59

- 2. Election of Vice President of Council** - Call for nominations by the Council President for the office of Vice President of City Council.

President Caruso asked for nominations for Council Vice President.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Stucky to nominate Beth Savage as Vice President of City Council.

President Caruso asked for any additional nominations for Vice President of City Council. Hearing none; Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Stucky to close nominations. Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Stucky to elect Beth Savage as Vice President of City Council.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

16:57

Approval of Minutes

- 3. Approval of Minutes December 19, 2023.**

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Voting Abstaining: Bender, Jantzen.

18:06

- 4. Commendation** – Resolution 5488 Commend Bruce McCrodden for his service on the Board of Appeals to the City of Brecksville.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke to suspend the required three reading rule.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Motion for approval made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

- 5. Commendation** – Resolution 5489 Commend Ron Payto for his service on the Planning Commission to the City of Brecksville.

19:30

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Motion for approval made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

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6. **Commendation** – Resolution 5490 Commend Andrew Moleski for his service on the Recreation Commission to the City of Brecksville.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

21:05

7. **Commendation** – Resolution 5491 Commend Nicole Kern for her service on the Recreation Commission to the City of Brecksville.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

21:58

8. **Commendation** – Resolution 5492 commending Jeffrey Firestone for his service on the Recreation Commission to the City of Brecksville.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

22:52

9. **Commendation** – Resolution 5493 commending Jennifer Elting for her service on the Telecommunication Commission to the City of Brecksville.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

23:33

10. **Commendation** - Resolution 5494 commending Gerald Broski for his service on the Telecommunication Commission to the City of Brecksville.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

24:21

11. **Commendation** – Resolution 5495 commending Joseph Flemming for his service on the Telecommunication Commission to the City of Brecksville.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

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12. **Commendation** - Resolution 5496 commending John Guardado for his service on the Telecommunication Commission to the City of Brecksville.

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Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.
Motion to approve made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.
Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

- 13. Commendation** -Resolution 5497 commending Myra Santos for her service on the Telecommunication Commission to the City of Brecksville.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

28:59

- 14. Planning Commission Appointment** – Resolution 5498 confirming the appointment by the Council of Laura Redinger as a Citizen Member to the Planning Commission.

Motion to suspend the required three reading rule made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

29:45

- 15. Planning Commission Appointment** - Resolution 5499 confirming the appointment by the Council of Robin Wilson as a Citizen Member to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mark Jantzen.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

30:50

- 16. Planning Commission Appointment** - Resolution 5500 confirming the appointment by the Council of Dominic Caruso as the Council Representative to the Planning Commission for a two year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

- 17. Oath of Office**

Oath of Office administered to Laura Redinger, Robin Wilson and Dominic Caruso by Mayor Kingston

34:58

- 18. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment** – Resolution 5501 confirming the appointment by the Council of Kenneth Jayjack as a Citizen Member to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

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- 19. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment** – Resolution 5502 appointing Brian Stucky as the Council Representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 2 year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

20. Oath of Office

Oath of Office administered to Kenneth Jayjack and Brian Stucky by Mayor Kingston

39:43

- 21. Recreation Commission Appointment** -Resolution 5503 confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Jonathan Briggs as a Citizen Member to the Recreation Commission to replace the unexpired term of Nicole Kern.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

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- 22. Recreation Commission Appointment** -Resolution 5504 confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Lauren Brubaker as a Citizen Member to the Recreation Commission to the unexpired term of Andrew Moleski.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

41:38

- 23. Recreation Commission Appointment** -Resolution 5505 confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Denise Gawlik as a Citizen Member to the Recreation Commission.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Motion for approval made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

42:18

- 24. Recreation Commission Appointment** – Resolution 5506 confirming the appointment by the Council of AJ Ganim as the Council Representative to the Recreation Commission for a two year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Motion for approval made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

25. Oath of Office

Oath of Office administered to Jonathan Briggs, Denise Gawlik and AJ Ganim by Mayor Kingston

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- 26. Design and Construction Review Board Appointment** -Resolution 5507 confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Josh Slaga as a Citizen Member to the Design and Construction Review Board for a three year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Motion for approval made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

47:00

- 27. Human Services Advisory Board** - Resolution 5508 confirming the appointment by the Council of Arlene Sierlege to the Human Services Advisory Board for a five year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Motion for approval made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

48:56

- 28. Human Services Advisory Board** - Resolution 5509 confirming the appointment by the Council of Ann Koepke as a Human Services Advisory Board Council Representative for a two year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Motion for approval made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

48:56

- 29. Oath of Office** administered to Ann Koepke by Mayor Kingston

50:54

- 30. Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Council Rep** -Resolution 5510 appointing Michael Krenisky as the Citizen Member to the Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Board for a two year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Motion for approval made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

52:05

- 31. Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Human Services Rep** -Resolution 5511 appointing Susan Putich Kisling as the Recreation Commission member to the Municipal Facility Advisory Board Representative to the Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Board for a two year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Motion for approval made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Savage, Stucky, Bender, Jantzen.

53:03

- 32. Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Human Services Rep** -Resolution 5512 appointing Charles Boulware as the Recreation Commission member to the Municipal Facility

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Advisory Board Representative to the Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Board for a two year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

54:10

- 33. Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review** -Resolution 5513 appointing AJ Ganim as the Recreation Commission Council Representative to the Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Board for a two year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

55:05

- 34. Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Council Rep** -Resolution 5514 appointing Beth Savage as the Council Representative to the Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Board for a two year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

55:57

- 35. Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Human Services Rep** -Resolution 5515 appointing Ann Koepke as the Human Services Advisory Board Council Representative to the Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Board for a two year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

56:59

- 36. Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Council Rep** -Resolution 5516 appointing Mark Jantzen as the Council Representative to the Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Board for a two year term.

- 37.** Oath of Office administered to Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, and Savage by Mayor Kingston.

1:02:20

- 38. Volunteer Firemen's Dependents Board** – Resolution 5517 appointing Beth Savage as a Council Representative to the Volunteer Firemen's Dependents Board for a one year term.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to suspend the required three reading rule.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

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

1:03:11

- 39. Volunteer Firemen's Dependents Board** –Resolution 5518 appointing AJ Ganim as a Council Representative to the Volunteer Firemen's Dependents Board for a one year term.

- 40.** Oath of Office administered to Ganim, and Savage by Mayor Kingston.

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- 41. Rezoning** - an Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Brecksville the question of amending the zoning map by adding an MS MS Motor Services Overlay Zoning District for a True North gas station and carwash on the approximately 2.62 acres fronting on Miller Road and an LB Local Business Overlay Zoning District on the approximately 2.48 acre remainder of PP #604-17-003 located at 6850 Miller Road.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke, to move Ordinance 5674 to second reading.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

Reports

43.

Board of Appeals: Councilmember Stucky reported the next meeting of the Board of Appeals will be January 8, 2024 at 7:30 PM.

Planning Commission: Councilmember Caruso reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be January 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Recreation Commission: Councilmember Ganim reported the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be January 22, 2024 at 7:30 PM.

Human Services Advisory Board: Councilmember Koepke reported the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be January 9, 2024 at 3:00 PM.

Safety Services: Ann Koepke: No Report

Streets & Sidewalks: Brian Stucky : No Report

Utilities Committee: AJ Ganim : No Report

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mark Jantzen : No Report

Legislation Committee: Dan Bender : No Report

Finance Committee: Beth Savage : No Report

Law Department Lisa Sabol: No Report

Engineer Gerry Wise: No Report

Building Department Scott Packard: No Report

Planning & Community Development Monica Bartkiewicz: No Report

Service Department Joseph Kickel: No Report

Purchasing Department Rebecca Riser: No Report

Police Department Stan Korinek: No Report

Fire Department Nick Zamiska: No Report

Recreation Department: Rachele Engle: No Report

44. Report of Mayor

Council President Caruso recognized Representative Phillip Robinson and thanked him for attending this evening.

Adjournment

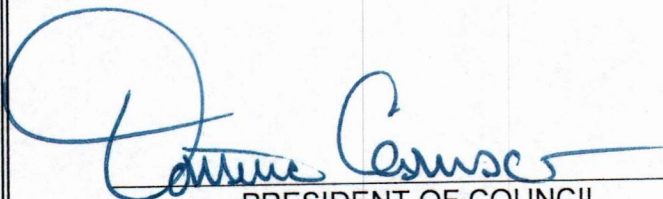
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Motion made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender to adjourn at 9:05 PM.
Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.

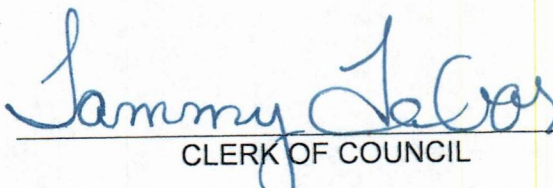
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CLERK OF COUNCIL