

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

**HELD** \_\_\_\_\_ March 21, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

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Council was **CALLED TO ORDER** in Regular Session by Council President Redinger at 8:04 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: D. Caruso, AJ Ganim, D. Kingston, A. Koepke,  
L. Redinger, B. Savage, B. Stucky.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor Jerry N. Hrubby, Law Director D. Matty,  
Engineer G. Wise, Economic and  
Community Dev. Director, M. Bartkiewicz,  
Purchasing Director R. Riser, Fire Chief N. Zamiska,  
Police Chief S. Korinek, Service Director R. Weidig,  
P. Packard, Council Clerk T. Tabor.

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2023 REGULAR MEETING:** Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to dispense with the reading of the March 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes and to accept same as presented.

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 3-7-2023 APPROVED**

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**AGENDA AMENDMENT:** Motion by Redinger, seconded by Stucky, to amend the agenda to include a Resolution to accept an agreement with QCI..

**AMEND AGENDA**

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**RESOLUTION 5409** re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a grant through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for a monitor/defibrillator for the Fire Department; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**RES. 5409 AUTHORIZE FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT APPLICATION EQUIPMENT**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5409 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to pass Resolution 5409.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**RESOLUTION 5410** re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to complete the application process for a Congressionally Directed Appropriations Request for FY2024 for the widening of Chippewa Road (SR82) from the bridge over Chippewa Creek to the Brecksville-Northfield bridge; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**RES. 5410 AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING APPROPRIATION**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5410 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to pass Resolution 5410.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

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**RESOLUTION 5411** re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a grant through the Ohio Arts Council's Grant Program to support art programs/projects at the Brecksville Human Services Center; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5411 AUTHORIZE GRANT APP-OHIO ARTS COUNCIL**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5411 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to pass Resolution 5411.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**ORDINANCE 5599** re: an Ordinance accepting the proposal of American Fireworks for fireworks displays for Brecksville Home Days & Christmas Celebration; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5599 ACCEPT AMERICAN FIREWORKS PROPOSAL FOR 2023-2025**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5599 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to pass Ordinance 5599.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**RESOLUTION 5412** re: a Resolution accepting the proposal of Quality Control Inspection, Inc. for construction inspection and engineering services for the Riverview Road Slope Repair Project; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5412**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5412 on third and final reading.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to pass Resolution 5412.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

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, April 10th at 7:30 P.M. **BD. OF ZONING APPEALS**

**APPEAL 2023-07** Approval for (1) a variance from Section 1326.01, to allow one air conditioning unit in the front 50% of the side of the dwelling, rear 50% required, and (2) a variance from Section 1326.02 to install a generator in the side yard, instead of the rear as required by code, located at 8819 Snowville Road, PP# 605-15-010. **APP 2023-07 8819 SNOWVILLE ROAD, PP# 605-15-010 A/C UNIT & GENERATOR**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

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**APPEAL 2023-08** Approval for a variance from Section 1151.25(d)(2)(B), a maximum of 192 sq. ft. to allow 720 sq. ft. for a shed located at 5250 Oakes Road, PP# 603-11-026. **APP. 2023-08  
5250 OAKES  
ROAD, PP#  
603-11-026.  
SHED**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**APPEAL 2023-09** Approval for a variance from Section 1326.02 to install a generator in the side yard, instead of the rear as required by code, with landscaping screening approved by the City Arborist, located at 7825 Oakhurst Circle, PP# 602-01-017. **APP. 2023-09  
7825  
OAKHURST  
CIRCLE, PP#  
602-01-017.  
GENERATOR**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**APPEAL 2023-10** Approval for (1) a variance from Section 1151.39(2)(4) enclosed porch not allowed, to allow hot tub screening to project in front of the building line, and (2) a variance from Section 1151.26(2) to install a hot tub in front of building line on a corner lot located at 6610 Morningside Drive, PP# 603-21-077. **APP. 2023-10  
6610  
MORNING-  
SIDE DRIVE,  
PP# 603-21-077.  
HOT TUB**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**APPEAL 2023-11** approval for a variance from Section 1326.02 to install a generator in the side yard, instead of the rear as required by code, with landscaping screening approved by the City Arborist, located at 9520 Whitewood Road, PP# 601-21-048 **APP. 2023-11  
9520  
WHITEWOOD  
ROAD, PP#  
601-21-048  
GENERATOR**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**APPEAL 2023-12** approval for (1) a variance from Section 1157(c)(2) minimum 25 ft. side yard parking setback required to allow 14.23 ft., and (2) a variance from Section 1183.04(c) minimum 10'x20' parking spaces required to allow 9' x 18', and (3) a variance from Section 1183.15(b)(1) minimum 10 ft. landscape island widths required in parking lots to allow 9 ft. located at 5800 West Snowville Road, PP# 604-23-005. **APP. 2023-12  
5800 WEST  
SNOWVILLE  
ROAD, PP#  
604-23-005.  
PARKING LOT**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kings ton, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: Koepke.

**MOTION CARRIED 6-AYES, 1-NAYS.**

**APPEAL 2023-13** Approval for a variance from Section 1326.02 to install a generator in the side yard, instead of the rear as required by code, with landscaping screening approved by the City Arborist, located at 6770 Rivercrest Drive, PP# 601-03-055. **APP. 2023-13  
6770  
RIVERCREST  
DRIVE, PP#  
601-03-055.  
GENERATOR**

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Councilmember Stucky reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. **PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

**RECREATION COMMISSION:** Councilmember Ganim reported the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be March 27<sup>th</sup>. At 7:30 PM **RECREATION  
COMMISSION**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:** Councilmember Koepke reported the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. **DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:** Councilmember Savage had no report. **TELEC. COM.**

**SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Ganim reported the committee met earlier today and has three items for Council consideration. **SAFETY-SERVICE**

**TREE PURCHASE:** Approval of a Blanket Vendor Purchase Requisition in the amount of \$9,975.00 for the purchase of (60) trees for Spring planting; (31) New, (7) Replacement and (22) that will be part of the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy grant. **2023 SPRING TREE PURCHASE**  
*\$5,640.00 to be charged to Account #252530 2201 \$4,335.00 to be charged to Account #110171 2205*

Motion by Koepke, seconded by Ganim.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENT:** Approval of a Purchase Requisition to Signal Service Company in the amount of \$38,750.00 for the Overhead Sign Support Replacement Project. **SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENT**  
*Account #C480171 3504 Project #TS220003*

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Kingston.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**REPLACEMENT LADDER PURCHASE:** Approval of a Blanket Vendor Purchase Requisition in the aggregate amount of \$4,141.91 for the replacement of unsafe ladders in various departments. **AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT LADDER PURCHASE**  
*Accounts to charge are: #110161 2501 in the amount of \$174.00; #110610 2501 in the amount of \$2,390.43; #110165 2501 in the amount of \$823.88; #110622 2501 in the amount of \$289.99; #110171 2501 in the amount of \$119.99; #240710 2501 in the amount of \$223.63; #110330 2501 in the amount of \$119.99.*

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Kingston.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**LIFT TRUCK HOPPER:** Approval of a Purchase Requisition to Apex Bulk Handlers in the amount of \$4,010.90 for (1) one Apex 5-Cubic Yard Heavy Duty Lift Truck Hopper for the Recycle Center. Reimbursement funding for this purchase will be received from the City's grant award through the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District Recycling Awareness grant program. **LIFT TRUCK HOPPER FOR THE RECYCLE CENTER**  
*Account #251622 2201*

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Kingston.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Kingston reported the committee met earlier today and has no items for Council consideration. **STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

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

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Koepke reported the Buildings & Grounds Committee met earlier this evening and has three items for Council consideration. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**GAS LINE REPLACEMENT:** Approval of a Purchase Requisition to Northeastern Refrigeration in the amount of \$17,400.00 for the Partial Gas Line Replacement Project at the Brecksville Community Center. A contingency amount of \$1,000.00 is also requested for unforeseen issues during the project. The aggregate amount for this request is \$18,400.00. *Account #C490240 3202 Project #BI230001.* **COMMUNITY CENTER PARTIAL GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Motion by Koepke, seconded by Ganim.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**COMMUNITY CENTER CONCRETE REPLACEMENT:** Approval of a Blanket Vendor Purchase Requisition in the aggregate amount of \$10,000.00 for concrete replacement of sidewalk and curb areas at the Brecksville Community Center to be completed by the Service Department. Supplies and materials for this work totals \$8,280.00, and a contingency amount of \$1,720.00 is requested for unforeseen issues. *Account #C240710 3202 Project # BI230007* **COMMUNITY CENTER CONCRETE REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALK AND CURB**

Motion by Koepke, seconded by Ganim.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**BOCCE COURT REPLACEMENT:** Approval of a Blanket Vendor Purchase Requisition in the aggregate amount of \$7,000.00 for the Bocce Court Replacement Project to be completed by the Service Department. Supplies and materials for this work totals \$5,751.23, and a contingency amount of \$1,248.77 is requested for unforeseen issues. *Account #C240710 3102 Project #LI230001* **BOCCE COURT REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Motion by Koepke, seconded by Ganim.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Savage reported the Charter Review Commission will meet on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM to discuss the final proposal for consideration on the November ballot. **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Caruso reported the committee met earlier today and has no items for Council consideration. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Matty reported the Charter Review Commission will review the 6<sup>th</sup> piece of legislation proposed by the Commission for consideration. The six (6) pieces of legislation will be accepted by Council and forwarded to the Board of Elections to be determined at the November 7, 2023 election. **LAW DIRECTOR**

**REPORT OF ENGINEER:** No Report. **ENGINEER**

**REPORT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:** No Report. **FINANCE**

**REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** No Report. **BUILDING**

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<b>REPORT OF PLANNING &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:</b> No Report.	<b>PLAN &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>
<b>REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR:</b> No Report.	<b>SERVICE</b>
<b>REPORT OF PURCHASING DIRECTOR:</b> No Report.	<b>PURCHASING</b>
<b>REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT:</b> No Report.	<b>POLICE</b>

**REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Zamiska reported the Tornado sirens will be tested on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> as part of Severe Weather month. Fire Chief Zamiska thanked everyone for the support given to the department and the family for the loss of Firefighter Bruce Gordon. **FIRE**

<b>REPORT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT:</b> No Report.	<b>RECREATION</b>
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**REPORT OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Hruby said Maple Crest Farms has contacted the Brecksville Planning Commission to discuss the possible rezoning of their property on Miller Road. The City of Brecksville has been named Tree City for the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Mayor Hruby said Firefighter Bruce Gordon and former Councilmember Neil Brennan have passed away recently. Mayor Hruby said the students participating in Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Speech and Debate and Robotics have been invited to attend a Council meeting in recognition of their outstanding performances. Mayor Hruby requested legislation commending and offering condolences to the families of Bruce Gordon and Neil Brennan. Motion by Redinger, seconded by Caruso to authorize legislation to be prepared recognizing Firefighter Gordon and former Councilmember Brennan. Roll call: All Approved. Mayor Hruby shared a memory of Mr. Brennan from his time on Council. Mayor Hruby and Council were being approached regarding the recent floods in the area. A resident complained that she lived on a street at the top of the hill and the rain was running uphill and flooding her property. Councilmember Brennan said rainwater runs downhill, not uphill. The Councilmember was boo-ed by the audience. **MAYOR**

Councilmember Koepke said the City will be holding Earth Day events on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Activities and information will take place at the Horticulture Building on Stadium Drive. **COMMENTS**

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Caruso, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:36 PM **ADJOURN**  
Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.  
Nays: None.  
**MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.**

  
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**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

  
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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**