

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

July 02, 2024

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44:50

**Call to Order**

8:00 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:** D. Bender D. Caruso, AJ Ganim, M. Jantzen; A. Koepke,.

**Members Absent:** B. Savage, B. Stucky

**Others Present:** Law Director D. Matty, Finance Director L. Starosta, CBO S. Packard, Economic and Community Dev. Director, M. Bartkiewicz, Fire Lt. S. DiGeronimo, Police Lt. C. Mares, Service Director J. Kickel, IT Technician P. Packard, Council Clerk T. Tabor.

45:41

**Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of June 18, 2024 Council Minutes**

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**2. Oath Of Office - Fire Chief Mark Bender**

Council President Caruso had the honor of administering the Oath of Office to Lt. Mark Bender. Council President Caruso said Mark Bender will replace Nick Zamiska as the Fire Chief in the City of Brecksville. Lt. Bender was appointed as the Fire Chief Trainee on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Mark Bender has been a firefighter paramedic for the last 32 years and a lieutenant in the City the last six. His involvement with the water rescue team, for which he's been the coordinator for almost 25 years since 1999. There are many transferable skills that will be a benefit for the city. He has developed a lot of standardized training he has experience in grant writing and funding and knows how to manage a budget. While an active firefighter he earned his associates degree in fire prevention technology and in 2012 completed his Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management.

Council member Daniel Bender congratulated his brother on the appointment to Fire Chief in the City of Brecksville. Many members of Mark's family are in attendance tonight. Four generations of the family, including Mark's parents, daughter and granddaughter, and extended family of Police and Firefighters, are in attendance. Council member Bender said he has been proud of the positive comments in the community regarding the competent and caring service provided by Lt. Bender.

Council member Bender wanted to make sure it was known he was not involved in the discussion or interviews for the appointment to replace Chief Zamiska.

Council President Caruso had the honor of administering the Oath of Office to Lt. Mark Bender. Lt. Bender's wife pinned the badge of Fire Chief on her husband.

Lt. Bender thanked all of the family members, firefighters, former and current Fire Chiefs and mentors in attendance.

**Old Business**

- 3. ORD 5717 Assessing Ordinance Chippewa Calvin Sanitary Sewer Project - Second Reading** - an Ordinance levying special assessment for the costs of constructing an 8" sanitary sewer and 6" sanitary sewer laterals, together with all necessary appurtenances to extend sanitary sewer along Chippewa Road (S.R. 82) from Riverview Road to Wiese Road and along Calvin Drive

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and extending to the termini point of Glen Valley Drive allowing for the removal of the Glen Valley pump station

Move to third reading,

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

4. **ORD 5718 Chippewa Road Calvin Drive Sanitary Sewer Project Bond** - Second Reading - an Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$249,000 to pay the property owners' portion, in anticipation of the collection of special assessments heretofore levied, of the cost of constructing an 8" sanitary sewer and 6" sanitary sewer laterals, together with all necessary appurtenances to extend sanitary sewer along Chippewa Road (S.R. 82) from Riverview Road to Wiese Road and along Calvin Drive and extending to the termini point of Glen Valley Drive allowing for the removal of the Glen Valley pump station.

Move to third reading.

Motion made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**New Business**

5. **RES 5570 Vehicle Purchase** - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a retail purchase agreement on behalf of the City of Brecksville with Valley Motor City, Inc. for the purchase of a 2022 Jeep grand Cherokee.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain**

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Koepke, to pass Resolution 5570.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

6. **RES 5571 Tax Budget** - a Resolution adopting the alternate format Tax Budget for the year 2025.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain**

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Koepke, to pass Resolution 5571.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

7. **RES 5572 Grant** - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of Brecksville to provide a grant to the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Community Awareness and Prevention Association for the partial funding and operation of prevention and intervention services.

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Move to second reading made by Ganim, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Koepke.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4- Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstain**

8. **ORD 5720 Lease** - an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Restatement of Lease Agreement on behalf of the City of Brecksville with South Suburban Montessori Association, Inc. for the lease of premises known as Building 6 located at 4448 Oakes Road in the Blossom Hill Property Complex consisting of approximately 5,882 square feet, including the use of access roads.

Motion by Caruso , seconded by Bender to remove Ordinance 5720, Ordinance 5721 and Ordinance 5722 from the table for reconsideration.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain**

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Koepke, to pass Ordinance 5720.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

9. **ORD 5721 Lease** an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Restatement of Lease Agreement With Amendments on behalf of the City of Brecksville with South Suburban Montessori Association, Inc. for the lease of premises known as Building 7 located at 4450 Oakes Road in the Blossom Hill Property Complex consisting of approximately 31,000 square feet, including the use of access road.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain**

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Koepke, to pass Ordinance 5721.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

10. **ORD 5722 Lease** -an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Restatement of Lease Agreement between the City of Brecksville as Lessor and the Brecksville Cooperative Pre-School, Inc. as Lessee for premises located at 4430 Oakes Road in the Blossom Road Property Complex.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain**

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~~Motion by Ganim, seconded by Koepke, to pass Ordinance 5722.~~

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Report of Council Representatives:**

**Board of Zoning Appeals: No Report**

**Planning Commission:** Council President Caruso said Engineer Wise is absent and unavailable to add to the discussion or answer questions related to the Planning Commission recommendations.

Motion by Caruso, Seconded by Ganim to table the Planning Commission recommendations until the next meeting of City Council.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**1:07:39**

**Recreation Commission:** Council Member Ganim said the Recreation Commission will hold an open house at The Community Center for the public to provide input on Phase II of the Kids Quarters Project on July 9<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Council Member Ganim thanked the Police, Fire and all of the safety service personnel working on July 4<sup>th</sup> as well as the recreation staff and lifeguards working on the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. The Community Center will be open from 10:00 Am – 5:00 and the pool will be open 12:00 PM -4:50 PM, there will be no classes and no child care available.

**1:08:47**

**Human Services Advisory Board:** Council Member Koepke said the next meeting of the Human Services advisory Board will meet Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**1:09:13**

**Report of Council Committees:**

**Safety-Service:** Council Member Koepke congratulated Mark Bender on the appointment to Fire Chief in the City of Brecksville.

**Streets & Sidewalks:** Council Member Ganim had no report.

**Legislation:** Council Member Bender had no report.

**Finance:** Council Member Koepke reported the Committee met earlier today and has one item for Council's consideration.

Approve the payment of bills for professional services, as follows: Matty, Henrikson and & Greve in the amount of \$14,025.83; Kulchystsky Architects, LLC in the amount of \$340.00; William Logan in the amount of \$4,000.00, Donald G. Bohning & Associates in the amount of \$18,684.75, and Sixmo in the amount of \$2,175.00. Total of all invoices \$39,225.58.

Motion for a approval by Koepke, seconded by Bender.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Utilities:** Council Member Ganim had no report.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Council Member Jantzen had no report.

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**Report of the Directors**

**Director of Law:** Law Director Matty reported he met with Atty. Katie Romanchek and the Attorney for Petros Homes regarding the Snowville assessment request. The assessment needs some preliminary work to be done by the engineers and attorneys. Law Director Matty said he will provide updates to Council regarding this request.

**Director of Finance:** No Report.

**Chief Building Official:** CBO Packard reported the Building Department issued

**Director of Human Services,**

**Director of Service,**

**Police Department,**

**Fire Department,**

**Adjournment**

8:29 PM

Motion made by Caruso, Seconded by Ganim.

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

**Mayor and Safety Director:** Daryl Kingston

**City Council Members:** Dominic Caruso; *President*; Beth Savage, *Vice President*; Dan Bender, AJ Ganim, Mark Jantzen, Ann Koepke, Brian Stucky.

**Clerk:** Tammy Tabor

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL  
(Acting Clerk)