

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

HELD December 5, 2023

Council was **CALLED TO ORDER** in Regular Session by Council President Redinger at 8:00 P.M. in Ralph W. Biggs Council Chambers. **CALL TO ORDER**

1:31:05

Following the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, members of Council answered to **ROLL CALL** as follows: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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. Hruby, Engineer G. Wise, Finance Director L. Starosta, CBO S. Packard, Economic and Community Dev. Director, M. Bartkiewicz, Purchasing Director R. Riser, Fire Chief N. Zamiska, Police Chief S. Korinek, Service Director J. Kickel, IT Technician P. Packard, Council Clerk T. Tabor.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2023 REGULAR MEETING: Motion by Kingston, seconded by Caruso, to dispense with the reading of the November 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes and to accept same as presented. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 11-21-2023 APPROVED**

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:33

RESOLUTION 5476 re: a Resolution commending Cliffette Thacker for her dedication and service to the City of Brecksville; and declaring an emergency, was read. **RES. 5476 COMMEND CLIFFETTE THACKER**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5476 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 Kingston, to pass Resolution 5476.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby said with Cliffette's retirement he is now the oldest serving Brecksville City employee. Mayor Hruby said Cliffette showed a great deal of compassion for animals, her fellow man and anything living. Mayor Hruby said it has been incredible to watch the dedication to her field that Cliffette has. Many times Cliffette has shown up to help people and animals. Mayor Hruby said he remembered a raccoon trapped in a house for which Cliffette dealt with removing the raccoon and helping the homeowners. Cliffette has worked with the deer culling program and treated domestic and wild animals with the same compassion. Many families were reunited with their people and many pets found new homes thanks to Cliffette's dedication. Mayor Hruby wished a happy and healthy retirement to Cliffette. **COMMENTS**

Cliffette thanked the Service and Police Departments who were always willing to help her and look out for her. Val DiCamillo has been very helpful with computer work and preparing letters. Betsy Kulp and Jackie Van Delft have always been very helpful. Shelley Kazimore has helped to find homes for pets that are in the kennel. Cliffette told stories about when she was called on a Sunday to remove a deer that was deceased in a resident's yard. Her son and husband were helping her load the deer into the back of the truck when the deer's antler was caught on the tailgate causing both men to fall. Another incident included the time a sick squirrel in a tree was euthanized. When Cliffette shot the squirrel, her son was appalled and assumed they were now hillbillies, Cliffette said only if they were going to eat the squirrel!

Council President Redinger presented the Resolution of commendation and a clock to Cliffette.

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<p>ORDINANCE 5665 re: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into Agreements with Safe Staffing of Ohio and Minutemen Staffing Services as supplementary sources for temporary general labor staffing for the Brecksville Service Department; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.</p> <p>Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5665 on third and final reading.</p> <p>Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.</p> <p>Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to pass Ordinance 5665.</p> <p>Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.</p>	<p>ORD. 5665 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENTS AFE STAFFING & MINUTEMEN STAFFING AS SUPPLEMEN- TAL LABOR</p>
<p>1:47:25</p> <p>ORDINANCE 5666 re: an Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenditures of the City of Brecksville; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.</p> <p>Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5666 on third and final reading.</p> <p>Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.</p> <p>Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to pass Ordinance 5666.</p> <p>Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.</p>	<p>ORD. 5666 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIA- TION ORDINANCE</p>
<p>1:48:20</p> <p>ORDINANCE 5667 re: an Ordinance amending Section 145.09 of the Administrative Code to update the uniform and clothing allowance; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.</p> <p>Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5667 on third and final reading.</p> <p>Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.</p> <p>Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to pass Ordinance 5667.</p> <p>Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.</p>	<p>ORD. 5667 AMEND 145.09 UNIFORM AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCE</p>
<p>1:49:09</p> <p>ORDINANCE 5668 re: an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5659 as it relates to employee compensation; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.</p> <p>Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5668 on third and final reading.</p> <p>Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>Abstain: Redinger</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED 6-AYES, 0-NAYS, 1-ABSTAIN.</p> <p>Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to pass Ordinance 5668.</p> <p>Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.</p> <p>Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Savage, Stucky.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>Abstain: Redinger.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED 6-AYES, 0-NAYS, 1- ABSTAIN.</p>	<p>ORD. 5668 AMEND PAYROLL ORDINANCE 5659</p>

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ORDINANCE 5669 re: an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Revised Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association representing the Brecksville Police Department Patrolmen; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5669
AUTHORIZE
REVISED
COLLECTIVE
AGREEMENT
PATROLMEN**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5669 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 5669.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:51:12

ORDINANCE 5670 re: an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association representing the Brecksville Police Department Sergeants; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5670
AUTHORIZE
COLLECTIVE
AGREEMENT
SERGEANTS**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5670 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 5670.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:53:13

ORDINANCE 5671 re: an Ordinance amending Section 145.08 of the Administrative Code to include professional pay for Fire; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5671
OVERTIME
FIRE**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5671 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 5671.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:51:58

RESOLUTION 5477 re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to complete the application process for funding through the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works 2024 County Road Preventative Maintenance Program; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**RES. 5477
AUTHORIZE
APPLICA-
TION FOR
PUBLIC
WORKS ROAD
FUNDING
PROGRAM
2024**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5477 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 Kingston, to pass Resolution 5477.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

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RESOLUTION 5478 re: a Resolution making necessary transfers between certain funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5478
TRANSFER
FUNDS #1 2024**
Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5478 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 Kingston, to pass Resolution 5478.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:55:07

RESOLUTION 5479 re: a Resolution authorizing the allocation of income tax revenues to certain named funds with the balance of said revenues to remain in the City's General Fund; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5479
INCOME TAX
ALLOCATION
2024**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5479 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 5479.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:56:07

RESOLUTION 5480 re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Cost- Share agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the Chippewa Road Improvement Project; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5480
AUTHORIZE
COMMUNITY
COST SHARE
AGREEMENT
NEORS D FOR
CHIPPEWA
ROAD
PROJECT**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5480 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 5480.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:57

RESOLUTION 5481 re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a request for FY2025-2026 State Capital Budget Funding to the office of State Senator Jerry Cirino for funds for Brecksville Community Center improvements; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5481
AUTHORIZE
REQUEST FOR
FUNDING FOR
COMMUNITY
CENTER
IMPROVE-
MENTS STATE
SENATOR
CIRINO**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5481 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 5481.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

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RESOLUTION 5482 re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a request for FY2025-2026 State Capital Budget Funding to the office of State Representative Phil Robinson for funding; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5482 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 5482.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**RES. 5482
AUTHORIZE
REQUEST FOR
FUNDING
STATE REP.
PHIL
ROBINSON
FY2025-2026**

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Councilmember Caruso reported the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be Monday, December 11th at 7:30 P.M.

**ZONING
APPEALS**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Councilmember Stucky reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be January 4th at 7:00 P.M. The Planning Commission will hold two public hearings on December 7th. One hearing is for a twelve lot subdivision on Snowville Road and another hearing for a 16 lot subdivision on Highland Drive.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

2:00

RECREATION COMMISSION: Councilmember Ganim reported the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be January 22nd. Council member Ganim thanked Nicole Kern, Andy Moleski and Jeffrey Firestone for their years of service on the Recreation Commission.

**RECREATION
COMMISSION**

2:00:40

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Councilmember Koepke reported the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be December 12th at 3:00 P.M. The Yultide Hunger program continues, donations are still being accepted at the Human Services Building. Bell ringers are still needed for the kettle at Giant Eagle, all donations remain local. Summa Health will present information on December 15th about fall prevention. The University Heights Symphonic Band will be in the Gathering Room for a holiday concert on December 21st.

**DEPT. OF
HUMAN
SERVICES**

2:01:44

SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Ganim reported the committee met earlier today and has no items for Council consideration.

**SAFETY-
SERVICE**

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

**STREETS &
SIDEWALKS**

2:02

UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Councilmember Stucky reported the committee met earlier and has one item for Council consideration.

**UTILITIES
COMMITTEE**

MILLER ROAD CHANGE ORDER #2 - Approval of a motion authorizing a deduct change order in the amount of \$403.37 for the Miller Road Pavement Improvement Project.

**MILLER RI
CHANGE
ORDER #2**

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Savage.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Koepke reported the Buildings & Grounds Committee met earlier this evening and has no items for Council consideration.

**BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS
COMMITTEE**

2:03

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

**LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Caruso reported the committee met earlier today and has 3 items for Council consideration.

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

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BASKETBALL CONTRACTOR PO INCREASE: Approve an increase to blanket vendor purchase order #23000023 in the amount of \$2,400.00 for Basketball Independent Contractors. Account to be charged 2400743-21020.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**BASKET
BALL
CONTRACTOR PO
INCREASE**

MONTHLY BILLS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Approve the payment of bills for professional services, as follows: Matty, Henrikson and & Greve in the amount of \$8,711.33; Kulchystsky Architects, LLC in the amount of \$573.75; William Logan in the amount of \$4,000.00 and Donald G. Bohning & Associates in the amount of \$22,289.90 and Sixmo in the amount of \$850.00; MAS Financial Advisory Services LLC in the amount of \$12,000, Total of all invoices \$48,424.98

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**MONTHLY
BILLS FOR
PROFES-
SIONAL
SERVICES**

2:04:40

SALARY CONTINUATION: Authorize salary continuation for an injured Service Department worker.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

**SALARY
CONTINUA-
TION**

2:05

REPORT OF ENGINEER: No Report.

ENGINEER

REPORT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: No Report.

FINANCE

2:05:14

REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT: C.B.O. Packard reported in December the Building Department issued 58 permits with a valuation of just over \$1.2 million and the total receipts collected of \$17,038.80.

**BUILDING
DEPT.**

REPORT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: No Report.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOP.**

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

2:06:11

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Hruby said the City of Brecksville has received 90% funding for the SR 21 Pavement Improvement project, with a cost of \$270,000.00 from the City of Brecksville. Mayor Hruby thanked everyone that helped with the tree lighting and fireworks. Although the Parade was cancelled due to the weather and the events were moved to the Community Center, it was a success with a wonderful turn out. City Calendars are available for pick up at City Hall, Community Center and Human Services Department. The Children's Christmas Play will be held on December 9th and 10th at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Mayor Hruby said he has been Mayor for 863 Regular Council meetings, with only one meeting left in his term.

MAYOR

2:10:22

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COMMENTS: Patrick Coleman, Pershing Drive. Mr. Coleman thanked Mayor Hruby for his service and the wonderful community he has created. Mayor Hruby asked Mr. Coleman to explain how he stole Mayor Hruby's Christmas cookies. Mr. Coleman thanked Mayor Hruby for inviting him into his home and the opportunity to leave with the cookies without Mayor Hruby knowing. Mr. Coleman wished Mayor Hruby a healthy and Happy retirement. Mr. Coleman congratulated Mayor Elect Kingston and offered his assistance if Mr. Coleman could help with anything our new Mayor would need. Mr. Coleman congratulated Council member Koepke, Council member Caruso, and Mr. Bender and Mr. Jantzen on their election to City Council. **COMMENTS**

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Caruso, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:44 P.M. **ADJOURN**

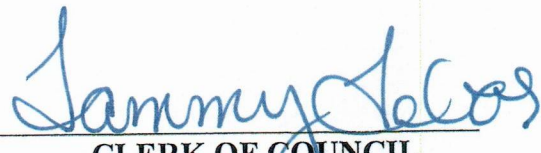
Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL

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