

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

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

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. Hruby, Law Director D. Matty,
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 R. Weidig,
Myles Rapkin, Council Clerk T. Tabor.

Guests: Steve Schadler, Eric Geyer, Terry DuVall, Adam Diem,
Eric and Jill Tayfl, John Farrell. Fred and Annette Pedersen.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2023 REGULAR MEETING: Motion by **REGULAR**
Kingston, seconded by Caruso, to dispense with the reading of the March 21, 2023 regular **MEETING**
meeting minutes and to accept same as presented. **MINUTES OF**
3-21-2023
Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky. **APPROVED**
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:30:42

Motion by Redinger seconded by Caruso amending the agenda to include, item no.19, **AMEND**
Ordinance 5611 referred from the Charter Review Commission titled" Article XII, Section **AGENDA**
5. Gender Neutral Designations."

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:13:01

RESOLUTION 5413 re: a Resolution appointing Alexander J. Haffner as a part- **RES. 5413**
time Firefighter/Paramedic in the City of Brecksville Fire Department; and declaring an **APPOINT PT**
emergency, was read by title. **VOLUNTEER**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution **FIREFIGHTER**
5413 on third and final reading. **PARAMEDIC-**
HAFFNER

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 5382.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:33:10

FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC-HAFFNER – Mr. Haffner attended Cuyahoga **OATH**
Community College, where he earned his State of Ohio Paramedic certification and
Firefighter certification. Mr. Haffner is currently pursuing his Associates Degree and would
like to become a full time firefighter. Alexander's Mother Michell Haffner and Father David
Haffner were in attendance. Alexander' mother had the honor of installing the badge on
Alex.

RESOLUTION 5414 re: a Resolution appointing Carson M. Hengst as a part- **RES. 5414**
time Firefighter/Paramedic in the City of Brecksville Fire Department; and declaring an **APPOINT PT**
emergency, was read by title. **VOLUNTEER**

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Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5414 on third and final reading. **FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC-HENGST**

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 5314.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:37:52

FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC-HENGST - Mr. Hengst attended Brunswick High School and graduated from Cuyahoga Community College with his State of Ohio Firefighter and Paramedic certifications. Carson also has an Associates of Applied Science Degree from Cuyahoga Community College. Carson's Mother Kathy, Father Scott and brother Dylan were in attendance. Mr. Hengst had the honor of installing the badge on Carson. **OATH**

RESOLUTION 5415 re: a Resolution authorizing the purchase of installation of control wiring and programming of air handling unit (AHU) #4 for the Police Station through OMNIA Partners Purchasing Organization.; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5415 AUTHORIZE OMNIA PURCHASE-**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5415 on third and final reading. **POLICE STATION**

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 5415.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:43:41

RESOLUTION 5416 re: a Resolution accepting the proposal of Karpinski Engineering to provide professional commissioning services for the police station air handling unit (AHU-4) controls upgrade; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 4516 ACCEPT KARPINSKI ENGINEER-**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5416 on third and final reading. **ING PROPOSAL FOR PROFES-**

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 5416.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:44:32

RESOLUTION 5417 re: a Resolution authorizing the OMNIA contract purchase from Trane U.S., Inc. in the amount of \$21,737.00 for the Community Center AHU Controls Project. Account #C490240 3202 Project #BI230008; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5417 AUTHORIZE OMNIA PURCHASE-**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5417 on third and final reading. **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Koepke, to pass Resolution 5417.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

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1:45:31

ORDINANCE 5600 re: an Ordinance accepting the bids of various vendors for Disposal of Rubbish, Recycle, Leaves and Street Sweepings/Vactor Debris for a one-year period with the option to renew for a second and third year for the Service Department of the City of Brecksville; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5600 ACCEPT BIDS -RUBBISH, RECYCLE, LEAVES & STREET SWEEPINGS DISPOSAL**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5600 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 5600.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:46:43

ORDINANCE 5601 re: an Ordinance amending Ord. No. 5485 to accept the Value Engineering Proposal for additional storefronts into Eight (8) openings submitted by Capitol Aluminum and Glass Corporation for Window Replacement Project at 4450 Oakes Road Blossom Hill, Building #7; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5601 AMEND ORD. NO. 5485 TO ACCEPT VALUE ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL STOREFRONTS AT 4450 OAKES ROAD WINDOW**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5601 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 5601.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:48

ORDINANCE 5602 re: an Ordinance accepting the bid of Anthony Allega Cement Contractor for the Miller Road Pavement Improvement Project; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5602 ACCEPT BID OF ALLEGA CEMENT-MILLER RD. PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5602 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 5602.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:48:54

ORDINANCE 5603 re: an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 5570, making appropriations for current expenditures of the City of Brecksville during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, making necessary appropriation and revenue adjustments; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5603 APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT S #4**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5603 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 5603.

Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.

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MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:50:08

Finance Director Starosta read the Fiscal Officer's Certificate

**FISCAL
OFFICER'S
CERTIFICATE**

1:51:35

ORDINANCE 5604 re: an Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$3,600,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying, in anticipation of the levy and collection of special assessments, the property owners' portion of 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 Weise 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; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5604
AUTHORIZE
NOTES-
CHIPPEWA
ROAD
CALVIN DR.**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5604 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 5604.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:53:33

ORDINANCE 5605 re: a Resolution authorizing the Equalis contract purchase from Gardiner for the emergency repair of the City Hall Chiller that requires a replacement main interface panel and two temperature sensors; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5605
AUTHORIZE
EQUALIS
GROUP
PURCHASE
FROM
GARDINER-
CITY HALL
CHILLER**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5605 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 5605.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

1:54:55

ORDINANCE 5606 re: an Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Brecksville the question of amending Article III, Section 2. of the Charter entitled 'Qualifications' to raise the residency requirement to four (4) years for the Mayor; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5606
ARTICLE III,
SECTION 2.
QUALIFICA-
TIONS**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to move Ordinance 5606 to second reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby said the Charter Review Commission is recommending the change from the current minimum residence requirement prior to election, for the Mayor, of two(2) years and require a minimum of four (4) years residency in the City of Brecksville before running for Mayor.

1:55:49

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ORDINANCE 5607 re: an Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Brecksville the question of amending Article V, Section 9. of the Charter entitled "Recreation Commission" to allow removal of any member of the Recreation Commission with the approval of five (5) members of City Council; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5607
ARTICLE V,
SECTION 9.
RECREATION
COMMISSION**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to move Ordinance 5607 to second reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby said all other Boards and Commissions require five members of City Council to decide that a person be removed from a Board or Commission. The Recreation Commission says only four Council Members voting to remove a member are required. This amendment brings the Recreation Commission in line and parity with all the other boards and commissions.

1:58:12

ORDINANCE 5608 re: an Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Brecksville the question of amending Article VI, Section 4. of the Charter entitled "Limitation Upon Expenditures Without Prior Council Approval" to raise the limitation amount without prior Council approval for expenditures or liability incurred; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5608
ARTICLE VI,
SECTION 4.
LIMITATION
UPON
EXPENDI-
TURES
WITHOUT
PRIOR
COUNCIL
APPROVAL**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to move Ordinance 5608 to second reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby said the limit when he became Mayor the spending threshold was \$500.00. The Charter Review Commission is recommending raising it from \$3000 dollars as it is today, to \$6,000. There was discussion going as high as \$20,000 or, \$25, 000 and the discussion on behalf of the administration, we're recommending that the limit of \$20,000 was too high.

2:00:35

ORDINANCE 5609 re: an Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Brecksville the question of amending Article VI, Section 6. of the Charter entitled "Sale of Municipal Property" to include the Service Director.

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to move Ordinance 5609 to second reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby said this proposal includes Service Director in the process of selling municipal property. Currently the Purchasing Director is responsible for the internet sales of property. The Purchasing Director and the Service Director will work together to dispose of equipment no longer needed for municipal purposes.

2:03:28

ORDINANCE 5610 re: an Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Brecksville the question of amending Article VI, Section 8. of the Charter entitled "Purchasing" to Clarify that the Director of Purchasing has responsibility for any purchasing contract; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5610
ARTICLE VI,
SECTION 8.
PURCHASING**

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Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to move Ordinance 5610 to second reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby said the Director of Purchasing has responsibility for any purchasing contract. Mayor Hruby said this directly says the Director of Purchasing is responsible for any purchasing contracts. Those will all go to the Purchasing Director and the other contracts would go to the Finance Director. So, again, the addition is making sure that the Purchasing Director is written in the language to be the one that handles purchasing contracts.

2:05:08

ORDINANCE 5611 re: an Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Brecksville the question of amending Article V, Section 9. of the Charter entitled "Recreation Commission" to allow removal of any member of the Recreation Commission with the approval of five (5) members of City Council; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

**ORD. 5611
ARTICLE XII,
SECTION 5.
GENDER
NEUTRAL
DESIGNA-
TIONS**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to move Ordinance 5611 to second reading.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Mayor Hruby said the issue of gender neutrality and all inclusivity came up. The Charter Review Commission and the Administration worked extensively with Mr. Matty to create language for this amendment.

2:07:20

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Councilmember Caruso reported the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be Monday, May 8th at 7:30 P.M.

**BD. OF
ZONING
APPEALS**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Councilmember Stucky reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be April 6th at 7:00 P.M.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

2:07:43

DIGERONIMO LOT SPLIT & FRONT YARD SETBACK – 8524/8530 WIESE ROAD - Final approval to split PP #602-09-058, 8524 Wiese Road, to create Parcel A-1, 9.6821 acres, and Parcel C, 0.7892 acres, and to establish a front yard setback for Parcel C, as shown on the attached plat drawing by Neff & Associates dated May 20, 2022, and contingent upon approval of the City Engineer and contingent upon approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the following variances:

**DIGERONIMO
LOT SPLIT &
FRONT YARD
SETBACK –
8524/8530
WIESE ROAD**

Variances Requested for Parcel A-1:

- Section 1151.21 requirement that each lot shall abut a dedicated street for a distance not less than 60% of the lot width at the building line, to allow 57%.
- Section 1117.09 requirement that lots be generally rectangular in form to allow a lot with irregular form.
- Section 1119.09(d) requirement that public sidewalks be installed to not install public sidewalks until such time as the city deems appropriate.

Variances Requested for Parcel C

- Section 1151.22 requirement that R-60 lots on a collector street have a width of 200 feet to allow 152.79 feet.

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- Section 1151.22 requirement that R-60 lots on a collector street have a depth of 270 feet to allow 229.18 feet.
- Section 1151.22 requirement that R-60 lots on a collector street have a minimum area of 60,000 square feet per dwelling unit to allow 34,378 square feet.
- Section 1183.05 requirement that two (2) enclosed spaces be provided for one-family residential dwellings.
- Section 1119.09(d) requirement that public sidewalks be installed to not install public sidewalks until such time as the city deems appropriate.

Contingent upon sale of the property, the owner has agreed to provide a garage.

Motion for approval by Stucky, seconded by Caruso.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

2:10:13

T-MOBILE EQUIPMENT UPGRADE – 9001 BRECKSVILLE ROAD - T-MOBILE EQUIPMENT UPGRADE – 9001 BRECKSVILLE ROAD
approve the removal of existing abandoned equipment at the ground level; the relocation and replacement of equipment at the ground level, and the relocation and replacement of antennas and associated equipment at the 164' to 168' height on the existing wireless facility tower at 9001 Brecksville Road, Brecksville Ohio 44141, PP #606-31-001, for T-Mobile, as described in the application dated February 24, 2023 by Crown Castle USA, contingent on the approval of City Council and structural review approval of submitted documents:

T-1, T-2, C-1 to C-8, E-1, E-2, G-1, and G-2, dated February 9, 2023

Mount Specifications, dated August 8, 2017

Structural Analysis Report

Motion for approval by Stucky, seconded by Caruso.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

2:11:32

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITION & DRIVE-UP CUYAHOGA WINDOW – 9089 BRECKSVILLE ROAD – Preliminary and Final approval for COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITION & DRIVE-UP WINDOW 9089 BRECKSVILLE ROAD
modification to the existing parking lot, relocation of the refuse enclosure, and construction of a building addition to accommodate a new drive-in window area with 5 vehicle stacking spaces at Cuyahoga County Public Library located at 9089 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio, as described in the application dated September 6, 2022 by Matt Ross Architects, Inc. and attached plans dated March 6, 2023 and contingent upon adding double striping across the drive and sidewalks and a sign.

Motion for approval by Stucky, seconded by Caruso.

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

Nays: Koepke.

MOTION CARRIED 6-AYES, 1-NAYS.

2:12:35

RECREATION COMMISSION: Councilmember Ganim reported the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be April 24th. The Aqua Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Community Center on April 6th.

2:13:17

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Councilmember Koepke reported the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be April 11th at 3:00 P.M. The Fish Dinner scheduled for April 6th has been sold out, NOPEC will hold a discussion at the Human Services Center to discuss gas and electric utility rates. The Sight Center will be at the center on April 20th to perform eye exams. Author Marty Gitlin will host an even ton April 21st titled "Funniest Moments in Film". Ron Serlege, volunteer at the Human Services Center and husband of Human Services Advisory Board Member Arlene, died. A memorial service

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will be held on Friday April 14th at Sleepy Hollow, all are welcome. Empty Bowls will be held on Tuesday April 25th at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, you can obtain tickets through a Kiwanis member and benefit the Brecksville Food Pantry and the Lend a Hand Food Bank in Broadview Heights.

2:15:06

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: No Report.

TELEC. COM.

SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Ganim reported the committee met earlier today and

SAFETY-SERVICE

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Kingston reported the committee met earlier today and thanked the Service, Police and Fire Departments for the work during and after the recent storm events.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

MILLER ROAD PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - Approval of a purchase requisition authorizing Donald G. Bohning and Associates to provide construction related services for the Miller Road Pavement Improvement Project including Construction Staking, Construction Management, Review & Approval of Pay-Apps, As-builts, and Complete Project Close paperwork for a fee of \$64,000.00.

MILLER ROAD PAVEMENT IMPROVE MENT PROJECT

Motion for approval by Kingston, seconded by Caruso.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

2:16:15

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Koepke reported the Buildings & Grounds Committee met earlier this evening and has four items for Council consideration. Councilmember Koepke said Earth Day celebration will be held on April 23rd at the Horticulture Building.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Police Station Generator Filters - Approval of a Purchase Requisition to Ketchum Walton in the amount of \$2,815.00 for Carbon Filters for the Police Station Generator. *Account #C490210 3202 Project #BI220008.*

POLICE STATION GENERATOR FILTERS

Motion for approval by Koepke, seconded by Ganim.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

2:17:24

Asbestos Removal Oakes Road Window Replacement Project - Approval of a Purchase Purchase Requisition to SafeAir Contractors, Inc. in the aggregate amount of \$6,930.00 for the removal and disposal of asbestos-containing windows at 4450 Oakes Road, Blossom Hill, Building 7 for Phase 4 of the Window Replacement *Project. Account #C490161 3202 Project #BI230002*

ASBESTOS REMOVAL OAKES ROAD WINDOW REPLACE- MENT PROJECT

Motion for approval by Koepke, seconded by Ganim.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

2:17:08

Community Center Door Locks - Approval of a purchase requisition to Cleveland Vicon in the aggregate amount of \$5,417.30 for the purchase of Replacement Locksets for various doors located throughout the Community Center. *Account #240710 2603*

COMMUNITY CENTER DOOR LOCKS

Motion for approval by Koepke, seconded by Ganim.

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

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Nays: None.

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2:18:37

City Hall & Fire Station Concrete - Approval of a purchase requisition in the **CITY HALL & FIRE STATION CONCRETE** aggregate amount of \$15,390.00 for concrete replacement in areas surrounding City Hall and the Fire Station to be completed by the Service Department; \$2,270.00 to be charged to account #110171 2606, \$13,120.00 to be charged to account #C490166 3202 Project #BI230009

Motion for approval by Koepke, seconded by Ganim.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

2:19:07

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: Councilmember Savage reported the committee met earlier today and has no items for Council consideration. The Charter Review Commission referred six items to be placed on the November ballot. Council will read the legislation two additional times before sending to the Board of Elections. The Charter Review Commission will work on the flyer that will be sent to all residents. The next meeting will be April 25th. **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Caruso said the Finance Committee two items for Council consideration. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Blossom Hill Field House Expenditures - Approval of a purchase requisition to Brecksville-Broadview Height City School District in the aggregate amount of \$50,800.00 for the City's share of the operational costs for the new Blossom Hill Field House for the following services from September 2022 through December 31, 2023. **BLOSSOM HILL FIELD HOUSE EXPENDITURES**

Fire Alarm Testing, \$1,000.00 Account #240710 2103,
Fire Alarm Monitoring \$1,800.00 Account #240710 2103,
Trash Disposal \$5,000.00 - Account #240710 2103,
Utilities – Gas \$18,000.00 - Account #240710 2901,
Utilities – Electric \$20,000.00 - Account #240710 2902,
Utilities – Water \$5,000.00 - Account #240710 2903.

Motion for approval 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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Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky, to approve the payment of bills for professional services, as follows: Matty, Henrikson and & Greve in the amount of \$20,440.81; William Logan in the amount of \$4,000.00; Donald G. Bohning & Associates in the amount of \$28,748.90 and Sixmo in the amount of \$1,100.00; Total of all invoices \$54,289.71 **MONTHLY BILLS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

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REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR: Law Director Matty said the Charter Amendments referred to Council may not be changed or amended, the legislation will go to the Board of Election after Council has completed the required readings. Law Director Matty said Judge John J Russo found in favor of the City of Brecksville in a case filed against the City by the Lake Park Estates. **LAW**

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REPORT OF ENGINEER: No Report.

ENGINEER

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REPORT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: No Report.

FINANCE

REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT: C.B.O. Packard reported in March the Building Department issued 76 permits with a valuation of just over \$2.6 Million and total receipts collected of \$47,133.26.

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REPORT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Director Bartkiewicz said the Planning Commission will hold public hearings on April 6th and 20th for the potential rezoning of the Central School property to R8A and LB..

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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: Fire Chief Zamiska thanked Council for the appointment of two part-time firefighters. Chief Zamiska recommends signing up for Code Red notifications. Code Red provides telephone notification of emergencies and dangerous weather. Sign up is available on the City website or call the non-emergency Fire Department number and they will walk you through the set up.

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REPORT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT: No Report.

RECREATION

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Hruby said The Police Fire and Service Departments are commended for the great work on the storm cleanup. First Energy said the maintenance of trees in the City prevent a lot of damage from dead/damaged trees falling. The City of Brecksville received two grants for Kids Quarters in the amounts of \$250,000 and \$500,000 toward the renovation and handicapped accessible upgrades. A construction observer has been hired to assist the city in monitoring several of the construction projects. The City will recognize several student groups at the April 18th Council meeting for their outstanding achievements this year.

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COMMENTS: Council President Redinger: Okay, moving along, we've got I know we have folks in the audience. Are there any comments from folks in the audience? We have a couple different new faces. So, I'm going to first ask before we get to our Steve Schadler crew discussion. Does anyone else have any items? Are you all here for that discussion? Okay. Now, we know what we're doing.

Mayor Hruby: In fairness to in fairness to a group, we asked them to attend the meeting tonight so we could have some dialogue between us in the public to talk about their most recent endeavor called Team Brecksville. So, that's the introduction there,

Adam Diem: Sorry. Just one thing first of all, Service department, you guys are doing an awesome job. Get the winter off the roads. I was out on the bike today and they were almost spotless. The one question I have and I'm not sure if it's best directed to the building department which is why I came. With the amount of construction going on, when the trucks are leaving the construction sites, there is a fair amount of debris that I would say would probably be attributed to the construction sites, not to the winter maintenance of the City. Is it the responsibility of the city to sweep that or is there an ordinance or some sort of requirement within the larger projects aside from the sewer project because that's going to be a mess regardless of what's, that the roads are swept and maintained for the road, for my example, I'm supposed to ride as far to the right as possible but when there's a lot of rocks and debris, I ride further to the center.

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Councilmember Stucky: What project are you speaking about?

Adam Diem: Particularly today, I was on twenty-one SR 21 which I spoke with the Mayor, is one of my routes that I ride. It's one of the safest roads because it's 2 lanes and I was heading southbound and it's the Valor Acres project and again, I don't know if it's city responsibility here.

Councilmember Stucky: Well, Mr. Packard will contact them and Mr. Packard is in contact with them all the time. So, that's this is a good place. I'm sure Mr. Packard will pass it on. Both projects, the project down on 82 and Valor Acres have equipment on site. Sometimes, they don't get to it right away and you do have that occurrence. So, we'll remind them to be a little more diligent. Thank you.

Council President Redinger: And also, Ron, you want to just mention the normal course action of street cleaning because we did just talk about it today. What was it? The normal course of action of street cleaning. I mean, we have our street cleaner that's out regularly. You want to just mention how often that happens.

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Service Director Weidig: Sure but thank you for your kind comments. We started the street sweeper out and we actually have a trainee going in there. So last year we swept every street in town five times, we hope to increase that to six this year. We keep, we have a route that we follow and that that's part of the permit that the data we collect from that from the amount of tons we pick up on that. That's turned over to jury for our NPDES Committee also.

Council President Redinger: Thank you, Ron. As the Mayor Hrubby mentioned, we've got guests today to talk about Team Brecksville's new endeavor and I think, you know, given the time and given that we've got a lot of folks who wanted to move into, you know, questions and just have an open dialogue and so, you know, the one thing I would ask is if whomever will speak to answer question or ask a question of us, if you could please state your name and your address so that Clerk can make sure that she gets that as part of the minutes. So, I think I'm just going to kick it off with the first question. If the, I think that one thing is I reviewed the site that I wanted to ask of the group was the information is largely the city's information that is duplicated from the site but there is some portions of the site that have opinion and I want to I just ask of you, how will you make sure to delineate that anything that is opinion from the group that's putting out there is not confused or does not provide any contribute any confusion for folks that are reading the site.

Keith Richardson: 5445 Valley Parkway Just out of curiosity specifically, are you referring to anything?

Council President Redinger: No, I just noticed it in a couple different spots. So, I mean and I, you know, this is about a week or so ago that I looked at it.

Keith Richardson: Okay. So I only asked the question back because it's really important for me. I know I'm the new entity for most of you here about you know, most of you know Steve and Eric. Having been a resident now, I've been a resident of Brecksville for about six and a half years. I give you a context. So, part of the, and I think it's important to give a little context because that matters to me if there's in a perception of opinion. We don't want that there. A lot of what we're trying to accomplish is based on the idea that like myself, I'm a single, I'm not a single dad. I'm a dad. I have a wonderful wife. We both work full time. Ugh big faux pa, hope she's not listening. I have my own business. Like I said, a full-time job and I'm on the board of directors for a local nonprofit. I say all that because a lot of the people I surround myself with too are busy and have a lot of things going on and are unable to keep track of everything that is happening. You all do a lot, right? There are a lot of meetings. There are a lot of things. I've slowly and progressively gotten more exposed to everything. I think understanding what's going on in local government matters. We get a lot of national news. We don't get a lot of just, hey, what's going on the daily basis? And how do we make that more accessible? So, the intent behind this site is very much to provide information. Sometimes, it's not agreeable to maybe any one person's outcome or goal but it's to help people when they're asked to go to the ballot. Why? Would I vote or why wouldn't I vote? I just like to have information. I like to provide or have an informed vote Yes or no? We want

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to be able to break down these meetings with a team. That's why we gather volunteers to do the meeting highlights. It's not your responsibility to do meeting highlights. You do the meeting minutes. But how do we map that to the videos so that we have those timestamps. So people can go back and look at what they're doing as one of my friends recently said to me. I don't have time to go to all this stuff. Just give me the cliff notes, right? Broadview does it. They do it for the school board. We thought this would be a great opportunity to help condense some information. So, more people can be involved and understand and make choices that they need to make to participate in local government and then, at the end of the day, the reason for a website is to meet people where they are, right?

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Council President Redinger: What was that, to?

Keith Richardson: To meet people where they are. In other words, I don't know. I'm sure most of you don't want to be on Facebook most of the time. I need a sabbatical often. So, how do I get this information without going there and just in a condensed, quick format. So, that's why we created the website and then we can send newsletters and do other things that distribute that information. That's something that quite frankly, we don't see the city as being responsible for. We want to be an augment in a continuation of what you already are responsible for. You put everything online, you stream videos, you provide the meeting minutes, how can we make this easier and easier and easier. So, to answer your question directly Madam President is we don't want to opine or editorialize on the website. So if there is something specific that you know, please, that's part of the reason why we reached out. We don't want to misrepresent ourselves. We want to scrutinize that stuff, look at that stuff, and make sure that we're being as fair. We're a small team right now. We're still relatively new. So, you know, some things might get through the cracks but you know, we look for that feedback so we can respond as quickly and responsibly as possible.

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Council President Redinger: So, really the gist of the site then is just to summarize all of the information that we have on our site or all of the meetings that we have on our site. How do you, I mean, so the recommendation is we need to summarize. I mean, it just seems like it doesn't. Why would someone want to go to your site versus come to our site when all of the information is put on our site in much greater value, I'm assuming because I don't know that you're putting everything out there.

Keith Richardson: No, and we don't. We don't want to put everything because.

Council President Redinger: So now, you've got two sites that you have.

Keith Richardson: Absolutely. It is not to just consolidate. You have sources like Cleveland.com. You have Facebook conversations. You have these places where information exists. For people to make decisions particularly at the ballot. Like that's the start of all of this, right? Is if I'm going to the ballot to cast my vote and something is put on the ballot. You all want it there? You voted for it to be there. We completely respect the position for you wanting that to pass. Doesn't always necessarily, there may be other voices in the community that may not support that. Not saying they're right, not saying you're right. At the end of the day, when I go personally to the ballot, I just want to know all of my information. I want to be able to assess it. That information won't be on the city's website, right? So, if there are people in the community that are expressing an alternative point of view, we just want to share what that might be. People come to our website and say, why would I vote yes or why would I vote no? Or even more so, what is this language? Right? This is something we've recently learned is how do we get that language, understand it, know what this is, what parcel is this, how can we just condense that information into a digestible format. So, people who are just looking for a quick answer on a local government issue, they can go to the website, find it, and hopefully, we've served the, done justification to everybody involved so people can say yes or no and feel informed in their decision. So, I wouldn't say all of that is on the City's website. Obviously, link to discussions aren't on the city's website. And then the meeting highlights aren't going to be on the city's website. I think they've been super helpful to me because I don't do them all. None of us do them all. It's a team that puts them together. Because we want to be able to go back to the video. It's all recorded. It's great. Who do I? We're not trying to create the editorial around what's happening. The meeting

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minutes are very comprehensive. And how can I do it straight from my phone too? Right? How do I not just access it from a computer, how is it more accessible from a phone? So, most people are out and about and they're going to be looking for that from their phone, not from a desktop at the end of the day. So, I hope that answered your question.

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Council President Redinger: It does. I want to ask one, just one follow up and then I'll not monopolize time. Relative to your comment that this was for elections information. So, is this just because we're in an election year? So, will you stop the website after election year and I'm just a little confused on that comment.

Keith Richardson: Now, for ballot initiatives, right? Oh, so this is only for ballot initiatives. That was the primary impetus for us to start relative. At the end of the day, that's why we became a political action committee (PAC) is because the Board of Election said, if you're going to distribute information, you have to be one. So, we became one and having an informed vote matters to me. So, we started this toward the end of last year. We decided to build the website as a bedrock for this year's ballot initiatives. Maybe anything that comes out in May, maybe in the future and it just continues as long as you know, we're going to have things to vote on the ballot.

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Councilmember Caruso: So, what is the ballot initiative that you're focused on currently? When I looked on the site, there wasn't anything specific at all. It's just a commingling of sort of personal opinion and factual information that happened in meetings that have been completely transparent. So, I guess an understanding the problem you guys are solving.

Keith Richardson: Yeah, I'm curious again about the personal opinion because like I said, we take that very seriously, right? You know, so if you have something specific, Daryl, that would be.

Councilmember Kingston: When I check the site, I'm not sure if it's what you're referring to but maybe was it in the timestamp of the meetings. It looked like there was a you know, description that happened at, you know, one hour 26 minutes and then.

Councilmember Caruso: Yeah, the editorializing. I mean, how how are you remaining impartial when you create these quote cliff notes? Where you're getting to edit and kind of pick and choose what portion of the minutes people are seeing versus them just reading the minutes and getting the full color of what was discussed at a meeting.

Keith Richardson: Yeah, anybody's taking notes because again, it's not just us three are doing their best to capture what was said. So, you voted on something to spend money. Example, the sirens. We had to make a repair. We voted on it. We passed it and moved forward. We try to do that. If there's editorial which ultimately would be opinion about that thing. In other words, suggesting this is how I feel about it. That we don't want to do. If there is a capture of some adjective or some word that seems to be creating an opinion, try to filter that out before we post it on the website. We're not perfect if we miss it, we hope people call us on it. We hope you call us on it and tell us, hey, that seems like an opinion and then we can have a discussion about it but at the end of the day, it is not an editorial of those meeting minutes. It's just trying to summarize as much as we can.

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Mayor Hruby: I appreciate you being here and thank you.

Keith Richardson: Thank you for having us.

Mayor Hruby: We need this dialogue. I agree. What my main concern and there are three, actually two. The first one that I was sort of taken back by was the fact that I realized that you are creating a link between Team Brecksville and our Community Center, recreation signups. What information do you gather from that link,

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Keith Richardson: Zero?

Mayor Hruby: How do I, how do we know that? Because my concern is credit cards, name, address, phone numbers, and it's all there. That's what we ask for. How do we know that you're not getting anything from that? Or getting that information.

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Keith Richardson: So, we copy and paste the link that you go to as if you were going to it from Google. So, everything that sits the city's website is the city's website. So, we have no connection to it other than if I were to send you a link to say go to this website. That if I sent that to you, I wouldn't be able to collect anything that you did on that website. I understand. And I heard that concern at the council meeting a few weeks ago. When you had brought that up. So, there's nothing we can connect.

Mayor Hruby: I take it your word but I'm not convinced considering what this could lead to and I don't want to see lead to that. People want to feel that they have the integrity of the system that they use. So, I ask you the question, if we have a direct link to our sign up and our registrations, why would you want to duplicate that? It's the same very same thing that we have on ours. Why are you duplicating this?

Keith Richardson: That is a, that is a really good question. Because at the end of the day, when you think about our website, our intent is not to be a replacement website. The reason we put the Rec (recreation) stuff on there quite honestly is over the last three years, we've heard you know, the Recreation signup can be improved, right? And once we launched the website, we heard from people like, hey, can you do something? Can you give me an alternative? Now, we can't. I cannot fix sign up. Sign up is the city's service. I don't sign up for stuff. We can't take that on.

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Mayor Hruby: Correct.

Keith Richardson: Because there's just no functional way for us to do that, right? So what we decided to do was say, hey, we've got this site. We've got this framework. What if we took the feedback and just presented it in a different way? Just in a different way that's easier to access on a phone that is easier to access on a single page. In the hopes that maybe you would like it. You know, maybe you like the ideas or some of the ideas and you wanted to either collaborate on some of the ideas that we had for that page and maybe we can talk about it or you took it from us because you didn't want to talk to us about it and you just wanted to steal it and then I could take it down and I say that because it's a real pain in the butt to manage. So, what do you want to take the idea?

Mayor Hruby: What did you just say?

Keith Richardson: I said, if you didn't want to talk to us and you wanted to take the idea and you just.

Mayor Hruby: No, you said if you wanted to duplicate us, we take it down. Isn't that what you said?

Keith Richardson: Said if you would you think duplicate the idea?

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Mayor Hruby: Okay, I'm sorry. Maybe I misunderstood you but. I mean, if we take ours down, what do you do?

Keith Richardson: Yeah. I mean, if we take ours down, what do you do?

Mayor Hruby: Well then, what did he mean by that?

Keith Richardson: Is that if we would take ours down.

Mayor Hruby: Oh, yours down.

Keith Richardson: Yeah, if you liked our idea.

Mayor Hruby: Understand. And replaced it.

Keith Richardson: We would take it down and because I don't want to manage it.

Mayor Hruby: Got you.

Keith Richardson: I manage the website and it's that's a whole thing.

Councilmember Caruso: From a functionality standpoint, what's the you add to your website versus our links on our website because I didn't see a point of differentiation.

Keith Richardson: No, that's fair. There are few things specifically. One is single page for all activities. So, if you click, everything's right there rather than having to page through things, right? So, it's just an idea. Everything's in a single pane. So, color coded. Obviously, that's similar to what the city does. Like, it's single line. You've got the unavailable over on the right. That's red, green, yellow. Easy like two clicks to get there. Being a newer resident, most people will go through the city's website to get to the Rec Center website. Okay, you can bookmark it. You can do these things but again, then, there's the mobile activity, right?

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How do I do this also on my phone in an easy way? Which are PC based interaction and our mobile interaction should be very similar, right? So, just a couple of clicks to get to the full page and then, it click to the sign up page, right? So, when it clicks to the sign up page, you are no longer on Team Brecksville, you are now on Brecksville's website to sign up because again, I can't sign you up. I have zero integration with your systems. So, those were some of the ideas that we thought Hey, let's just,

Councilmember Caruso: You cannot see anything? Is that what you're claiming?

Keith Richardson: I cannot. No.

Mayor Hruby: So, is there something or some place you can send us to that we can verify what you just said? That you do not have any access to any of the information when you have someone go on your site and click on to our site to sign up.

Keith Richardson: I mean I'd. I'm happy to sit down with like the IT director to verify technology that we have no links like not hyperlinks but technical links into the city's system.

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Mayor Hruby: The reason

Keith Richardson: I actually provided. By you. We can't just grab that.

Mayor Hruby: But don't you have the ability as administrator of the site. To delete, not accept, alter, that are placed on your sight.

Keith Richardson: Can you clarify that question? I'm not sure I follow.

Mayor Hruby: If you post something and I want to post in response to that, do you have the ability to strike what I've said, not in other words, don't put on what I said, take it off. Take it down. Don't have it on there. Or do you have the ability to in any way alter it in any way?

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When you say what you said.

Mayor Hruby: What we type in on Facebook. The response. It's like some other sites. You know, one of your colleagues has a site.

Keith Richardson: Yeah.

Mayor Hruby: He has two sites and on that site, he decides what he puts on and what he doesn't put on.

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Keith Richardson: Yeah.

Mayor Hruby: And he decides what the dialogue's going to be and if someone says something, he can take it down if he wants. If you want to join, you can't unless he says it's okay.

Keith Richardson: So, that's not I that is this type.

Mayor Hruby: So, this is that the same thing this is doing?

Keith Richardson: No, this is a website, not a Facebook site. So, there's no dialogue or interaction.

Mayor Hruby: Okay, so this is web-based only.

Keith Richardson: It's web based totally.

Mayor Hruby: Yeah. Okay. Alright. Yeah. You answered my question then. Thank you very much.

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Council President Redinger: Yeah. So, I would like to poke on the recreation portion of this again.

Keith Richardson: Yeah.

Council President Redinger: I hear you that there's no collection of data and that's great and to me, I feel like, anybody that signs up for anything with the city should be coming through the city site.

Keith Richardson: Okay.

Council President Redinger: And I would really like strongly encourage you to take that portion of it down. I, you know, that would just be my suggestion and my hope because I think it just has the ability to create a whole bunch of confusion about where someone needs to go to sign up and quite honestly, there's multiple issues that you just raised. One that maybe RecTrac isn't as easy to use. You have nothing to do with that. So, I'm not sure why providing a link on your site helps that situation at all. I think it just has the ability with the

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public and it's not, you know, providing information. If the goal of the site is to provide information about issues, recreation is not an issue at all. So, I would ask you guys to consider taking that down.

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Keith Richardson: Yeah, we can certainly because I mean, you bring up a very valid point, right? I think even going back to what I said, part of it was, can we present an idea that maybe, that gathers community feedback from our circles, right? I mean, we've we all heard it. Maybe we can have.

Councilmember Caruso: Not to interrupt but static website, how do they, how do you get feedback?

Keith Richardson: Yeah, we just communicate and talk to people and people will Email us or you know, because our Email is out there. So, you can reach out to us anytime.

Councilmember Koepke: I guess I.

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Keith Richardson: I mean, we're still new so we don't have a ton of feedback on that.

Law Director Matty: So, Mr. Richardson, if you have a PAC (Political Action Committee) through the Board of Elections and your purpose is to educate our residents on ballot initiatives. What does that have to do with the rec (recreation) programs?

Keith Richardson: We just, yeah, I think we.

Law Director Matty: I'm not aware that we're going to have any ballot issue about a recreation program issue.

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Keith Richardson: No, you're absolutely right. I think Madam President just clarify that. Yeah, I, you know, we absolutely reconsider it because at the end of the day, our whole intent with that just to be totally clear was to present an idea based on having the website that maybe this could just be a another way, right? That's mobile friendly, that people use but you know, quite honestly, it's a pain to handle and it didn't serve, I'll be completely. It didn't, you know, when I did it was like, oh, this might be an idea but can't do much. I can't fix anything because I can't do anything with signups. So, like,

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Councilmember Koepke: Of I may, I think, sorry, Keith. If I, I'm hearing right, they feel that to get to RecTrac is too many clicks in our Email or in our website and I think that they're just trying to provide it on the one phase and to make it easier to get to. I guess my question is there are certain sites that when you click on a link, it says, you are leaving this site to go to another. Is that something that those other Email or webpages put on or is that how do you not have that.

Keith Richardson: Yeah, that's generally a coded thing. To it in a way, it's you're leaving us, don't leave us.

Councilmember Koepke: I, and I get that, but I see like a, a step in there telling people, hey, this isn't us, this is all the city. Yeah. I guess maybe the fear is there are no disclaimers saying this is their information. This is our information. Maybe it's not opinion though it is, it's a disclaimer that this is, this information is not provided by the city. This is provided by this team.

Keith Richardson: Yeah, I mean, if we're not clear enough on that, we're absolutely happy to add clarity. Like, you know, for the majority of us, you know, we're doing this thing and we know we're in our own little bubble sometimes. So, we see things clearly through our lens and if it's not clear, I mean, this, we got feedback early that we weren't being transparent enough about being a PAC as an example and we thought we were. But again, we built it. So, it was easy and we responded to that in 12 hours and put it, put more information out there and responded to that feedback and said, hey, you know, we're not trying to hide on this stuff. So, if we're not being clear that this isn't, that this is the city's website, then, you know, we want to be. We'll review that if that's if that's in indeed the case.

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Councilmember Stucky: Keith, I have a question for you. As we look at about initiative. Since we're in such a negative time where people, all they have is negative comments towards different, how would you like actually dictate on your website and get information on both

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sides of a ballot issue. Since everything is absolutely so negative. How are you going to actually show the other side of the ballot issue?

Keith Richardson: As I mean there's a slippery slope right? Because we don't want to modify the comments because then we're editorializing, right? We're ascribing our own judgments of those comments. And at the same time we want to represent whatever it is that's being discussed. So our goal is if one person says one thing, like is that the comment that represents an alternative point of view? Or is it twenty people saying the same thing?

So then we can summarize that point rather than you know, be specific in quote and share we attempted when we started this, we did the flyer on issue twenty-four to summarize the different positions and points on both sides, not to create a negative hostile environment because that's not what we want, right? Like, I do not want to ever tell someone, don't or do because I dislike or don't like. Like, hey, if we're having a private conversation or if I want to share my opinion, here is my thoughts but from Team Brecksville's perspective, it is about presenting that as objectively as.

Councilmember Stucky: And that would be great. I mean, if you, if it can be objective but you understand what I'm asking.

Keith Richardson: I totally get it. It's a challenge that we have to prove. Yeah.

Councilmember Stucky: Six people in Brecksville are unhappy about something and that's the only people who actually reply to your website. It's just not an accurate you know, if I may. It's not an accurate.

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Councilmember Caruso: I'm glad you brought up issue twenty-four. The, and correct me if I'm wrong. The Highland Property. So, the you know, one of your associates made a comment on a separate page that insinuating that you know, it being bought by housing development or housing developer was a foregone conclusion and everyone should have read between the lines and it was actually extremely inaccurate if that person or other residents actually knew the timeline of information shared with Council particularly in executive sessions. What we knew when we knew when we made certain decisions. So, how are you going to delineate between what Team Brecksville does that's impartial Team Brecksville but that's clearly subvertive to drive traffic to other sites where it's really about personal opinion and in some cases, inaccurate information to residents.

Keith Richardson: So, in other words, how do we ensure the objectivity if we're pointing people to where discussion is happening and that discussion may have misleading, misguided information that in otherwise maybe incomplete because Exactly.

Yeah, one thing.

Council President Redinger: So, yeah. I one sided.

Keith Richardson: Yeah, how do we. I can't. Separate that and You know, I think it's an interesting point that certainly we hadn't thought of because we also value that there are spaces to have these conversations, right? And you know, part of it is why we reached out, right? And you know, why, you know, Steve had reached out to the Mayor Hruby to say, hey, how can we do this better going forward, right? Especially from a Team Brecksville standpoint. So, it's an interesting point. I couldn't tell you. I have an answer because there's the value of the dialogue but that dialogue is its own space. How do we say that we're not endorsing necessarily one comment or another but we're just saying go there for the conversation. We might need to clarify that on the website.

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Councilmember Caruso: For example, you know. Yeah. I have my own City Council Facebook page. And it's very obvious how I stand on certain issues. That never gets commingled in any way with any of my personal opinions or views or stance on issues in the city website.

Keith Richardson: Sure.

Councilmember Caruso: And it would be inappropriate for the commingling.

Keith Richardson: Yeah.

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Councilmember Caruso: But that's exactly it's happening with your site and I think it's confusing to residents. Potentially.

Councilmember Stucky: Keith, I actually think that you're doing, for you to try and do this, I like the idea. I mean, I like that you're trying something and instead of doing nothing and I like that you're trying to show both sides but I really I like what

Mr. Matty said and Mrs.. Council President Redinger that said, you know what, the Recreation has to be off there. It just, it's a little confusing. And I, if you could show us a way that you're going to show both sides on these subjects I think you know it just has to be fair and that's the hardest thing in today's world is being fair on sides where there's nobody stepping up you know to say yeah I gotta love this issue. Yeah I love this issue. Those people just are going to go vote yes and they're never going to make they're never going to put in a note anywhere.

Councilmember Caruso: Right now there's no issue.

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Keith Richardson: Yeah. And that's the we can't demonstrate it because right now there's nothing on the ballot coming up in November yet. Do you have a question?

Ganim: Mr. Keith Richardson? Is there going to be any comment capacity on the website or is it going to be simply just?

Keith Richardson: It is not intended to be dialogue based. I mean kind of going back to my point about wanting sabbaticals from Facebook. Part of the reason I want sabbaticals from Facebook is because I don't want to see all the comments, right? I just want the information. I don't want the tension. And so the website will not have that. Like if anybody wants to yell at us over Email, like, we will, accept those Emails and listen to people all day long.

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Councilmember Ganim: So, I mean, as a digital native, as somebody who's works on my company website and always constantly trying to and adapt how we communicate because who is listening is changing and adapting. I can certainly see that there's room for evolution and growth. I mean, but there's not any government website that I know of that isn't having room for growth.

Keith Richardson: Oh, yeah.

Councilmember Ganim: In that aspect. That's just. It's government. Notorious, even our federal government can't attract top-end talent to do things. So, at local municipal level, I certainly can understand and I came in thinking, okay, what can we do? Well, there's a lot of stuff going on where it kind of falls lower on the priority. I think with the new ERP system and there's a lot of opportunity that the communication systems can certainly grow and evolve where it would make some of the efforts that you're putting forth I think irrelevant because it will be satisfied. Yes, does it take 16 clicks sometimes to get to something that could take three? Sure, but we have great streets.

Keith Richardson: I mean, I have to say. I mean, I'm super excited. I think it was voted on just a couple of council meetings ago to consult with not necessarily do anything. Mapping ballot initiatives to pass council meetings and I'm probably butchering it a little bit but that is just like an outstanding evolution, right? To your point, AJ, (Councilmember Ganim) like these things take time and that that that whole

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Councilmember Ganim: I'd like to share website evolution. What I have pause about as well as far as sharing information on ballot initiatives is I understand the thematics of it. I serve for the Judicial Review Commission. I am one of two layman on a board of a bunch of lawyers and we have to go through implicit bias training. We have to go through all of these steps. To ensure that we've done that. What is happening within Team Brecksville to ensure that there's no implicit bias appearing. I hear the mission being stated right now. But what is there to have some. Listen. I don't want to call it a guarantee because we can't guarantee anything. But what do we have to believe in that then?

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Keith Richardson: Yeah. I said I run a company, part of my company is Leadership Consulting on bias, right? Like, it exists. We all have it. We have it in everything that we do.

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We can be aware of it. We can do everything that we can and we're going to fail. We all fail. We're all going to fail and we do every single day. It's just the way our brains work. It's the way we function. I'm not here to talk about that. So, at the end of the day, I say that though to give context for me personally and the things that we talk about is how do we maintain awareness and part of that is other people calling us out and we've been called out and it's like, oh, look it. My bias associated with the fact that I know what I'm doing here and I think that's obvious to everybody wasn't clear. So, let's fix it and let's keep doing it and so, the only way we can do that is proving it over time and when people call us and say, hey, that's editorializing. We dialogue about it. We may disagree that it's editorializing it, right? But we can only work through those situations and have those conversations and make the changes and show that when it's, when it's there and we've missed it, then, let's change it and let's fix it. You know, and we're committed to it. We're not hiding anything, right? We want this to work. So,

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Councilmember Savage: I have a question. Are there advertising or plans to advertise on your site?

Keith Richardson: No.

Councilmember Savage: How is it funded?

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Keith Richardson: That's how we collect the donation. That's you know, part of the reason why the Board of Elections said, you have to be a PAC if you're collecting to raise money and distribute, create these things. So, the website s funded through that. Mostly self-funded at this point. Thank you.

Council President Redinger: Will, the donations be used for any other purpose other than the website?

Keith Richardson: To distribute maybe flyers, you know, support larger, I mean, we just distributed our first newsletter. So, sometimes there's costs associated with that to specifically answer the underlying concern in that question is where an issue pack. So, we cannot contribute to anybody's campaign. So, I think there might be I'm not saying that is your concern but in case there is that concern, we're not, we can't contribute to anything else. So, it's there to support and operate what just the distribution of information.

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Mayor Hruby: Well, I thank you very much. I really appreciate you coming here.

Keith Richardson: No, thank you.

Mayor Hruby: Thank you for being so open with us and there's some dialogue I think we need to continue and I really would like to follow up on the security issue.

Keith Richardson: Yeah.

Mayor Hruby: Of the site unless you're going to remove that part of it. If you remove it, then, it's no issue.

Keith Richardson: Okay.

Mayor Hruby: But if you want to keep it on your, Look, I want to make one thing very clear that all of these people up here. Understand you have the right.

Keith Richardson: Yeah.

Mayor Hruby: To put this online. We respect that right. No one is telling you not do this and do that. We want to know the what impact it could have upon the City as far as cyber security but also you heard why in a certain way that you're proposing it because it gives you room to change some of what we present. You take what we create which is in the public interest, It's the public domain. You put it on your site but then there's comments that go along of that. And maybe it's not just your sight. Maybe we're looking at the wrong site. Maybe it's some other site that habitually does that. So I just think that continuing to talk about this we can we can work through this. Yeah. And I and you can just tell us we're not going to talk about it. We're just going to do what we do. And that's fine too. I understand that.

Keith Richardson: No we appreciate you having us and having this open dialogue right? I mean this is why we wanted to be here at the end of the day and I think there might be confusion like we try to take the meeting highlights and do distribute them on Facebook because there's an audience there and that's where comments may happen but there's not a

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whole lot of commentary on meeting highlights but on our website, there's no commentary or you know, just to clarify, there's no way to write a comment on our website. Yah, but otherwise.

Mayor Hruby: Cleared that up for. Thank you.

Keith Richardson: Thank you.

Councilmembers: Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you.

Council President Redinger: Now, are there any other comments from the audience?

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Steve Schadler: I want to just clarify a few things Steve Schadler, 8980 Cinnebar Drive. Great conversation. I'm so grateful to you guys hosting team Breckville here this evening. I think Keith really covered anything that I would have to say except for a few points of clarification just maybe to put your mind at ease or just for those who are listening online. The one point that I just want to make sure is absolutely clear with the Recreation stuff. Sort of the point being made was like the City's website can be a little clunky at times. If we can work together or that can become less clunky. More than happy to take all of the RecTrac off of Team Brecksville's website. So, we get that operating more smoothly. It's not an issue to take it down. It only exists to try to make it easier for folks to get to the place on the city's website they're looking for. So, easy peasy. We can work together, provide some feedback, and if we can get that taken care of, take it down. No, not. No objection on this side of the table to doing that. So, long as that we can get that cleaned up a little bit. The other thing I want to just, I mean, you guys didn't name me like Voldemort but you referenced me a handful of times. There's a very clear distinction between Steve's Brecksville Political Symposium where which is designed to host debate and dialogue. It's totally separate from Team Brecksville. That's why

Keith was up here talking and not me. Team Brecksville was not about me. So, he got a separate mission, a separate purpose. I'm involved. I'm on the leadership team, yes. Two totally separate organizations. Just be clear on that. So, that's all I've got. Unless you have anything specific.

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Mayor Hruby: May I ask you a question?

Steve Schadler: Sure.

Mayor Hruby: On your site, your political symposium is your own site. You screen who gets on. You screen what is put on. And you decide as administrator whether it stays on or it's removed. Because I've had people say I've written something. I'm a member. I've written something on there and then all of a sudden this box comes up and it's gone. So Is that what you do? You fully administer. You decide what goes on. What comments are stay on, and what comments are removed. Is that not what you do?

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Steve Schadler: So, I'm a little hesitant to get in that because we're not here to discuss the Facebook site but let me but you asked, let me answer it because you asked, I want to give you the respect of the answer. The only requirement to joining my Facebook group is to be a resident of Brecksville. That's it.

Mayor Hruby: Alright.

Steve Schadler: And agreeing to be respectful in the dialogue.

Mayor Hruby: Sure.

Steve Schadler: That's the only to join.

Mayor Hruby: So, there's no, you control what goes on and what goes off. Do you not? I mean, if somebody writes something you don't like, take it off.

Steve Schadler: I don't think I've ever deleted a comment off that site.

Mayor Hruby: Oh, I don't know about that but.

Steve Schadler: You have a specific comment? No problem. Okay.

Councilmember Koepke: You pause people.

Steve Schadler: I've muted people. Yeah. That's true.

I there's. No, no, no, no, you've been.

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Steve Schadler: I think I've done that to four individuals out of over 700 since that's gone up. But again, I don't think it's appropriate right now that we get into my Facebook group. If you'd like to talk about that, I can come back another time but I want to maintain this line between team Brecksville.

Mayor Hruby: No interest in Facebook world.

Steve Schadler: Okay. Great. Alright. Anything else I can answer for you guys? Hopefully related back to team Brecksville? Thank you guys so much for all the work that you do. I really appreciate it. Thank you.

Thank you.

Redinger: No, there are no other comments. I moved to adjourn at 9:45 PM (nine forty-five).

Second. Motion by Redinger,

Second by Caruso, discussion, roll call. 7-0

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Caruso, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:45 **ADJOURN**
P.M.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.



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