

**City of Broadview Heights
Work Session Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023**

Mr. Boldt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Boldt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILORS PRESENT:	Mr. Robert Boldt	(Ward 4 Councilor, President)
	Mr. Thomas Pavlica	(Ward 1 Councilor)
	Mr. Brian Wolf	(Ward 2 Councilor)
	Mr. George Stelmaschuk	(Ward 3 Councilor, President Pro-Tem)
	Ms. Jennifer Mahnic	(Councilor At-Large)
	Mr. Joe Price	(Councilor At-Large)

COUNCILOR ABSENT:	Mr. Glenn Goodwin	(Councilor At-Large)
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OFFICER(S) PRESENT:	Mr. Samuel J. Alai	(Mayor)
	Mr. Vince Ruffa	(Law Director)
	Chief Steven Raiff	(Police Chief)
	Mr. Dave Pfaff	(Finance Director)
	Mr. David Schroedel	(Service Director)
	Mrs. Helen Dunlap	(Clerk of Council)

OFFICER(S) ABSENT:	Mrs. Kathy Parsson	(Human Services Director)
	Mr. Joe Mandato	(Chief Building Official)
	Mr. Gary Yelenosky	(City Engineer)
	Ms. Amanda Hutcheson	(Parks & Recreation Director)
	Chief Jeffrey Hajek	(Fire Chief)

1. Discussion from Service Department. Mr. Schroedel

a. **Backhoe repair**

Mr. Schroedel stated that we have a backhoe that was sprouting hydraulic leaks all over and what wasn't leaking was about to leak. He did give them a verbal go ahead with this because he didn't want to wait another two weeks because this happened about two weeks ago. To get the formal authorization would have been too long and he would like to get the formal authorization to finish the repair on our backhoe.

a. Agreement with SealMaster for crack sealing supplies

Mr. Schroedel stated that this is a crack seal purchase. We received a quote from SealMaster and we also requested a quote from Craftco who did not submit one. This is for crack seal that they will use probably this year and most if not all of next year. The total is \$16,459.

b. Agreement with Kokosing for Asphalt materials

Mr. Schroedel stated that this is an add-on that he received today. This is the result of the public bid that we do with the asphalt consortium with the City of Brecksville, Independence, North Royalton and Seven Hills. Kokosing is the low bidder and he would like authorization to purchase asphalt from Kokosing.

c. Discussion on Council Chambers rehab

Mr. Schroedel stated that he wanted to let council know that we will be meeting internally with our facility staff and some of the administration in starting to discuss the rehab of this room. If anyone has anything that they would like to see or any ideas please let him know and they would be glad to do them if we can. One idea that he has is to remove the wall behind council to give them more space back there and they could build closets around the equipment that is back there. They looked at bringing the desk forward and that would be very difficult to do. There are a lot of things working against us to do that when you really dig into that. We will be redoing new lights, new ceiling tile, new carpet and paint. If anyone has any input just email him or come in and meet and we will go over it.

Ms. Mahnic asked if this is going to include technology, this meeting, our group such as microphones.

Mr. Schroedel stated that we have already ordered those but they need to custom make the cables so once we have the final layout of where everything is going to be then we can send that, the dimensions over to that company and they can create the cables and then once the remodel is done we can acquire everything.

Mr. Stelmaschuk asked if we have a plan where we are going to meet.

Mr. Schroedel stated that they are going to do it over summer recess. This room will basically be gutted.

Mr. Ruffa stated that there is court also.

Mr. Schroedel stated that they will figure that out.

2. Discussion from Mayor Alai.

a. Supporting West Creek Conservancy's Clean Ohio Greenspace FY24 Grant Application

Mayor Alai stated that he is asking for a Resolution to support the West Creek Conservancy's grant application similar to the one that they did for us. The great news in this is they are looking to purchase the property at the end of Wilmington Drive in New Hampton and turn that into a perpetual conservancy which means that it will never be built on. He is sure that is music to everyone's ears and it is a good thing for us to get involved with and he wants to really thank Derek Schaffer of West Creek for his work in this.

Mr. Pavlica stated that he thinks that is great to hear. He is really glad that he followed through because we did discuss this several months ago and he had that thought back then and he is sure that the resident's along Wilmington will be very happy to hear this along with the resident's that live in New Hampton. He can't thank the Mayor enough for doing this. This is great news. He asked if Brecksville is also on board.

Mayor Alai stated that he believes they are. He wants to take the opportunity certainly as the Ward Councilman, thank you, but each and every one of council for supporting what we are trying to do there. He talked to a lot of people over there in Ward 1 and that end of town and they were just real happy that Mr. Pavlica and the rest of Council got involved in this and doing the right thing. It will work out well.

3. Discussion from Finance Department. Mr. Pfaff

a. **West Creek Conservancy Membership**

Mr. Pfaff stated that this is for a \$5,000 membership to the West Creek Conservancy. It will be used for items just like the Mayor mentioned and they also have if you go on their website they will assist the city with various things like grant writing, open spaces, storm water and more. He will not go through the whole list but if you are interested it is on their website.

Mayor Alai stated that with all the work that they are doing they humbly ask that we would be a contributor and become members. He thought that what they are doing in the city that it is well worth the price of admission.

Mr. Price asked if this is a per year membership and what the calendar year on it is.

Mr. Pfaff stated yes and he is going to say that it will probably run from April to April. It wasn't specific but he is sure that it will run just for a consecutive 12 months.

Mr. Price asked if we know how many communities participate.

Mr. Pfaff stated that on their website it listed 10 communities. He knows that Brooklyn was one of them and he thinks Garfield Heights.

Mayor Alai stated that he talked to Derek Schaffer and what is happening is for them to do what they do, getting communities that they work with to get involved as is key to them. As they help communities out, the communities want to buy in to it.

Mr. Price stated if successful we need to be able to save that cost in litigation.

4. Discussion from Police Department. Chief Raiff

a. **MOU for SRO with Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District**

Chief Raiff stated that he is looking at an MOU with the school district. He doesn't have an attachment tonight. The Law Director is still in the process of drafting the MOU but what they are looking at is adding

on a School Resource Officer in the Middle School in addition to the Officer at the High School. So the school district is looking to cover 70% of the cost for the second person at the Middle School. We should have that by the meeting next week.

Mr. Boldt stated that he has one comment. Are we ready to go with the legislation for the removal of B-1 Zoning for the ballot?

Mr. Ruffa stated we will have that legislation for next week for a first reading.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS

None this evening.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mr. Wolf stated that tomorrow night at the high school, parents of students from Pre-K through 12th grade are invited to attend a Community Engagement at 6:30 p.m. in regards to searching for a new Superintendent. Community members are invited attend at 7:30 p.m. so if any council members are available, they are all invited to come and hear and give their feedback on what they want for a new Superintendent.

ADJOURN

Mr. Boldt stated with no further business to come before Council, this meeting is adjourned.

The time was 7:39 p.m.



HELEN DUNLAP, CLERK OF COUNCIL



ROBERT BOLDT, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL