

December 19, 2023

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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

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. Hraby, 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 J. Kickel, IT Technician P. Packard, Myles Rapkin. Council Clerk T. Tabor.	

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2023 REGULAR MEETING: Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to dispense with the reading of the December 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes and to accept same as presented.
Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 12-5-2023 APPROVED

RESOLUTION 5483 re: a Resolution making necessary advances between certain funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

RES. 5483 TRANSFER (ADVANCE) FUNDS #9

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5483 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 5483.
Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5484 re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Order Form including the Master Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for access to the Flock Services on existing devices; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

RES. 5484 AUTHORIZE ORDER FORM INCLUDING MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK GROUP

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5484 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 5484.
Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5485 re: a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City of Brecksville with Ganley Chevrolet Brookpark for the lease of a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe LT; and declaring an emergency, was read by title.

RES. 5485 AUTHORIZE LEASE

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5485 on third and final reading. **AGREEMENT FOR MAYOR VEHICLE 2024**

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 5485.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5486 re: a Resolution accepting a Temporary Clearing and Grading Easement across certain lands owned by City of Cleveland - Known as Blossom Hill Farm and known as PPN 603-09-003; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5486 ACCEPT TEMPORARY CLEARING AND GRADING EASEMENT CITY OF CLEVELAND BLOSSOM HILL**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5486 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 5486.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RESOLUTION 5487 re: a Resolution accepting a Permanent Easement for construction, reconstruction, maintaining, repairing and installing a sidewalk and driveway apron with landscaping across certain lands owned by City of Cleveland - Known as Blossom Hill Farm and known as PPN 603-09-003; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **RES. 5487 ACCEPT PERMANENT SIDEWALK DRIVEWAY APRON WITH LANDSCAPING EASEMENT CITY OF CLEVELAND BLOSSOM HILL**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Resolution 5487 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 5487.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

ORDINANCE 5672 re: an Ordinance accepting the bid of Rising Son Company, Inc. for the Highland Drive Storm Sewer Project; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5672 ACCEPT BID OF RISING SON COMPANY INC. HIGHLAND DRIVE STORM SEWER**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5672 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 5672.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

ORDINANCE 5673 re: an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement for Jail Housing and Ancillary Services with the City of North Royalton to lease one jail cell bed on an exclusive basis for its own purposes for the Brecksville Police Department; and declaring an emergency, was read by title. **ORD. 5673**

Motion by Kingston, seconded by Koepke, to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 5673 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 5673.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Councilmember Caruso reported the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be Monday, January 8th at 7:30 P.M. Council member Caruso thanked Bruce McCrodden for his many years of valuable service on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

APPEAL 2023-48, 7009 Crestview Road, PP# 603-08-018. Council approval for (1) variance from Section 1326.02 to install a generator in the front yard, instead of the rear as required by code, located at 7009 Crestview Road, PP# 603-08-018. **“with evergreens planted as screens as approved by the city arborist and the fire department”** located at 7009 Crestview Drive.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

APPEAL 2023-50, Snowville Road, PP# 605-18-001, approval for (1) a variance from Section 1151.22 minimum lot depth 250’ required to allow 239’ for subplot 1, (2) a variance from section 1117.09(a) minimum front lot line 75’ required to allow 70’ for subplot 7, (3) a variance from section 1117.09 (b), maximum lot depth 3.5 times lot width, to allow sublots 6, 7, 10 & 11 to exceed the maximum, (4) a variance from section 1117.04(e) Cul-de-Sac street maximum 800’ length to allow 1,664’ for a private road, (5) a variance from section 1117.09(d) Side Lot Lines shall be radial to street lines to allow non-radial lines between sublots 7 & 8 and 8 & 9, (6) a variance from section 1117.09 lots generally rectangular shape to allow triangular shape for subplot 12, (7) a variance from section 1151.21(d) each lot shall abut a dedicated street to allow lots abutting a private drive for a residential subdivision Located at Snowville Road, PP# 605-18-001.

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Stucky.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Councilmember Stucky reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be January 4th at 7:00 P.M.

SHERWIN WILLIAMS – 6701 MILLER ROAD Approve a sign package for Sherwin-Williams Global Technology Center, located at 6701 Miller Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141 as described in the sign permit application dated November 20, 2023, and drawings by Vocon, with the exception of Sign Type A03 which will be reapplied for at a future date, contingent on City Council’s approval of the following deviations:

- A deviation from Section 1187.10(b)(1) that the maximum total sign area be 810 sq. ft. to allow 993.41 sq. ft.
- A deviation from the Section 1187.05(a) that no more than four (4) compatible colors may be used on any sign to allow up to eight (8).
- Sign Type A02 (Quantity = 1)
 - A deviation from the Section 1187.10(c) that ground identification signs be located a minimum of 100’ from a business development to 73’.

- A deviation from the Section 1187.10(c) that the maximum height of ground identification signs be 6' to allow 9'.
- A deviation from the Section 1187.10(c) that the maximum area of a single sign face be 40 sq. ft. to allow 311.27 sq. ft.
- Sign Type D03 (Quantity = 4), Sign Type D03.1 (Quantity = 5), Sign Type D04 (Quantity = 1), Sign Type D05 (Quantity = 6), Sign Type D08 (Quantity = 4), Sign Type D08.1 (Quantity = 2), Sign Type P01 (Quantity = 1), Sign Type P02 (Quantity = 3), Sign Type P01.1 (Quantity = 1).
 - A deviation from the Section 1187.10(c) that the maximum number of directional signs is two (2) to permit twenty-seven.
 - A deviation from the Section 1187.10(c) that the maximum sign face area of directional sign be two (2) sq. ft. to allow up to 13.5 sq. ft.
 - A deviation from the Section 1187.10(c) that the maximum height of directional signs be 3' to allow up to 6.5'.
 - A deviation from the Section 1187.03(a)(1)(C) that directional signs may not include business identification information to allow the business name to be included.
- Sign Type ID03 (Quantity = 1)
 - A deviation from the Section 1187.10(c) that the maximum height of wall identification signs be 3' to allow 6'.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Caruso.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – 23 PUBLIC SQUARE - Approve a temporary banner sign for Brecksville United Church of Christ, located at 23 Public Square, Brecksville, Ohio, 44141 as described in the sign permit application dated November 20, 2023, and attached documentation, contingent on City Council approval of the following deviations:

- A deviation from Section 1187.08(B) that the total area of any single sign face shall not exceed ten (10) square feet to allow thirty-two (32) square feet.
- A deviation from Section 1187.08(B) that temporary sign height shall not exceed four (4) feet to permit a height of 12.8'

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Caruso.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

SNOWVILLE ROAD MAJOR SUBDIVISION – SNOWVILLE ROAD - PRELIMINARY approval of a major subdivision on Snowville Road, PP #605-18-001 and establishment of front yard setbacks of 60' on all lots, except Sublots 7, 8, and 9 for which setbacks of 335', 140' and 75' respectively are proposed, as described in the application and Major Subdivision Preliminary Plan dated September 5, 2023, and all associated attachments, contingent upon approval of the City Engineer, Law Director, and City Council and upon approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals of the following variances:

- A variance from Section 1117.04(e) that cul-de-sac streets be a maximum of 800' in length to allow a length of 1,664' for "Private Road 'A'"
- A variance from Section 1117.09(a) that on curved streets the arc of the front lot line or a rear lot line shall be not less than 60% of the required width at building line to permit a 74' front lot line for Sublot 7.
- A variance from Section 1117.09(b) that the depth of lots abutting a local street in a proposed one-family subdivision should not exceed 3.5 times the lot width to allow depths of Sublots 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 to be up to 6 times their respective widths.
- A variance from Section 1117.09(d) that side yard lot lines be radial to street lines to allow non-radial lot lines for Sublots 7/8 and 8/9.
- A variance from Section 1117.09 from the requirement that lots shall generally be rectangular in form to allow Sublot 12 to have a triangular shape.

- A variance from Section 1151.21 that lots shall abut a dedicated street to permit the proposed lots to abut a private street.
- A variance from Section 1151.22 that single-family lots in an R-40 residential district on a local street have a minimum depth of 250' to allow 239' for Sublot 1.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Caruso.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

HIGHLAND DRIVE MAJOR SUBDIVISION – 9457 HIGHLAND DRIVE - PRELIMINARY approval of a 16 lot major subdivision at 9457 Highland Drive and establishment of front yard setbacks of 60' on all lots, except Sublot 1 at 90', and Sublot 2 at 150', as described in the application dated September 5, 2023 by Triban Investment LLC and Major Subdivision Preliminary Plan by Davey Resource Group dated October 23, 2023, and all associated attachments, contingent upon approval of the City Engineer, Law Director, and City Council, and upon approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals of the following variances:

**HIGHLAND
DRIVE MAJOR
SUBDIVISION
9457
HIGHLAND
DRIVE**

- A variance from Section 1117.04(e) that cul-de-sac streets be a maximum of 800' in length to allow a length of 1,131' for "Street 'A'"
- A variance from Section 1117.09(d) that side yard lot lines be radial to street lines to allow non-radial lot lines for Sublots 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 16 and open space.
- A variance from Section 1117.09 from the requirement that lots shall generally be rectangular in form to allow Sublots 1, 3 and 4 to have an irregular shape.

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Caruso.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RECREATION COMMISSION: Councilmember Ganim reported the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be January 22nd.

**RECREATION
COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Councilmember Koepke reported the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be January 9th at 3:00 P.M. Yultide hunger assisted 120 families this season. Chef Chelsea Huizing is the new Food Service Coordinator at the Human Services Department. University Heights Symphonic Orchestra will be at the Human Services Center on December 21st.

**DEPT. OF
HUMAN
SERVICES**

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

**SAFETY-
SERVICE**

AUDIBLE SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS PROJECT Approval of an increase to Purchase Order #23000411 to Greenwich Electric for the Audible Signal Modifications Project in the amount of \$920.80. *Account #C4800171 35040 Project #TS220001.*

**AUDIBLE
SIGNAL
MODIFICA-
TIONS
PROJECT**

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Kingston.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

CLEAN FILL - Approval of an increase to Blanket Purchase Order #20236910 for Clean Fill in the amount of \$2,500.00. *Account #1100410 22010*

CLEAN FILL

Motion by Ganim, seconded by Kingston.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Kingston reported the committee met earlier today and has one item for Council consideration.

**STREETS &
SIDEWALKS**

RIVERVIEW ROAD SLOPE SLIPPAGE - Authorizing Donald G. Bohning and Associates in the amount of \$33,350.00 for Engineering and Surveying Services as it relates to the Riverview Road Slope Slippage Project. **RIVERVIEW ROAD SLOPE SLIPPAGE**

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

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

HIGHLAND DRIVE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PLAN - Authorizing Donald G. Bohning and Associates to provide construction related services for the Blossom Hill Multi-Purpose Trail Improvement Project in the amount of \$6,153.00 **HIGHLAND DRIVE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Caruso.
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**

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

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

BLANKET VENDOR PURCHASE ORDERS - Approval of the 2024 Blanket Vendor Purchase Order requests submitted from the Finance Department. **FINANCE BLANKET VENDOR PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

BLANKET VENDOR PURCHASE ORDERS - Approval of the 2024 Blanket Vendor Purchase Order requests submitted to the Purchasing Department. **PURCHASING BLANKET VENDOR PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RECTRAC & WEBTRAC - Approval of a Purchase Requisition to Vermont Systems in the amount of \$7,638.11 for the 2024 Annual Maintenance Agreement for RecTrac & WebTrac. Recreation's portion of \$4,821.01 is to be charged to: Account #2400710 26120 Human Services amount of \$2,817.10 is to be charged to: Account #1100330 26120 **RECTRAC & WEBTRAC**

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

IP PHONE SYSTEM - Approval of a Purchase Requisition to Black Box Network Services in the amount of \$6,384.00 for the Annual Maintenance and Support contracts for **IP PHONE SYSTEM**

the City’s IP Flex phone system for the term of 11/30/23-11/29/24. *Account #1100135 26120.*

Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage.
Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

PREMIUM PAY POLICY -Approval of a policy under the Ohio Ambulance Premium Pay Program and provide this funding to eligible members of the Fire Department who worked during the COVID-19 pandemic. **PREMIUM PAY POLICY**
Motion by Caruso, seconded by Savage.
Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

- REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR:** No Report. **LAW**
- REPORT OF ENGINEER:** No Report. **ENGINEER**
- REPORT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:** No Report. **FINANCE**
- REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** No Report. **BUILDING DEPT.**
- REPORT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** No Report. **PLAN & DEVELOPMENT**
- REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR:** No Report. **SERVICE**
- REPORT OF PURCHASING DIRECTOR:** No Report. **PURCHASING**
- REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Police Chief Korinek said the Shop with a Cop event was very successful and had 28 children attending. Police Chief Korinek thanked all of the people and organizations that helped make the day a success. **POLICE**
- REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No Report. **FIRE**
- REPORT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT:** No Report. **RECREATION**

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Hruby thanked everyone that attended the Christmas Play and helped to put it together. City Hall will be closed on Christmas December 25th and New Years Day January 1st. The Organizational meeting to install the newly elected Council and Mayor will take place on January 2nd at 8:00 PM. In the Ralph W. Biggs Council Chambers. Mayor Hruby said this is his las meeting as Mayor and wanted to make some comments.
1:44:57 I thought I'd take an opportunity to make some observations and make some thank yous, o sit back and relax. I've had the privilege of working with 13 different Council Presidents and Laura there's no question that you meet the match of all 13. You have been an excellent Council President an excellent member of council and I thank you very much for your service to the community.
1:45:34 Thirteen Council presidents I've worked with 28 different council members. Unfortunately of those 28, seven have already passed away. Names I won't mention but I'm sure all of you that are sitting here that have been with us saw and remember them.
1:45:55

In this room since January 2nd of 1988 you have enacted 2,746 ordinances you've enacted 2980 resolutions in the 36 years from 1988 to 2023 you've enacted 5728 pieces of legislation that I've had to sit through all of that.

1:46:38

5,727 (Pieces of legislation) have my signature. One didn't get (signed). One out of 5727, so I think I had a lot of faith and confidence in this Council and all the Councils before. "I want to bring to your attention in those 36 years you passed more legislation than all of the councils from 1921 to 1988 that's 66 years so to say the least Council was very active very much involved in the building of this community into what it is today. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the hundreds of boards and commissions the people that give of their time volunteer show up week after week, month after month and serve on our boards and commissions and they are such, an integral part of our community so I thank them publicly.

1:47:46

I also acknowledge that Mark Jantzen and Dan Bender will soon come up here and become part of this City Council and I wish them the very best along with those of you that will be retained in the new Council I wish the very best to our Mayor-elect Daryl Kingston, you ran a wonderful campaign. You took the high road and without question you were the far best candidate of the two candidates

1:48:15

running I wish you the very best and I pledge to you my support in any way that

1:48:20

I can help you. The table here, the department heads, I'm not going to name them all I've did that one night forgot a couple and I felt terrible.

Six Police Chiefs I've had the honor to work with and that's as Mayor.

1:48:42

I had one other Chief that I had the honor to work with when I was a police officer I began my career in 1968 on November 4th on October 26th I turned 21 I was sworn in on November 4th. That began a career with the city, that was the finest thing other than the marriage of my wife and the birth of our daughter that has ever happened to me so I worked with six Police Chiefs, five Service Directors, three Fire Chiefs, three Clerk of Courts, two Purchasing Directors, five Building Commissioners, three City Council Clerks, four magistrates, five Recreation Directors, three Tax Administrators, two different Law Directors and I can't thank them enough.

1:49:52

What makes our city great are our employees and the direction that they

receive from our department heads and I look out in the audience and I see a few of our employees that are here several I

1:50:06

should say not a few and I can't thank you enough for being here but at the same time it's not expected but thank

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you the backbone of the city and what has made the city great has been our employees our

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department heads and then the direction that Council has given them uh over the

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years I'm about halfway done and then the jokes will

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start in 1988 Jerry Brasi who is here and his

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lovely wife Donna sat up here with me and we grew as a group pledged to to do
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some things for the city and one of the first things that we pledged to do uh was to
build a community
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center Lou Kus who's here Lou you came on board two years later and you were
1:51:04
part of that reality when that happened Kim varis I see you out there
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thank you very much for your support and all that you did in the years that you
served on
1:51:16
Council is there anybody out in the audience that I'm missing that served on
Council no okay so in
1:51:25
1988 we had a Old Town Hall with an
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Annex we had the city hall here which had been dedicated back in
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1971 we had the Service Garage we had the fire
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department and within the police within this building was the police department
building department all the Departments
1:51:52
that's all we had in the way of buildings since 1988 because of the work
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of These Fine councils department heads and support of our
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employees we built the community center Kids Quarters the postal unit Park and
Ride
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lot recycling building Human Services Center added to the community center the
salt Baron Stadium service department
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Center at Blossom Hill Horticultural building three baseball fields at Blossom two
of which are light at two
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soccer fields at Blossom turf field at Blossom lighted two Comfort stations three
Pavilion at
1:52:32
Blossom Fieldhouse at Highland Drive school I'm sorry field at Highland Drive
1:52:37
School police station outdoor Aquatic Center at the community center community
center Natatorium M activity pool
1:52:45
Community Gardens Municipal Lake new Brecksville Library b Centennial
1:52:51
walkway and of course the Fieldhouse we renovated the fire
1:52:57
station Service Garage Oldtown hall eight buildings at Blossom Hill Public
1:53:03
Square and the Bandstand properties that we purchased and added to the city 83
Acres of
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Blossom originally 102 Acres of Blossom second the former VA Hospital 192
acres
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and the valud property former Central School in The Comstock property Stadium
Drive Athletic
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Field the police station sites downtown retail expansions in 1988
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we had the strips downtown we had the shopping center we had
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milroad that was the shopping area in brex fille since 1988 added was mside
Center
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Victoria Square Creek View Commons downtown streetscape Westside parking
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lot and parking east side behind Third
1:54:00
Federal subdivisions added to the town um I guess I'm I'm not going to
1:54:07
take the time to read them all but there are 31 new subdivisions that have been
built
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in Brecksville during that period of time we also uh conformed with the EPA
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and got rid of um a number of pump stations sanitary stations and so
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forth all of that happened because of the cooperation between Council and the
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administration and then again the work of our people uh it's rather incredible uh
the
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amount that has been done during that period of time and it humbles me when
people say well that's you know mayor
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you you May or nothing uh we had a whole group of people who dedicated
themselves
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towards the city one of the things that we we did
1:55:01
that I'm most proud of is the term City
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family I'm proud of that because to the city employees that work here they
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understand what that means the way they stick together the way they work
together the way they help each other
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uh the way they uh take care of each other is is really remarkable and they
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truly are a city family it was a difficult decision for me to step aside even though
I've been
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here 55 years and 36 as mayor but I looked how happy luk Kus was
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and how happy Jerry brosi was and I thought what am I

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doing now it's time to go and I knew it was time to go um a while ago it's time to

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go

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home give me a second I got something in my throat it's time to go home spend time

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with my lovely wife my I I knew if you were here you were going to do this to

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me so whatever like a pushy baby that's what Bush

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always said you get cry like a baby almost I almost made it I really did you

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get to your family you know that be and I hope you all understand that I mean that's most important your family and uh

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nothing compared to that but I love the city I gave the city my life I'm so very

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very proud uh to have been mayor um I can only tell you thank you

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you I really appreciate it um I knew that when um this night came I

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knew that I would do what I just did and I apologize for that um I'm supposed to

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be a big strong man and uh not supposed to have those kinds of emotions but uh I

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cry when they play White Christmas I cry when I uh when a lot of things happen so you can consider me that kind of a

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person but I'll ended by saying this I and I mean this sincerely Lou

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Jerry and Kim um you know what it's like to be up here and you know that you did

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what you did for the city not for you you didn't benefit you got nothing out

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of it I got a nice salary I got a nice living being

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here the employees our employees they go beyond I mean they're they're the ones

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that stop and help someone in distress and change a tire on a car and move a

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rubbish can off the road or pick up something in somebody's yard or go to the house and pick somebody up

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because they can't get up and all the things that they do and people take that

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for granted at times and I want to just tell you on behalf of the citizens of this community how much you really

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appreciate it and I know that and learned that is is being mayor I heard

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so many times how wonderful our employees are how wonderful our city is

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and yes at times how wonderful our council is

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so I end this by just saying this I challenge all of

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you to take heed to the way that we did things how we cooperated we work

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together and the word respect is so vitally important to what you do

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and I'm seeing a decline of that in in our community unfortunately only negative thing I'll

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say but respect is so very very important and for those of you who have

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not been up here or not worked for the city get in their shoes one time and

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find out what it's really like and you'll understand and I always say it to

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people when they talk about the role of a policeman and why do this and why that and the fireman and it's 3:00 in the

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morning you're at home you're sleeping in your bed nice and cuddly and

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somebody's out there trying to break into someone's house or someone needs to

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be pulled out of a house and because it's on fire and someone needs to be

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taken to the hospital and our people are always there for you 24 hours a day 365

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days a year so thank you very much for that for all you've done for all the

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things that you've done during the time that I've uh been up here and

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um Madam president and mayi at this point I think we I think we have some

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comments from the audience so can you hold that thought for a moment sure and

then I have something to do and Jerry I'd like you to participate in this as

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you did the first time I do you remember what it is or no Jerry Broski well I'm

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going to tell you hold up hold that for one minute okay um before we get to the

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end of the meeting um I'd like to ask Council if anybody has any comments I have one I'm not going to be

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uh oh did you have something in I was just going to say thank you well I'm gonna say mine for another another time

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okay um I'd like to just um say thank you to the mayor it's been a fun 12

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years um and with his leadership here I've learned a lot and it he's made

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serving the residents of brexel a pleasure um I'd like to thank my fellow council members here as as well as those

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in the audience um it was a joy to get to know everyone and the lasting friendships that I have um I will

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treasure I'd like to thank the folks here sitting at the table in front of me and all the folks that work for you uh

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you make being a city council member easy because you are the ones who work extremely hard for our residents so I

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will miss working with all of you and probably most importantly I'd like to thank um my

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husband and my children um PJ was four when I was elected to city council and

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they've allowed me to come here and do something that I really love and enjoy for for the last 12 years um Pat and I

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you know just celebrated our 25th anniversary so we celebrated uh half of our marriage has been spent with me

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being part of city council so Pat and the boys I thank you so that's that's all I had to say um and before we move

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on I know we have some comments um in the audience so is there anyone who' like to speak from the audience Mr

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Cruz I'm here to make some remarks about you for all of the council people but

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before I do so I want to um just thank um and congratulate Laura ringer for her

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leadership that she's provided Council for the last year and my congratulations to Daryl Kingston mayor elect who's

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going to be filling the big shoes of uh Jerry and we're all here to um to support you but um and mayor don't worry

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I wrote These out so that I don't get long winded like I always tend to do so

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um apologize if I look like I'm reading from this but I'd like to take a few minutes to speak on behalf of all the

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councils that you've served with this is not a list of your accomplishments which we do not have the

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time for but to let others know how special you made our working room relationship so on behalf of city

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council past and present I'd like to talk about the appreciation and respect

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that we had for our relationship our government's comprised of eight elected

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officials a mayor and seven councilman over your 36 years you served

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with 18 different councils and 28 council members as you mentioned what I think is important for

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those of you here tonight is to know how special and unique you were with the

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relationship with Council not all municipalities operate this way and I

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can say that it is one of the key reasons we have worked so well and led

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the city together most of all you communicated so

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very well with us you provided bi-weekly packets of information beyond the prepared legislation to be sure the

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council was aware of current and upcoming items and had the detail to make informed decisions you allowed

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Council access to your department heads which many mayors do not so that we could effectively ask questions and

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discuss issues ahead of meetings and when we needed information to respond to

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Residents you gave council credit for so many City accomplishments that though we

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were appreciative were mostly the result of the efforts of you and your staff

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when we did the budgets the detail was so complete for us that we understand

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that we had minimal questions and when we did they were always explained very

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clearly you were not one to press Council to do things you always look to build consensus before moving forward

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even if just one of us had questions you always stepped up for city council to

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deal with issues and questions from the public when there was uncertainty your negotiating skills are

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second to none often providing winning long-term arrangements with businesses

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and other governmental agencies you set the professional tone for how we operated with the highest integrity and

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you created a family feeling within the city that we have all come to enjoy and

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appreciate mayor I know that there are even more things that I could mention

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and I apologize for not making a more complete list but I want everyone to know and especially you that we

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recognize the uniqueness of this relationship and appreciate the value that it is provided to the governing of

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our city and to all of its residents so from the bottom of our Collective
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Hearts we want to say thank you your legacy is forever stamped in our
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community and we know mayor elect Kingston has big shoes to
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fill but I'm positive that he's up to the test ask knowing that you have
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forever shown us the brexel way thank you
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Jerry are there any other comments from from the audience okay
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mayor January 2nd 1988 where is he I was a new
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mayor and I you know I was doing my best I was remember I was a policeman first
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so I didn't smile much and did what policemen do
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but we were in the meeting and at the beginning and I didn't mean any harm by it
you got to understand that please
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forgive me I did not mean any harm by it but I did something
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that I shouldn't have done allegedly I may I said
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somebody said something that they wanted to see enacted and I don't exactly
remember
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what it was other than I think it was on a piece of legislation and I
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said and I so move after I got done talking about it and I so
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move I won't say who it was [Laughter] but a member of council said point of
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order very polite law director can't mayor can't do
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that law director sitting right here I loved them dearly Paul grow said I think
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he's right I said Paul I think he's
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wrong I think he's right I said well we're not going to pull the book out so what did I
do I didn't want it embarrass
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myself any further than I already had I didn't want to embarrass Jerry because you
know Jerry's an outstanding council
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member had just come off being president of council so I just said hey folks you
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have to understand I'm a new at this everybody laughed and that was the end of
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it I want you to know that it says in the charter the mayor may make
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motions introduce legislation attend all council meeting so for and so on it's
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all there right in the charter and I knew
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it so here it is December of 19 oh no 2000
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wow 2023 to date I have never ever made a motion since that time because I
learned
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my lesson I was told no and I listened so tonight I asked if I could
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be honored with just just one little thing just one thing and I bet you all
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know what that is right Madame President mayor I move to
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adjourn second motion by mayor Ruby second by council president reading
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discussion call Caruso yes
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gam yes Kingston yes KY yes
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ER yes Savage yes Stucky yes now I want
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to know how Brasi votes no objection thank you we are
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[Applause]
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adjourned thank you
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uh

COMMENTS:

Motion by Hruby, seconded by Redinger, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:54 P.M. **ADJOURN**
Ayes: Caruso, Ganim, Kingston, Koepke, Redinger, Savage, Stucky.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 7-AYES, 0-NAYS.

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