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*From the Office of  
Mayor Jerry N. Hruby*

*and*

*Council President Michael Harwood*

Yesterday, July 21, 2020, Brecksville City Council held a Public Hearing to consider the charge of gross misconduct, malfeasance, nonfeasance, in or disqualification for office by Councilperson John “Jack” Petsche. The Public Hearing considered the expulsion or removal of City Councilperson Jack Petsche.

**Section 4 – Removal, of the Brecksville City Charter reads as follows:**

“The Council shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its own members. It may expel or remove any member for gross misconduct or malfeasance or nonfeasance in or disqualification for office, or upon conviction while in office of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude, or for violation of his oath of office, or persistent failure to abide by the rules of Council, or absence without justifiable excuse from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of Council, provided, however, that such expulsion or removal shall be upon concurrence of five (5) or more members of Council after public hearing upon the charge or charges brought; and provided, further, that the accused member shall have been notified in writing of the charge or charges against him at least fifteen (15) days in advance of such public hearing; and provided, further that he or his counsel shall have been given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and examine witnesses appearing in support of such charge or charges.

The decision of Council in expelling or removing a member of Council after compliance with this section shall be final and thereupon the office of any such removed or expelled member of Council shall be vacant.”

City Council's Public Hearing began at 8:32 p.m. and was adjourned shortly after 3:00 a.m. when City Council passed a motion removing Jack Petsche as a member of Brecksville City Council. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President, Michael Harwood, Vice President, Laura Redinger, members Louis Carouse, Kim Veras, and Dominic Caruso. Voting no were Jack Petsche and Ann Koepke.

City Council President, Mike Harwood, on behalf of City Council, is requesting Brecksville residents interested in being considered for appointment, by City Council, to this vacant seat, to e-mail their interest to City Council Clerk Tammy Tabor at [information@brecksville.oh.us](mailto:information@brecksville.oh.us).

**Section 5 – Vacancies, of the Brecksville City Charter reads as follows:**

“Whenever the office of a councilman shall become vacant for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of all the remaining members of the Council. If the Council shall not so fill such vacancy within thirty (30) days after it has occurred, the power of Council to do so shall lapse and the Mayor shall make an appointment to fill such vacancy. Such appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member in whose office the vacancy has occurred, or until the beginning of the term of a successor duly elected for the unexpired term at the next regular municipal election if (a) such election shall occur two (2) years or more prior to the expiration of the unexpired term, and (b) the vacancy shall have occurred more than ninety (90) days prior to such election.”

God Bless,

Jerry N. Hruby  
Mayor

Michael Harwood  
Council President



