

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, June 13, 2022

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Mayor Ron Falconi at 7:05 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

Roll Call of Members Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper

Others Present: Mayor Ron Falconi, Clerk of Council Laura Timura, City Manager Carl DeForest, Law Director Ken Fisher

Nicholas Hanek moved to excuse Anthony Capretta for just cause, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Correspondence The Clerk read correspondence from the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center thanking Council for the treadmill donation.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 23, 2022. Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Council Minutes dated May 23, 2022, as written, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor's Court Financial Report for the month ending May 2022 will be posted on the website and added to the minutes for the record;:

Proclamation in recognition of David M. Seitz for being a Good Samaritan :

Mayor Falconi presented a proclamation to David Seitz for being a Good Samaritan and helping his neighbor during a fire.

Proclamation in recognition of Justina A. Kopp for being a Good Samaritan :

Mayor Falconi presented a proclamation to Justina A. Kopp for being a Good Samaritan and helping her neighbor during a fire.

Clerk of Council's Report There was none.

Council Committee Reports:

Economic Development Committee.....Mr. Lambert:

Economic Development Committee Minutes dated May 17, 2022:

Brandon Lambert moved to approve the Economic Development Committee formal report dated May 17, 2022, as written, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee.....Mr. Smith:

Councilman Tim Smith had no formal reports this evening.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Councilman Nicholas Hanek had no formal reports this evening.

Safety & Environment Committee.....Mr. Capretta:

Safety & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 23, 2022:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee formal report dated May 23, 2022, as written, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Planning & Zoning Committee.....Mr. Delsanter:

Councilman Joseph Delsanter had no formal reports this evening.

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee.....Mrs. Piper:

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated May 23, 2022:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated May 23, 2022, as written, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Building & Building Code Committee.....Mr. Abella:

Councilman Michael Abella Jr. had no formal reports this evening.

Other Committees, Boards and Commissions

Committee of the Whole Minutes dated May 23, 2022:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole formal report dated May 23, 2022, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation There was none.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:**3rd Reading(s)****2nd Reading(s)**

ORD. NO. 50-2022- An emergency ordinance authorizing and adopting the proposed tax budget for the City of Brunswick, Ohio for the year beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6 Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 50-2022, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

1st Reading(s)

ORD. NO. 53-2022 - An emergency ordinance amending ordinances #110-2021, #15-2022 and #37-2022 to include amendments to the Appropriation Budget for the year ending December 31, 2022 as incorporated in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from the Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 53-2022, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 54-2022 - An emergency ordinance to advance funds. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 54-2022, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 55-2022 - An emergency resolution amending Resolution No. 33-2022 to set aside local funds in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 from the Parks City-Wide Capital Improvement Fund #341 for the Inclusive/Accessible Playground Project - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 55-2022, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6,

Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 56-2022 - An emergency resolution amending Resolution No. 46-2022 by increasing the not to exceed amount relative to the agreement with Snider Recreation Inc. for the design/build of the Neura Park All-Inclusive Playground Project from \$400,000.00 to \$600,000.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 56-2022, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 57-2022 - An ordinance closing the RLF CDBG Fund (#121), the OPWC Grafton Road Fund (#368), and the OPWC Multi-Roads Improvement Fund (#370). - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Hanek moved Ordinance Number 57-2022 to second reading.

RES. NO. 58-2022 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Set In Stone Contracting, LLC for the 2022 Concrete Repair Program in an amount not to exceed \$664,725.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Matt Jones*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 58-2022, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest thanked the American Legion and the VFW for organizing this year's Memorial Day ceremony on May 30 at Brunswick Middle School. Mr. DeForest gave special thanks to Pat Finn, who is a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Army. Pat Finn planned and coordinated the entire event.

He thanked the Brunswick Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and Police Department staff for a successful Shred Day. The costs were split between the City and the Brunswick Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. This event was open to all residents for the first time in about 5 or 6 years, due to increased costs. Food donations were gathered for the Brunswick Food Pantry and monetary donations were accepted for the Inclusive Playground in the amount of \$2,300.

Mr. DeForest invited members of the community to attend the Inaugural Medina County Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Ceremony at Brunswick Fire Station #1, 4383 Center Road on June 18 at 10 a.m. This memorial will honor Medina County firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice to take care of the community. The memorial will be dedicated to Ronald Novak who was a member of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department and gave his life in March of 1969.

Administrative Departments There were none.

Open Forum John Welker of 536 Linden Drive came before Council. He noted that he has been a resident of the City of Brunswick for 33 years. He expressed concerns pertaining to the recent shootings. At the Brunswick Democratic Club, some teachers expressed concern regarding the issue of mass shootings in schools and the new gun laws. Mr. Welker said that he does not see any good coming from allowing weapons in school. He feels there is a sickness in America that is called our gun cult. It has no other counterpart in any other advanced democracy in the world. He noted that New Zealand and Australia did away with firearms in public after mass shootings. He said that the unholy trinity of conservative politics and gun manufacturers are complicit in weakening gun laws and encouraging the sale of firearms. Mr. Welker said they inspire the sale of firearms, which could not be further from the truth. He said Senate Bill 315 enables anyone to carry a firearm and wants to arm teachers. Permitless carry was condemned by the FOP and other law enforcement agencies. He feels House Bill 99 puts bullseyes on every teacher and student in the schools. Mr. Welker commented that the teachers could take the firearms that they are provided and sell them for funds to purchase teaching materials. Many citizen groups have formed and are continuing to form around the country to pressure politicians regarding effective gun control measures. Their mantra is: If the current government cannot protect children and citizens, they should be voted out. According to him, Mike DeWine, First Energy, and Buckeye Firearms need to take heed that this can and will happen here in Ohio. He asked Council to take visible positive steps in conjunction with the police department to protect the citizens and schools. Mr. Welker said the Democratic Club and teachers also ask Council to seek resolution to the state government condemning the state gun laws and ask that more common sense and effective gun laws be generated. He feels this is not a left or right issue, but a right or wrong issue.

Charlotte Pagrabs of 2020 Hathaway came before Council. She noted that she has been a Brunswick resident for 47 years. Ms. Pagrabs explained that she has talked to 37 of her neighbors on Hathaway about the storm sewers and ditches in front of their yards. She said the ditches are unsightly and they get filled with water, leaves, and garbage. She said that her neighborhood is known as the ghetto of Brunswick. She cited multiple seniors in her neighborhood that have difficulty mowing a 3-4 foot deep ditch. She explained that many of them are on a fixed income and cannot afford to pay someone to fill in the ditch. She has seen cars go in into the ditch in the winter and one of the neighbor's father broke his ankle trying to cut the ditch. Ms. Pagrabs expressed concern that the City owns the ditch, but requires residents to maintain it. She stated that elderly and handicapped people cannot possibly maintain the ditch. The deep ditch is not just on Hathaway, but on all of the neighboring streets. She does not want the City to look bad. She feels Brunswick as a whole is a beautiful city.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business Mr. Lambert said that the citizens of Brunswick have gone above and beyond to raise funds for the All-Inclusive Playground. He told residents there will be a golf outing with all proceeds benefiting the All-Inclusive Playground on July 25. Those interested can go to the website: www.benefitforequalplay.com

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Timura

Clerk of Council

Mayor Ron Falconi

Adopted