

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, June 27, 2022

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

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

Others Present: City Manager/Safety Director Carl DeForest, Law Director Ken Fisher, Clerk of Council Laura Timura.

Joseph Delsanter moved to excuse Ron Falconi for just cause, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Correspondence There was none.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 13, 2022. Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Council Minutes dated June 13, 2022, as written, seconded by Anthony Capretta. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor's Update:

Mayor's recommendation to appoint Thomas Miller to the Board of Zoning Appeals.:

If anyone in Council has any questions regarding this recommendation, they should contact the Mayor.

Clerk of Council's Report There was none.

Council Committee Reports:

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

Councilman Brandon Lambert had no formal reports this evening.

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

Services Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 23, 2022 and June 13, 2022::

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee formal reports dated May 23, 2022, and June 13, 2022, as written, seconded by Anthony Capretta. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 13, 2022:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Finance Committee formal report dated June 13, 2022, as written, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Councilman Anthony Capretta had no formal reports this evening.

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

Councilman Joseph Delsanter had no formal reports this evening.

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

Councilwoman Kristy Piper had no formal reports this evening.

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 Meeting Minutes dated June 13, 2022:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole formal report dated June 13, 2022, as written, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, 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. 39-2022 - An ordinance amending Section 1216.02(b) of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances by updating the fee schedule.- **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

ORD. NO. 40-2022- An ordinance amending Section 1216.03(a) of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances by updating the fee schedule. - **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

ORD. NO. 41-2022 - An ordinance amending Section 1228.03(a) of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances.- **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

ORD. NO. 42-2022 - An ordinance amending Section 1244.07(c) of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances. - **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

ORD. NO. 43-2022 - An ordinance amending Section 1278.02 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances.- **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

ORD. NO. 44-2022- An ordinance amending Section 1280.06 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances.- **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

ORD. NO. 45-2022 - An ordinance establishing Section 1475.11 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances.- **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

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). - **2nd Reading** (Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*)

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Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 59-2022 - An emergency resolution accepting the petition for annexation of 0.4417 acres of land known as being part of Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick, Medina County, Ohio. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Ken Fisher*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.

RES. NO. 60-2022 - An emergency resolution authorizing the purchase of real property for municipal purposes in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Ken Fisher*):

Joseph Delsanter moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Anthony Capretta. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Resolution Number 60-2022, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report Carl DeForest thanked the Fire Chiefs' Association for the Inaugural Medina County Fallen Firefighters' Memorial ceremony that was held on Saturday, June 18 at Brunswick Fire Station #1. This

was in memory of Ron Novak who was a volunteer firefighter in the City of Brunswick. He left church on March 23 to respond to a grass fire on Andrea Drive. He suffered severe burns and passed away. Nine members of his family came to the memorial. They came from Florida, Tennessee, and North Carolina. He thanked Chief Glauner for setting the program up and the Fire Chief's Association for putting the event together.

Mr. DeForest noted that earlier this evening, City Council by motion moved the July 25 Council Meeting to August 8. He explained that there will be a golf outing on July 25 to benefit the All-Inclusive Playground. This outing will be featured in the Medina County Gazette within the next couple of days. He said if anyone would like to get involved in any way, shape, or form to help raise money for this project. He said the playground is a \$600,000 project, but with pro bono work and donations it will be close to a three-quarter-million dollar project. Approximately \$100,000 in in-kind donations have been received from employers, engineers, and inspectors. Those interested in further information should refer to the Medina Gazette or contact Councilman Lambert.

Mr. DeForest noted that having served the City of Brunswick for 31 years, he had never seen a project come together like this. He explained the project had the City, the schools, children, unions and residents. This has really shown the fabric of this community. This will be a fabulous project for the Brunswick Community. Mr. DeForest said the playground equipment has already been ordered and he hopes to have a ribbon-cutting in late September, or early October. This playground will help serve a population that has been underserved in this area for decades.

Mr. DeForest reminded residents that the fireworks will occur on July 3. These are the only legal fireworks within the City. The fireworks will be held on the City school grounds just north of the high school. The rain date is July 5. Fireworks will go off at dusk. City Hall and the Recreation Center will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Garbage collection will be delayed one day during that week. Clean up collection day yard and landscaping debris and household items. These dumpsters will be located at the Service Garage, Parks Garage and Recreation Center on July 9. They will be available from 8 a.m. to noon.

Administrative Departments There was none.

Open Forum Melanie Miller of 208 North Countryside Drive in Ashland, Ohio. She said she is a candidate for the Ohio House of Representatives for the 67th district, which encompasses all of Ashland County and the western portion of Medina County including the City of Brunswick. Ms. Miller said she is looking forward to building relationships in the City of Brunswick. She explained that she serves in Ashland County as the Executive Director of a faith-based pregnancy resource center. This center helps women with life-affirming options for their pregnancy. Ms. Miller said it would be an honor and a privilege to earn residents' trust and vote on August 2. She explained that Ohio is having a secondary primary election this summer due to redistricting. Ms. Miller said that Brunswick is a beautiful community and that her hometown is Brookpark, Ohio. It has been exciting to see the development and growth that has happened in Brunswick. She congratulated Brunswick on the opening of a Meijer's Store. Ms. Miller said it is exciting to see what is happening in Brunswick with the schools and the medical field. She thanked Council for the opportunity to introduce herself.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business

Donation from Tri-County AFL-CIO to Inclusive Playground:

Donation from USW Local 979 to Inclusive Playground:

Representatives from Tri-County AFL-CIO and USW Local 979 came before Council. Mr. Hanek expressed that he is truly thankful to all of the groups and organizations that have helped with this project. He noted that Jim Evanoff learned about the All-Inclusive Playground project after attending a Council Meeting. He then discussed donating to the project with his local union. The Executive Treasurer with Tri-County AFL-CIO explained that he was representing 50,000 members from Medina, Summit, and Portage Counties. He said he is more than glad to support the playground, which it is his understanding that the Inclusive Playground will be the second one in the State of Ohio.

Jim Evanoff presented a check from Steelworkers USW Local 979. He noted that there are 90 members that live in the City of Brunswick and many live in the neighboring communities of Medina and Strongsville. The union is proud to be able to contribute.

Councilman Tim Smith thanked St. Ambrose for a very successful festival. He said they did a great job on the four-day festival. Mr. Smith informed residents that Bike Medina County will be having Slo Rolls throughout Medina County to get people familiar with different parks and areas throughout the county. The first one to be held in Brunswick will take place on Thursday, June 30 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cleveland Clinic parking lot. He encouraged residents to join and to wear a helmet. The group promotes exercise and safety.

Adjournment Joseph Delsanter moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Timura

Clerk of Council

Mayor Ron Falconi

Adopted