

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, October 10, 2022

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Mayor Ron Falconi at 7:02 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

Roll Call of Members showed the following Council Members present: Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper.

Correspondence There was none.

Approval of regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2022. Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2022, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. 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 Court Financial Report for the month ending September 2022 will be posted on the website and added to the minutes for the record;:

Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Steven Girard to the Ethics Board. :

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 Lambert had no formal reports this evening.

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

Services Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2022:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee formal report dated September 26, 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 September 26, 2022 :

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Finance Committee formal report dated September 26, 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:

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2022:

Anthony Capretta moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee formal report dated September 26, 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.

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

Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2022:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee formal report dated September 26, 2022, as written, 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.

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

Parks & Rec Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2022:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee formal report dated September 26, 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.

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

Councilman Abella had no formal reports this evening.

Other Committees, Boards and Commissions

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2022:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee of the Whole formal report dated September 26, 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.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation There was none.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd Reading(s)

RES. NO. 69-2022 - An emergency resolution authorizing the purchase of real property for municipal purposes in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Ken Fisher*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 69-2022, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 70-2022 - An ordinance approving the final plat for the Oak Ridge Preserve Special Planning District No. 7, subject to final engineering approval and any other conditions imposed by Council. - **3rd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Ordinance Number 70-2022, 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.

ORD. NO. 71-2022 - An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to forward a petition for detachment to the Medina County Commissioner's Office for the purpose of adjusting the City boundary lines to include an annexation into the City of Brunswick. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Ken Fisher*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 71-2022, 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.

RES. NO. 72-2022 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with W.B. Mason for the provision of office supplies for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, with two (2) separate one (1) year renewal options. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Jim Foster*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 72-2022, 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.

ORD. NO. 79-2022 - An ordinance amending Section 1443.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brunswick by increasing the new construction permit fee schedule for Type F and Type S permits - **3rd Reading** (Building & Building Code Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Michael Abella moved to adopt Ordinance Number 79-2022, 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.

2nd Reading(s)

RES. NO. 82-2022 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a maintenance agreement with Medina County. - **2nd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Barnett*):

Mr. Smith moved this resolution to third reading.

ORD. NO. 83-2022 - An ordinance establishing the Market 42 Special Planning District No. 8 conceptual development plan and amending the Zoning Map by designating PPNs 003-18D-19-008 and 003-18D-24-001 located on Pearl Road consisting of approximately 8.1934 total acres as SPD-8. - **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

ORD. NO. 92-2022 - An emergency ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as components of the Codified Ordinances; to provide for the adoption of new legislation in the updated revised Codified Ordinances; and to repeal ordinances in conflict therewith. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Laura Timura*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 92-2022, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 93-2022 - A resolution authorizing the donation of municipal personal property no longer needed for municipal purposes. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Parks, Recreation & Community Committee, *Administration/Taylor Petkovsek*):

Kristy Piper moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Kristy Piper moved to adopt Resolution 93-2022, 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.

RES. NO. 94-2022 - An emergency resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. - **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 - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Anthony Capretta, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 94-2022, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. 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 Mr. DeForest informed residents that the All-Inclusive Playground is almost ready. The rubberized surface will be poured within the next week. He said the playground may be ready within the next 2 to 3 weeks. Once the surface is poured, the colored surface is poured which needs to age for 3-4 days. A fence will then be placed around the playground.

He reminded residents that the Veteran's Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, at Hilkert Hall at St. Ambrose. The doors will open at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast being served at 8 a.m. Those interested in participating should contact Betsy Lehky in the City Manager's Office at 330-558-6826.

Mr. DeForest stated that the American Legion VFW announced last week that they are planning a Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11 at 11 a.m. at City Hall. This will be the first Veteran's Day ceremony that they have had in several years as a result of COVID.

Open Forum Jason Niedermeyer, Superintendent for Brunswick City Schools, came before Council. He announced that in 29 days voters will have the opportunity to support Issue 3. He explained that Issue 3 is a bond issue to build a new high school and make other needed improvements across the school district. He said Brunswick City Schools learned in July from the Ohio Facility Construction Commission that they would help support the construction of a new high school. This is the next segment of the school's master facility plan. He noted that Brunswick Schools was one of five schools in the state of Ohio to be notified of this opportunity. The school has 13 months to obtain the support of Brunswick and Brunswick Hills voters. This would be 61% of the local share.

Mr. Niedermeyer said if the schools are successful, they will build a new 285,000-square-foot high school. This will be a state-of-the-art building much like the middle school. They would make site improvements to the high school campus to include six tennis courts, an additional baseball field, and a multi-purpose synthetic field for the marching band and other sports. The bond issue would allow site improvements to Applewood and Kidder elementary schools. This would include the addition of classrooms and parking lot improvements to separate bus traffic from car traffic at both sites.

Willett's Middle School will be demolished and a Board of Education Office and the Maintenance Department will be built on that part of the property. He declared that this would cost the average taxpayer in Brunswick and Brunswick Hills \$7.14 per \$100,000 in home value. According to Zillow, the average home value in Brunswick and Brunswick Hills is \$275,000. This project will cost the average taxpayer just under \$20 a month. Brunswick City Schools is excited about the opportunity to build a new high school. Mr. Niedermeyer expressed that the opportunity to have a brand new middle school and brand new high school in this community is a tremendous opportunity for generations of Brunswick students to come.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business Mr. Delsanter said that Columbus Day takes on connotations that are not favorable to Columbus himself. He explained that Italian-Americans have given so much to this country and have contributed to its growth. He explained that this day was commemorated and memorialized long ago, due to some unlawful acts against Italian Americans in the City of New Orleans. Mr. Delsanter said while we worry about all the recognitions that have controversies, there is some good in what today means. Mr. Delsanter expressed that there is some pride in that Columbus Day recognizes and honors Italian Americans.

Mayor Falconi noted that he loves all things Italian. He stated that Columbus Day was celebrated as a normal part of the school day, when he was growing up. It is unfortunate that now, due to political incorrectness, it seems to be pushed aside. Mayor Falconi wished everyone a Happy Columbus Day.

Mr. Smith said that he moved to Brunswick from Michigan. He explained that after talking to professionals from his biggest customer in Strongsville, it was recommended to him that he choose Brunswick as his City of residence. Mr. Smith discovered that the houses were reasonably priced and the schools were top-notch. Mr. Smith expressed that he feels it is important to have top-notch schools in Brunswick to keep up with other school districts.

Mr. Smith pointed out that the Optimist Club will be having its main fundraiser of the year. Recently, they donated a lot of money to the All-Inclusive Playground and volunteered at the Trike and Bike event. The Optimist Club fundraiser will be at Sidelines on October 20 with tickets being \$35. The prizes are unbelievable. He explained that it is possible to come home with more prizes than the cost of attending the event. He recommended that residents go to the Optimist Club website for additional information.

Mr. Hanek thanked superintendent, Jason Niedermeyer, for coming to the Council Meeting. He expressed appreciation for the time he spent talking to Council and to the voters. He said that it is good to know what is going on in both the City and the schools. As a Brunswick High School graduate, Mr. Hanek said he appreciates

Mr. Niedermeyer's efforts and what he has done with the school district. Mr. Hanek said that those who went to the high school even many years ago, know that the condition was lacking then. He said he could not imagine that there has been any improvement over the course of 20 years. He again thanked Mr. Niedermeyer for his efforts and for being in attendance. Mr. Hanek hopes that the schools and the City can continue to work well together, in the future.

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek 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 was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Timura

Clerk of Council

Mayor Ron Falconi

Adopted