

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, March 13, 2023

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

Roll Call of Members showed the following Council Members present: Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Others Present: Mayor Ron Falconi, City Manager/Safety Director Carl DeForest, Law Director Kenneth Fisher, Clerk of Council Laura Timura.

Correspondence There was none.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2023 Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2023, as written, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor's Court Financial Report for the month ending February 2023 will be posted on the website and added to the minutes for the record:

Certificate of Achievement in recognition of Stephen Blake, Neal Diener, Laina Filisko, Mikey Hubbard, and Logan Rowan's Arrow of Light achievement:

Mayor Falconi presented certificates of achievement in recognition of the Arrow of Light achievement.

Proclamation in recognition of Jordan Dye, Meghan Kellem, Maeve McGinnis, and Nolan Wickes' National Merit Scholarship Foundation Finalist achievement :

Mayor Falconi was honored to recognize the National Merit Scholarship Foundation Finalists.

Plaque in recognition of Anthony Capretta's years of service as a Ward 4 Councilman:

Mayor Falconi presented a plaque to Anthony Capretta in recognition of his service as the Ward 4 Councilman. Mr. Capretta thanked the Mayor, City Council, and the Administration. He declared that they were not only colleagues but friends and that he would miss everyone. He wished luck to Councilman Kuczma.

Mr. Delsanter expressed that he was proud of the National Merit Scholarship Foundation Finalists' accomplishments. He expressed that they will surely be added to a list of notable people and that they will continue to make this community proud.

Mayor to appoint John Pietrangeli to the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council retroactive to January 1, 2023:

Mayor Falconi announced his appointment of John Pietrangeli to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council.

Motion to approve Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Anthony Bayer, Debbie Boehmke, James Horn, Brad Larion, Pam Lebold, and Kevin New to the Financial Audit, Review & Advisory Committee:

Nicholas Hanek moved to reappoint Anthony Bayer, Debbie Boehmke, James Horn, Brad Larion, Pam Lebold, and Kevin New to the Financial Audit, Review & Advisory Committee, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Update:

Clerk of Council's Report

Council Committee Reports:

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

Mr. Lambert had no formal reports this evening.

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

Services, Utilities, Technology, & Cable Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2023:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology, & Cable Committee formal report dated February 27, 2023, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Mr. Hanek had no formal reports this evening.

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

Safety & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2023:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee formal report dated February 27, 2023, as written, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2023:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee formal report dated February 27,

2023, as written, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Parks, Recreation, & Community Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2023:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee formal report dated February 27, 2023, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Abella had no formal reports this evening.

Other Committees, Boards and Commissions

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2023:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee of the Whole formal report dated February 27, 2023, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, 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. 7-2023 - A resolution commending Anthony Capretta for his years of service both to the City of Brunswick and to the City Council. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Brandon Lambert/Council*):

Brandon Lambert moved to adopt Resolution Number 7-2023, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mr. Abella remarked that in all the years he has served as a Councilman he has not seen anyone fight harder for the residents than Mr. Capretta. Mr. Capretta's ability to listen to residential issues and follow *all* the way through was something to be envied and admired. He earned the trust of the residents in his ward and built a strong reputation and it elevated him to the County level. Mr. Abella congratulated him on his new appointment as Medina County Auditor and stated it was admirable to have served with him all these years.

Mr. Delsanter added that Auditor Capretta had been a true friend to him and noted his integrity and heart. He explained that as Councilman, Capretta spoke for individuals who didn't have a voice and served the community very well. Mr. Delsanter noted that he is proud to call Mr. Capretta his friend.

Mr. Smith commented that he has known Auditor Capretta for 19 years and he is well aware of his dedication to the residents of the City. He looks forward to Mr. Capretta serving at the County level with his dedication. While others may not always understand his motivation, his motivation is always to look out for residents. Mr. Smith looks forward to continuing to work with Mr. Capretta.

Mrs. Piper thanked Mr. Capretta for being so welcoming to her, when she came to Council. She plans to

return the favor by welcoming any new members that come on to Council.

Councilman Lambert presented the resolution to Mr. Capretta.

RES. NO. 8-2023 - An emergency resolution declaring the intention of the City of Brunswick to provide municipal services to a 5.1207 acre parcel of land (PPN 017-03C-01-015) on Center Road - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Ken Fisher*):

Nicholas Hanek recused himself from the vote. Kristy Piper moved to adopt Resolution Number 8-2023, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

2nd Reading(s)

RES. NO. 12-2023 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Snider Recreation, Inc. for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at City parks in an amount not to exceed \$210,536.42 - **2nd Reading** (Parks, Recreation & Community Committee, *Administration/Taylor Petkovsek*):

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

Kristy Piper moved to adopt Resolution Number 12-2023, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 13-2023 - An emergency resolution authorizing the participation in the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart National Opioid Settlements and appointing the Finance Director as the City of Brunswick's designated Opioids Implementation Manager and alternate signatory. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/ Ken Fisher*):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to third reading.

RES. NO. 15-2023 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year agreement with two (2) separate and one (1) year renewal options with Maintenance Systems of Northern Ohio, the lowest and best bidder, for the provision of street sweeping services. - **2nd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Barnett*) :

Mr. Smith moved this resolution to third reading.

RES. NO. 16-2023 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Unifirst Corporation for the rental and maintenance of uniforms, walk-off mats and shop towels pursuant to submitted bid prices.- **2nd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Barnett*):

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

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 16-2023, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 7,

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

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 17-2023 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a service agreement with Flock Safety for the provision of ten (10) safety cameras in the City in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from the Committee of the Whole, *Administration/Brian Ohlin*):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to second reading.

RES. NO. 18-2023 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a new 2023 Ford F250 4x4 Super Duty for the Parks Department from Montrose Ford in an amount not to exceed \$46,460.61. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from the Committee of the Whole, *Administration/Taylor Petkovsek*):

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

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 18-2023, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 19-2023 - An emergency ordinance amending ordinances #103-2022 and #9-2023 to include amendments to the Appropriation Budget for the year ending December 31, 2023 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 Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 19-2023, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 20-2023 - 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 Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 20-2023, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 21-2023 - An emergency resolution opposing the proposed enactment of Ohio Revised Code Section 5501.60 as contemplated by Am. Sub. H. B. No. 23. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee of the Whole, *Administration/Kenneth Fisher*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Keith Kuczma.

Mr. Hanek explained that this resolution specifically opposes a section in the transportation bill that is currently in the Ohio Senate. This new section of the Ohio Revised Code would mandate that there must be another highway exit located between 303 and 82 in Strongsville. This would mean that any residents on Grafton, Drake and Boston roads in Strongsville may be surprised to learn that a representative from Cuyahoga County has inserted something into the transportation bill that may require the construction of a highway interchange potentially in one of the residential neighborhoods. The City of Brunswick has opposed these efforts. While it may help with a couple of minutes of traffic time, this will not benefit the City of Brunswick. He explained that no traffic study has been done to reflect that a new highway interchange on Boston Road will benefit Brunswick more than marginally. This would purely benefit Strongsville. This will turn either Boston or Grafton Road into a commercial corridor and displace residents, cost millions in taxpayer dollars, and be a destructive project to the community. Mr. Hanek commented that this project had been ill-thought-out. He felt this would be destructive to both cities. He hoped that everyone could stand in support of this and hoped that the Ohio Senate would amend the bill and remove it. Mr. Hanek expressed that this is a bad policy for the State of Ohio.

Mr. Delsanter complimented Mr. Hanek's ability to illustrate why the City opposes this project. Both he and Councilman Lambert live in communities on the Boston Road corridor. They are knowledgeable of the impact this would have. Strongsville had an opportunity to place a slip ramp on their border and their own people voted it out. There is no traffic study that demonstrates the volume of Brunswick residents that would actually utilize the ramp. Mr. Delsanter declared that less than 10% of Brunswick residents would have any benefit and the cost to the community would be astronomical. The future developmental value of this community will dive sharply. Strongsville has a chance to build it in a usable area of their city and is threatening to impose it upon the City of Brunswick. He reiterated that the cost in dollars and quality of life would be horrendous.

Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 21-2023, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest commented that he has been attending Council meetings for 32 years. This was the first meeting where residents stayed throughout the entire meeting. Mr. DeForest wished Mr. Capretta well, as he serves residents as the Medina County Auditor.

There will be a bond issue on the May 2 ballot. This will be Issue #7. It is based on the Medina County Auditor's appraisal. For every \$100,000 of home value, \$29 will be charged. This will be in order for the City to build a centrally located fire station at 1094 Hadcock Road. The bond would generate 12 million dollars over a 20-year period. There will be more information going forward. Additionally, open houses will be offered at Fire Station #1 and Fire Station #2 each Saturday in April from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This will allow residents to see the current facilities and understand why a new fire station is needed.

Open Forum Mickie Petrenko of 3771 Magnolia Drive came before Council. She thanked Mr. Capretta for the work he has done as a Councilman and commented that he does put his heart into his work. She mentioned that she and her husband have known Mr. Capretta for close to 20 years. She wished Mr. Capretta the best of luck in his new career. She then welcomed Ward 4 Councilman Keith Kuczma. Mrs. Petrenko went on to say that she has known Mr. Kuczma for over 25 years and that he also puts his heart into everything he does. She announced that Mr. Kuczma has been involved in the community over the years with youth sports, soccer, baseball, soccer and church.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business Councilman Kuczma thanked Mrs. Petrenko for her kind words. He was thankful for the opportunity Council had given him to serve and their unanimous vote. Mr. Kuczma also expressed his thanks to Mr. Capretta for his support to obtain the position and to Ken Fisher for swearing him in. Further thanks were given to his wife and family who came tonight to show their support as he took his oath of office. Mr. Kuczma looks forward to serving the residents of Ward 4.

Mr. Hanek commented on how incredible it is to have 4 residents of Brunswick who are National Merit Scholarship Finalists. He stated that he was proud of their success and hoped that they would one day think about giving back to their community. He was confident that they would go on to do amazing things.

Mr. Smith personally welcomed Keith Kuczma to Council and said he was impressed at how quickly he is learning his role.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Timura

Clerk of Council

Mayor Ron Falconi

Adopted