

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, April 24, 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: Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper.

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

Correspondence: There was none.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2023: Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 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:

Certificates of Achievement in recognition of Riley Adriance, Weston Bennett, Raymond Coulehan, Alexandru Iovi, Luke Levandusky, Finn Meade, Luke Meyer, Hunter Paschall, Jaxon Sayers, Memphis Smith, Ari Spurlin, Liam Valinchnac, Ryan Wieland, Cayden Wolf, and Alex Zimmerman's Arrow of Light achievement.:

Mayor Falconi congratulated the Cub Scouts for their accomplishments and recognized them as the future leaders of Brunswick.

Proclamation in recognition of Bree Vargo's OSHSAA gymnast title winner achievement:

Mayor Falconi commended Ms. Vargo for her accomplishments in gymnastics. He added that Ms. Vargo has shown the excellence of Brunswick City Schools through her achievements.

Ms. Vargo thanked her family and teammates for their support throughout her tough season.

Proclamation in recognition of James Mussey's service on the Board of Zoning Appeals.:

Mayor Falconi recounted working with Mr. Mussey on the Board of Zoning Appeals and thanked him for his dedication to the City.

Mr. Mussey thanked those he worked with, both in the City and on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Proclamation in recognition of Cliff Calaway's 33 years of service:

Mayor Falconi mentioned working with Mr. Calaway as both a Councilman and Mayor. He thanked Mr. Calaway for his many years of service to the City.

Mr. Calaway thanked his colleagues and friends at City Hall. He said that he would miss walking into City Hall every day because of the memories he made there.

Clerk of Council's Report: There was none.

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 Minutes dated April 10, 2023:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology, & Cable Committee formal report dated April 10, 2023, as written, seconded by Michael Abella Jr. 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. Kuczma:

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated April 10, 2023:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee formal report dated April 10, 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:

Mr. Delsanter had no formal reports this evening.

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

Mrs. Piper had no formal reports this evening.

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

Mr. Abella had no formal reports this evening.

Other Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated April 3, 2023 and April 10, 2023:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole formal reports dated April 3, 2023 and April 10, 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 were none.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd Reading(s)

2nd Reading(s)

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 29-2023 - A resolution commending James Mussey for his years of service both to the City of Brunswick and to the Board of Zoning Appeals. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee of the Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*) :

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 29-2023, 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. 30-2023 - A resolution commending Walt Wozniak for his years of service both to the City of Brunswick and to the Board of Zoning Appeals. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee of the Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*):

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 30-2023, seconded by Brandon Lambert.

Mr. Delsanter commended Mr. Wozniak for his contributions to the City. He thanked Mr. Wozniak for his service on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and he added that the Administration would miss Mr. Wozniak, Mr. Mussey, and Mr. Calaway greatly.

Mr. Hanek revealed that between Mr. Wozniak, Mr. Mussey, and Mr. Calaway, there are over 100 years of public service for the City. He added that all three men have exemplified wonderful public service.

Mayor Falconi echoed his thanks to Mr. Wozniak for his service to the City and to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Smith recalled working with Mr. Wozniak, Mr. Mussey, and Mr. Calaway as a Councilman and as the Economic Director for the City. He commended all three men for their service to the City. Mr. Smith added that all three men made the City a better place to do business.

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. 31-2023 - An emergency resolution amending Resolution No. 86-2022 by increasing the not to exceed amount for the purchase of a new Ford F550 truck body from Henderson Products for the Service Department by \$9,025.00 from \$39,987.00 to \$49,012.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Barnett*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 31-2023, seconded by Michael Abella Jr.. 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. 32-2023 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Set in Stone Contracting, LLC for the 2023 Asphalt Road Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,046,188.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Matt Jones*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 32-2023, seconded by Michael Abella Jr.. 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 reminded that this week is branch chipping day and more information about that will be on the City of Brunswick website.

Mr. DeForest explained that April 29th is the last open house of Fire Station 1 and 2. May 2nd is when Issue 7 will be on the ballot. He encouraged citizens to make an informed vote and get as much information about the issue as possible. There is a lot of information pertaining to Issue 7 on the City's website. Issue 7 is a 20-year bond issue to raise \$12 million to build a centralized fire station at 1094 Hadcock Road. It costs approximately \$29 per year per \$100,000 of appraised value.

Lastly, Mr. DeForest thanked Jim Mussey, Walt Wozniak, and Cliff Calaway for their service to the City, encouraging them to return for volunteer events such as Trike & Bike. He concluded that the City will miss Jim Mussey, Walt Wozniak, and Cliff Calaway, and that they are leaving a building of friends.

Open Forum: Ed Radzynski (19 North Carpenter Road) shared his concerns regarding the I-71 Interchange. He explained that every proposed design of the ramp demolishes his home. He advised that the best solution would be for Strongsville to turn Howe Road into a three-lane road. He added that there is limited traffic entering Boston after Drake Road. He continued that the fair market value is not fairly representative of the value of his homes or the surrounding homes. He thanked the Administration for the effort they are putting up against the interchange. He ended by saying that he has been shaping his home for retirement and is not in the position to buy a new home and tailor it to his liking.

James Evanoff (3649 Ascot Drive) thanked the Council for putting Issue 7 on the ballot. He encouraged the City to look deeper into the Issue and vote "yes" on it. He then spoke about the I-71 Interchange, saying that if Strongsville wants the interchange, they need to put it in Strongsville, not Brunswick. He added that imposing an interchange on Brunswick will stretch the City too far financially to the point where the City will not be able to pay for necessities like a new fire station. He went on to say that he will work in the community to oppose the interchange.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Delsanter thanked Cliff Calaway for his service, saying that he had never heard of a company speaking lowly of Mr. Calaway. Mr. Calaway has always sought the best path forward.

Mr. Delsanter continued that the interchange is an uneducated proposal. He added that there is no

economic improvement to the City of Brunswick by having an interchange on Boston Road. Strongsville's State Representative has stated that 100% of the costs will be covered through state funding. Mr. Delsanter commented that costs will be incurred to Brunswick post-construction and there will be damage to the quality of life for everyone along the corridor. He concluded that Brunswick was not asked about the interchange and that the community needs to continue speaking up against it.

Mr. Lambert commended Cliff Calaway for his service.

Mr. Lambert asserted that his ward would be one of the most impacted as a result of the interchange. He added that the interchange is the result of big government imposing its will on small municipalities. He instructed that the citizens of Brunswick should not stop opposing the interchange and to keep advocating for the interchange to be stopped.

Mr. Hanek echoed both Mr. Delsanter's and Mr. Lambert's opinions, saying that citizens need to continue being active in opposing the I-71 interchange. He shared concerns about the precedent the interchange sets for the rest of the state.

Mr. Hanek then discussed Issue 7, requesting that the citizens of Brunswick make an informed vote. He explained that there is a need for a modern ability to respond to situations in the community.

New Business:

A new liquor permit request from Sharpen Skills Training LLC, at 964 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212:

Mr. DeForest said that there were no objections from the Administration.

Mr. Smith relayed that the Fishing Derby will be taking place on May 15th at North Park Lake at 8:30 a.m. The cost to attend is free, but space is limited to the first 200 children. Pre-registration is required and can be obtained through the Recreation Center by calling 330-273-8000. If there is rain that day, the rain date is May 20th.

Adjournment: Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Timura
Clerk of Council

Mayor Ron Falconi

Adopted

