

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, July 24, 2023

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 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, Law Director Ken Fisher, Clerk of Council Laura Timura.

Correspondence There was none.

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

Mayor's Report:

Proclamation in recognition of Cenco's 50th Anniversary:

Mayor Falconi presented a proclamation in honor of Cenco gas station's 50th Anniversary.

Clerk of Council's Report There was none.

Council Committee Reports:

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

Economic Development Committee Minutes dated July 10, 2023:

Brandon Lambert moved to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes dated July 10, 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.

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

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated July 10, 2023:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated July 10, 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.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Mr. Hanek had no formal reports this evening.

Safety & Environment Committee.....Mr. Kuczma:

Mr. Kuczma had no formal reports this evening.

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

Mr. Delsanter had no formal reports this evening.

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

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated July 12, 2023:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated July 12, 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 Minutes dated July 10, 2023:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated July 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.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation James Evanoff (3649 Ascot Drive) discussed Resolution Number 60-2023. He questioned whether this resolution was a renewal and if the City would continue with the same road program they used in the past. He expressed that the City offers the best services they can with the money they have been allotted.

Mr. DeForest responded that this is a renewal levy and that the current levy is set to expire on December 31, 2023. He stated that it is the City's intent to replicate the programs that are currently in place. However, this will be determined by the City Manager, Service Director, and Council as a whole. Mr. DeForest remarked that the City would require additional funds to improve every street in the City. However, they have managed to accomplish a lot with the funding they have. Approximately \$860,000 a year will be collected with this road levy and the goal would be to continue with the programs that are currently in place.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd Reading(s)

RES. NO. 47-2023 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with HDI-Enterprises to refinish the gymnasium floor at the Brunswick Community Recreation and Fitness Center in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00. - **3rd Reading** (Parks, Recreation & Community Committee, Administration/Taylor Petkovsek):

Kristy Piper moved to adopt Resolution Number 47-2023, 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.

ORD. NO. 51-2023 - An ordinance amending Section 1072.03 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances by increasing fees for opening, closing and maintaining graves. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Paul Barnett*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 51-2023, seconded by Joseph Delsanter.

Mr. Hanek noted that Council worked with the Division of Law and the Administration to provide that no fees be charged for the burials of children under the age of three. This decision was made to minimize any additional grief or hardship for families.

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

2nd Reading(s)

RES. NO. 53-2023 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Engineer to submit a grant and loan application to the Ohio Public Works Commission Issue 1 Program for the Pepperwood Drive Reconstruction Phase 1 project. - **2nd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Matt Jones*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. 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 53-2023, 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.

1st Reading(s)

ORD. NO. 55-2023 - An emergency ordinance amending Chapter 1060 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *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 55-2023, 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.

RES. NO. 56-2023 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. for underwriting services in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. – **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 Resolution Number 56-2023, 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. 57-2023 - An emergency ordinance amending ordinances #103-2022, #9-2023, #19-2023 and #34-2023 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 Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 57-2023, 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. 58-2023 - 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 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.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 58-2023, 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.

ORD. NO. 59-2023 - An ordinance rezoning the 20.1561 acre parcel of real property located at 897 N. Carpenter Road and further identified as PPN 003-18B-27-260 from the R-R Rural Residential District to the R-L Low Density Residential District. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.

RES. NO. 60-2023 - An emergency resolution determining to proceed to submit to the electors of the City of Brunswick the question of renewing an existing 1.2-mill tax levy for ten (10) years for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in the City, pursuant to Sections 5705.19(g) and 5705.191 of the Revised Code. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

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 Resolution Number 60-2023, 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. 61-2023 - An emergency resolution declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the City of Brunswick on behalf of the State of Ohio (the borrower) to reimburse the City's OPWC Magnolia Drive Improvement Fund #374 for the Magnolia Drive Phase II improvements (OPWC Project #CI06AA) with the proceeds of tax-exempt debt of the State of Ohio - **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., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 61-2023, 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.

City Manager's Report The City will be hosting a shredding day on Saturday, September 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This will be sponsored by the City of Brunswick and the Brunswick Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Citizens can bring up to 4 boxes of documents, which will be secured and/or shredded on-site. Monetary donations and non-perishable food items will be accepted on behalf of the Brunswick Food Pantry.

He reminded that Trike and Bike is scheduled for Friday evening, September 15. This will raise money for pediatric cancer research. The event is open to children ages 3 through 12. This year's event will be hosted at the Brunswick High School football field. He informed that in the first year, \$26,701 was raised, in the second year, \$45,000, and last year almost \$64,000 was raised. Those wishing to get involved should Google Medina County Trike and Bike.

Mr. DeForest added that the Veteran's Breakfast, which is paid for by private donations, will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at St. Ambrose's Hilkert Hall. It is offered to all veterans who have served their country. The doors will open at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast being served at 8:00 a.m. Those interested in attending or volunteering can sign up at the City Manager's Office.

Open Forum Gary Sanderson (67 Wellsley Place) informed that he has lived at his current residence since 1977. He revealed that Strongsville's plan takes a main artery road, Howe Road, and extends it directly into his development. Traffic from North Carpenter would travel up Boston Road to his development.

Mr. Sanderson then referenced H.B. 23 Section 5501.60 stating that it was placed in the Ohio Department of Transportation Bill in an effort to bury the legislature reflecting Strongsville's intent for an interchange at Boston Road. In his opinion, Drake Road would also be a viable option. Mr. Sanderson indicated that the interchange should be located in Strongsville to fix their problem. He then questioned what the details of Phase II of Strongsville's plan included.

James Evanoff (3649 Ascot Drive) stated that if Strongsville were to place an interchange at Boston Road, the City would be forced to spend more money than what the levy would generate to repair Boston Road. This would be due to truck traffic leading to Strongsville's Industrial Parkway. Mr. Evanoff was concerned that Strongsville did not discuss its plans with any of the neighboring cities and that Drake Road was not included in the traffic study.

Unfinished Business Councilman Lambert thanked residents for spreading awareness about the interchange concerns to the regulatory bodies and Columbus. He commented that Brunswick has no direct representation in Columbus. For this reason, it is vitally important that the campaign be continued in Columbus, so that they know how Brunswick feels about the interchange. He concluded that Brunswick is

one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Ohio with no direct representation.

Mr. Delsanter felt that the interchange would be an intrusion into the Brunswick community and the way ODOT manages its projects. He explained that the interchange would result in commercial traffic and commercial redevelopment of a quiet residential area. This would impact our safety forces and result in tax increases. Mr. Delsanter expressed his dismay at how the situation had been handled by Strongsville.

Mr. Hanek reaffirmed the City's commitment to fighting this unjust imposition of one government on another. He noted that he had spoken to State Representatives Melanie Miller and Mark Romanchuk and verified that they are fighting for Brunswick. Mr. Hanek explained that the State is hearing from representatives that are both for and against the interchange. For this reason, it is important to increase awareness. Mr. Hanek affirmed that Brunswick does not know the details of Phase II of the project as the City has not been involved in the process. He articulated that the study verified that the problems on Route 82 cannot be solved farther south. The study reveals that those traveling from Route 82 typically do not travel farther than Drake Road.

Mr. Hanek informed that there would be a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. with legislation pertaining to the fire station.

New Business

Nicholas Hanek moved to recess for the month of August with the exception of being called back for a meeting if needed, 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.

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn and reconvene the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, 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 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Timura
Clerk of Council

Mayor Ron Falconi

Adopted