

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, October 9, 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, 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.

Nicholas Hanek moved to excuse Michael Abella Jr. for just cause, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Correspondence There was none.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 25, 2023. Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 25, 2023, as written, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

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

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 September 25, 2023:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated September 25, 2023, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Finance Committee Minutes dated September 25, 2023:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Finance Committee Minutes dated September 25, 2023, as written, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Motion Carried. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated September 25, 2023:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated September 25, 2023, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes dated September 25, 2023:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes dated September 25, 2023, as written, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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 September 25, 2023:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated September 25, 2023, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, 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. 69-2023 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a municipal engineering consulting services agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering, LTD. for the provision of professional municipal engineering services and designating Matthew M. Jones, P.E., as Consulting Municipal Engineer. - **3rd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Barnett*):

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 69-2023, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

2nd Reading(s)

ORD. NO. 76-2023 - An ordinance approving the final plat for the Market Highlands Glenmont Drive extension in the Market 42 Special Planning District No. 8, subject to final engineering approval and any other conditions imposed by Council. - **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Joseph Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 83-2023 - An emergency resolution detailing Council's current intention as to the annual expenditure of proceeds received from the road levy renewal. - **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 - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 83-2023, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 84-2023 - 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 Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 84-2023, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 5, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Abstain - 1, Joseph Delsanter. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 85-2023 - An emergency ordinance creating the United States Army Corp of Engineers Grants Fund (#345) - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 85-2023, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 86-2023 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a Unitrends Backup Solution from CDW-G in an amount not to exceed \$45,829.50. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Rob Marok*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 86-2023, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 87-2023 - An emergency ordinance amending ordinances #103-2022, #9-2023, #19-2023, #34-2023 and #57-2023 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 Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 87-2023, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 88-2023 - 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 Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 88-2023, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest revealed that the City is still taking reservations for the Veteran's Breakfast, which will be held on October 25th at Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish.

Mr. DeForest continued that the City will be holding a meeting regarding the proposed road levy renewal. He noted that the levy will be on the ballot in November and is a renewal, not a replacement. It will cost approximately \$26 for every \$100,000 of appraised value. The current ten-year road levy is set to expire at the end of this year. The meeting will be held on October 25th at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Further information can be found on the City's website.

Mr. DeForest concluded that the VFW and American Legion will hold their Veterans' Day Ceremony on November 11th at 11 a.m. at City Hall.

Open Forum

Raymond Ujlaki (1529 Scarborough Drive) inquired whether the City could do a traffic study and subsequently put a stop sign on Brunswick Lake Boulevard. He mentioned that there is no stop sign at the intersection of Scarborough Drive and Brunswick Lake Boulevard when heading north on Scarborough Drive. He shared that many people go through the stop sign when turning left onto Scarborough Drive, which raises concerns of safety.

Phillip Titterington (11977 Firefly Drive) mentioned that he is the Executive Director of the Medina County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board. He spoke on Issue 15, the Human Services Levy, which will be on the ballot in November. The levy is a renewal that was initially passed in 2019. The levy helps fund the Office for Older Adults, children's services, and the ADAMH Board. The levy costs approximately \$25 per \$100,000 of appraised value. Every year, thousands of residents rely on the services funded by the levy. The agencies work well together, address many interconnected issues, and offer real help for real needs. There was a spike in the need for these services after the COVID-19 Pandemic. The levy protects senior meal programs and helps fund senior protective services and other senior programs. It also retains the caseworkers needed for the growing need for Child Protective Services. If the levy is not renewed, there will be annual cuts to the agencies totaling over 5 million dollars per year. Mr. Titterington distributed a fact sheet regarding Issue 15 to Council.

Mr. Smith clarified that \$2 a month would be collected from the levy. He commended the various organizations mentioned, citing that they are a fabulous group of individuals.

Unfinished Business Mr. Lambert revealed that he would be going down to Columbus next week to speak with committee members and representatives regarding the interchange. He reminded that Council is still actively fighting the interchange and is going to see it through to the end.

Mr. Hanek noted that the traffic issue at Brunswick Lake Parkway will be the highest priority for him in the coming years and he will work to address some of the issues. He explained that the traffic in those areas is complicated to address but needs to be looked at.

Mr. Hanek confirmed that Council's intention for the road levy renewal is to have the levy serve as an investment in neighborhood streets. He noted that the levy is a renewal, so residents would not have an increased financial burden.

Mr. Hanek disclosed that a study had come back revealing that an interchange would harm the traffic in Brunswick as well as the traffic on I-71. As long as the law is still out there, there is a threat that the interchange will be imposed. He mentioned that Brunswick should be an efficient and livable community where people are first.

Mr. Smith divulged that the last Bike Medina County Slow Roll was a tremendous success with 29 riders. The program will kick off again in June 2024.

Mr. Kuczma thanked City Manager DeForest for his efforts to install a bike rack in front of City Hall.

Mr. Delsanter commented that Brunswick should have a City flag at City Hall. He stated that citizens should be able to celebrate being residents of Brunswick under a City flag. He revealed there is a flag, but it is outdated.

Mayor Falconi thanked the citizens of Brunswick for their efforts, tenacity, and commitment to stopping the interchange. He added that the City stands behind its residents and supports them in this endeavor.

New Business Mr. Hanek thanked Mr. Kuczma for his part in a new bike rack being installed at City Hall. He stated that adding little improvements to the City is a very nice and smart thing to do.

A liquor permit request from DBA The Grounded Bean, at 1050 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212:

Mr. DeForest noted that there were no objections on behalf of the Administration.

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Timura
Clerk of Council

Mayor Ron Falconi

Adopted