

## CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

### MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, January 22, 2024

**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, Law Director Dennis Nevar, Clerk of Council Laura Timura.

**Correspondence** There was none.

**Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 8, 2024.** Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 8, 2024, 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 Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority's 70th Anniversary:

Mayor Falconi presented a proclamation to Carol Lawler in honor of Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority's 70th Anniversary.

Motion to approve Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Lisa Jackson-Clements to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund retroactive to January 1, 2024:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Lisa Jackson-Clements to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund retroactive to January 1, 2024, 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.

Motion to approve Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Stanley Socha to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund retroactive to January 1, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Stanley Socha to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund retroactive to January 1, 2024, 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.

Motion to approve Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Morgan Jones to the Medina County Health Board:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Morgan Jones to the Medina County Health Board, 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.

**Clerk of Council’s Report:** Mrs. Timura had no report this evening.

**Council Committee Reports:**

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

Economic Development Committee Minutes dated January 8, 2024:

Brandon Lambert moved to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes dated January 8, 2024, as written, 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.

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

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated January 8, 2024:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology, & Cable Committee Minutes date January 8, 2024, 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.

*Finance Committee*.....Mr. Hanek:

Mr. Hanek had no formal reports this evening.

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

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated January 8, 2024:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated January 8, 2024, 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 January 8, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated January 8, 2024, 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:** There were none.

**Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:****3rd Reading(s)****2nd Reading(s)**

**RES. NO. 1-2024** - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase liquid asphalt emulsion for the Service Department from Leader Machinery Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. - **2nd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

Mr. Smith moved this resolution to third reading.

**ORD. NO. 7-2024** - An ordinance establishing Codified Ordinance Chapter 868 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances relative to the license of Tobacco Retail Establishments - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

Brandon Lambert moved to amend this ordinance, changing the number of licenses ratio from 1 for every 1,000 residents to 1 for every 1,100 residents and increasing the minimum license fee from \$600 to \$750, 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.

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to third reading.

**1st Reading(s)**

**RES. NO. 8-2024** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract for property, automobile, inland marine, general liability, public officials liability, police liability, boiler and machines, crime coverage, cyber coverage, employment practice and umbrella insurance coverage. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 8-2024, 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.

**City Manager's Report:** Mr. DeForest reminded that when more than 2" of snow is expected, the Division of Police can issue a winter parking ban. This would be advertised on the City's website and allow the City 24 hours to clear the streets. Again, information will be available on the website or the Division of Police can be contacted at their non-emergency number (330) 225-9111 to find out if a parking ban is in effect.

There have been numerous complaints regarding solicitors recently. No soliciting signs are available in the lobby of City Hall and on the City's website. If solicitors continue to come to your residence, this would be a violation of the soliciting license and considered trespassing.

There have been several fires this winter. Residents who do not have smoke detectors are encouraged to contact the Division of Fire. They can obtain smoke detectors and install them for residents. This would be need-based and not income-based.

**Open Forum:** Sue Mazzola (3440 Boston Road) pointed out that *Homes not Highways* were in attendance at every Council Meeting. She wanted to thank everyone again for their continued support to stop the interchange. Ms. Mazzola informed that *Homes not Highways* continues to combat the interchange as a group and spread the word further into Strongsville. Additionally, the group attends Strongsville's Council Meetings and asks what their plans are.

Shrea Kellums (3450 Boston Road) thanked everyone for their support. She declared that the group attended all of Strongsville's meetings, and she was very proud of what her group had accomplished.

**Unfinished Business:** Mr. Hanek reported that he had received calls from residents concerning solicitors. He explained that solicitors must have a license through the City of Brunswick and be able to show the permit. City Manager Carl DeForest informed that if a solicitor is unable to provide a permit, residents can contact the Division of Police at their non-emergency number (330) 225-9111 and provide their location, call back number, and a description of the solicitor. Permits are issued through the City Manager's Office and are valid for 90 days. Solicitor permits are listed on the City's website. Solicitors without a permit are subject to 4th-degree misdemeanor charges and may be brought before Mayor's Court.

Mr. Delsanter thanked the *Homes not Highways* group for their support. He pointed out that their attendance at Strongsville's Council Meetings has a great impact. He expressed that they are part of a unit that will continue to combat the interchange.

**New Business:**

Consideration of a new liquor permit request from First Watch Restaurants Inc. located at 3404 Center Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212:

There were no objections from the administration.

**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 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura  
Clerk of Council

  
Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek

February 12, 2024

Adopted