

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 26, 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, Kristy Piper.

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

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

Correspondence There was none.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 12, 2024. Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 12, 2024, as written, seconded by Brandon Lambert.

Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

Proclamation in recognition of Old World Deli's 25th Anniversary:

Mayor Falconi presented a proclamation to Old World Deli in recognition of their 25th Anniversary in the City of Brunswick.

Motion to approve Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Clifford Nowak to the Juvenile Diversion Board:

Joseph Delsanter moved to reappoint Clifford Nowak to the Juvenile Diversion Board, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Clerk of Council's Report Mrs. Timura had no formal reports this evening.

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 February 12, 2024:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated February 12, 2024, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Finance Committee Minutes dated February 12, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Finance Committee Minutes dated February 12, 2024, as written, seconded by Michael Abella Jr. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Kuczma had no formal reports this evening.

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

Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes dated February 12, 2024:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes dated February 12, 2024, as written, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, 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 February 12, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated February 12, 2024, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, 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)

ORD. NO. 9-2024 - An emergency ordinance extending a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for zoning, occupancy and/or building permit approvals for establishments that intend to engage in retail sales and/or distribution of tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products and/or electronic smoking devices in all zoning districts of the City and the issuance of such approvals. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to third reading.

RES. NO. 10-2024 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a five (5) year agreement (with renewal options of up to four (4) years) with Kimble Recycling & Disposal, Inc. for the collection and disposal of residential solid waste and recycling. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to third reading.

ORD. NO. 20-2024 - An ordinance repealing and replacing Section 636.19 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances. - **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*) :

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 23-2024 - 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 Pumpkin Ridge Park in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Parks, Recreation & Community Committee, *Administration/Taylor Petkovsek*):

Mrs. Piper moved this resolution to second reading.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest informed that residents are receiving emails and texts from scammers indicating that they have warrants for their arrest. These messages are reported to be coming from Lima, Ohio. The scammers encourage people to not check with their local Police Department and to get money from the bank to buy gift cards. No Police Department within the United States will accept gift cards for bonds.

On March 10, to coincide with the time change, residents are encouraged to check their smoke detectors and replace the batteries. New smoke detectors can be obtained through the Division of Fire. There were four fires this year, which included two that did not have smoke detectors. The Division of Fire will supply free smoke detectors and install them with batteries. He reminded that the smoke detectors are not provided based on income.

Flags that are torn and tattered can be properly disposed of at City Hall in a collection box. They will be disposed of respectfully twice a year in a ceremony at the VFW on South Carpenter.

Open Forum Maggie Romano (260 Lyndover Way) announced that she is part of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student Visionaries of the Year program. She explained that it is a 7-week philanthropic leadership development program. The team plans community events, presents its mission to businesses, and meets with leaders in the community to work toward reaching the \$75,000 fundraising goal for blood cancer research. This program allows students to step outside their comfort zone and develop leadership and communication skills while working towards an important cause that affects people within their community.

Teddy Bickley (2826 Benjamin Drive) revealed that he is a co-candidate of their team, Brunswick for a Brighter Future. They are entering their sixth week of the campaign and are amazed by the support of the Brunswick community. He believes that their goal of \$75,000 is within reach. They need to receive additional support from the business leaders within the community to reach the next level.

Unfinished Business Mr. Hanek noted that representatives from *Homes not Highways* were present at the Council Meeting. He went on to compliment the Brunswick High School students for stepping up and showing leadership in the community. He was proud of their excellent speaking skills and saw them as future leaders within the community.

New Business Mr. Lambert complimented the Brunswick High School students on their fantastic public speaking skills. He also acknowledged the *Homes not Highways* group and explained that Council and the Administration are still working on the interstate issue. Mr. Lambert informed that an impromptu town hall meeting was held online which involved numerous Brunswick residents over a two-hour period in which illuminating and amazing feedback was received.

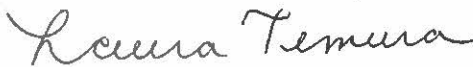
Mr. Delsanter told the students that they were the future and gave him hope. He relayed that his brother was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 3. He remembers the pain his parents endured, the lack of support, and the sporadic research that was available. Thankfully, his brother was able to receive experimental and unique treatments that were successful. Mr. Delsanter commented that he was proud of the students and would post information on his Facebook page.

Mrs. Piper stated that the students showed the journey of a Blue Devil with their communication competency. She noted that Brunswick schools concentrate on developing these skills and believe in children becoming valuable community members.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

March 11, 2024

Adopted