

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, May 13, 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 April 22, 2024. Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 22, 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.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor's Court Financial Report for the month ending, April 2024 will be posted on the website and added to the minutes for the record.

Proclamation in recognition of Gold Award recipient Jodie Hellickson:

Mayor Falconi presented a proclamation to Jodie Hellickson to recognize her completion of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Proclamation in recognition of Eagle Scout Austin Kennedy:

Boy Scout Austin Kennedy was presented with a proclamation in recognition of his achievement of the Eagle Scout rank.

Proclamation in recognition of Safety Month:

Chief Building Inspector James Urankar announced that May is Safety Month. This month recognizes the importance of building safety and celebrates the individuals and organizations dedicated to upholding the highest standards of safety throughout the entire community. He expressed gratitude to all those who contributed to making the City a safe place to live, work, and thrive. Mayor Falconi then presented a proclamation recognizing May as Safety Month.

Proclamation in recognition of Buddy Poppy Days:

A representative from the Veterans of Foreign Wars stated that the Buddy Poppy Drive will be held on May 24 and 25 at Giant Eagle and Drug Mart on Route 303. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support fallen veterans and their families. Mayor Falconi then presented a proclamation in recognition of Buddy Poppy Days.

Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Hope Zakany and Jesse Knight to the Juvenile Diversion Board:

If anyone on Council has questions regarding these recommendations, they should contact the Mayor.

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 April 22, 2024:

Brandon Lambert moved to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes dated April 22, 2024, 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.

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

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated April 22, 2024:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated April 22, 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.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Finance Committee Minutes dated April 22, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Finance Committee Minutes dated April 22, 2024, 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.

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

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated April 22, 2024:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated April 22, 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 April 22, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek move to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated April 22, 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.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation There were none.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd Reading(s)

2nd Reading(s)

ORD. NO. 37-2024 - An ordinance establishing Section 642.29 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances prohibiting camping upon public property. - **2nd Reading** (Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

Mr. Kuczma moved this ordinance to third reading.

RES. NO. 41-2024 - A resolution to provide for the allocation of permissive motor vehicle registration license tax receipts. - **2nd Reading** (Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved this resolution to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

ORD. NO. 46-2024 - An emergency ordinance extending a temporary moratorium on the issuance of building permits and/or certificates of occupancy for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable the cultivation, processing or retail sale of recreational marijuana to allow the City Administration, Council and Planning Commission an opportunity to review applicable law and to consider possible amendments to the Brunswick Zoning Code. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

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 Ordinance Number 46-2024, 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.

RES. NO. 47-2024 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Designing Local, LTD for the preparation of a Parks & Recreation Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$79,700.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Parks, Recreation & Community Committee, *Administration/Carl DeForest and Taylor Petkovsek*):

Kristy Piper 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.

Kristy Piper moved to adopt Resolution Number 47-2024, 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. 48-2024 - An emergency ordinance authorizing and adopting the proposed tax budget for the City of Brunswick, Ohio for the year beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 49-2024 - An emergency ordinance to transfer and advance funds. - **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 Ordinance Number 49-2024, 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. 50-2024 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Roetzel Consulting Solutions for the preparation of a Planning & Zoning Code update in an amount not to exceed \$98,600.00 - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Joseph Delsanter 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.

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Resolution Number 50-2024, seconded by Tim Smith. Mr. Delsanter stated that this money would be well spent. The Code has outdated language that requires updating periodically. 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. 51-2024 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Engineer to submit a Program Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant application for the Randall-Sheri-Rose Improvement Project. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Matt Jones*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 51-2024, 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.

RES. NO. 52-2024 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Medina County Commissioners and Specialized Construction, Inc. for the construction of the McKinley-Garfield Resurfacing Project in an amount not to exceed \$119,650.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Matt Jones*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 52-2024, 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.

RES. NO. 53-2024 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Marks Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Plum Creek Greenway Phase 3 Project in an amount not to exceed \$962,758.25. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Matt Jones*):

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 53-20024, 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.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest relayed that there will be a Memorial Day ceremony and parade at Brunswick Middle School commencing at 9 a.m. on May 27. Those wishing to get involved can contact Pat Finn (216) 272-4361.

The Fishing Derby has been rescheduled due to the weather. Members of the Rotary Club were at Brunswick Lake to gather trash. Seven trash bags were filled with the majority of the trash from the shoreline.

Mr. DeForest offered his thoughts and prayers to the family of Euclid Police Officer Jacob Derbin who was murdered in the line of duty at the age of 23. He was an army veteran. The City will fly flags at half-staff until his funeral on Saturday.

Open Forum James Evanoff (3649 Ascot Drive) encouraged the City to continue to combat the interchange on Boston Road. He offered his support to stop the interchange which is bad for the City.

Sherri Hamm (15728 Boston Road) thanked everyone who testified in Columbus. She pointed out that neither the Mayor of Strongsville nor the Ward Councilman had contacted her regarding the interchange and the potential loss of her home. She thanked Brunswick City Council for supporting Strongsville residents who would be affected by the proposed interchange.

Unfinished Business Mr. Smith informed that the Fishing Derby was postponed to Saturday, May 18, due to the rain. The event is sponsored by the Brunswick Optimist Club and there are many prizes that will be given. The Fishing Derby will run from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Those who are 16 years of age and younger are encouraged to participate.

Mr. Hanek revealed that Resolution Number 53-2024 pertained to funding Phase 3 of the Plum Creek Greenway. He explained that this phase will extend the current Plum Creek trail from Laurel Road up into Brunswick Lake. This project has been ongoing for several years with a lot of effort from community partners, the administration, Medina County Parks District, Brunswick City Schools, Grace Baptist Church, Home Owner's Associations, and members of the community. They all collaborated to build a tremendous community resource. Mr. Hanek relayed that he is excited to see this huge project come to fruition for the City. He expressed that he was proud and honored to be a part of the project.

New Business There was none.

Adjournment Joseph Delsanter moved to adjourn, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

May 20, 2024
Adopted