

# CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, May 20, 2024

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance** The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Mayor Ron Falconi at 7:03 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

**Roll Call of Members showed the following Council Members present:** 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.

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

**Correspondence** There was none.

**Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 13, 2024.** Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 13, 2024, as written, seconded by Michael Abella Jr. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

### **Mayor's Report:**

*Proclamation in recognition of Youth Virtues, Valor, and Vision Award recipient Collin Grossenbaugh:*

Mayor Falconi presented a proclamation to Collin Grossenbaugh in recognition of his achievement and for exemplifying discipleship in service to others.

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

Joseph Delsanter moved to reappoint Hope Zakany and Jessie Knight to the Juvenile Diversion Board, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

### **Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Falconi revealed that he received a letter along with a City of Brunswick commemorative plate from Bridget Rohde in Steubenville, Ohio. She had discovered the plate while cleaning out her mother-in-law's home. He then read the letter he had sent to her.

**Clerk of Council's Report** Clerk of Council Laura Timura stated there would not be a May 27, 2024, Council Meeting due to Memorial Day.

### **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 May 13, 2024:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated May 13, 2024, as written, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, 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 May 13, 2024:

Michael Abella Jr. moved to approve the Finance Committee Minutes dated May 13, 2024, as written, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, 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 May 13, 2024:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes dated May 13, 2024, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated May 13, 2024:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated May 13, 2024, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, 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 May 13, 2024:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated May 13, 2024, as written, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, 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)**

**ORD. NO. 37-2024** - An ordinance establishing Section 642.29 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances prohibiting camping upon public property. - **3rd Reading** (Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Ordinance Number 37-2024, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**RES. NO. 41-2024** - A resolution to provide for the allocation of permissive motor vehicle registration license tax receipts. - **3rd Reading** (Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Michael Abella Jr. moved to adopt Resolution Number 41-2024, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**2nd Reading(s)**

**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. - **2nd Reading** (Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Michael Abella Jr. moved this ordinance to third reading.

**1st Reading(s)**

**RES. NO. 54-2024** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a partnership agreement with the City of Medina for application for the Program Year 2024 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Grant. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Economic Development Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

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

Brandon Lambert moved to adopt Resolution Number 54-2024, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**ORD. NO. 55-2024** - An emergency ordinance approving the plan of operation and governance for the NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing a gas aggregation program as a NOPEC member. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Joseph Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.

**ORD. NO. 56-2024** - An emergency ordinance authorizing the City Manager to take all actions necessary to establish an Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4929.27(A)(1), jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Joseph Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.



**ORD. NO. 57-2024** - 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*):

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

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Ordinance Number 57-2024, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**ORD. NO. 58-2024** - An emergency ordinance amending Chapter 624 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Safran*):

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

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Ordinance Number 58-2024, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**RES. NO. 59-2024** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager and Finance Director to enter into Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment No. 1 with RFC Contracting, LLC. for specified sitework, concrete, asphalt, pre-purchased equipment and fire hydrant/waterline assembly for the new fire station headquarters project in an amount not to exceed \$2,345,908.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Greg Glauner*):

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

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 59-2024, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**City Manager's Report** Mr. DeForest announced that a Memorial Day program would be held at 9 a.m. on May 27 at Brunswick Middle School. City Hall and the Recreation Center will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

**Open Forum** There was none.

**Unfinished Business** Mr. Smith reported that the Optimist Club had a very successful Fishing Derby at Brunswick Lake. Some children caught one or two fish and others over ten fish. The weather was beautiful and approximately \$200 worth of prizes were given to the participants.

**New Business** There was none.

**Adjournment** Joseph Delsanter moved to adjourn seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, 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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor Ron Falconi

June 10, 2024

Adopted