

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, June 10, 2024

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Mayor Ron Falconi at 7:04 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.

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

Correspondence Mrs. Timura noted that correspondence was received from Cindy Wargo and would be available as part of the record.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2024. Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2024, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor's Court Financial Report for the month ending May 2024 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:

Economic Development Committee Minutes dated May 20, 2024:

Brandon Lambert moved to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes dated May 20, 2024, as written, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Smith had no formal reports this evening.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Mr. Hanek had no formal reports this evening.

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

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated May 20, 2024:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated May 20, 2024, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Delsanter had no formal reports this evening.

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

Mr. Kuczma noted on behalf of Mrs. Piper that there were 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 May 20, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated May 20, 2024, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith. 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. 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. - **3rd Reading** (Finance Committee, Administration/Todd Fischer):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 48-2024, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call – Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

2nd Reading(s)

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. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to third 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. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 60-2024 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase replacement Mobile Data Terminals and mounting hardware for Division of Police vehicles from Baycom Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$112,140.00. – **1st Reading** (Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Marok*):

Mr. Kuczma moved this resolution to second reading.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest reminded that Friday, June 14, will be Flag Day and the Army's Birthday. In commemoration of Flag Day, the VFW, American Legion, and Saint Ambrose Parish will host a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, June 15 at 6 p.m. The local Boy Scouts will be involved in the ceremony. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Secondly, he noted that the City's fireworks would occur on the evening of July 3 and would be shot off behind the current high school. The rain date will be July 5.

Open Forum Cindy Wargo (4195 Arlington Drive) referenced her letter outlining why the SPD-9 should not be approved until it is heavily modified. She explained that the density of residential units should be reduced and the commercial and green space increased. She revealed that prime commercial property was being converted to residential at a busy intersection. She felt that this would create a traffic and safety nightmare. Ms. Wargo went on to say that opportunities for enhancing the community with better shopping and sit-down restaurants would slip away. Ms. Wargo detailed the problems with the proposed plan.

She mentioned that the objective of an SPD was to allow the City to have more control. From her perspective, it did not appear the City was exerting that control. The density of units on the site was the problem. Ms. Wargo announced that the City was appeasing the developers to maximize revenue at the expense of the existing residents' quality of life.

She felt updating the Code was essential, particularly as it related to SPDs. Ms. Wargo continued that once a project gets to the point where public input is allowed, it is too far along to make any major changes. She expressed concern for the protection of the natural areas on the SPD site. Ms. Wargo relayed that the SPDs were used for spot zoning. She closed with a request that the City take a deeper dive into the SPD-9 and work toward reducing the density as well as creating a more formal process for public input.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business Mr. Kuczma informed that there will be a series of Summer concerts at the Recreation Center with the first concert occurring before the fireworks. The first concert will be performed by Funkology. Concerts will occur over the course of six weeks on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. The concerts are free and everyone is encouraged to attend and bring their lawn chairs. If it rains, concerts will be performed inside the Recreation Center.

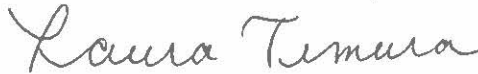
Mr. Smith noted that there will also be a parade. The Slo Roll through Bike Medina County started at Brunswick Lake and went through the development to Mooney Park, Plum Creek, and over to Laurel. The participants were impressed with the bike trail. It was an 8.5-mile ride.

Mr. Lambert thanked Ms. Wargo and *Homes not Highways* for their community involvement. He declared that it is so important that those who are passionate about something happening in the City attend the Council Meetings or reach out directly to their Councilperson. He informed that complaining on social media did not solve problems. Members of the community were encouraged to be active, involved, and participate.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

June 24, 2024

Adopted