

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, December 16, 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

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 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.

Mayor's Report:

Proclamation in recognition of Ohio Athlete Representative Seth Greenfelder:

Mayor Falconi congratulated Seth Greenfelder for all that he had done for both the City and the Special Olympics. A proclamation was presented to honor Mr. Greenfelder's numerous accomplishments.

Proclamation commending John and Kristin Puro:

A proclamation was presented to recognize John Puro for delivering Santa's letters and Kristin Puro for responding to them. Ms. Puro relayed that she has responded to Santa's letters for the past 5 or 6 years for children who reside in Brunswick.

Clerk of Council's Report Mrs. Timura announced that the next Council Meeting would be on January 13, 2025. She then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 December 9, 2024:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated December 9, 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 Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 2024:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 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.

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 Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 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)

RES. NO. 99-2024 - An emergency resolution permitting the City Administration to sell, through public internet auctions, personal property, including motor vehicles acquired for the use of municipal officers and departments, and road machinery, equipment, tools, or supplies, which are not needed for public use, or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, for the year 2025. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 99-2024, 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.

ORD. NO. 100-2024- 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. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 100-2024, 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.

RES. NO. 101-2024 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a five (5) year agreement with Breezeline for the provision of internet services in an amount not to exceed submitted quote prices. –

3rd Reading (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Rob Marok*):

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 101-2024, 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.

2nd Reading(s)

1st Reading(s)

ORD. NO. 109-2024 - An ordinance approving the final plat for the Carpenter Glen Development, subject to final engineering approval and any other conditions imposed by Council. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 110-2024 - An emergency ordinance amending Ordinance No. 83-2024 by authorizing the City Manager to forward a petition to conform boundaries to the Medina County Commissioner's Office for the purpose of adjusting the City boundary lines to include an annexation into the City of Brunswick of PPNs 003-18A-04-245 and 003-18A-04-246 (formerly identified as PPNs 001-02A-21-008 and 001-02A-21-009). - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

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 110-2024, 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. 111-2024 - An emergency resolution ratifying the actions of the City Manager in executing an agreement with the Medina County Transportation Improvement District allowing the City of Brunswick to receive grant funds in an amount up to \$500,000.00 for the North Industrial Parkway Improvements Reconstruction Project. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Jenny Zoldak*):

Tim Smith 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.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 111-2024, 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 wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2025.

Open Forum James Evanoff (3649 Ascot Drive) declared that Am. Senate Bill 155 will die in the Ohio Assembly, causing the City and residents to have to restart their efforts in the coming year. Mr. Evanoff voiced that he would continue to fight to oppose the freeway. He felt that if this law stood, other cities would try to force an interchange on surrounding communities.

Unfinished Business Mr. Lambert felt that political favors were being exchanged in Columbus. The City would continue to fight behind Councilman Hanek's strong leadership. He stated Mr. Hanek was involved and engaged with people in Columbus daily. Mr. Lambert and other members of the Council would continue to go to Columbus to continue the fight. They would not back down and they would win. It would just take more time than expected.

Mr. Hanek announced that Council and the City would not stop fighting the interchange as it is important for the future of the City. The bill passed the Ohio Senate, it passed the Committee in the Ohio House and is being held up unilaterally by the Speaker of the Ohio House. He asked that the Speaker of the House seize the opportunity to do a good, unequivocal thing to stop the heartbreak of what happens when people lose their homes. His plea was that the Speaker would have a heart and recognize that not passing this bill would be a mistake. He concluded that the City would never stop fighting and would eventually win. He felt this was an obstacle, but it was not the end.

Mr. Delsanter noted that Speaker of the House, Jason Stephens, supported his benefactor, Representative Tom Patton. Mr. Delsanter revealed the Speaker had no quantifiable reason to do this other than the fact that one person requested him to. Mr. Delsanter felt that these two individuals were causing pain to thousands of people with no justifiable goal on the other end. He explained that every study conducted for the project revealed that it is not a fit for where it is and it creates a hardship and negative impact for all stakeholders along the corridor. He thanked everyone in attendance who continued to fight and hoped they would enjoy the holidays despite this.

New Business Mr. Smith cited that he enjoyed residents' creative Christmas decorations, including the City's snowflakes. He wished everyone a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Falconi thanked *Homes not Highways* for all their work over the past year. He agreed that the City would continue to fight and would win. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy 2025 on behalf of his wife, Jenny, and his children.

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek 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 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

January 13, 2025

Adopted