

## **CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO**

### **MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

**Monday, January 13, 2025**

**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, 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.

Nicholas Hanek moved to excuse Brandon Lambert for just cause, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, 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**

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2024, as written, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

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

The Mayor recommended the reappointment of Abbas Hasan to the Planning Commission and the reappointment of Lisa Jackson-Clements to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

He also recommended the appointment of Jake Altman, Denise Arnaud, Frank Chestney, Daniel Langshaw, Robert McCain, and Barbara Rocha to the Charter Review Commission.

Mayor Falconi declared that if anyone on Council had questions regarding these recommendations, they should contact him.

Motion to approve Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Lisa Jackson-Clements and Stanley Socha to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund retroactive to January 1, 2025.:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Lisa Jackson-Clements and Stanley Socha to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Funds, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Joseph Delsanter extended a thank you to Lisa Jackson-Clements and Stanley Socha for their contributions to the City. Mayor Falconi agreed that their commitment was commendable and they are outstanding community members. Tim Smith noted that it was great to have people with experience serving.

**Clerk of Council's Report** Laura Timura had no report this evening.

**Council Committee Reports:**

*Economic Development Committee*.....Mr. Lambert:

Mr. Hanek noted that there was no formal report this evening.

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

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2024:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated December 16, 2024, as written, seconded by Michael Abella Jr. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, 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:

Mr. Kuczma had no formal reports this evening.

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

Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2024:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2024, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, 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 Meeting Minutes dated December 2, 2024, and December 16, 2024:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated December 2, 2024, and December 16, 2024, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**Petitions from the Public on Legislation** Linda Hudson (314 Pearl Road) noted that she testified at a hearing of the Medina County Commissioners regarding the annexation of a property at Woodard and Kimmich. At the meeting, it was questioned who takes care of the roads in that area. Those in attendance were under the impression that the County took care of that property. She clarified that Brunswick Hills Township cares for

this property. She noted that if this property is annexed to the City it would likely become the City's responsibility. Ms. Hudson explained that she sits on the Planning Committee which will update the township's Comprehensive Plan. She relayed that the annexations are taking place very quickly and changing hands faster than the township can keep up with it. The trustees claim they do not know which properties have been annexed. She asked who would take care of the roads and was it the township's responsibility.

**Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:**

**3rd Reading(s)**

**2nd 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. - **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

**1st Reading(s)**

**RES. NO. 1-2025** - An emergency resolution accepting the petition for annexation of a 22.0536± acre property (identified as PPN 001-02A-25-001) located on Woodward Avenue known as being part of Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick, Medina County, Ohio. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

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

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 1-2025, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**ORD. NO. 2-2025** - An ordinance establishing the Mapleside Special Planning District No. 10 Conceptual Development Plan and amending the Zoning Map by designating PPNs 003-18A-13-001, 003-18A-13-002, 003-18A-13-003, 003-18A-13-006, 003-18A-13-009, 003-18A-15-008, 003-18A-49-004 and 003-18A-49-005 located on Pearl Road and Boston Road consisting of approximately 110.7838 total acres as SPD-10. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.

**RES. NO. 3 -2025** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase three (3) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles and one (1) 2025 Ford Escape with police equipment installed for the Division of Police from Montrose Ford in an amount not to exceed \$233,000.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Safran*):

Mr. Kuczma moved this resolution to second reading.

**RES. NO. 4-2025** - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Service Agreement with Flock Safety for the provision of (10) ten safety cameras in the City in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Safran*):

Mr. Kuczma moved this resolution to second reading.

**RES. NO. 5-2025** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a new 8-ton dump body with snow and ice equipment package from Henderson Products for the Service Department in an

amount not to exceed \$112,977.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

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

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 5-2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**RES NO. 6-2025** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a new 2025 Ford F250 4X4 Super Duty for the Parks Department from Montrose Ford in an amount not to exceed \$48,071.80. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Parks, Recreation & Community Committee, *Administration/Taylor Petkovsek*):

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

Kristy Piper moved to adopt Resolution Number 6-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**City Manager's Report** Mr. DeForest announced that the Parks Master Plan update would be provided to City Council on January 27. There would be a question-and-answer portion of the meeting that would last approximately 30 minutes. The plan will include an update on what will happen with the parks over the next several years and will be published immediately after the meeting.

He relayed that North Park dredging started on approximately January 6. There was a delay due to EPA agreements. The sediment from the lake will be hauled to a piece of property on North Carpenter that is owned by the City. The wetlands area inhibits the City's ability to rebuild the snow hill. This process will take approximately 60 days and after that time, the lake will begin to be refilled.

Mr. DeForest reminded residents not to push snow into the streets. The City prefers that the snow be placed on the tree lawn, so you do not create a nuisance for your neighbors and motor vehicles. Fire hydrants need to remain clear. He added that registered snowplow operators can be found on the City's website at [www.brunswick.oh.us](http://www.brunswick.oh.us). Some may provide veteran or senior discounts.

Smoke detectors can be obtained by calling Station #1 at 330-273-8046. The station will provide 2 smoke detectors with batteries and install them. There were 3 devastating fires last year and the City would like to provide smoke detectors to those who need them. There is paperwork that must be completed, but no charge to the resident.

**Open Forum** Linda Hudson (314 Pearl Road) she explained that she is on the Comprehensive Steering Committee for Brunswick Hills Township. This committee is responsible for updating the Brunswick Hills Comprehensive Plan. She mentioned that they have a new Zoning Inspector and new members of the Zoning Commission. Ms. Hudson disclosed that annexation information that goes directly to the trustees, may or may not get to the appropriate individuals. She hoped to open a line of communication between the City and the Zoning Commission Chair. Ms. Hudson applauded the Planning Commission that worked on the Mapleside Farms project. Route 42 is the gateway between both communities. She noted that some of the lots in Mapleside are in Brunswick Hills and the majority are in the City of Brunswick. She felt that the plans for both communities should have continuity. Ms. Hudson announced that no communications were sent to the trustees or the Zoning Commission for Brunswick Hills. Ms. Hudson voiced that she only wants to plan for a future with continuity in this effort. She asked how can a line of communication be opened with

Brunswick if information is unable to be exchanged in a timely manner. She then asked how planning could be done if we are unable to work together to move toward a Comprehensive Plan that offers our businesses and potential investors the opportunity to succeed in our communities. Both Brunswick Hills and the City need to offer a clear a concise path to them. Ms. Hudson concluded that it was her hope to generate conversation between the two communities to help build a better future for the greater good.

**Unfinished Business** Mr. Hanek responded that a Comprehensive Plan update was conducted in 2022 which did include members of Brunswick Hills and neighboring communities. The City has reached out and had those conversations. He recommended that Ms. Hudson review the City's Comprehensive Plan. It involved a substantial amount of time, effort, and thought into the Pearl Road corridor. The document is available on the City's website.

Mr. Delsanter added that a working model for townships to refer to would include Montville Township and the City of Medina. He remarked that the corridor that Ms. Hudson spoke of is a life-blood-changing place within this region which means a lot economically. Businesses that draw in outside dollars will allow the City to be recognized as a destination.

**New Business** Mrs. Piper reminded that January is Pack the Food Pantry Month. She notified residents that donation bins are located in the City Hall lobby. The Recreation Center will be having a pool party on Monday, January 20 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mrs. Piper will be the D.J. for the party and refreshments will be provided. The band Funkology will be holding a disco party on February 16.

Mr. Smith asked to be involved in the selection of fish for North Park. He informed that he is involved with the Fishing Derby through the Optimist Club. He added that the City can provide a lock box for residents' houses that contain the key to their front door. This will allow the police access in the event of an emergency and prevent the probability of the door needing to be knocked down. Mr. DeForest added that those interested in obtaining a lock box can contact Station #1. This would be a service best for people who have limited mobility and are unable to answer the door.

**Adjournment** Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, 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

January 27, 2025

Adopted