

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 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, 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 January 27, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 27, 2025, 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:

Mayor's Court Financial Report for the month ending January 2025 will be posted on the website and added to the minutes for the record.

Mayor Falconi recommended the appointment of James Evanoff Jr. to the Financial Audit, Review & Advisory Committee and to the Medina County Community Improvement Board to fulfill a three-year term expiring March 7, 2028. He also recommended the reappointment of Nancy Zelei and Carl DeForest to the Medina County Community Improvement Board to fulfill a three-year term expiring March 7, 2028.

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

Motion to appoint Michael Sinclair to the Charter Review Commission:

Joseph Delsanter moved to appoint Michael Sinclair to the Charter Review Commission, 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.

Motion to reappoint Abbas Hasan to the Planning Commission retroactive to January 25, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to reappoint Abbas Hasan to the Planning Commission retroactive to January 25, 2025, 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.

Motion to reappoint Lisa Jackson-Clements to the Board of Zoning Appeals retroactive to January 25, 2025:

Tim Smith moved to reappoint Lisa Jackson-Clements to the Board of Zoning Appeals retroactive to January 25, 2025, 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.

Clerk of Council's Report Mrs. Timura announced that there will be a Charter Review Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caucus Room.

Council Committee Reports:

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

Mr. Lambert had no formal reports this evening.

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:

Mr. Kuczma had no formal reports this evening.

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 January 27, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated January 27, 2025, 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)

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. - **3rd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, Administration/Grant Aungst):

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Ordinance Number 2-2025, seconded by Nicholas Hanek.

Mr. Delsanter noted the importance of investments such as this in the community. He felt it created an element of change that was relatively positive and exciting for the community. The community owed the Clements family a thank you for keeping their invested goodness in the community.

Mr. Smith mentioned that Greg Clements was an inventive and innovative person in the City. He revealed that members of the community have asked him about Pearl Road and its development. Mr. Smith noted that Greg Clements was a resident of the City his entire life and decided to purchase and develop this property to keep it alive and growing. His new innovative ideas will go well into the future and help keep Brunswick on the map.

Mr. Lambert revealed that he was involved in many of the planning meetings with Mr. Clements and admitted it was an exercise in patience. Mr. Lambert stated that it was important that the City embrace the right projects and this was the right project. He thanked Mr. Clements for being a good partner in working with the City.

Mayor Falconi echoed his thanks to Greg Clements, his family, and his team.

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. 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. - **3rd Reading** (Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Safran*):

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 3-2025, 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.

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. - **3rd Reading** (Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Safran*):

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 4-2025, 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)

RES. NO. 7-2025 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to accept the 2025 Energized Community Grant from NOPEC in the amount of \$82,202.00. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

ORD. NO. 12-2025 - An ordinance establishing the New Brunswick Development Special Planning District No. 9 Conceptual Development Plan and amending the Zoning Map by designating PPNs 003-18C-02-072, 003-18C-02-081, 003-18C-02-082, 003-18C-02-089, 003-18C-02-011, and 003-18C-02-108 consisting of approximately 28.2141 total acres as SPD-9. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 13-2025 - An ordinance amending Section 1280.01(h) of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances by prohibiting adult use marijuana cultivators and retail dispensaries in the city. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading and referred back to Planning Commission for review.

ORD. NO. 14-2025 - An ordinance amending Section 1266.04(g) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brunswick by including adult use marijuana processors as a conditionally permitted use in the I-L Light Industrial District. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading and referred back to Planning Commission for review.

ORD. NO. 15-2025 - An ordinance accepting the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 52 (Division of Finance, Parks and Recreation, Permits and Inspections and Clerical Employees of the Division of Fire) for a period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 16-2025 - An ordinance accepting the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 52 (Division of Streets) for a period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 17-2025 - An ordinance accepting the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters Local 3568 for a period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 18-2025 - An ordinance accepting the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #15 (Communication Specialists) for a period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 19-2025 - An ordinance accepting the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #15 (Patrol Officers) for a period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 20-2025 - An ordinance accepting the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #15 (Sergeants) for a period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

RES. NO. 21-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase six (6) sets of firefighter turnout gear from Phoenix Safety Outfitters for the Division of Fire in an amount not to exceed \$35,000. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Greg Glauner*):

Keith Kuczma 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.

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 21-2025, 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.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest relayed that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that was discussed with Council on January 27 was published to the City's website. If anyone has questions, they can contact either City Manager, Carl DeForest or Parks and Recreation Director, Taylor Petkovsek. He reminded that City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17 to commemorate President's Day. Lastly, he congratulated Greg Clements and SPD-10.

Open Forum There was none.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business Mr. Smith wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day including his sweet valentine of 55 years.

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

February 24, 2025

Adopted