

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

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

Correspondence Correspondence from Lucas Merkel was read relaying his opposition to the \$75 per hour fee for certain public records requests. He noted that transparency and accountability should outweigh cost concerns and that the fee would place an unnecessary burden that hinders public trust.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

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

Presentation of Arrow of Light Certificates to Cub Scout Pack 3517:

Mayor Falconi presented Arrow of Light certificates to scouts in Pack 3517.

Motion to reappoint Stanley Socha and Vincent Carl to the Board of Zoning Appeals:

Nicholas Hanek moved to reappoint Stanley Socha and Vincent Carl to the Board of Zoning Appeals, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Motion to appoint Nate Witsaman to the Financial Audit, Review & Advisory Committee:

Joseph Delsanter moved to appoint Nate Witsaman to the Financial Audit, Review & Advisory Committee, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Council Committee Reports:

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

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025:

Brandon Lambert moved to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. 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:

Mr. Kuczma had no formal reports this evening.

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

Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, 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 February 24, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation James Evanoff (3649 Ascot Drive) spoke in opposition of Ordinance Number 27-2025. Mr. Evanoff asked on average, how many requests from residents are there for body and dash cam footage involving individual instances. He also inquired how many man hours are spent processing these requests. Mr. Evanoff surmised that if a full-time employee spent 40 hours a week processing public records requests, \$156,000 would be generated as the legislation is currently written. He felt that on a state level legislation was passed to make it harder for citizens to access records. He cited examples of instances where citizens may need to view body cam footage and reiterated that police transparency is important. He concluded that access to body cam footage will increase transparency and help people believe in the integrity of the Police Department.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

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

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Ordinance Number 12-2025, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 4, Nicholas Hanek, Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 2, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Abella. Motion Carried.

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. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, Administration/Carl DeForest):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 15-2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, Administration/Carl DeForest):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 16-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, Administration/Carl DeForest):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 17-2025, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 18-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 19-2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 20-2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

2nd Reading(s)

ORD. NO. 22-2025 - An ordinance rezoning the northerly portion of the 0.8183-acre parcel of real property located at 3695 Center Road and further identified as PPN 003-18B-44-118 from the R-L Low Density Residential District to the C-G General Commercial District. - **2nd Reading** (Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to third reading.

ORD. NO. 23-2025 - An ordinance 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 PPN 003-18A-07-159. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

Nicholas Hanek moved this ordinance to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 25-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Opioid Settlement Fund Disbursement Agreement with Hope Recovery Community, Inc. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

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

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 25-2025, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 26-2025 - An emergency ordinance amending Section 222.04 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Kuczma moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 27-2025 - An emergency ordinance adopting the updated City of Brunswick Public Records Policy. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Kuczma moved this ordinance to second reading.

RES. NO. 28-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a 2025 Ford F-250 with emergency response equipment installed for the Division of Fire from Montrose Auto Group in an amount not to exceed \$67,702.15. - **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 - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 28-2025, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 29-2025 - An emergency ordinance amending ordinances #104-2024 and #8-2025 to include amendments to the Appropriation Budget for the year ending December 31, 2025, as incorporated in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

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

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 29-2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest announced that North Park had reopened. Work will done on the driveway and parking lot in the coming weeks. He relayed that in the coming months the fish will be restocked and it will take two to three years before it is completely restocked.

The Tax Office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on a first come, first served, basis. Additionally, they will be open on Saturday, April 5 and Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. Mr. DeForest explained that if residents bring in their information, the Tax Office will complete their taxes while they wait. This service is offered at City Hall located at 4095 Center Road.

The City will be participating in a statewide tornado drill through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. This will occur on Wednesday, March 19, at 9:50 a.m.

Open Forum David Kelland (306 Starview Drive) remarked that two years ago part of Starview Drive was resurfaced. However, the remainder of the road has not been resurfaced. Mr. Kelland asked when the other portion would be addressed. He also brought up concerns regarding flooding. He explained that a 4-foot-wide stream was excavated from the storm drain off of Bruce, and it seems to be working okay. On the east side of Starview Drive, the stream was restructured. However, when the water builds up there is flooding. He asked if the City considered a retention area at the end of Venus for the two major storm drains to tie into.

Mr. DeForest divulged that the City set aside 1.5 million dollars 2 1/2 years ago, because they were given a federal grant. The City is still waiting to receive those funds. The property was purchased with the intent of increasing the capacity in that area.

David Shaw (3596 Applehill Court) announced that he resided in the Old Mill Village subdivision. He relayed that he and his wife have lived in that area since 1987. Mr. Shaw informed that the area behind him was all woods with a ravine that ran all the way down to the high school and garage. The deer population was causing a nuisance to the residents in the area by eating vegetation. Mr. Shaw provided a handout with information on Medina's deer hunting program that allowed thinning of the herd through the bow hunting of white-tailed deer. Pictures of the deer in Mr. Shaw's yard was included in his handout.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business Mrs. Piper revealed that Brunswick for a Brighter Future raised \$168,000 and won first place for their area. She congratulated them on their efforts and the journey of a Blue Devil. She reminded that a pool party would be taking place on Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Funkology will be performing on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Mr. Delsanter noted that he has had conversations with Mike Kellums regarding herd management. He advised that before a constructive conversation regarding this matter can be started, the City would need to know how impactful that kind of solution has proven itself to be. Mr. Delsanter concluded that this type of decision would need to include DNR and the City's Animal Control Officer.

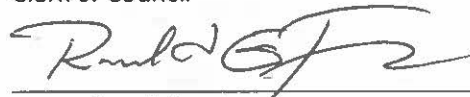
Adjournment Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

March 24, 2025

Adopted