

BRUNSWICK CITY COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

Agenda

MAY 19, 2025

6:30 PM

**or Immediately Following
Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee**

1. Discussion Items
 - (a) Kimble Representatives Frank Lauria and Gerry Helene
2. Motion Items
 - (a) A Motion approving the recommendation of the Review Committee to authorize the Recreation Center and Finance Departments to write-off bad debt owed by New Vision Assembly in the amount of \$1,000.00.
3. Review Legislation
 - (a) **RES. NO. 44-2025** - A resolution commending Assistant Fire Chief Russ Merhaut for his years of service to the City of Brunswick. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*)
4. General Discussion
5. Executive Session
6. Adjournment

PROPOSED MOTION



DATE: 5/19/2025

TO: Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek and Members of City Council

FROM: Carl S. DeForest, City Manager
Taylor Petkovsek

COPY: Mayor Ron Falconi

MOTION: A Motion approving the recommendation of the Review Committee to authorize the Recreation Center and Finance Departments to write-off bad debt owed by New Vision Assembly in the amount of \$1,000.00.

BACKGROUND: By Ordinance No. 61-15 Brunswick City Council established a standardized process of handling uncollectible accounts. The Review Committee met on May 12, 2025 to review the request of the outstanding account of New Vision Assembly from the Recreation Center. Numerous attempts to collect this debt have been made and it was determined that the claim is not collectible as of December 11, 2024. The Review Committee voted unanimously to write off this bad debt, and because the identified account is in the amount of \$1,000, exceeding the maximum, shall require additional Council approval by motion after recommendation of approval by the Review Committee.

PURPOSE AND EXPLANATION: It is requested that City Council approve this motion authorizing the Recreation Center and Finance Departments to proceed with the necessary steps to write off this bad debt.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE: As soon as allowed by law.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

PROPOSED LEGISLATION



DATE: 5/19/2025

TO: Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek and Members of City Council

FROM: Carl S. DeForest, City Manager
Nicholas Hanek

COPY: Mayor Ron Falconi

LEGISLATION: **RES. NO. 44-2025** - A resolution commending Assistant Fire Chief Russ Merhaut for his years of service to the City of Brunswick. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*)

BACKGROUND: Assistant Fire Chief Russ Merhaut will be retiring from the Division of Fire after almost 40 years of service.

PURPOSE AND EXPLANATION: Council would like to commend Russ Merhaut for his service to the City of Brunswick and extend their best wishes.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE: One reading.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

One Reading	Yes
Two Readings	No
Three Readings	No
Emergency	No
Suspension of Rules	No

If emergency or suspension of the rules, why the request?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:



CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 44-2025

By: Committee-of-the-Whole

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF RUSS MERHAUT FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK.

WHEREAS: Russ Merhaut has served the City of Brunswick and the Division of Fire with distinction for 39 years; and

WHEREAS: Russ Merhaut began his distinguished career in 1986 as a part-time firefighter, where he displayed his commitment and passion for public safety; and

WHEREAS: Russ Merhaut was appointed to full-time firefighter and paramedic in 1997; and

WHEREAS: Russ's skill and dedication earned him the promotion to Fire Lieutenant in 2003 where his integrity, service and excellence in leadership led to his promotion to the role of Assistant Fire Chief in 2021; and

WHEREAS: In 2008, Russ was nominated as Firefighter of the Year, a testament to his outstanding contributions.

SECTION 1: That the Brunswick City Council hereby honors Russ Merhaut for his distinguished tenure as Assistant Fire Chief, and thanks him for his dedication to public safety and serving the community.

SECTION 2: That City Council extends its best wishes to Russ and his family for happiness and fulfillment in his retirement.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading _____

ADOPTED: _____ AYES _____ NAYS _____

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council
Laura E. Timura, CMC