

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, May 12, 2025

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek 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: City Manager/Safety Director Carl DeForest, Law Director Dennis Nevar, Clerk of Council Laura Timura.

Joseph Delsanter moved to excuse Mayor Falconi 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.

Joseph Delsanter moved to excuse Tim Smith for just cause, 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.

Correspondence There was none.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2025:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2025, as written, 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.

Mayor's Report:

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

Jaxon Fronsee Eagle Scout Project Presentation - City Hall Flags:

Mr. Hanek informed that the flags would likely remain along the wall in Council Chambers. Jaxon Fronsee introduced himself as a 9th grade student at Brunswick High School and a member of Troop 518. For his Eagle Scout Project, he created two sets of military flags; one for City Hall and one for Brunswick High School. This would publicly honor veterans from all branches of the military. Each flag included engraved plaques with the names, ranks, and service years of local and national veterans. Mr. Hanek thanked him for the flags that would be a great addition to the community.

Motion to appoint Denise Arnaud to the Ethics Board:

Joseph Delsanter moved to appoint Denise Arnaud to the Ethics Board, 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:

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 April 28, 2025:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated April 28, 2025, as written, 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.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation James Evanoff (3649 Ascot Drive) spoke regarding Ordinance 41-2025, noting that Ohio Revised Code 4511.214 allows low-speed vehicles to be operated on streets and highways with speed limits of 35 mph and below. He relayed that the vehicles are inspected by the highway patrol and are required to have seat belts, lights, turn signals, mirrors, and horns to be issued a license plate. Insurance would also be required in order for the vehicle to be street legal. According to Ohio law, if you have a license plate and insurance, you can drive a golf cart on a city street.

He felt they could keep up with traffic, since residential streets are 25 mph and most gas-powered golf carts can drive approximately 20-22 mph, with lithium-battery golf carts able to do 45 mph. Mr. Evanoff did not feel the ordinance should have less than 3 readings and noted that there were 12 residential complaints pertaining to golf carts. He concluded that this ordinance should have more time and discussion and that responsible drivers should not be penalized.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd Reading(s)

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

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Ordinance Number 13-2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 5, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Nays - 1, Brandon Lambert. Motion Carried.

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

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Ordinance Number 14-2025, 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.

ORD. NO. 36-2025 - An ordinance establishing Section 1480.07 (Property Maintenance Code Section 302.3.3) of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances. - **3rd Reading** (Building & Building Code Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Michael Abella moved to adopt Ordinance Number 36-2025, 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.

2nd Reading(s)**1st Reading(s)**

ORD. NO. 38-2025 - An ordinance providing for submission to the electors of the City of Brunswick, Ohio, at the November 4, 2025 General Election, the proposed amendments to the Charter as recommended by the City of Brunswick Charter Review Commission. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

Joseph Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.

RES. NO. 39-2025 - An emergency resolution amending Resolution No. 66-2024 by authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents as required to accept a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission Issue 1 Program for the Laurel-Maxwell Intersection Improvement Project. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Jenny Zoldak*):

Michael Abell 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.

Michael Abell moved to adopt Resolution Number 39-2025, 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. 40-2025 - An emergency ordinance to formally close the Traffic Control Device Fund (#334), the Public Square Improvement Fund (#335), the I-71/SR-303 Interchange Enhancement Fund (#353), the Brunswick Lake Fund (#360), the OPWC Old Eagle Drive Improvement Fund (#372), and the OPWC Skyview Drive Improvement Fund (#373). - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Brandon Lambert moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Brandon Lambert moved to adopt Ordinance Number 40-2025, 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. 41-2025 - An emergency ordinance establishing Section 432.49 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances titled "Prohibited Operation". - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Safran*):

Keith Kuczma moved this ordinance to second reading.

ORD. NO. 42-2025 - An emergency ordinance authorizing and adopting the proposed tax budget for the City of Brunswick, Ohio for the year beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. - **1st Reading** (Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

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

Brandon Lambert moved to adopt Resolution Number 42-2025, seconded by Michael Abella. 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 reminded that tornado sirens are tested on the first Saturday of each month at noon. They are set off anytime there is a tornado warning in Medina County or an adjoining county. The intent would be that residents would then tune into a radio or television to find out what warnings they should proceed to follow.

The Memorial Day program will be held at the Brunswick Middle School and is sponsored by the American Legion VFW. Those interested in getting involved should contact Commander Pat Finn.

Mr. DeForest disclosed that solicitors are required to have a permit. Authorized permit holders are listed on the City's website. No soliciting signs are available on the website and in the City Hall lobby.

Open Forum Eric Wallner (4710 Hickory Ridge) revealed that he has resided in his home for 28 years. He mentioned that about 13 years ago, he had an issue with a sinkhole next to the sewer. He called the City, who filled the sinkhole with gravel 2 to 3 times as the rain kept washing away the gravel. He was then told that the drain would be replaced to solve the issue. The drain was replaced, but afterward the ground had settled, and the drain was 8 to 10 inches above ground level. The City then cut it down and brought it to ground level. The new drain was a different design and size than the original drain. The original drain was a large basin, 3 feet square, and the new drain is a 12-inch PVC pipe. Since the replacement of the drain, there was an excessive amount of water in his side yard and water was now entering his basement. Mr Wallner went on to say he was receiving conflicting information regarding whether there is an easement for the storm sewer line and whether it was the responsibility of the City to resolve the issue. He was frustrated, having been told by the City it was private property, when there was a record of the City completing work there previously. He expressed his desire to get the issue addressed.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business Mr. Hanek announced that the next Council Meeting would be Monday, May 19 at 7 p.m. due to the 4th Monday being Memorial Day.

Adjournment Joseph Delsanter 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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

May 19, 2025

Adopted