

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, June 9, 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 May 19, 2025:

Nichols Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 19, 2025, as written, 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.

Mayor's Report:

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

Proclamation in honor of Gary Sabo for his art donation:

Mayor Falconi presented a proclamation to Gary Sabo in honor of his artwork donation which displays the City clock tower.

Proclamation recognizing Brunswick High School graduate and NAQT competitor Joelle Lopez and Michael Matta:

Mayor Falconi informed there was an academic competition in Atlanta that coincided with the high school graduation ceremony. He recognized Michael Matta and Joelle Lopez who sacrificed attending graduation to continue with their commitment and represent the City and Brunswick High School in the NAQT competition.

Mr. Hanek commended both students and admitted that he was a former captain of the Academic Challenge Team for Brunswick High School. He felt their level of achievement was incredible and they did Brunswick proud.

Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Anthony Henderson to the Financial Audit, Review & Advisory Committee:

If anyone on Council has questions regarding the recommendation, they can contact the Mayor's Office.

Clerk of Council's Report Mrs. Timura had no formal reports 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:

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated May 19, 2025:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated May 19, 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.

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.

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated June 3, 2025:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated June 3, 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.

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

Mr. Delsanter had no formal reports this evening.

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee.....Mrs. Piper:

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated May 27, 2025:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated May 27, 2025, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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 May 19, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated May 19, 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 Mr. Hanek announced that Ordinance Number 46-2025 would be pulled from the Council Agenda. He would refer the ordinance to committee for further discussion. At this point, he was not sure what committee it would be assigned to. In response to resident concerns, he explained that the Charter did not provide for emergency meetings and that tonight's meeting was a regular Council Meeting. There are special meetings, which typically occur if all of Council is not present to allow for a vote. He went on to explain the legislative process, which includes 3 readings unless rules are suspended. He further revealed that an emergency refers to the legislation going into effect immediately upon its last reading, as opposed to having a 30-day waiting period.

Mr. Hanek elaborated that the proposed noise ordinance was in response to residents who wanted the time change. Some residents have young children who go to bed early or work third shift and weekends and therefore, were in support of the ordinance. Mr. Hanek noted that other cities have stricter noise enforcement legislation than what had been proposed. He declared that there was no intention by the safety forces or Council to sneak legislation through the system and that the intent was to help residents. It was Mr. Hanek's desire to support both businesses and residents and to work together. He added that the intent would be to update a 1994 ordinance for a City that is radically different in 2025.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

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

Michael Abella Jr. moved to adopt Ordinance Number 38-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. 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)

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 45-2025 - An emergency resolution accepting the petition for annexation of a 5.1207± acre property identified as PPN 017-03C-01-015 located on Center Road known as being part of Hinckley 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 to suspend the rules, 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.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 45-2025, seconded by Tim Smith. 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. 47-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase one (1) 2025 Ford Explorer with police equipment installed for the Division of Police from Montrose Ford in an amount not To exceed \$64,604.01 – **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Safran*):

Keith Kuczma moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Mr. Hanek explained that an emergency meant that the 30-day waiting period was waived, and the suspension of the rules would allow for a vote now. Mr. Delsanter added that it was an emergency, because there was a time matter involved with the availability of the purchase. If action was not taken right away, the City could lose its ability to replace a police vehicle that was damaged when responding to an emergency call on Interstate 71.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 47-2025, 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.

RES. NO. 48-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Medina County Commissioners and Set in Stone Contracting, LLC for the Randall-Sheri-Rose Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$463,795.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Jenny Zoldak*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 48-2025, 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. 49-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the purchase of a Public Address System from Vasu Communications for the new Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$39,060.07. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Marok*):

Keith Kuczma moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 49-2025, 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. 50-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the purchase and installation of a video camera system with Vasu Communications for the new Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$50,894.60. – **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Marok*):

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 50-2025, seconded by Tim Smith. 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. 51-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the purchase of radio equipment from Vasu Communications for the new Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$22,448.03. – **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, Administration/Robert Marok):

Keith Kuczma moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 51-2025, 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. 52-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the purchase and installation of a door security system with Vasu Communications for the new Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$24,855.29. – **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, Administration/Robert Marok):

Keith Kuczma moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 52-2025, 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. 54-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the purchase of Cisco equipment from TEC Communications for the new Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$39,960.00. – **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, Administration/Robert Marok):

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 54-2025, 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.

RES. NO. 55-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with SCW for the purchase of a one (1) year Microsoft Office 365 G1 subscription in an amount not to exceed \$25,905.00. – **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Robert Marok*):

Tim Smith 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.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 55-2025, 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 informed that Saturday, June 14, was Flag Day and the army's birthday. Members of the community were invited to St. Ambrose Church, which is located at 929 Pearl Road. The ceremony would occur at 6 p.m. and last approximately 45–50 minutes.

The holiday parade was scheduled for Sunday, July 6. Further information can be obtained from the City's website: www.brunswick.oh.us. Those wishing to get involved or to participate in the parade should contact Sheila Watson. Mr. DeForest relayed that her contact information could only be found on the website.

Mr. DeForest reminded that fireworks for Independence Day would be on the evening of July 3 with a rain date of July 6.

The citywide clean-up will occur on Saturday, July 12, from 8 a.m. to noon. Large dumpsters will be located at the Service Garage, the Recreation Center, and Fire Station #1 for City residents.

Open Forum James Evanoff (3649 Ascot Drive) appreciated Mr. Hanek's explanation of the legislative process. He felt that a lot of the legislation that involves citing and fining residents seems to be presented as an emergency with suspension of the rules. He appreciated that the noise ordinance was being referred to committee and that at times, additional readings are added. Mr. Evanoff wanted ample time for resident input on such legislation. Mr. Evanoff then noted ongoing problems with trash pick-up, particularly on Junior Parkway. He asked that the Department Heads attend the Council Meetings once a month or quarterly to give a report. He felt this would be a more proactive approach to concerns and resident complaints in the City.

Eric Wallner (4710 Hickory Ridge) explained that he continues to have issues with a storm sewer, which turned out to be located on his neighbor's property. This results in the flooding of his basement. After talking to city officials, he was referred to the City Engineer and Service Director. It was his hope that the City would take action to resolve his issue. Otherwise, he would have to fix the problem on his own and possibly hire a contractor. Mr. Wallner explained that the issue needed to be resolved in a timely manner and that he did not want to continue to have his basement flood every time there was a storm. Mr. Wallner urged city officials to give him answers.

Allison Jordon (4347 Inner Circle Drive) mentioned that her sister, Ms. Paxton had problems with her neighbor allowing their dog to pee on the balcony. This resulted in Ms. Jordon getting peed on from the balcony above, when visiting her sister. Ms. Jordon added that her sister had to replace patio cushions due to the multiple instances in which the dog peed off the balcony. Water was also dumped on the balcony and, due to the slatted floors, this also fell upon Ms. Jordon. She added that there was video of the water being dumped on her and that the police also took a photo of her after being soaked with water.

Kristie Paxton (4360 Inner Circle Drive) explained that she had notified her HOA and that the police had been involved. The police stated they could not do anything, due to there not being a law preventing dogs from peeing on the balcony. However, Ms. Paxton felt this was a health hazard for the residents. Ms. Paxton divulged that she was unable to use and enjoy her patio. Ms. Paxton questioned who her Councilperson was. Mr. Kuczma revealed he was the Councilperson for her Ward and could talk to her after the meeting. Ms. Paxton then disclosed that a neighbor had been raided for drugs on the property and that the door to the building was often propped open. This resulted in her feeling unsafe in the building.

Barb Rocha (989 Substation Road) expressed concerns regarding the proposed noise ordinance. She asked if exceptions would be made for bars and restaurants that were open until 12 a.m. or 1 a.m. and had outdoor venues during the summer. Mrs. Rocha announced that she was an evening person who liked to stay out until 1:30-2 a.m. Mrs. Rocha felt that she had the right to go out and enjoy music and dance. She shared that there are other noise issues such as motorcycles and barking dogs in the area. If she wants to sleep, she puts her bathroom fan on. Mrs. Rocha did not feel that good restaurants would come to the City, if they had to shut down at 10 p.m.

Mr. Kuczma asserted that the ordinance was pulled from the Council Agenda and would be discussed further in committee. Mr. Delsanter added that the Vice Mayor would assign the legislation to a committee for further discussion.

Unfinished Business Mr. Delsanter contributed that when the administration initiates legislation, the Vice Mayor then determines what committee to assign it to. The names of that committee are then affixed to the legislation. As members of the Safety Committee to which it was assigned, the names of Mr. Kuczma, Mr. Delsanter, and Mrs. Piper appear as authors of the legislation which was not accurate. He understood that there were misunderstandings that resulted in colorful comments made about politicians. He clarified that the administration initiated the legislation in response to the needs of residents. Mr. Delsanter sympathized with the residents who lived on Inner Circle Drive and hoped that Council could help them with their concerns.

Mrs. Piper recognized Michael Matta and Joelle Lopez for their achievement, noting that they were former students of Towslee Elementary School. She also acknowledged Mr. Book who was the Academic Challenge Advisor.

Mr. Smith informed that 14 people from all over the county attended the Slo Roll which occurred last week. There are approximately 8 additional Slo Rolls planned throughout the summer and all ages are welcome to participate.

New Business

Consideration of a liquor permit transfer from Tangled Vine LLC & Patios to CMC Business Ventures LLC DBA Secret at Center at 3511 Center Road Unit D, Brunswick, Ohio 44212 and Consideration of a new liquor permit request from CMC Business Ventures LLC DBA Secret at Center at 3511 Center Road Unit D, Brunswick, Ohio 44212:

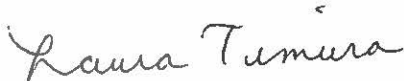
Mr. DeForest informed that there were no objections from the Administration.

Mr. Smith commented that a ribbon cutting for the new park trail would be on Wednesday, June 11 at 10 a.m. Mr. DeForest added that this would be for Phase III of the Plum Creek Trail, which connects Laurel Road to Brunswick Lake Parkway. The ribbon cutting would occur just south of Brunswick Lake Parkway.

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim Smith. 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 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

June 23, 2025

Adopted