

# **CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO**

## **MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

**Monday, July 14, 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, 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, Acting Clerk of Council Jennie Lods.

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

**Correspondence** There was none.

### **Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 23, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 23, 2025, as written, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 5, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Abstain - 1 (Tim Smith). Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

### **Mayor's Report:**

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

Certificate of Appreciation recognizing Daniel Weber as a good neighbor:

Mayor Falconi recognized Daniel Weber as a good neighbor in Brunswick. Emily Dodson, Office Manager for Excel Automation divulged that Daniel Weber went out of his way for customers and was kind and helpful to the company employees. They had asked that he be recognized for all that he had done for the City, customers, and staff. Mr. Weber relayed that Excel Automation had been a distributor of automation products in the City of Brunswick since 2012. He felt honored to accept the award and to work in Brunswick.

Proclamation in recognition of Thomas Keppler Jr.'s Emerging Leader Award:

Mayor Falconi recognized Thomas Keppler, Cable Manager for the City of Brunswick, for his achievement of the Emerging Leader Award from the Alliance for Community Media. Mr. Keppler revealed that he was honored to receive the national award and proclamation from his municipality. He added that his favorite strategy as a leader is to lean into the strengths of the BAT staff. He recognized the members of the BAT staff for their contributions. Mr. Keppler concluded that community media is not about one person. It is about everyone having the opportunity to share their talents, passions, opinions and stories. He thanked everyone who played a role in BAT's flourishing success.

**Clerk of Council's Report** The Clerk 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:

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated June 23, 2025:

Mrs. Piper moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated June 23, 2025, as written, seconded by Mr. Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 5, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Abstain - 1, Tim Smith. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

*Finance Committee*.....Mr. Hanek:

Mr. Hanek had no formal reports this evening.

*Safety & Environment Committee*.....Mr. Kuczma:

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated June 23, 2025:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated June 23, 2025, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 5, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Kristy Piper. Abstain - 1, Tim Smith. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

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

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated June 23, 2025:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated June 23, 2025, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, 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 June 23, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated June 23, 2025, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, 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. 41-2025** - An emergency ordinance establishing Section 432.49 of the City of Brunswick Codified Ordinances titled "Prohibited Operation". - **3rd Reading** (Safety & Environment Committee, Administration/Robert Safran):

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Ordinance Number 41-2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

**RES. NO. 53-2025** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sixty (60) month agreement with Charter Communications Operating, LLC to provide dark fiber INET services in an annual amount not to exceed \$43,200.00 plus any applicable State and/or Federal regulatory fees. - **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 - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution 53-2025, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**ORD. NO. 62-2025** - An ordinance rezoning the 5.1207± acre parcel of real property located at 2736 Center Road/1423 W. 130<sup>th</sup> Street and presently identified as PPN 017-03Z-01-001 from the R-R Rural Residential District to the GW-C Gateway Commercial District. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Planning & Zoning Committee, Administration/Grant Aungst):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.

**RES. NO. 63-2025** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enroll as a member with the Houston-Galveston Area Council to participate in its Cooperative Purchasing Program. - **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 - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 63-2025, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**RES. NO. 64-2025** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Bryx for the purchase of an alerting system for the new Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$35,100.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, Administration/Rob Marok):

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

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 64-2025, seconded Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.



**ORD. NO. 65-2025** - An emergency 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 017-03Z-01-001. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

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

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 65-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**ORD. NO. 66-2025** - An emergency ordinance amending ordinances #104-2024, #8-2025 and #29-2025 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 Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

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

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 66-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**ORD. NO. 67-2025** - An emergency ordinance to transfer and advance funds. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

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

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 67-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**RES. NO. 68-2025** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into all necessary documents to acquire real property for municipal purposes in an amount not to exceed \$212,500.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Hanek informed Resolutions 68-2025 and 69-2025 were related to the acquisition of real property on Grafton and North Carpenter. This would result in the first new park in the City within the last 22 years. Council and the Administration were very proud to have the ability to add to the City's parks. He noted that there was a tremendous need for baseball and softball fields in the community. Many were lost due to adjustments the schools made to their properties. The goal would be to enhance the neighborhood and work through the process, including addressing the need for parking.

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

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 68-2025, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**RES. NO. 69-2025** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into all necessary documents to acquire real property for municipal purposes in an amount not to exceed \$387,500.00 - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

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

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 69-2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**City Manager's Report** Mr. DeForest thanked everyone who organized and participated in the parade last Sunday. He added that the next quarterly newsletter would reach resident homes soon. Information concerning National Night Out would be included in the newsletter. Trike and Bike sign-ups would be hosted on September 19, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Brunswick High School. The Veteran's Breakfast would be October 25, 2025 at St. Ambrose Church. Mr. DeForest congratulated Tom Keppler and recognized his growth in leadership and management skills.

**Open Forum** Jennifer Scibana (3022 Grafton Road) felt the current baseball field situation was unacceptable and embarrassing. She relayed that the bathrooms were dangerous and a mess. After calling Parks and Recreation, she was told that the fields were being taken over by an organization. Ms. Scibana explained that the travel team could not find a place to practice and noted that they were not allowed to use Pumpkin Ridge Park. She cited that some of the home games were played in Seven Hills and Brecksville, because there was not a park available to them in Brunswick. Her hope was that a solution could be derived and that none of the parks would be shut down.

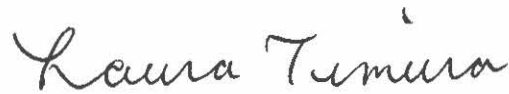
**Unfinished Business** There was none.

**New Business** Mr. Hanek thanked Planning & Zoning Coordinator, Jennie Lods, for covering the meeting for Council Clerk, Laura Timura. He acknowledged that she had done a great job.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, CMC  
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

July 28, 2025

Adopted