

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 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, Clerk of Council Laura Timura.

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 September 22, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 22, 2025, as written, 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.

Mayor's Report:

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

Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Steven Girard to the Ethics Board:

Mayor Falconi asked anyone on Council who had questions regarding the recommendation to contact the Mayor's Office.

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

Council Committee Reports:

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

Economic Committee Minutes dated September 22, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes dated September 22, 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.

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee.....Mr. Smith:

Mr. Smith had no formal reports this evening.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Finance Committee Minutes dated September 22, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Finance Committee Minutes dated September 22, 2025, as written, seconded by Michael Abella Jr. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Safety Committee Minutes dated September 22, 2025:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated September 22, 2025, as written, 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.

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

Mr. Delsanter had no formal reports this evening. He noted that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 16, 2025, was canceled due to lack of a quorum.

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

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated September 22, 2025:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated September 22, 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 September 22, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated September 22, 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. 74-2025 - An ordinance determining to use certain property on North Carpenter Road for City Park and Recreation purposes and authorizing and directing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Department of Fire Facilities Improvement Fund (Fund 339) for reimbursement of acquisition costs for that property. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar or Todd Fischer*): Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 74-2025, 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. 75-2025 - A resolution supporting and adopting the updated Medina County All Hazards & Flood Mitigation Plan 2025 established by the Medina County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 75-2025, 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. 76-2025 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with W.B. Mason for the provision of office supplies for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 with two (2) separate one (1) year renewal options, in an amount not to exceed submitted bid prices.- **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 76-2025, 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.

RES NO. 77-2025 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Quality Control Inspection, Inc. for the provision of professional construction inspection services. - **3rd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology, and Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 77-2025, 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. 78-2025 - A resolution declaring October 20th Community Media Day in the City of Brunswick and recognizing the contributions of Brunswick Area Television. - **3rd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology, and Cable Committee, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 78-2025, 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)

RES. NO. 79- 2025 - A resolution in support of the Medina County Park District Operating Levy (Renewal and Increase). - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to third reading.

RES. NO. 82-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Air Force One for the replacement of HVAC #8 in the Brunswick Community Recreation & Fitness Center in an amount not to exceed \$35,663.00. - **2nd Reading** (Parks, Recreation & Community Committee, *Administration/Taylor Petkovsek*):

Mrs. Piper moved this resolution to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 84-2025 - A resolution amending Resolution No. 65-2023 by extending the days of operation of the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this resolution to second reading.

RES. NO. 85-2025 - An emergency resolution amending Resolution No. 25-2025 and 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 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 85-2025, 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.

RES. NO. 86-2025 - An emergency resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

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 Resolution Number 86-2025, seconded by Michael Abella Jr. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 87-2025 - An emergency resolution requesting an advance release of property tax revenue funds from the Medina County Treasurer collected for the benefit of the City of Brunswick. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to second reading.

RES. NO. 88-2025 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a municipal engineering consulting services agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd. for the provision of professional municipal engineering services and designating Jennifer R. Zoldak, P.E., as Consulting Municipal Engineer and Matthew M. Jones, P.E., as Assistant Consulting Municipal Engineer. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

Mr. Smith moved this resolution to second reading.

RES. NO. 89-2025 - An emergency resolution repealing Resolution No. 83-2025 and further authorizing the City Manager to purchase a new 2028 International MV Medium Duty Type 1 Horton Model 6233 Ambulance for the Division of Fire and Rescue from Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$436,969.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Greg Glauner*):

Keith Kuczma 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.

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 89-2025, 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 reminded that the Brunswick Area Television open house was scheduled for Monday, October 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Participants will receive a tour and information on the services they provide. He further relayed that a Veteran's Breakfast would be held at St. Ambrose on Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30 a.m. Those interested in attending can RSVP by contacting the City Manager's Office at 330-558-6826. The American Legion and the VFW have scheduled a Veteran's Day Ceremony at City Hall on Tuesday, November 11 at 11 a.m. There will be a series of guest speakers. Trick or Treat was scheduled for Friday, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the City of Brunswick.

Open Forum Jack Phillips, Frontier Communications (28446 Montecristo, Bonita Springs, FL 34135) gave a brief update on the fiber installation project. He noted that delays were incurred due to the permitting process. Their initial plan was to build to 5,400 locations. However, only 2,200 locations are expected to be completed. In the first quarter of next year, their plan will be to add world-class fiber broadband service with 7 gigs of symmetrical service to an additional 2,900 locations. The copper network would be replaced. He felt the project would attract businesses to the area and improve the quality of life for residents.

Unfinished Business Mr. Delsanter emphasized the importance of Italian-Americans celebrating their contributions to the country. He revealed that in 1891, the lynching of 11 Italian immigrants occurred by a mob in New Orleans due to their rumored involvement in the murder of a Police Chief. Mr. Delsanter informed that their involvement had been debunked. President Benjamin Harrison declared Columbus Day as a national celebration in 1892 after the lynchings in an effort to ease tensions and honor Italian-Americans.

Mayor Falconi wished everyone a Happy Columbus Day and expressed his love of all things Italian.

New Business Mr. Smith informed that the Optimist Club would have their biggest fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on October 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Mrs. Piper added that there would be gift baskets, door prizes, and a silent auction. The proceeds will go toward their youth appreciation event, essay contest, and scholarships. Further information can be obtained by contacting optimistclubofbrunswick@gmail.com or Councilpersons Smith and Piper.

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, MMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

October 27, 2025

Adopted