

# CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, January 12, 2026

### **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 December 15, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 15, 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.

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

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

Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Millie Manning to the Financial Audit, Review and Advisory Committee:

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

Motion to reappoint Bradley Saeger to the Planning Commission:

Joseph Delsanter moved to reappoint Bradley Saeger to the Planning Commission, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Mr. Delsanter offered his thanks to Mr. Saeger for his service, noting that he was knowledgeable and valuable to the Planning team. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

### **Clerk of Council's Report**

Mrs. Timura relayed that the public can find the reason that legislation was an emergency contained in the emergency clause of the legislation as well as on the attached proposed legislation form. These documents are published on the City's website on Friday afternoons and a hard copy is provided in the lobby.

**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 December 15, 2025:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated December 15, 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.

*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 December 15, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated December 15, 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**

There were none.

**Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:**

**3rd Reading(s)**

**2nd Reading(s)**

**RES. NO. 110-2025** - A resolution providing consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the performance of preventative deck sealing maintenance of bridge structures on Interstate 71. - **2nd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

Mr. Smith moved this resolution to third reading.

**1st Reading(s)**

**ORD. NO. 1-2026** - An emergency ordinance authorizing the City Manager to submit a petition for annexation to the Medina County Board of Commissioners to annex real property located in the Township of Hinckley and owned by the State of Ohio to the City of Brunswick. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Joseph Delsanter moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Ordinance Number 1-2026, 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.

**RES. NO. 2-2026** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase three (3) Ford Explorers and one (1) Ford Escape with police equipment installed for the Division of Police from Montrose Ford in an amount not to exceed \$242,000.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Safety & Environment Committee, *Administration/Robert Safran*):

Keith Kuczma moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Keith Kuczma moved to adopt Resolution Number 2-2026, 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. 3-2026** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a new Ascendant 100' HD Aerial Tower 70" Enforcer Chassis with related equipment for the Division of Fire and Rescue from Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00. - **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 - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Keith Kuczma move to adopt Resolution Number 3-2026, 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.

**City Manager's Report**

Mr. DeForest reminded that Brunswick Food Pantry donations can be dropped off at the bins in the City Hall vestibule. These bins are accessible 24/7, 365 days a year. He asked residents to consider making a non-perishable food donation there.

He reminded that smoke detectors are available to City residents. He encouraged those in need of detectors to refer to the City's website ([www.brunswick.oh.us](http://www.brunswick.oh.us)). The detectors would be provided and installed at no cost.

#### **Open Forum**

Alan Darby (665 Southbridge Boulevard) explained that he has a 4' X 19" blue access plate in his front yard that was placed by Frontier. He added that there was an open hole present for over a month and his property is by a bus stop.

Mr. Abella responded noting his concern regarding the easement. He mentioned contacting MasTec in order to find out the reason for the placement of the plate. They could then be asked if there was any other location to which it could be moved.

Mr. Darby revealed that a neighbor across the street had a panel located underneath the sidewalk with no access panel. He then asked what makes a cable company considered to be a utility as it was not a basic need.

#### **Unfinished Business**

There was none.

#### **New Business**

Vice-Mayor/President Hanek thanked Council for electing him to continue to serve in this role during the Organizational Meeting held during Committee-of-the-Whole. Mr. Hanek expressed that he takes his obligation and commitment to the citizens seriously. He felt that it was an honor and privilege to serve. He appreciated his colleagues who all work very hard to make the City of Brunswick a better place every day.

Consideration of a new liquor permit request from Neiner Group LLC to Tapped & Forked LLC at 61-63 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212:

Mr. DeForest remarked that there were no objections from the administration.

#### **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 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, MMC  
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

January 26, 2026

Adopted