

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, January 26, 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, 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 Kristy Piper. 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 January 12, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2026, 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.

Mayor’s Report:

Motion to reappoint Millie Manning to the Financial Audit, Review and Advisory Committee:

Nicholas Hanek moved to reappoint Millie Manning to the Financial Audit, Review and Advisory Committee, 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.

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:

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated January 12, 2026:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated January 12, 2026, 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.

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

Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes dated January 12, 2026:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes dated January 12, 2026, 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.

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 January 12, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated January 12, 2026, 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.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation

There were none.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd 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. - **3rd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 110-2025, 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. 4-2026 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into all necessary agreements with Chagrin Valley Engineering, LTD for the provision of professional engineering services for the Center Road Urban Paving Project in an amount not to exceed contract rates. **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

Tim Smith 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.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 4-2026, 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. 5-2026 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into all necessary agreements with Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, Inc. for the provision of third-party professional engineering services for the Center Road Urban Paving Project in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

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

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 5-2026, 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.

ORD. NO. 6-2026 - An emergency ordinance amending Ordinance #95-2025 to include amendments to the Appropriation Budget for the year ending December 31, 2026, 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 Michael Abella. 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 6-2026, 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.

ORD. NO. 7-2026 - 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 Michael Abella. 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 7-2026, seconded by Michael Abella. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 8-2026 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract for property, automobile, inland marine, general liability, public officials' liability, police liability, boiler and machines, crime coverage, cyber coverage, employment practice and umbrella insurance coverage. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Gia D'Amico*):

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 Haenk moved to adopt Resolution Number 8-2026, 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.

City Manager's Report

Mr. DeForest thanked the street crews and safety forces (police and fire) for all of their hard work in dealing with the heavy snow, cold, and water main breaks over the weekend. He reminded that there is a winter parking ban in effect. Parking bans are posted on the City's website as well as on the Division of Police's Facebook page. Mr. DeForest further informed that snow cannot legally be pushed onto the road or onto a neighbor's property. Fire hydrants should also be kept clear of snow.

The Fire Station will be giving tours on the second Saturdays of February, April and June from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Open Forum

There was none.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Mr. Delsanter revealed that his wife is a United States Postal worker. He explained that the snow must be cleared to allow vehicles access to mailboxes. He asked residents to consider the safety of those traveling on the roads and consider where they place the snow.

Mrs. Piper relayed that a Dodge Ball Tournament would be held on February 6, 2026, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. The event will be sponsored by Optimist Club and is for children in grades 3 through 6.

Adjournment

Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, MMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

February 9, 2026

Adopted