

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 9, 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 January 26, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 26, 2026, 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 January 2026 will be posted on the website and added to the minutes for the record.

Mayor's recommendation to appoint Thomas Miller to the Medina County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability:

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

Proclamation in recognition of the Medina County Career Center's 25th Annual 'From the Heart' event:

Mayor Falconi mentioned that the Career Center recently celebrated their 50th anniversary, and he was amazed by all they continue to do. He then presented Chef Tony Stanislo from the Chef & Restaurant Management program with a proclamation in honor of their 25th Annual 'From the Heart' event. Chef Stanislo shared that the school received over \$25,000 in donations, primarily from restaurant-related businesses. He felt it was great to be a part of the success of something and to honor someone.

Proclamations in recognition of Sergeants Michael Matheis and Jonathan Page's Years of Service and Retirement:

Mayor Falconi thanked Sergeant Michael Matheis for all that he has done in serving the City and Mayor's Court. He then presented a proclamation to Sergeant Matheis in honor of his over 32 years of service with the Brunswick Division of Police. Sergeant Matheis thanked his Training Officer and his family for their support throughout his career.

Mayor Falconi thanked Sergeant Page and congratulated him on his retirement. Sergeant Page was presented a proclamation in honor of his almost 28 years of service to the Brunswick Division of Police. Sergeant Page recounted that he had served as a school liaison and had found a friend and mentor during this time.

Oath of Office for Sergeants Jeremy Puhac and Jeffrey Holub:

Mayor Falconi administered the oath of office to newly appointed Sergeants Jeremy Puhac and Jeffrey Holub.

Chief Safran recognized the retirement of two long-standing sergeants, Jonathan Page and Michael Matheis. He wished them a happy, healthy, and long retirement. He noted that both Jeremy Puhac and Jeffrey Holub were stepping up to supervisory positions. Sergeant Holub started in 2018 and was a member of the Detective Bureau, Bike Patrol and served as a Field Training Officer. Chief Safran noticed that he was always someone who mentored other officers, which would be a great quality for a sergeant. Sergeant Puhac had over 25 years of experience and served as a Field Training Officer, mentor, primary organizer of FOP's Shop with a Cop, Crime Scene Technician, and worked with West Shore Counseling Services. He welcomed them to the next chapter of their respective careers.

Clerk of Council's Report There was none.

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 January 26, 2026:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated January 26, 2026, 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:

Finance Committee Minutes dated January 26, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Finance Committee Minutes dated January 26, 2026, 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.

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

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated January 26, 2026:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated January 26, 2026, 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:

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 26, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole minutes dated January 26, 2026, 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.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation Kevin Broka (2211 Medina Road #100) explained that he was at the meeting to support his application, have the SPD approved by City Council, and move forward with the detailed site plan approval by Planning Commission. He added that he was in attendance to represent the project and answer any questions Council may have.

Mr. Delsanter noted that the Planning Commission passed and recommended tonight's legislation which would change the SPD structure to the format which will be voted on after three readings. The legislation will then be referred back to the Planning Commission.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd Reading(s)

2nd Reading(s)

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 9-2026 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to accept the 2026 Energized Community Grant from NOPEC in the amount of \$82,838.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from the Economic Development Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Lambert moved this resolution to second reading.

RES. NO. 10-2026 - A resolution commending Sergeant Michael Matheis for his years of service to the City of Brunswick. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 10-2026, 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. 11-2026 - A resolution commending Sergeant Jonathan Page for his years of service to the City of Brunswick. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 11-2026, 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.

ORD. NO. 12-2026 - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13-19 by renaming the "Senior Development Special Planning District No. 5" to "The Villas on Pearl Special Planning District No. 5" and adopting a revised Conceptual Development Plan. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Planning & Zoning Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this ordinance to second reading.

RES. NO. 13-2026 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Cardinal Asphalt Company for construction of the Brunswick City Parks Various Asphalt Improvements Project in the amount not to exceed \$463,252.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Parks, Recreation & Community Committee, *Administration/Taylor Petkovsek & Jenny Zoldak*):

Kristy Piper 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.

Kristy Piper moved to adopt Resolution Number 13-2026, 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.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest revealed that residents can now be notified of emergency situations by telephone via the digital mass notification system known as Hyper-Reach. The system will replace the Code Red system, which experienced service delivery issues. Residents should call or text "alert" to 330-460-0430 or refer to the link on the City's website.

He noted that there was a scam in which letters requesting funds were sent from an organization identifying themselves as the National Police Association. This organization was in no way affiliated with the City of Brunswick.

He congratulated Sergeants Page, Matheis, Puhac and Holub. Mr. DeForest revealed that he himself had spent 26 years with the Division of Police and was happy to serve as sergeant.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of President's Day. This will not delay trash pick-up.

Open Forum There was none.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business There was none.

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 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Timura, MMC
Clerk of Council

Mayor Ron Falconi

February 23, 2026

Adopted

