

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, April 27, 2026

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Mayor Ron Falconi at 7:04 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

Roll Call of Members 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 April 13, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 13, 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:

Proclamation in recognition of Firefighter of the Year Don Schrubb:

Mayor Falconi recognized Don Schrubb as Firefighter of the Year while noting his truth, conviction, purpose and high spirits as contributors to this achievement.

Proclamation in honor of Colleen Bennett's service to the Division of Fire:

Colleen Bennett was honored for her support, organization, and kind nature while serving the Division of Fire as a part-time Administrative Assistant.

Proclamation honoring Detective Derek Zelenka as Officer of the Year:

Detective Zelenka was honored for embracing challenging assignments, pursuing complex cases, and his relentless tenacity.

Proclamation honoring Kady Cushing as Communication Specialist of the Year:

Communication Specialist Cushing was recognized for demonstrating professionalism under stress by safely, calmly, and efficiently managing calls involving serious medical emergencies, even in the face of technical difficulties.

Proclamations in recognition of Makayla Dean and Kylee Jones' art exhibition achievements:

Makayla Dean and Kylee Jones were both recognized for their artistic talent, dedication and creativity. Their work will be displayed in the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus, Ohio, as part of the 2026 exhibition.

Proclamation in recognition of Apraxia Awareness Day:

A proclamation was presented proclaiming May 14 as Apraxia Awareness Day in the City of Brunswick to increase awareness of Apraxia.

Proclamation in recognition of National Small Business Week:

A proclamation was presented proclaiming May 3-9, 2026, as National Small Business Week in the City of Brunswick and encouraging all citizens to recognize and support the small businesses that strengthen our economy and enrich our community.

Proclamation in support of the 2026 Cleveland Asian Festival:

The Cleveland Asian Festival was recognized as one of the region's largest celebrations of Asian culture and heritage. The organizers and volunteers of the Cleveland Asian Festival were extended best wishes for a successful 17th annual celebration.

Proclamation proclaiming May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month:

Mayor Falconi recognized May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month and encouraged residents to join in efforts to raise awareness and support those living with ALS.

Plaque in recognition of Brandon Lambert's service as Ward 3 Councilman:

Councilman Lambert was honored for his dedicated service to the City of Brunswick and its City Council. Councilman Lambert relayed that he did his best and hoped everyone felt he had done a good job. His goal was to remain transparent through communications on social media, and he was proud to work with his colleagues to get a new fire station built.

Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Peter Lukic to the Ethics Board:

Mayor Falconi announced his recommendation to reappoint Peter Lukic to the Ethics Board. If anyone on Council has any questions regarding this recommendation, they should 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:

Mr. Lambert had no formal reports this evening.

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

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated April 13, 2026:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated April 13, 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:

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:

Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes dated April 13, 2026:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes dated April 13, 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.

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 April 13, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated April 13, 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.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd Reading(s)

2nd Reading(s)

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 25-2026 - A resolution authorizing Vice-Mayor/Council President Nick Hanek to execute a first amendment to employment agreement relative to the employment of City Manager/Safety Director Carl S. DeForest. **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

Nicholas Hanek moved this resolution to second reading.

ORD. NO. 26-2026 - An emergency ordinance authorizing and adopting the proposed tax budget for the City of Brunswick, Ohio for the year beginning January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

RES. NO. 27-2026 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Konstruction King, Inc. for the 2026 Concrete Repair Program in an amount not to exceed \$498,500.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Jenny Zoldak*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 27-2026, 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.

ORD. NO. 28-2026 - An emergency ordinance to advance funds. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 28-2026, 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. 29-2026 - A resolution commending Brandon Lambert for his dedicated service to the City of Brunswick and its City Council.- **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 29-2026, seconded by Tim Smith. Nicholas Hanek thanked Brandon Lambert for his service to the community and remarked that he had been an excellent representative for Ward 3. He felt that Councilman Lambert was dedicated, professional, exemplary and respectful in his communications with the public.

Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Abstain - 1, Brandon Lambert. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

ORD. NO. 30-2026 - An emergency ordinance amending Ordinances #95-2025 and #6-2026 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 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.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 30-2026, 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 reminded that there will be a park cleanup at Brunswick Lake on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m. Those wishing to join the Brunswick Rotary Club in the cleanup were asked to meet behind Panera. The Memorial Day Program and Parade will occur at Brunswick Middle School starting at 9 a.m. The event will be sponsored by the VFW and American Legion with most of the event occurring within the building.

Open Forum There was none.

Unfinished Business There was none.

New Business Nicholas Hanek informed that a Special Council Meeting was called for May 4 at 6 p.m. The main agenda item will be to conduct Ward 3 interviews. Webex interviews will be permitted to accommodate those unable to attend in person.

Kristy Piper announced that the Optimist Club's Bike Rodeo will occur on May 7 at North Park at 6 p.m.

Tim Smith added that the Optimist Club will also be holding a Fishing Derby at Brunswick Lake on May 9 with a rain date of May 16. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with check-in at 8:30 a.m. Participants were asked to preregister at the Brunswick Recreation Center.

Adjournment Bradon Lambert moved to adjourn, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, MMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

May 4, 2026

Adopted