

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, May 11, 2026

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek at 7:06 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

Roll Call of Members showed the following Council Members present: Nicholas Hanek, Nate Witsaman, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper.

Others Present: City Manager/Safety Director Carl DeForest, Acting Law Director Kenneth Fischer, Clerk of Council Laura Timura.

Joseph Delsanter moved to excuse Mayor Falconi for just cause, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Correspondence There was none.

Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes

Special Council Meeting Minutes dated May 4, 2026:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes dated May 4, 2026, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor's Court Financial Report for the month ending April 2026 will be posted on the website and added to the minutes for the record.

Motion to reappoint Hope Zakany to the Juvenile Diversion Board:

Joseph Delsanter moved to reappoint Hope Zakany to the Juvenile Diversion Board, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Update:

Vice Mayor Hanek welcomed Nate Witsaman who will be serving as the Ward 3 Councilman. He informed that Councilman Witsaman was sworn in to office prior to tonight's Council Meeting.

Clerk of Council’s Report Mrs. Timura had no report.

Council Committee Reports:

Economic Development Committee.....Mr. Witsaman:

Mr. Witsaman had no formal reports this evening.

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

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated April 27, 2026:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated April 27,

2026, as written, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Finance Committee Minutes dated April 27, 2026:

Michael Abella moved to approve the Finance Committee Minutes dated April 27, 2026, as written, seconded by Nate Witsaman. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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

Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated April 27, 2026:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated April 27, 2026, as written, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. 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:

Building & Building Code Committee Minutes dated April 27, 2026:

Michael Abella moved to approve the Building & Building Code Committee Minutes dated April 27, 2026, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Other Committees, Boards and Commissions There were none.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation There were none.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd 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. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Resolution Number 25-2026, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

2nd Reading(s)

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. - **2nd Reading**

(Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Abella moved this ordinance to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 31-2026- An emergency resolution declaring the intention of the City of Brunswick to provide municipal services to a 21.0243± acre property (PPN 001-02B-05-022) located on North Carpenter Road. - **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, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Joseph Delsanter moved to adopt Resolution Number 31-2026, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 32-2026 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a new 8-ton truck cab and chassis from Northern Ohio Peterbilt of Cleveland for the Service Department in an amount not to exceed \$139,142.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Michael Abella. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 32-2026, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest reminded that tornado sirens would be tested on the first Saturday of each month at noon. The sirens would be activated when tornado warnings are issued by the National Weather Service for either Medina County or an adjoining county. The Memorial Day program and parade would be sponsored by the American Legion and VFW. The program and parade would begin at Brunswick Middle School at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 25. He thanked the Optimist Club for their participation in the Bike Rodeo at North Park and the Fishing Derby at Brunswick Lake. He further thanked the Rotary Club for their clean-up of Brunswick Lake on Saturday, May 9.

Open Forum Jennifer Arida (664 Sandra Drive) detailed her concerns that Flock Safety Cameras violate her fourth amendment rights and referred to the cameras as dragnet surveillance. She also felt the system was unsecured and subject to hackers. She cited that there should be a warrant requirement, strict limits, public reporting, and private servers to keep the data.

Richard Hudson (140 Bradway Street, Medina, Ohio 44256) was concerned that the Flock Safety Cameras were mass surveillance devices that could be abused and lacked security. He claimed that the City would have no control over how the data was stored or who it was sold to.

Unfinished Business Councilman Kuczma mentioned that, as the Safety Committee Chair, he would be adding Flock Safety Cameras as a discussion item to next week's agenda. He added that the meeting time would be scheduled at the end of the week and to check the City's website for the exact start time.

Councilman Delsanter recognized former Law Director, Ken Fischer's presence at the meeting and revealed that he had served the City well for over two decades.

New Business Councilman Witsaman acknowledged that he was grateful for the opportunity to serve and for the trust that Council instilled in him. He felt public service was about listening, showing up, and working together to make the community stronger, not just for today, but for future generations. He would like to see growth in the City's economy with purpose, smart development that supports local businesses and creates opportunity, while protecting the character and stability of the City's neighborhoods. Councilman Witsaman noted that strong communities are built around people, families, neighborhoods, safety, and connection. Council and the administration have a responsibility to pursue solutions that prioritize housing, community investment, and the long-term quality of life of residents. He concluded that local government works best when residents participate, share ideas, volunteer, advocate, and help shape the future of the City.

Councilwoman Piper gave a special thanks to Eddie's Bike Shop, the Optimist Club, and to the Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department for helping out with the Bike Rodeo. It was a lot of fun and was inspiring for future events.

Councilman Smith revealed that the Optimist Fishing Derby was held at Brunswick Lake. Over one hundred dollars in prizes were given away and all the kids had a good time.

Councilman Delsanter strongly urged the City Manager to locate land for an 18-hole disc golf course. He felt it was a communal, fun and multi-generational sport. He conveyed that for over 20 years both he and Councilman Smith had campaigned for a disc golf course in the City of Brunswick. He asked that a solution be found quickly.

Councilman Smith remarked that he knew of a group that would like to work with the one proposing the 9-hole course. He further shared that this would be at virtually no cost to the City.

Adjournment Joseph Delsanter moved to adjourn, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, MMC
Clerk of Council



Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek

May 18, 2026

Adopted