

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, May 4, 2026

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

Roll Call of Members Nicholas Hanek, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper

Others Present: Clerk of Council Laura Timura

Joseph Delsanter moved to excuse Mayor Falconi for just cause, 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.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 27, 2026:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 27, 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.

Mayor's Report:

Motion to reappoint Peter Lukic to the Ethics Board:

Joseph Delsanter moved to reappoint Peter Lukic to the Ethics Board, 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.

Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Hope Zakany to the Juvenile Diversion Board:

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

Mayor's Update:

Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek advised that Council would go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of the Ward 3 Council member. A series of six, 15-minute interviews would be conducted with 3 in person and 3 via Webex. He hoped that Council would appoint the new Ward 3 Councilperson later this evening.

Other Committees, Boards and Commissions

Committee-of-the Whole Minutes dated April 27, 2026:

Joseph Delsanter moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated April 27, 2026, as written, 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.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation There were none.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:**3rd Reading(s)****2nd 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. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Dennis Nevar*):

Mr. Delsanter moved this resolution to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

Open Forum There was none.

New Business

Consideration of a new liquor permit request from The Cleveland Doghouse, LLC 170 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212:

Nicholas Hanek relayed that there were no objections from the administration.

Tim Smith revealed that the Fishing Derby would occur on Saturday and the Bike Rodeo would occur on Thursday.

Executive Session

A motion to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.:

Keith Kuczma moved to permit Tom Keppler to attend the Executive Session, 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.

Joseph Delsanter moved to go into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, 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.

Joseph Delsanter moved to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene at 8:42 p.m., 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.

Unfinished Business

Ward 3 Appointment:

Joseph Delsanter moved to appoint Nate Witsaman as Ward 3 Councilman, 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.


Adjournment Joseph Delsanter moved to adjourn, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Timura

Laura Timura, MMC
Clerk of Council



Vice Mayor Nicholas Hanek

May 11, 2026

Adopted