

**CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

**Monday, June 8, 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 showed the following Council Members present:** Nicholas Hanek, Nate Witsaman, 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 May 18, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 18, 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 May 2026 will be posted on the website and added to the minutes for the record.

Proclamation declaring March 6 Random Acts of Kindness Day:

Mr. Furman accepted the proclamation and announced that a Random Act of Kindness Day is long overdue. He showed appreciation for the forward-thinking and fast action of Council and the Administration. Mr. Furman added that he looks forward to hearing stories of community members' acts of kindness.

Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Jeffrey Arona, John Rocha, and Joseph Shirilla to the Planning Commission:

If anyone on Council has questions regarding these recommendations, 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. Witsaman:

Mr. Witsaman recognized that Donut Land would have its ribbon cutting on June 19. He felt it was wonderful to see a local business continue to grow and expand.

*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 May 18, 2026:

Keith Kuczma moved to approve the Safety & Environment Committee Minutes dated May 18, 2026, as written, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. 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:

Mr. Abella had no formal reports this evening.

**Other Committees, Boards and Commissions**

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated May 18, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated May 18, 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.

**Petitions from the Public on Legislation**

**Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:**

**3rd Reading(s)**

**2nd Reading(s)**

**1st Reading(s)**

**RES. NO. 33-2026** - A resolution declaring March 6, 2027 as Random Acts of Kindness Day in the City of Brunswick. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Parks, Recreation, and Community Committee, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*):

Mrs. Piper moved this resolution to second reading.

**City Manager's Report** Mr. DeForest revealed that Flag Day was June 14 and that on June 13 at 6 p.m., St. Ambrose Parish will host a flag retirement ceremony. The American Legion, VFW, and Knights of Columbus would conduct the event. Residents were encouraged to attend and partake in a free hot dog or hamburger. The Independence Day Parade will be on July 5; further information will be on the City's website. The only legal fireworks in the City will be held on July 3, after the concert with a July 11 rain date. Citywide Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, July 18. Dumpsters will be available at the Service Garage, Recreation Center and the Parks Garage (former Station #1).

**Open Forum** Jennifer Arida (664 Sandra Drive) reminded Council of her concerns regarding data sharing and cybersecurity threats with regard to the Flock Security Cameras. She added that the cameras are an egregious violation of Fourth Amendment rights. She mentioned she had read an article in the Gazette that revealed that Brunswick was sharing data across 200 different agencies. She added that the

website, [havebeenflocked.com](http://havebeenflocked.com) provided information that indicated that the City of Brunswick had been conducting searches for different agencies across multiple states on a regular basis.

Ms. Arida shared that the license plate readers take 8–12 pictures of every person's car and license plate. This information is then stored in a cloud-based database. The system analyzes vehicle movement patterns and flags suspicious behavior. Some of her concerns were that there was no warrant requirement and that citizens could be stalked. Ms. Arida added that the FBI was in discussions with Flock for a 36 million dollar contract to access the license plate readers which would create a mass governmental surveillance network in America. She felt that the cameras infringe on first, second and fifth amendment rights. Ms. Arida then referenced a petition she was starting to ban the system.

Brian Kocina (3764 Foxwood Terrance #310) indicated that the use of Flock Safety Cameras infringed on privacy. He explained that the system does not merely record the movement of suspects, but of ordinary people. He then recounted instances where the system had been abused nationally. Mr. Kocina expressed concerns about data sharing and the infringement of First Amendment rights. He concluded that Council should reconsider the use of the system in Brunswick.

**Unfinished Business** Mr. Kuczma revealed that information that was shared with Ms. Arida was presented by Chief Safran at the last Safety Committee Meeting.

**New Business** Mr. Smith noted that there had been two successful bike rides. One ride was with Bike Medina County which went from Spokes Restaurant in Medina to Medina Lake. The other ride was through St. Ambrose and went from Market 42, Brunswick Lake, Plum Creek, and back. Those interested can look up Bike Medina County or the St. Ambrose bike organization. He reminded the community to wear bright clothing, a helmet, and have lights on their bike when riding.

**Adjournment** Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, MMC  
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

June 22, 2026

Adopted