

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, June 22, 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, 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 Mrs. Timura read correspondence from Ohio First Lady, Fran DeWine, thanking Council for their support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Medina County.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 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.

Mayor's Report:

Proclamation commending Carson Updike for his athletic accomplishments and outstanding character:

A proclamation was presented to Carson Updike in recognition of his record-breaking achievements in lacrosse, academic excellence and outstanding character.

Motion to reappoint Jeffrey Arona and Joseph Shirilla to the Planning Commission:

Nicholas Hanek move to reappoint Jeffrey Arona and Joseph Shirilla to the Planning Commission, 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.

Clerk of Council's Report Mrs. Timura had no report this evening.

Council Committee Reports:

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

Economic Development Committee Minutes dated June 8, 2026:

Nate Witsaman moved to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes dated June 8, 2026, as written, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Joseph Delsanter, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper, Nate Witsaman. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

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:

Mr. Kuczma had no formal reports this evening.

Planning & Zoning Committee.....Mr. Delsanter:

Mr. Delsanter had no formal reports this evening.

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee.....Mrs. Piper:

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated June 8, 2026 and June 15, 2026:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee minutes dated June 8, 2026, and June 15, 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.

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 June 8, 2026:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated June 8, 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.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd Reading(s)

2nd Reading(s)

RES. NO. 33-2026 - A resolution declaring March 6, 2027 as Random Acts of Kindness Day in the City of Brunswick. - **2nd Reading** (Parks, Recreation, and Community Committee, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*):

Mrs. Piper moved this resolution to third reading.

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 34-2026 An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with VK Furnace LLC to replace three (3) HVAC systems for the Division of Police and City Hall kitchen and lunchroom in an amount not to exceed \$199,000.00. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Grant Aungst*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, 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.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 34-2026, seconded by Mrs. 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 Cleveland Water Department owns the waterlines and fire hydrants. Those wanting to know the schedule of tree lawn repairs as a result of fire hydrant replacement, should contact Cleveland Water. He revealed that the Funkology band would be performing at the Recreation Center on July 3 from 6-9 p.m. Fireworks would commence following the concert. The fireworks rainout date was July 11. The Recreation Center would be closed on July 4. The parade would occur on Sunday, July 5 at 2 p.m. by the Brunswick Middle School. City Hall would be closed on Friday, July 3. There would be no trash delays that week.

Open Forum Joyce Watson (1199 Monroe Drive) had concerns regarding the traffic on North Carpenter after a new development was built. She asked how traffic coming in and out of the area was monitored. Ms. Watson added that contractors in the summer months do not always direct traffic with flaggers. She inquired as to why sometimes there are flaggers and at other times there are not.

Unfinished Business Mr. Kuczma read a statement acknowledging that he had unintentionally shared inaccurate information that reflected negatively on Police Chief Safran and the Division of Police. He stated that it was never his intent to mislead or misrepresent any City department. Mr. Kuczma offered a sincere apology and accepted full accountability for his actions. He further expressed his commitment to continuing to work cooperatively with Chief Safran and all Department Heads to ensure the City provides the highest quality services possible to the residents of Brunswick.

New Business Mr. Witsaman reminded that the I-71 Crossroads Region Transportation Study public meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Strongsville Recreation Center. He noted that members of the *Homes not Highways* group were in attendance at the Council Meeting and encouraged all residents to attend Tuesday's meeting.

Mr. Smith informed that the Oaks Family Care Center was a non-profit ministry that has helped support 200–300 families since 1998. He stated that a fundraiser would be held on July 24 at 7 p.m. at Hope Church in Brunswick. Comedian Jonnie W would be providing entertainment and the admission would be \$35 per person. Mr. Smith then commented that garbage was being thrown out of cars in his neighborhood. He pleaded with residents to take pride in their City and mentioned he would like to keep Brunswick a wonderful community.

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, MMC

Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falsoni

July 13, 2026

Adopted