

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015, 7:00PM**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. MAYOR'S REMARKS**
 - a. "Brunswick: 1890" – Brunswick Heritage Museum Presentation
 - b. Proclamation – Brunswick's 125th Anniversary of Incorporation
- 3. COUNCIL REMARKS**
- 4. CITIZENS' FORUM**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Brunswick, Maryland is situated in the southwestern edge of Frederick County, Maryland and is forty-five miles up the Potomac River from our nation's capitol and six miles east of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and

WHEREAS, Brunswick was a part of an original 3,100-acre land grant from George II King of England and was granted to John Hawkins in 1753, and

WHEREAS, the land was then known as "Merry Peep O' Day," since the sun could be seen in the early morning directly over beautiful Catoctin Mountain, and

WHEREAS, in 1780, Leonard Smith and Clement Hollyday surveyed and laid out plots as the first part of the town for members of their families, and in 1787, Leonard Smith surveyed ninety-two lots for sale in what was then known as Berlin, and

WHEREAS, the name "Potomac" means "gathering place," in Indian language and tribes met here to barter and trade from all corners of the east and midwest, and

WHEREAS, both the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal came to the town in the same year (1834), but the Baltimore and Ohio created a classic "Boom Town" when they moved their classification yard from Martinsburg, West Virginia to Brunswick, causing Brunswick's population to grow from approximately 300 residents in 1890 to approximately 3,000 by 1896, and

WHEREAS, the City had many names over the years, including Buffalo Wallow, Coxson Rest, Eel Pot or Eel Town, Potomac Crossing, Berlin, and Barry, until 1890, when the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad named it Brunswick, because of the many residents living here who came from Brunswick, Germany to work on the railroad, and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick, Maryland, was incorporated on April 8, 1890, and John L. Jordon, Jr. was elected as the first Mayor, and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Brunswick with all due celebration,

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Brunswick remember and honor the original settlers, the canal and railroad workers, and celebrates the 125 years of hard work and accomplishments made by the citizens of the City, and looks confidently toward a positive and prosperous future, and further,

INVITES all of our citizens to joyfully participate in community events and service to this amazing City of ours, and finally,

PROUDLY PROCLAIMS, April 8, 2015 to be Incorporation Day, and the year 2015 to be the City of Brunswick quasiquicentennial year. Let all citizens and visitors of the City learn, honor, and celebrate our distinguished and proud history.

Karin B. Tome, Mayor of Brunswick