

City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

The April 14, 2015 City of Brunswick Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Karin Tome at Brunswick City Hall. The following members and staff were present: Karin Tome, Mayor; Walt Stull, Mayor Pro Tem; Ellis Burruss, Carroll Jones, Harry Lashley, Jeff Snoots, and Angel White, Council Members; Bob McGrory, City Administrator; Milt Frech, Chief of Police; Kim Miller, Accountant; and Breanna Thomas, Administrative Assistant.

Mayor's Remarks

- Mayor Tome discussed the following topics: Brunswick's 125th Anniversary of incorporation, Maryland Municipal League Legislation, Railroad Days and Veterans Day Parade committees, Sheriff Chuck Jenkins' meeting on drug awareness, and Main Street's upcoming mural for the Horine Building.

Approval of Minutes

- Mayor & Council – March 10, 2015

Mr. Burriss moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Lashley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Tome suggested moving the Proposed Charter Change – Section 16-20 Recall of Elected Officers from the New Business portion of the meeting to earlier in the meeting to accommodate the public who came to listen and speak about this topic.

Mr. McGrory outlined the process for amending a municipal charter.

Citizens' Forum (Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communications)

Comments were offered from the following individuals: David Blackmon, Rosemont Commissioner and owner of 223 West Potomac Street; Dick Goodrich, 1 East C Street; Jennifer Knowles, 401 Ninth Avenue; Trey Newkirk, 603 Brunswick Street; Brett Novick, Brunswick Street; Chris Werth, 21 East E Street; Sally Loche, 1039 Orndorff Court; Dan Virgilio, 415 Brunswick Street; Eric Beasley, 27 East E Street; Adam Wyatt, 122 West Orndorff Court; Michael Tyhill, 71 Wenner Drive; Brian Roberts, 708 East Brunswick Street; Jamee Robertson, 216 North Maple Avenue; and Maria Strinehouse, 130 West Orndorff Drive.

Mr. Lashley discussed a proposal for amending the Charter to remove the recall provision for elected officials. Mr. Lashley made a motion to offer Council support for the removal of the

recall of officer's provision from the City of Brunswick, Maryland Charter, and that a Resolution to amend the City Charter by removing Section 16-20 be included on the Council agenda for the May 11, 2015 meeting. Mr. Burruss seconded the motion for discussion.

Council Members were given time to discuss their opinion on removing the recall provision from the Charter. Council Members Snoots, Stull, and White stated they were not in favor of removing the recall provision entirely, but would support an amendment of some sort. Council Member Burriss stated he was in support of removing the recall provision, while Council Member Jones was not. A vote was taken on the motion, which failed 2-4, with Council Members White, Stull, Jones, and Snoots all opposing the motion.

Mr. Lashley made a motion to change the City Charter language to require a petition of signatures from 25% of all registered City voters to recall elected officials. Mr. Burruss seconded the motion. Mr. McGrory outlined the process for the proposed Charter change. The motion passed 5-1, with Council Member Jones opposing the motion.

Introduction and Adoption of Resolutions and Ordinances

- FY2015 Budget Review and Amendment – Ordinance 514 – second reading and discussion

Ms. White read the proposed ordinance. Mr. McGrory offered explanation for proposed budget amendments to various line items.

Report of Officers – Council - Committees

Mr. McGrory discussed administrative staff reports.

Council Members provided updates on their Committee activities, including announcements related to the City of Brunswick Economic Development Commission, Brunswick Family Campground, Brunswick Senior Center, Fire Department, Ambulance Department, Greater Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce, Brunswick Heritage Museum, Canal Towns, Brunswick Main Street, Park Heights Cemetery, and Sustainable Brunswick.

Consent Agenda

- Brunswick Crossing – Phase IIA-1 Part 2 Sewer – Performance Bond Reduction
- Brunswick Crossing – Phase IIA-1 Part 2 Storm Drain – Public Works Agreement Package
- Brunswick Crossing – Phase IIA-1 Part 2 Paving – Public Works Agreement

Staff recommended approval with noted conditions. Ms. White made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Burruss seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Unfinished Business

- FY2016 Budget Revenue Discussion

Ms. Miller highlighted the projected revenues for the FY2016 budget. Discussions regarding budget expenses will begin in May.

New Business

- Ethics Commission Handbook Update

Mr. Snoots made a motion to approve the revised Ethics Commission Handbook. Mr. Lashley seconded the motion. Mr. Burruss stated that while he was not against the handbook, he could not vote in favor of any measure to implement a law as flawed as the ethics law. The vote passed 5-0-1, with Mr. Burriss abstaining.

Adjournment

Mr. Stull moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Snoots seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Carrie Myers

Approved By: Kari Jare 6/4/2015
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: [Signature] 6/4/2015
City Administrator Date