

City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

The June 9, 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, Jeff Snoots, and Angel White, Council Members; Bob McGrory, City Administrator; Milt Frech, Chief of Police; John Gerstner, Public Works Superintendent; Patrick Hoffmaster, Water and Waste Water Superintendent; Kim Miller, Accountant; and Breanna Thomas, Administrative Assistant. Harry Lashley, Council Member, participated via videoconference for a portion of the meeting.

Mayor's Remarks

- Mayor Tome recognized Devin Mallory for his achievement of earning a Maryland State Championship Title in spring track.
- Mayor Tome discussed a water line break at Yourtee Springs.
- Mayor Tome discussed the free lunch program being offered by the library from June 22 through August 21, 2015.
- Mayor Tome discussed compost bins and rain barrels for sale through City Hall.

Approval of Minutes

- Mayor & Council Public Hearing – May 12, 2015
- Mayor & Council Meeting – May 12, 2015

Mr. Burruss moved to approve the minutes. Ms. White seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Citizens' Forum (Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communications)

Comments were offered from the following individuals: Jennifer Knowles – 401 9th Avenue, Antonette Vasseur – 822 East A Street, Michael Tufhill – 71 Wenner Drive, Amy Tufhill – 71 Wenner Drive, Dan Virgillio – 415 Brunswick Street, and John Dayton – 608 Brunswick Street.

Introduction and Adoption of Resolutions and Ordinances

- FY2015 Budget Amendment – Special Ordinance 514

Mr. Burruss made a motion to approve Special Ordinance 514. Mr. Snoots seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- FY2016 Budget – Special Ordinance 515

Mr. Snoots made a motion to approve Special Ordinance 515. Ms. White seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Ordinance 516 – Amending Code of Ordinances Section 6-2402 – Enumerated Public

Nuisances

Council Member discussed the proposed changes. The consensus was to hold a Public Hearing for this item at the July 2015 meeting.

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, Brunswick Area Recreation Council, Brunswick History Committee, Brunswick Food Bank, and Sustainable Brunswick.

Consent Agenda

- Purchase Approvals – Water, Waste Water, and Public Works Departments
- C&O Canal Scenic Byway Sign Post Information & Maintenance Agreement
- Master Plan Amendment – Heritage Area Management Entity

Ms. White made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Stull seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

New Business

- Code of Ordinances Update 2015

Council Members reviewed the latest supplementation of the Code of Ordinances. They also discussed Mr. Burruss' request to review the entire Code for relevancy, accuracy, and applicability. Mr. Burruss made a motion to create an Ordinance Review Subcommittee. Mr. Snoots seconded the motion. All Council Members expressed their desire to be a part of said subcommittee. Mayor Tome mentioned that with that many Council Members present, a Special Meeting of the Council would be held to discuss Ordinance changes.

- Sustainable Procurement Policy

Ms. White made a motion to table this issue until the July 2015 meeting. Mr. Snoots seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

- Hired Car Service Fees – Amending Commercial Regulations Regarding Taxicabs

Mr. McGrory discussed the background of this item, which will be proposed for legislation at the July 2015 meeting.

- Paving Bid Award

Mayor Tome discussed the background of this project. The Council discussed options about having homeowners cost-share with the City for sidewalk replacement, versus establishing a precedence for future City-funded sidewalk replacements. Mr. Gerstner explained asphalt fabric and the benefits of using it in the City. The consensus of the Council was to discuss a sidewalk improvement program throughout the City at the July 2015 meeting.

Mr. Burruss made a motion to award the paving, sidewalk, and curb project bid (Primary Bid,

