

**City of Brunswick**  
**Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

The May 18, 2016 City of Brunswick Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Karin Tome at Brunswick City Hall. The following members and staff were present: Karin Tome, Mayor; Angel White, Mayor Pro Tem; Ellis Burruss, Carroll Jones, Harry Lashley, Jeff Snoots, and Walt Stull, Council Members; Bob McGrory, City Administrator; John Gerstner, Director of Public Works; Patrick Hoffmaster, Director of Utilities; and Kim Miller, Accountant.

Program Open Space Proposal

Mr. McGrory described the preliminary application for Program Open Space funding that the City submitted for consideration at the May 26, 2016 meeting of the Frederick County Municipalities. Mr. McGrory requested that the Council provide direction if it wished to withdraw the application prior to that meeting.

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Discussion

Mr. McGrory described the improved reserves in the Water and Wastewater (Enterprise) Funds, and the proposed capital and operating budgets for each of those funds. Mr. Hoffmaster, followed by Mr. Gerstner, described some of the specific items proposed for the FY 2017 Water Fund Budget as well as the Wastewater Fund Budget. The Mayor and Council discussed specific budget items.

Mr. McGrory advised that Mr. Gerstner planned to use budgeted FY 2016 wastewater capital funds to purchase a used box truck for the sewer cameras to replace one that had been damaged in the roof collapse. He further advised that staff would submit to the County the proposed tax rate of \$0.44 per \$100 of assessed value.

Sidewalk Update

The Mayor and Council extensively discussed the sidewalk improvement program, in which a zero percent interest loan can cover the cost of installation or replacement of certain sidewalks.

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Discussion (continued)

Mr. Gerstner described the proposed capital and operating budgets for the Public Works Department portion of the General Fund. The Mayor and Council discussed specific budget items. The Council agreed to increase the funding for Skate Park Improvements to \$12,000.

