

City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

The August 9, 2016 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; Angel White, Mayor Pro Tem; Ellis Burruss, Carroll Jones, Harry Lashley, Jeff Snoots, and Walt Stull, Council Members; Bob McGrory, City Administrator; Milt Frech, Chief of Police; John Gerstner, Director of Public Works; Patrick Hoffmaster, Director of Utilities, and Lauren Spring, Customer Support Specialist.

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Tome recognized the Brunswick Little League Softball 10-11 State Championship Team.

Mayor Tome recognized the first responders from the Brunswick Fire and Ambulance Departments, as well as other units that supported the recent fire on East G Street.

Mayor Tome sought permission to move the approval of minutes up in the agenda. The Council agreed by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

- Mayor & Council – July 12, 2016

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

Mayor Tome thanked Brunswick residents for a 30% voter turnout at the recent election, and spoke about transition and finding common ground. She also thanked the City staff, especially all four department heads for their service under her leadership.

Outgoing Council Member Stull thanked various people for their years of service and assistance to him as he served for twenty years as a Council Member.

Clerk of the Court Sandra Dalton administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Jeff Snoots.

Mayor Snoots administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Elect Vaughn Ripley, Tom Smith, and Angel White.

Mayor Snoots presented certificates of appreciation to past Council Members Ellis Burruss and Walt Stull, and past Mayor Karin Tome, on behalf of the Council.

Citizens' Forum (Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communications)

Comments were offered from Tim Wilson, Manchester Court; and Erica O'Leary, Peach Orchard Court.

Introduction and Adoption of Resolutions and Ordinances

- Special Ordinance Number 522 – FY2016 Budget Amendment – first reading
- Special Ordinance Number 523 – FY2017 Budget Amendment – first reading

Mr. McGrory detailed the background of these special ordinances. A Public Hearing will be held in September.

Ms. White read Special Ordinance Number 522. Mayor Snoots read Special Ordinance Number 523.

Report of Officers – Council – Committees

Mr. McGrory discussed the recent election and recent website launch.

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

- Gum Springs Estates Lots 8-11 - Conditional Acceptance of Water and Sewer
- Gum Springs Estates Lots 8-11 – Partial Release of Roads, Curbs and Gutter
- Gum Springs Estates Lots 8-11 – Partial Release of Sediment Erosion Control
- 215 East A Street – Water and Sewer Tap Allocation Request
- 602 Gum Springs Road – Water and Sewer Tap Allocation Request
- Market Place at Brunswick Crossing (Weis) Public Works Agreement Package Sediment Erosion Control
- City Pay Scales
- Law Enforcement Investigation MOU
- Maryland Department of Transportation Grant Application
- Letter of Support – Hotel Rental Tax Rate

Mr. Lashley made a motion to move the Letter of Support – Hotel Rental Tax Rate item to New Business. Ms. White seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Ms. White made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lashley seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

New Business

- Letter of Support – Hotel Rental Tax Rate

After discussion, Ms. White made a motion to approve the Letter of Support. Mr. Ripley

seconded the motion, which passed 4-1, with Mr. Smith opposing.

- Special Election – December 6, 2016

Ms. White made a motion to set the Special Election date to December 6, 2016. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Mayor Snoots thanked residents for the voter turnout at the election. Volunteers were encouraged to contact the City if they want to work on a committee.

Adjournment

Ms. White moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Carrie Myers

Approved By: Jeffrey T. Snoots 9/13/16
Mayor Date
Witnessed By: [Signature] 9/13/16
City Administrator Date