

City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting was convened at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Brown at Brunswick City Hall. The following members and staff were present: Nathan Brown, Mayor; John Dayton, Vaughn Ripley, Andy St. John, Chris Vigliotti, and Angel White, Council Members; Dave Dunn, City Administrator; and Carrie Myers, City Clerk.

New Business

- Non-Partisan Election Code Changes


Mayor Brown discussed the background of why Council Members felt it was necessary to add specific, clarifying language to the Code stating that Brunswick elections are non-partisan. He circulated draft ordinance change language that he felt best summarized input received from Council Members in regards to proposed changes. The Council discussed adding a definition of “partisan activity”, distribution of campaign material that could potentially be considered partisan, campaign contributions from organizations, enforcement and penalties, as well as other clarifying election language.

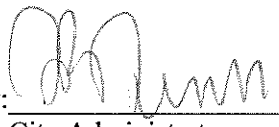
The consensus was to bring the proposed changes to the next Council Meeting for first reading and discussion.

- Charter Review

Mayor Brown stated his desire to amend the City’s Charter to simplify some wording and sections and to update outdated language. He stated he liked Middletown’s Charter format. Council Members all agreed to re-working the Charter and making necessary changes, without changing the intent of the document. Mr. Dunn and Ms. Myers discussed the Charter change processes. Mr. Dunn suggested sending the Charter to the attorney for legal review and to see how best to amend the document to align with Middletown’s format. He stated he could also check with MML to see if other municipalities have completed a Charter re-write in this manner.

Ms. White made a motion to close the workshop at 7:23pm. Mr. Dayton seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Approved By:  _____
Mayor Date 12/2/2020

Witnessed By:  _____
City Administrator Date 11/10/2020