

City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 1, 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; Vaughn Ripley, Andy St. John, and Angel White, Council Members; Dave Dunn, City Administrator; Carrie Myers, City Clerk; and Bruce Dell, Planning and Zoning Administrator. Council Members John Dayton and Chris Vigliotti, and City Attorney Dave Severn participated via Zoom.

Mayor's Remarks

- Mayor Brown swore in Council Member Brian Sandusky.

New Business

- Proposed Rutters Annexation

Mayor Brown introduced the project and stated the purpose of this workshop was to discuss a list of 14 points the City put together before a potential annexation would be considered. He stated this was a preliminary step in the process, and that should Rutters and the City decide to move ahead with an annexation petition, the process would be vetted in open public meetings through the Planning Commission and Council, with ample opportunities for public comment. Mayor Brown also stated the Council had received numerous email comments prior to this workshop.

The following spoke on behalf of Rutters – Bruce Dean, Attorney and Tim Beaber, Project Manager.

The following topics were discussed:

- Truck traffic – The Mayor and most Council Members expressed the opinion that a truck-stop concept would not be welcome in the City. Some Council Members stated they would be okay with offering high-speed diesel pumps, as long as there were no long-term parking spaces offered for trucks. Mayor Brown stated he was not in favor of accommodating trucks at all, as they provide no value to the community. Rutters representatives stated Rutters does not offer trucker bathrooms, showers, laundry facilities, etc, and high-speed diesel really caters more to local contractors.
- Proffers of financial compensation to offset I&I issues – Mr. Dell asked if the City would be willing to remove this request if Rutters foregoes the trucker component of the project. Mayor Brown stated he felt even if the trucks are removed, potential I&I proffers are still what makes this an attractive deal for the City.
- Water and Sewer taps – Rutters reps asked if 25 taps was a hard number or if that number was negotiable. Mr. Dell explained that 25 taps was based on two-inch meters being supplied for McDonald's, Rensburg property, and Rutters, and stated if that weren't adequate, more could be requested in an annexation package. Mayor Brown added that the number of taps should remain close to 25, as the City needed to meet other commitments for taps.

Mayor Brown stated that Rutters needs to work closely with the Rensburg property and McDonalds to come up with a package to present to the City. He stated the more work they did on their end together, the better it would be received by the City. Mr. Dell also stated the City would need to know the plans of the other entities, not just Rutters. Mr. Dunn stated the City needed to be very careful what happens on the Rensburg and McDonalds properties because with a change to their zoning, the City would be hard pressed to stop certain types of business activities on that corner in the future, i.e. another gas station.

