

**City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023**

The February 28, 2023 City of Brunswick Mayor and Council Meeting was convened at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Nathan Brown. The following members and staff were present: Nathan Brown, Mayor; Vaughn Ripley, Brian Sandusky, Andy St. John, Chris Vigliotti, Angel White, and Daniel Yochelson, Council Members; Julie Martorana, City Administrator; Jeremy Mose, Assistant City Administrator; John Gerstner, Director of Public Works; Matt Campbell, Director of Utilities, Bruce Dell, Director of Planning; Kevin Grunwell, Chief of Police; and Carmen Hilton, Program Manager.

Mayor's Remarks

- Mayor Brown read the following statement: The Brunswick City Council will meet in closed session on February 28, 2023 immediately following their scheduled Mayor and Council Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss employment issue. The authority to close this meeting is found in Section 3-305(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- Ms. Martorana read a Black History Month Proclamation.
- Mayor Brown discussed the 2022 Year in Review report.
- Mr. Dell discussed the Vista Pointe Annexation Verification of Signatures and produced a schedule for this annexation process.
- Mayor Brown swore in Tim Wilson and Jackie Ebersole to the History Commission.
- Mayor Brown swore in Melissa Cornwell to the Economic Development Commission.
- Mayor Brown swore in Police Officer Jharvae Buie.

Citizens' Forum

Comments were offered from the following:

- Tim Wilson, 2 Manchester Court
- Brent Wallis, Williamsport, MD – Upper Potomac River Keeper Program
- Wayne Allgaier, West C Street
- Greg Postle, 114 West Orndorff Drive

Introduction and Adoption of Resolutions and Ordinances

- Resolution 2023-06 – Traffic Control Request – Locomotive Alley Children at Play Signs
Mr. Mose discussed this item. Staff recommended approval. Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06. Mr. Vigliotti seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Resolution 2023-07 – Traffic Control Request – Werntz Alley End of Public Right-of-Way Signs
Mr. Mose discussed this item. Staff recommended approval. Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07. Mr. Vigliotti seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Staff Reports

Ms. Hilton presented her monthly report and introduced the Brunswick Forward initiative.

New Business

- Take Home Vehicle Policy – Public Works and Utilities Departments
Mr. Mose discussed the proposed policy. Currently Directors are issued take home vehicles. This policy would allow Deputy Directors and on-call personnel in the Public Works and Utilities Departments to

participate.

Mr. Ripley made a motion to approve the policy. Mr. Vigliotti seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- PO# 230256 – Duke’s Root Control – Homeowner Sewer Connection Inspections

Mr. Mose and Mr. Gerstner discussed this project. They presented a proposal from Duke’s Root Control to manage all aspects of identifying unauthorized homeowner sewer connections into the City’s system. Duke’s would provide resources for education and scheduling of inspections, conduct the inspections, and provide valuable GIS data back to the City of inspection findings. Even though such unauthorized connections are the responsibility of the homeowner to correct, staff recommended utilizing ARPA money for the Duke’s program and an assistance program to homeowners for mitigation efforts.

Mr. Ripley made a motion to approve the purchase order. Mr. Sandusky seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Event Application Approvals
 - Community Egg Hunt – New Hope UMC
 - Brunswick Farmer’s Market – Brunswick Main Street
 - Smoketown’s 7th Anniversary Hootenanny – Smoketown Brewing Station

Ms. Martorana discussed these events. Ms. White made a motion to approve all three event applications. Mr. Vigliotti seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- PFAS Presentation

Mr. Mose and Mr. Campbell presented a power point on PFAS and other similar contaminations. They stated that currently PFAS is not regulated by MDE, but would be in the future and the City has taken a proactive approach to educate employees and test water for PFAS, though not currently required. Mr. Campbell stated that the City’s current levels of PFAS are extremely low and well-within acceptable levels.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:12pm.

Submitted by: Carrie Myers

Approved By: [Signature] 3-13-23
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: [Signature] 5-13-23
City Administrator Date