

City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council Public Hearing Minutes
May 27, 2025, 6:00PM

- FY2026 Budget

Ms. Martorana discussed highlights of the proposed budget. No comments received.

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The May 27, 2025 City of Brunswick Mayor and Council Meeting was convened 6:08P.M. by Mayor Nathan Brown. The following members and staff were present: Nathan Brown, Mayor; John Caves, Brian Sandusky, Eric Smothers, Andy St. John, Angel White, and Daniel Yochelson, Council Members; Julie Martorana, City Administrator; Jeremy Mose, Assistant City Administrator; Carrie Myers, Director of Administration; Matt Campbell, Director of Utilities; John Gerstner, Director of Public Works; Chief Kevin Grunwell; Bruce Dell, Director of Planning; and Eric Carter Martin, Deputy Director of Planning.

Mayor's Remarks

- If I Were Mayor Contest Semi-Finalist Recognition – Mayor Brown presented a certificate to Maryah Nour, who then read her essay.
- Brunswick Crossing Roadways – Center Line Striping FYI – Mayor Brown stated while this staff report was included, the issue as a whole was still being reviewed, therefore would be discussed at a later time.

Citizens' Forum – No comments received.

Introduction and Adoption of Resolutions and Ordinances

- Resolution 2025-16 – Sludge Bid Award

Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16, which accepted a bid from TEM Trucking, Inc. to provide sludge hauling services. Mr. Caves seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Resolution 2025-17 - On-Call Engineering Review Services Bid Award

Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17, which accepted a bid from Wilson T. Ballard Co. to provide on-call engineering services. Ms. White seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Resolution 2025-18 – YMCA Pool Contract Award

Mr. St. John made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-18 to execute a contract to the YMCA of Frederick County for pool management for the 2025 season. Ms. White seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Resolution 2025-19 – Ecology Services Trash Contract Award

Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-19 to execute a contract to Ecology Services for trash collection services. Mr. Smothers seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Resolution 2025-20 – Brunswick Street Property Sale

Mr. St. John made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-20, which declared the subject property unneeded by the City. The City would accept bids for the purchase of the property for 20 days. Mr. Sandusky seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Ordinance 609 – Zoning Ord. Amend. - Planning Comm. Appeals

Mr. Dell stated necessary updates were added to clarify language regarding appeals for Planning Commission administrative decisions being handled by circuit court. Mr. Caves stated he wanted to add a “construction clause” to Section 5.14 stating explicitly that appeals to the Board of Appeals are not prohibited by the ordinance. He made a motion to table Ordinance 609, add the clause, and have it reviewed by the City’s legal team. Mr. St. John seconded for discussion.

Mayor Brown stated he felt the ordinance should be adopted as-is at this meeting given the extensive time and expense already expended towards legal review. He stated he felt anything further would be burdensome to the public. Other Council Members expressed the feeling that the current version was sufficient enough to vote.

The vote on this motion was 1-5, with Council Member Caves voting in favor.

Mr. Yochelson then made a motion to approve Ordinance 609. Ms. White seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-1, with Council Member Caves abstaining.

- Ordinance 612 – Parking Fee Amend. & Position Naming Updates

Ms. White made a motion to approve Ordinance 612, which updated necessary parking code language and fee increases for municipal infractions. Mr. Sandusky seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Ordinance 618 – Development Impact Fee Amendments

Mr. Smother made a motion to approve Ordinance 618, which proposed necessary amendments to development impact fees. Mr. Sandusky seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Special Ordinance 619 – FY2026 General & CIP Budget

Mr. Yochelson made a motion to approve Special Ordinance 619, which passed the FY26 General and Capital budgets. Ms. White seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Special Ordinance 620– FY2026 Enterprise Budget

Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve Special Ordinance 620, which passed the FY26 Enterprise budget. Mr. Caves seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Ordinance 621 – Cannabis Definitions and Regulations

Mr. Dell explained that many jurisdictions had attempted to change their ordinances to zone out cannabis businesses. Recent changes to state legislature mandate that if a municipality does not have a cannabis ordinance on the books by July 1st, they are unable to pass one after that time. Staff mirrored the proposed ordinance after Frederick County. Council Members expressed a desire to include cemeteries in the list of exceptions considering that most religious organizations use these sites routinely. The consensus was to amend the inclusion list before the second read and vote on this ordinance at the June meeting.

Council Liaison Reports

Council Members presented their monthly reports.

Consent Agenda

- PO#250177 – Gabe’s Services Inc. – Storm Water Management - \$35,000

