

City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025, 6:00PM

The September 9, 2025 City of Brunswick Mayor and Council Meeting was convened 6:00P.M. by Mayor Nathan Brown. The following members and staff were present: Nathan Brown, Mayor; John Caves, Brian Sandusky, Eric Smothers, and Andy St. John, 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; and Bruce Dell, Director of Planning.

Mayor's Remarks

- Mayor Brown issued proclamations for National Recovery Month, National Suicide Prevention Month, and National Preparedness Month.

Approval of Minutes

- Mayor and Council Meeting – August 12 & 26, 2025

Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Smothers seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Citizens' Forum – No comments received.

Introduction and Adoption of Resolutions and Ordinances

- Ordinance 622 – Maximum Fine for Municipal Infractions

Mr. Dell stated the State increased the maximum allowable fine for municipal infractions from \$1000 to \$5000 and the City had until October 1st to choose to increase our fines to reflect this increase in our fee structure. He stated this would be a good tool to have in certain code compliance cases.

Mr. Caves expressed a preference to scale the applicable penalty fines based off the severity of certain issues, but Council Members Sandusky, Smothers, and St. John all agreed the increase was a good idea and expressed a favorable opinion of the proposed ordinance, which would be voted on at the next meeting.

Staff Reports

Staff Members presented their monthly reports.

New Business

- Council Member Vacancy Process

Ms. Myers discussed a proposed process to filling the Council seat vacated by Angel White, which was open until August of 2028. She stated she had researched similar processes by other Maryland municipalities and compiled a process that aligned with the updated Charter Section 513 discussing the ability to fill a vacancy with a unanimous appointment rather than a special election. Council Members shared opinions about the proposed process and suggested small updates.

Mr. Caves made a motion to approve the draft process with updates. Mr. St. John seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

- Donation Request – Wreaths Across America

