

**Approved
Brunswick Town Council
Special Meeting
June 27, 2022
6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, Town Hall
85 Union Street**

Councilors Present: W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Abby King, Christopher Watkinson, Kate Foye, James Mason, Kathy Wilson and Dan Ankeles.

Councilors Absent: Sande Updegraph

Town Staff Present: John S. Eldridge, III, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Scott Stewart, Police Chief; Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development; and the video crew.

Chair Mason opened the meeting and acknowledged the meeting had been properly noticed. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to Agenda:

Item 113 is old business and there will be no public comments this evening.

Public Comments/Announcements (for items not on the agenda) *(This item was discussed 6:36 p.m.)*

Debbie Atwood, McKean Street and rese, Lung Association, thanked member of the Police Department and other local organizations for their help with the Trek Across Maine, which is their organization's largest fund raiser

OLD BUSINESS

113. The Town Council will hear public comments on an ordinance that would place a 180-day moratorium on development without a certain percentage of affordable housing, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) *(This item was discussed 6:38 p.m.)*

Chair Mason provided an overview of the issues.

Manager Eldridge introduced this item.

Councilor Walker asked questions, to which Chair Mason and Councilor Ankles responded.

Councilor Wilson asked a question to which Director Costello and Manager Eldridge responded.

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Councilor Walker and Chair Mason asked questions, to which Director Costello responded

Councilor Watson asked questions, to which Manager Eldridge and Councilor Ankles responded.

MAIN MOTION:

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to approve a 180-day moratorium on all housing projects in the Town of Brunswick which proposes more than 30 dwelling units in any number of phases. This moratorium would not affect projects with at least 15 percent of units will be deed-restricted for affordable housing and would apply to households with annual income less than 100% of Area Median Income for the Brunswick Metropolitan Area at the time of sale or lease and this will apply town wide and be apply back to the June 2, 2022 date.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ankles, Councilor Watkinson and Councilor Watson spoke and/or asked question to which Director Costello and Manager Eldridge responded.

Amendment

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to reduce the time to 90 days instead of 180.

Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson, Councilor King, and Chair Mason spoke regarding this amendment.

The Amendment was withdrawn by Councilor Wilson and Councilor Watson.

Councilor Ankles, Councilor Watkinson, and Councilor Walker spoke again regarding the main motion.

VOTE ON MOTION

Chair Mason moved, Councilor Watkinson seconded, to approve a 180-day moratorium on all housing projects in the Town of Brunswick which proposes more than 30 dwelling units in any number of phases. This moratorium would not affect projects with at least 15 percent of units will be deed-restricted for affordable housing and would apply to households with annual income less than 100% of Area Median Income for the Brunswick Metropolitan Area at the time of sale or lease and this will apply town wide and be apply back to the June 2, 2022 date. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Watson was opposed

(A copy of the moratorium will be attached the official minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS

- 114. The Town Council will consider adopting “A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Between Municipal Departments, Offices, and Agencies,” and**

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will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) (This item was discussed 7:30 p.m.)

Councilor Foye left the Zoom meeting.

Julia Henze, Finance Director, introduced this item and responded to questions from Councilor Walker

Manager Eldridge spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adopt “A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Between Municipal Departments, Offices, and Agencies.” The motion carried seven (7) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted resolution will be attached to the official minutes.)

115. The Town Council will consider adopting “A Resolution Authorizing the Over-expenditure of Certain Accounts for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022,” and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) (This item was discussed 7:36 p.m.)

This item is not needed.

116. The Town Council will consider abatement of uncollectable Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes, and will take any appropriate action. (Finance Director) (This item was discussed 7:38 p.m.)

Director Henze introduced this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Ankles seconded, to authorize the Finance Director to abate certain outstanding personal and real estate property taxes that cannot be collected. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted resolution will be attached to the official minutes.)

117. The Town Council will consider any other action necessary to close the 2021-22 fiscal year, and will take any appropriate action. (Town Manager Eldridge) (This item was discussed 7:39 p.m.)

This item is not needed.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Walker seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith

Town Clerk

June 29, 2022

July 18, 2022

Date of Approval

Council Chair