



## Brunswick Mayor and Council Election

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

### Candidate Information Page

In order to help voters make an informed decision the Greater Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce is publishing these information pages about all the candidates.

The Brunswick Board of elections will mail ballots to all registered voters in July.

**Ballots must be received at City Hall no later than Tuesday, August 4, 2020!**

# Nathan Brown

## For Mayor

I am a lifelong Brunswick resident currently serving on the City Council. I have been employed with the Federal Government since 2009, currently with the National Institutes of Health as Lead Program Analyst, where I am responsible for the logistics and coordination of a federal advisory committee. My primary responsibilities involve ensuring the committees compliance with federal law and requirements, as well as a long list of “other duties as assigned”!

## Why I Am Running

I am running to be the next Mayor of Brunswick. While serving in my role on City Council, it has become clear to me that the future and potential for Brunswick is exceptionally bright. As Mayor, I would bring strong leadership, new ideas, and further our transparency efforts, which would all help the bright future that I envision become a reality. I have worked tirelessly during my time on city council for downtown revitalization, infrastructure solutions, business development, and better communication with the citizens. If elected, I will provide the leadership necessary to further these efforts.

**These 6 questions were presented to all candidates who were asked to limit their answers to 100 words:**

1) *We have been working on downtown revitalization for over thirty years. Some progress has been made. What steps would you suggest to continue or improve the process?*

*Answer:* Downtown revitalization should remain a focus of our government. I have been involved in this while on the City Council. I serve as council liaison to the Brunswick Main Street program and the Preservation committee. Both groups work towards a better downtown, and the City government should continue to support their work. Also, I have worked with the Department of Housing & Community Development, which lead to over \$600,000 in grant funding for downtown Brunswick in FY20. This included groundwork and plans for further revitalization projects in the downtown area. I will continue to build on these important relationships/plans.



2) *What is your opinion of our local police department? Do you have any suggestions for improvement?*

*Answer:* The Brunswick Community can be proud

of our local police department and the approaches they have taken with community policing. We can also be proud of the leadership demonstrated by Chief Frech. We should continue to work to expand the opportunities in this approach that allows the police and our community to work together to solve problems within our city. The reputation of our police department that has been built under Chief Frech’s leadership is strong. Communication and dialogue between our city leaders, citizens, and police department will be critical to maintaining that strong community relationship and reputation.



3) *Water and sewer service and costs: do you have any suggestion about improvements?*

*Answer:* We will need to better manage our water/sewer services. We need to implement better project management strategies that creates an overall plan/priority list for all our infrastructure needs. Then we need to continue to engage with state partners to find funding/grants that help offset those costs as



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our community cannot sustain the rate increases needed to cover infrastructure costs all at once. Our water/sewer operations are an enterprise fund, balanced by water rates and bill revenue. We must also finish our new meter & technology, Yourtee Springs, and reservoir projects, all of which will provide better service to our customers.



4) *Do you feel that Galyn Manor and Brunswick Crossing are fully neighborhoods of greater Brunswick? If not, how would you suggest accomplishing that?*

**Answer:** Brunswick Crossing and Galyn Manor are parts of our community! We are all neighbors. As Mayor, I would continue to work with both communities to listen to their challenges and ideas for a better Brunswick. I would make it a point to be more engaged with their community associations and work to build a more inclusive Brunswick. No matter where you reside in a community, you want to feel welcome and part of the community, and we should all strive to be great neighbors as we welcome and embrace our friends in these developments.



5) *If a motion comes before the new Council to repeal or modify the current ordinance that forbids the keeping of chickens in Brunswick, will you support or oppose it?*

**Answer:** I believe we have more pressing issues facing Brunswick, but it is important for elected officials to discuss what they hear from constituents as being a priority. I can't fully respond without seeing the potential proposed legislation, but I do have concerns with the number of complaints we already see regarding ordinary household pets. Proposals would need to work for both the city government and citizens. It wouldn't be a priority of mine to

introduce legislation that modifies the existing ordinance, but I would support discussion if this is something that citizens and elected officials feel is a priority.



6) *What other question or topic do you think should have the Mayor and Council's attention in the next two years?*

**Answer:** We need strong leadership in office who will be prepared to navigate through the many situations ahead. As we continue to grow, our challenges will also grow. We must work towards a smarter, open, and more inclusive government. COVID-19 will continue to impact the city in many ways such as our budgets/revenue, businesses, and day to day operations. As Mayor, no matter what challenges and/or opportunities arise, I will be there to talk to you, listen to you, and work for the best outcome for Brunswick, just as I have done during my time on City Council.



**Remember!**  
**Your vote must be received**  
**NO LATER THAN TUESDAY**  
**AUGUST 4, 2020!!**