MINUTES
BREVARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2026 – 5:30 PM

The Brevard City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Copelof presiding.

Present – Mayor Maureen Copelof, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Baker, and Council Members Gary Daniel, Lauren Wise, and Dean Lytle

Absent – Council Member Pamela Holder

Staff Present – City Attorney Mack McKeller, City Manager Wilson Hooper, City Clerk Denise Hodsdon, Assistant City Manager David Todd, Assistant to the City Manager Shawnee Cummings, Communications Coordinator Becky McCann, Human Resources Director Kelley Craig, Planning Director Paul Ray, Assistant Planning Director Aaron Bland, Senior Planner Emily Brewer, Police Chief Christy Wentzell, Fire Chief Chase Owen, Public Works Director Wesley Shook, Water Treatment Plant ORC Dennis Richardson, Community Center Director Tyree Griffin, Police Department Law Enforcement Officers and Staff

Press – None.

A. Welcome and Call to Order – Mayor Copelof called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

B. Invocation – Rev. Elizabeth Roles of St. Philip's Church offered an invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Copelof led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Certification of Quorum – City Clerk Denise Hodsdon certified that a quorum was present. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Wise to excuse Council Member Holder. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes

F-1. December 1, 2025 Organizational Meeting – Mr. Lytle moved, seconded by Mr. Wise to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025 Organizational Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F-2. December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting – Mr. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Certificates / Awards / Recognition

G-1. Police Chief Christy Wentzell – Oath of Office – City Clerk Denise Hodsdon administered the Oath of Office to Chief of Police Christy Wentzell. Chief Wentzell was accompanied by her son Brode and her daughter Hannah.

City of Brevard, North Carolina
Oath of Office

State of North Carolina
County of Transylvania
City of Brevard

I, Christy Wentzell , do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution and laws of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Chief of Police for the City of Brevard, so help me God.

s/ Christy Wentzell

Oath Administered by: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

City of Brevard, North Carolina
Oath of Office

State of North Carolina
County of Transylvania
City of Brevard

I, Christy Wentzell , do solemnly swear that I will be alert and vigilant to enforce the criminal laws of this State; that I will not be influenced in any matter on account of personal bias or prejudice; and that I will faithfully and impartially execute the duties of my office as a Law Enforcement Officer and Chief of Police according to the best of my skill, abilities, and judgment; so help me God.

s/ Christy Wentzell

Oath Administered by: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

G-2. Proclamation No. 2026-01 St. Philip's Episcopal Church Cornerstone Centennial – Mayor Copelof read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Rev. Elizabeth Roles of St. Philip's Church.

PROCLAMATION N0. 2026-01
ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, the cornerstone of St. Philip's Episcopal Church's historic building was laid in 1926; and

WHEREAS, for over one hundred years, St. Philip's Episcopal Church has provided pastoral support, fellowship, and spiritual inspiration to generations of families in Brevard; and

WHEREAS, the historic church building stands as a testament to the dedication and vision of its early members and continues to serve as a gathering place for beautiful liturgy, music, and religious activities; and

WHEREAS, St. Philip's Episcopal Church has demonstrated unwavering commitment to our community through outreach to those in need and in 2026 will make a gift to two camps serving children in our community; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, St. Philip's Episcopal Church will celebrate this momentous centennial milestone with a year-long series of events including an Evensong liturgy, historical programs, the publication of a book of history, and community gatherings that honor the past while building toward the future; and

WHEREAS, the church's centennial celebration, including a special service of acknowledgment addressing our tragic history of slavery and hopes for a renewed future, reflects the congregation's commitment to honest reflection, reconciliation, and continued service to all citizens of Brevard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of the City of Brevard, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2026 as **ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL DAY** in the City of Brevard and encourage all citizens to join in celebrating this historic milestone and recognizing the significant contributions St. Philip's Episcopal Church has made to our community over the past century.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and executed the Great Seal of the City of Brevard on this the 5th day of January, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

H. Public Comments

Joellen Risacher of 25 Chipmunk Ct., Co-Chair of the Brevard Sustainability Council (BSC) gave a report on BSC's activities in 2025, which included the following:

- City endorsement of BSC
- Sponsorship by Brevard Rotary for the acceptance of tax-deductible donations
- Partnership with local non-profit RiverLink to implement an Adopt-a-Drain program. RiverLink is in the process of applying for grant funding on behalf of the city
- In partnership with local chapter of the Native Plant Society, BSC adopted two 40' x 2' planting boxes at Silvermont, including donation of native plants and volunteer labor by BSC members/spouses and Brevard High School's Interact Club. BSC will maintain the boxes and seek donations for changeable educational signage about native plants and pollinators
- Compiled and distributed a poster regarding sustainability recommendations for family and civic events
- Weekly posting of sustainability information on social media
- Monthly submission for the outdoor page column in *The Transylvania Times*
- Added new members, including Brevard High School student Paige Dinsdale who assists with social media posts, and a college student who is working on a degree in environmental studies maintains the website

Destini Petitt of 87 Northwood Dr., Brevard Sustainability Council Co-Chair presented BSC's goals for 2026, including the following:

- Partnership with Conserving Carolina for stream cleanup along Estatoe Trail and Lamb Creek in the spring
- Plastic, styrofoam and landfill reduction projects
- Streamlining of the Adopt-a-Storm Drain project
- Green Living Pledge
- Leave the leaves educational project and composting program
- Green Business Program
- Sustainable events, including presentation at the White Squirrel Festival
- Social media and in-person educational programs

Doug Powell of 170 Oakdale Rd. wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted that in 2026 we will celebrate our 250th year of independence from Great Britain. He then shared information about our Constitutional Republic form of government, where the citizenry decided to elect representatives to make decisions on its behalf, and that our elected representatives swear an oath to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of North Carolina and the United States of America. He said as a Constitution coach in Brevard, and as a mentor for other Constitution coaches throughout Western Carolina, I would be happy to help anyone improve upon their knowledge and understanding of the Constitution and our very special form of government. He handed out copies of the Constitution to Council.

I. Special Presentations – None.

J. Public Hearing(s)

J-1. Determination of Need for the City of Brevard to Exercise the Powers of a Housing Authority – Emily Brewer explained that NC General Statutes authorize the creation and operation of local housing authorities to address unsafe, unsanitary, and inadequate housing conditions and to expand the supply of affordable housing. Under NCGS § 157-4, a city may exercise the powers of a housing authority itself, rather than, or in addition to, creating a separate authority, by formally adopting a resolution declaring the need for such action and assuming those powers. When a city elects to do so, it may carry out all functions granted to a housing authority under Chapter 157,

including acquiring, owning, leasing, rehabilitating, and operating housing; entering into agreements with state and federal agencies or private developers; issuing bonds; and undertaking redevelopment or revitalization efforts in areas with substandard housing. This option allows municipalities to integrate housing authority functions directly into city governance, enabling closer coordination with planning and community development activities.

In November 1968, the Brevard Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution declaring the need for a housing authority to function in Brevard. The language in the historical resolution does not explicitly state that the authority be granted exclusively to a separate and discrete body, though staff believe that it was intended to expand those authorities to the City at this time. In order to clarify, staff recommend that the City repeat the steps outlined in the statute so as to formally and officially endow itself with the ability to act as a housing authority. She noted that any action by Council would have no impact on the existing Brevard Housing Authority and their ability to continue their important work. Staff is requesting that Council adopt the proposed resolution at this meeting to affirm the City's commitment to affordable housing and ability to exercise the powers of a housing authority.

At 6:00 p.m. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Wise to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation:

Rodney Locks of 187 S. Rice St. said I am one of the people who signed the petition and when I read the resolution I needed to have it clarified. Some of the things Ms. Brewer mentioned…it doesn't say that you're different from the Brevard Housing Authority. The Brevard Housing Authority still exists and you're doing something different. It doesn't define what's affordable, and I think you need to define affordable housing. It doesn't say you're not a property manager. It doesn't say that you provide financial incentives, but most of the comments that I have is about what you don't say. It's nice to have you as a housing authority where you can do these things, but you need to clarify what you're not going to do.

At 6:03 p.m. Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the resolution. During discussion Attorney McKeller explained that Chapter 157 of the NC General Statutes lays out in detail what the City is allowed to do and what it is not allowed to do. The statute allows the City to exercise other abilities as a housing authority, in addition to the Brevard Housing Authority, and there is nothing that takes anything away that has already been given. Following brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BREVARD TO EXERCISE THE POWERS OF A HOUSING AUTHORITY (N.C.G.S. § 157)

WHEREAS, affordable, safe, and sanitary housing is essential to the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the City of Brevard; and

WHEREAS, many residents of our community—including working families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and individuals with low and moderate incomes—face increasing housing cost burdens, limited housing availability, and substandard or overcrowded living conditions; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 157-3 recognizes unsafe or unsanitary housing conditions as a public problem and authorizes local governments to address these conditions in furtherance of a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard is committed to expanding housing opportunities for all residents and is pursuing affordable housing initiatives in response; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 157-4 expressly authorizes a city, by resolution of its governing body, to determine that such conditions exist and to exercise the powers, duties, and

responsibilities of a housing authority, without creating a separate public body; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard received a petition of 25 residents of the City and the area within 10 miles from the territorial boundaries setting forth that there is a need for an authority to function and for the City of Brevard to exercise these powers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard, after providing due notice, held a public hearing on January 5, 2026 regarding this petition; and

WHEREAS, allowing the City of Brevard to directly exercise housing authority powers would provide a locally accountable, efficient, and coordinated approach to addressing housing needs, leveraging public and private resources, and advancing affordable housing solutions aligned with local priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 01. There is a lack of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in the city and surrounding area within the City of Brevard and that there is a need for the City to exercise the powers of a housing authority, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 157-4; and

Section 02. Elect for the City to exercise all powers, duties, and responsibilities of a housing authority as authorized under Chapter 157 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

Section 03. Direct City staff to take the necessary administrative, organizational, and planning steps to implement these powers in a transparent and effective manner for the benefit of City residents.

Adopted and approved this the 5th day of January, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

K. Consent and Information - Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are enacted by one motion. Mayor Copelof read aloud the items listed and asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

K-1. Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Project Change Order No. 1

K-2. Budget Amendment – Fire Department – Grant Funds and Sale of Trucks

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY2025-2026 BUDGET.
BUDGET AMENDMENT NUMBER 26-02

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment to increase Fire Fund revenues and expenditures by $150,000.

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location **Consent**
Department: **Finance**
Contact: **Dean Luebbe, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director**

BRIEF SUMMARY: Since the beginning of FY26, the Fire Department has received a total of $150,000 of unbudgeted revenue. In July of 2025, a 1995 International Engine was sold to the Etowah-Horseshoe Volunteer Fire Department for $75,000. In November of 2025, a 2000 Ford F-350 Brush Truck was sold to the North Transylvania Fire and Rescue for $25,000. Also in November of 2025, the City received grant funding of $50,000 from the State Fire Marshal. The proceeds from the vehicle sales will be used in large part to fully equip the new Brush Truck and the new four wheel drive engine. The grant funding was mainly used to purchase a 4 X 4 Polaris Ranger Crew along with equipping and upfitting the new medical response vehicle.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: To approve Budget Amendment 26-02, as submitted, increasing the budget in expenditure account:

40-5300-3300 (Supplies)		$100,000
40-5300-7400 (Capital Outlay)	$50,000	
TOTAL		**$150,000**

And increasing the budget in the revenue account:

40-3830-0000 (Sale of Capital Assets)	$100,000
40-3350-0100 (Grant Revenue)	$50,000
TOTAL	**$150,000**

ATTACHMENTS: None.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as presented.

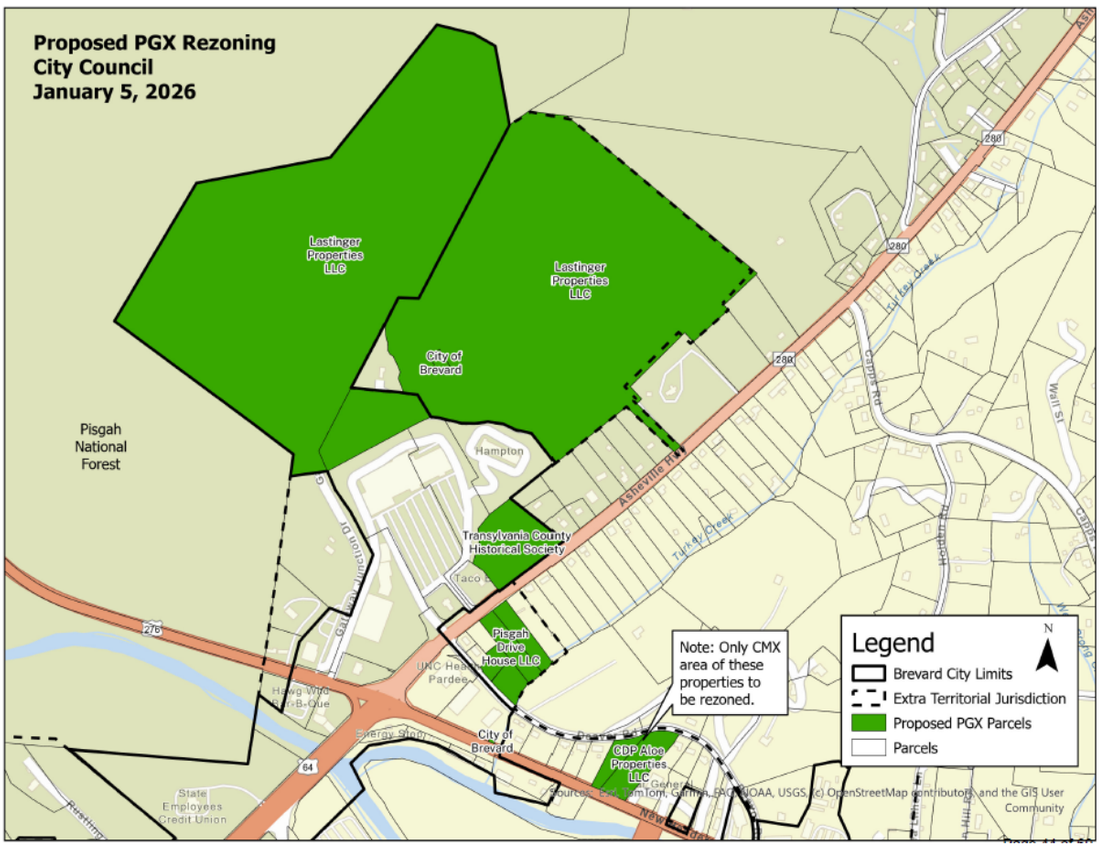
Approved and adopted this the 5th day of January 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor
Approved as to Form: s/ Mack McKeller, City Attorney

K-3. Council Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee Minutes – October 15, 2025

L. Unfinished Business

L-1. Proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Brevard – (Pisgah Gateway Voluntary Rezonings) – Aaron Bland recalled that Council held a public hearing on this item on December 15, 2025 and that the PGX standards already exist in the UDO, but have not been applied to any parcels of land yet. This rezoning would apply to the parcels in green that have explicitly opted in, and signed consent forms as required by the General Statutes. He noted that since the public hearing, the current owners of the properties between Deavor Rd. and Hendersonville Hwy. have signed the consent forms. Those properties are split-zoned with CMX on the highway side and Residential on the back. They want to maintain the split-zoning but have consented to rezoning the CMX portion that fronts Hendersonville Hwy to PGX.



Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Wise to grant the Zoning Map amendment as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BREVARD
OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE MULTIPLE PROPERTIES
TO THE PISGAH GATEWAY MIXED USE ZONING DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the area in the vicinity of the US 64 / US 276 / NC 280 intersection and the entrance to Pisgah National Forest is a unique urban location within the City of Brevard, providing an entrance into the Pisgah National Forest as well as the City of Brevard itself; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard Planning Board has recommended that the Brevard City Code, Unified Development Ordinance be amended to create the Pisgah Gateway Mixed Use (PGX) zoning district in order to codify context-sensitive regulations for this important area; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brevard finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with the following elements of the City of Brevard Comprehensive Land Use Plan *Building Brevard 2030*:

> ***Recommendation Land Use & Housing – 10:*** *Establish zoning overlay districts for the Asheville Highway Corridor and Pisgah Forest Area.*
>
> ***Future Land Use Map*** *identifies all subject parcels as the Pisgah Gateway Character Area.*

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-605, the Brevard City Council finds that this proposed zoning map amendment is reasonable due to the following factors:

- It is in the public interest to create a more context-sensitive zoning district for this area as it is one of the primary gateways to our community, heavily trafficked by residents and visitors alike.
- There is a strong relationship between the currently allowed uses and the allowed uses of the proposed new district.
- The new district benefits landowners by replacing an inappropriate downtown-focused district with a more context-sensitive district.
- Conditions at the US64/US276/NC280 intersection will be changing due to the NCDOT R-5799 intersection improvement project.
- The rezoning is consistent with the above element of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
- The rezoning is consistent with the Future Land Use Map, as amended by Ordinance 2025-04.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on Monday, December 15, 2025, by the Brevard City Council, and, after hearing all persons wishing to comment, and upon review and consideration of the proposed amendments, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Brevard Official Zoning Map be amended as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

SECTION 1. The zoning classification of the parcels identified by the Parcel Identification Numbers (PINs) below is hereby rezoned to Pisgah Gateway Mixed Use (PGX) as depicted in Exhibit A to this Ordinance, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference:

> 8597-54-4908-000, 8597-57-0292-000, 8597-47-3949-000, 8597-57-7985-000, 8597-55-4424-000, 8597-55-5313-000, 8597-55-5503-000, 8597-55-5681-000, 8597-56-4170-000, 8597-64-1942-000 (only the CMX portion), and 8597-64-2864-000 (only the CMX portion).

SECTION 2. The Planning Director is hereby authorized and directed to modify the City's Official Zoning Map consistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. As to any conflict between this Ordinance and any parts of existing ordinances, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 05. This Ordinance shall be in full force and in effect from and after the date of its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved this the 5th day of January 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor
Approved as to Form: s/ Mack McKeller, City Attorney

M. New Business

M-1. Policy re Vendors on City Property – Emily Brewer explained that this is a Staff initiative to respond to an increase in requests for temporary uses, markets, events, and vendors at locations throughout the City. The Planning Department has initiated amendments to the UDO regulations for temporary uses (adopted in December), amendments to the Code of Ordinances for special events (scheduled for discussion at Public Safety Committee), and a new policy for vendors on City property. This proposed policy was unanimously recommended by the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee following discussion at their September and November meetings.

The proposed policy allows vendors with non-motorized pushcarts that are designed and equipped to sell food, beverages, or other goods directly to consumers at certain locations on public property. The purpose of the policy is to regulate the operation of non-motorized pushcarts at specific locations on city-owned property to promote local entrepreneurship, enhance public space use, and ensure safety, accessibility, and cleanliness in public areas. The policy applies only to designated public sites and excludes vendors operating as part of permitted special events or temporary uses on private property.

Pushcart vending is limited to a few approved locations, including Clemson Plaza, Franklin Pool, the Dog Park, and the City Sports Complex. Vendors would be required to submit an application, provide copies of all permits and licenses, provide proof of insurance, and pay applicable fees. Reservations are limited to 30 consecutive days per location, followed by a 30-day waiting period before the same space may be reserved again. The policy also establishes operating standards, including size limitations for carts, prohibition of on-site food preparation, restricted hours of operation, set-back requirements, professional conduct, and waste management.

Ms. Brewer noted that if Council adopts the policy, Staff requests that Council also adopt an ordinance that establishes a reservation fee for vendors on city property. Staff proposes a reservation fee of $400.

Mr. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the policy and adopt the ordinance establishing the fee.

During discussion, Mr. Daniel clarified that the location at the Sports Complex would be at the soccer fields and the skatepark, so as not to compete with the Little League's concession stand. He also noted that the size of the carts is limited to five square feet, which he felt is really small. Mr. Baker thought it would make more sense to permit the vendors and their equipment on an annual basis and that the reservation of sites should be easier to navigate. He also thought a $400 fee for 30 days seems high and asked if that had been discussed at the committee level. Ms. Brewer responded that the committee did not discuss a specific fee. Mr. Baker also questioned why Silversteen Park was not included as an approved location. Ms. Brewer explained that the proposed locations do not include playgrounds, but that it could be added. Mr. Baker suggested tabling this item for a future meeting. Mr. Wise agreed that the cart size is small and recommended taking another look at the fee and at adding Silversteen Park. Mr. Wise and Mr. Daniel withdrew the motion. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to table this item and refer it back to the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee for reconsideration. The motion carried unanimously.

M-2. Mini-Brooks Exemption for Brown Consultants for Grant Application Assistance for Second Intake at the Water Treatment Plant – David Todd explained that the NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure and the State Water Infrastructure Authority are presently offering funding through the State Revolving Fund – Helene Funding program. Awards are limited to $10M for drinking water projects and $5M for wastewater projects. The funding is principal forgiveness up to $5M and a 0% interest loan for the remainder.

Staff are recommending that the City apply for funding to construct an enhanced second intake to improve the resiliency of the city's water treatment system. As no design work has been done yet, staff is estimating the second intake will cost approximately between $5 million - $10 million. Staff are requesting the assistance of Brown Consultants PA to help with this grant application as Brown Consultants PA is currently serving as the Engineer of Record for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements, they were involved with the design of the previous second intake structures, and they have a successful record of winning funding for their clients.

Staff is requesting approval of a resolution authorizing Staff to apply for the DEQ SRF Helene Funding up to $10M, and exempting the designer section for the Water Treatment Plant Second Intake Grant Application Assistance from the "Mini Brooks" Act as per N.C. General Statute G.S. 143-64.32, given that the proposal from Brown Consultants PA is Not to Exceed $18,000 and the statute allows municipalities to exempt selection of design services from the "Mini Brooks" Act for projects costing less than $50,000.

Mr. Lytle moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02
RESOLUTION APPROVING A "MINI BROOKS ACT" EXEMPTION FOR
WATER TREATMENT PLANT 2ND INTAKE GRANT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE
AS PER G.S. 143-64.32

WHEREAS, G.S. 143-64.31 (often referred to as the "Mini Brooks Act") requires the initial solicitation and evaluation of firms to perform architectural , engineering, surveying, construction management-at-risk services, and design-build services (collectively "design services") to be based on qualifications and without regard to fee; and

WHEREAS, the City at times has a need for services estimated to cost below the $50,000 exemption threshold per G.S. 143-64-32 that authorizes local-government exemption from the qualifications-based selection requirements of G.S. 143-64.31; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure and the State Water Infrastructure Authority are presently offering a grant up to $10,000,000 of which up to $5,000,000 is principal forgiveness with the remaining $5,000,000 being a 0% interest loan; and

WHEREAS, the City has a need to add a 2nd water intake at the Water Treatment Plant to increase our resilience and redundancy, as proven by past failures and complications at the Water Treatment Plant; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed cost to provide grant application assistance for funding to support a 2nd Intake at the Water Treatment Plant is less than $50,000 ($18,000 Not to Exceed); and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm, Brown Consultants, PA is well qualified and experienced in working with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure and the State Water Infrastructure Authority, and is very familiar with the City's water treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to use Brown Consultants, PA for assistance with completing the grant application prior to the January 9th, 2026 deadline.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 1. City Staff are authorized to apply for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure and the State Water Infrastructure Authority funding up to $10 million dollars.

Section 2. The selection of the engineering firm Brown Consultants, PA for the Water Treatment Plant 2nd Intake Grant Application Assistance be exempt from the 'Mini Brooks" Act as per G.S. 143-64-32.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved this the 5th day of January 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

N. Remarks/Future Agenda Considerations.

Mr. Daniel hoped that this year will be a very positive year for the City of Brevard and the people that live here and in the County as well.

Mr. Wise wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said I also brought a copy of the Constitution with me, and I would encourage everyone to read it. This is not an a la carte menu that we can pick and choose from if we like or don't like some things. This is the Constitution of the United States, and it is not being upheld, so make some noise about that. That is a very serious problem in our country right now.

Mr. Baker welcomed Chief Wentzell and her family.

Mr. Hooper introduced and welcomed Shawnee Cummings, the new Assistant to the City Manager.

Mayor Copelof said I also am looking forward to 2026 and am very optimistic about where we are headed. We've got a lot of big plans and are tackling some major issues as we continue to develop and look at our disaster preparedness plans, resiliency as a community, and how we grow and shape our city. She urged the public to take advantage of the various forums to provide feedback to Council. She mentioned the upcoming Meet the Mayor on January 8th, and a number of events scheduled for the weekend of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

O. Closed Sessions

O-1. Attorney-Client Privilege: GS §143-318.11(a)(3) – At 7:03 p.m. Mr. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to go into closed session for attorney-client privilege to consult with the City Attorney, and to clear Council Chambers. The motion carried unanimously. City Manager Wilson Hooper, City Clerk Denise Hodsdon, and Planning Director Paul Ray were authorized to remain for the closed session with Council and Attorney McKeller.

Council Returned to Regular Session – at 7:48 p.m. Council resumed the meeting in regular session. No official action was taken in closed session, and the minutes of the closed session are authorized to be sealed.

P. Adjourn – There being no further business, at 7:48 p.m. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Maureen Copelof
Mayor

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes Approved: January 20, 2026