

# Bonanno wins seat on Brunswick's City Council

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Jerry Bonanno won the city of Brunswick's special election on Tuesday for a seat on the City Council.

Bonanno received 261 votes compared to Carleah Summers' 205, according to certified election results released by the city of Brunswick.

Preliminary results released on Tuesday evening after the polls closed showed that Bonanno received 260 and Summers received 204.

Bonanno is succeeding former Council Member Angel White, who stepped down from her post in the summer of 2025 and moved to Florida. Her term runs through August 2028.

Bonanno ran unsuccessfully for a seat on Brunswick's City Council in 2022. Summers ran unsuccessfully for a seat in 2024.

The City Council was scheduled to appoint a new member, but did not make a unanimous decision between Bonanno and Summers at a Nov. 4, 2025, meeting.

On Tuesday, Bonanno told The Frederick News-Post that he was happy with the total turnout, particularly for a special election.



*Photo courtesy of Jerry Bonanno*

## **Jerry Bonanno**

He said he was grateful for all of the voters who came out, as well as Summers, who he said "ran a good campaign."

"I'm just happy to have the opportunity to serve," he said. "I'm ready to get started."

Bonanno practices nuclear energy law and has a background in public health and biomedical safety.

He has served on Brunswick's Planning Commission, the Finance and Utilities Commission, the zoning Board of Appeals and a commission to build a replacement Brunswick High School.

Summers is the founder and executive director of Andrea's House, a nonprofit organization working to provide transitional living for women across the state recovering from substance use disorders. She has worked in substance abuse counseling for 15 years.

She told The Frederick News-Post that the organization is named after her aunt who died of breast cancer in 2019.

In a Facebook post on Wednesday, Brunswick Mayor Nathan Brown thanked "everyone who helped make our city special election possible," including Carrie Myers, the director of administration for the city, the election judges, the Ethics Committee and Board of Election supervisors.

"Local elections are incredibly important, and they only work because of dedicated volunteers who carry out this responsibility in a serious, fair, and responsible way," he wrote. "Our city is grateful for each of you."

According to the city of Brunswick, 467 ballots were cast in the election, including 33 absentee ballots and three provisional ballots.

Out of the three provisional ballots, one was disallowed.