

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017**  
**12:00 (NOON)**  
**OLD CITY HALL**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Felicia Harris and Commissioner Vincent Williams

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Martin

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harvey

**PUBLIC HEARING – FINANCE**

1. City of Brunswick Proposed 2017 Millage Rate. (*K. Mills*)

Finance Director Mills reported that the purpose of this public hearing was to receive comments from the public regarding the 2017 millage rate. She stated that the public hearings had been advertised.

Finance Director Mills stated that even though the millage rate remained the same at **13.219**; there is a possible tax increase. She stated that the tax digest property value went up from \$321,612,543 in 2016 to \$332,301,686 after exemptions in 2017; stating digest tax increase to \$141,300 because assessment on some properties changed causing the increase.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor for anyone wanting to address the commission regarding the above subject item.

No one came forth to address the commission.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED**

/s/ Cornell L. Harvey  
Cornell L. Harvey, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Naomi D. Atkinson  
Naomi D. Atkinson, City Clerk

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**OLD CITY HALL**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Commissioner John Cason III, and Commissioner Vincent Williams

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Martin and Commissioner Felicia Harris

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harvey

**PUBLIC HEARING – FINANCE**

1. City of Brunswick Proposed 2017 Millage Rate. (*K. Mills*)

Mayor Harvey reported that this was the second of three public hearings to be held for the above-referenced millage rate.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor for anyone wanting to address the commission regarding the above-subject item.

No one came forth to address the commission.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3 to 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED**

/s/ Cornell L. Harvey  
Cornell L. Harvey, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Naomi D. Atkinson  
Naomi D. Atkinson, City Clerk

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017**  
**4:30 P.M.**  
**OLD CITY HALL**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Martin – (arrived at 4:58 p.m.),  
Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Felicia Harris and Commissioner Vincent  
Williams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harvey

**PUBLIC HEARING – FINANCE**

1. City of Brunswick Proposed 2017 Millage Rate. (*K. Mills*)

Mayor Harvey reported that this was the third and final public hearing to be held for the above-referenced millage rate.

Finance Director Kathy Mills reported that the millage rate remains the same at **13.219**; stating the City is required to advertise property tax increase and hold three public hearings because the property assessments increased.

City Manager Drumm was instructed to have City Attorney Corry look into the 5.6% City residents pay to County for Capital Fund projects.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor for anyone wanting to address the commission regarding the above-subject item.

No one came forth to address the commission.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED**

/s/ Cornell L. Harvey  
Cornell L. Harvey, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Naomi D. Atkinson  
Naomi D. Atkinson, City Clerk

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017  
OLD CITY HALL  
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Martin, Commissioner John Cason III, and Commissioner Felicia Harris and Commissioner Vincent Williams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harvey

1. Jody Camak, Georgia Power, to Give Presentation on Lighting Upgrades and the SiteView Camera Program.

Mr. Camak gave a presentation on the above-referenced program.

Mathew Hill, Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority gave a break-down of cost for lighting upgrades.

Following presentation the Commission thanked Mr. Camak.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

**WORK SESSION ADJOURNED**

/s/ Cornell L. Harvey  
Cornell L. Harvey, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Naomi D. Atkinson  
Naomi D. Atkinson, City Clerk

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017**  
**OLD CITY HALL**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Martin, Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Felicia Harris and Commissioner Vincent Williams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cornell Harvey

**INVOCATION:** Pastor William Phillips

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE:** Recited by all in attendance

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

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*Commissioner Cason made a motion to add as item number six-a (6a) under Items to Consider for Approval ~ "Setting of the 2017 Millage Rate"; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.*

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*Commissioner Cason made a motion to add as item number six-b (6b) under Items to Consider for Approval ~ "Solid Waste Service Fee Resolution"; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.*

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*Commissioner Cason made a motion to add as item number one-a (1a) under Presentation ~ "Update on Mansfield Street Drainage Project"; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.*

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*Mayor Harvey recognized Richard "Dick" James; who has been shadowing him as Mayor for the day.*

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Dana Harrison addressed the Commission regarding loud music being played in her neighborhood.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

1. LaRon Bennett, Chairman, Urban Redevelopment Agency, to update Commission on activities of the Agency.

Mr. Bennett updated the Commission on development possibilities at Oglethorpe tract, Mary Ross Waterfront Park and Perry School site.

- 1a Update on Mansfield Street Drainage Project. (*G. Alberson*)

City Engineer Garrow Alberson gave an update on the Mansfield Street Project.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)-LAND USE**

2. Rezoning Petition No. 17-02 from Parth Patel, Owner, Petitioning to Rezone 1700 Gloucester Street from Office Commercial (OC) to Local Commercial (LC). (*B. Daiss*)

Brenda Daiss, Director of Planning, Development and Codes, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. She reported that staff recommends granting the above-referenced petition.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor to anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed petition.

The following people addressed the commission:

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| 1) Katherine Kinstle, 1123 Magnolia Avenue                                   | Opposed  |
| 2) Pastor William R. Phillips, Unitarian Universalist Church, Gloucester St. | Opposed  |
| 3) Sandra Colhard, 825 Albany Street   | Opposed  |
| 4) Jill Wright, 1309 Magnolia Avenue   | Opposed  |
| 5) Sally Revoile, Member of Unitarian Universalist Church Member             | Opposed  |
| 6) Lucy Albenze, 908 Richmond Street, Business 1302 Gloucester Street        | Opposed  |
| 7) Al Verheyn, 924 Union Street  | Opposed  |
| 8) Neely Hunter, 1913 Elm Street   | Opposed  |
| 9) Gary Cook, 2615 Ellis Street  | In Favor |

Mayor Pro-Tem Martin made a motion to deny the above-referenced petition; seconded by Commissioner Cason.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

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| Commissioner Cason    | Yes to deny |
| Commissioner Harris   | Yes to deny |
| Commissioner Williams | No to deny  |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Martin  | Yes to deny |
| Mayor Harvey          | No to deny  |

Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0; with Commissioner Williams and Mayor Harvey opposing.

3. Abandonment Petition No. 17-02 from John A. Cason III, Owner, Petitioning to Abandon a 50 feet Right of Way (ROW) that Adjoins Property. (*B. Daiss*)

Brenda Daiss, Director of Planning, Development and Codes, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. She reported that staff recommends granting the above-referenced petition.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor to anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed petition.

Commissioner Cason recused himself from commenting/voting on the above-referenced item.

The following people addressed the commission:

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| 1) Gary Cook, 2615 Ellis Street | Opposed |
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Mayor Pro-Tem Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition; seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

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| Commissioner Harris   | Yes |
| Commissioner Williams | Yes |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Martin  | Yes |
| Mayor Harvey          | Yes |

Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0; with Commissioner Cason abstaining.

#### **ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL**

4. Consider Approval of August 2, 2017 Work Session and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. (*subject to any necessary changes.*) (*N. Atkinson*)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced work session and regular scheduled meeting minutes; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

5. Consider Approval of Bid Contract for Billing and Collection Software for Ad Valorem Property Taxes and Solid Waste Fees. (*A. Dunham*)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to defer the above-referenced item until the September 6, 2017 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. Consider Approval to Surplus Vehicles/Equipment from the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments. (*R. Charnock*)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve items for surplus on the surplus list as presented and utilize Gov Deal for the auctioning process; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

6a Setting of the 2017 Millage Rate. *(K. Mills)*

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the millage rate of 13.219 as presented by Finance Director Mills; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

6b Consider Approval of Solid Waste Fee Resolution. *(J. Drumm)*

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

7. Tree Board – *(four appointments)*

Mayor Pro-Tem Martin made a motion to appoint Sandra Colhard and Eamonn Leonard to the above-reference board; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

City Clerk Atkinson was instructed to re-advertise for the remaining two vacancies.

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE - (Renewals)** – *(L. Schmauch)*

8. Consider Approval of one (1) Alcohol Beverage License.

<b>Name of Business</b>	<b>Owner/Mgr.</b>	<b>Business Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Live at the Blue Door/ Cool on Cool LLC	Constance Lewis Lindsey (Owner) Enzo Centofanti (Manager)	1706 Second St.	Request to sell beer and wine. (Consumption on Premises)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced alcohol license until the September 6, 2017 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

**MAYOR HARVEY'S ITEM(S)**

9. Update on the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission.

Mayor Harvey reported that a Deputy Executive Director has been hired for Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission. He also gave updates on projects of the above-referenced commission.

Finally stating that changes have been made to Human Resources policy and debt collection policies.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was not an executive session during this meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

/s/Cornell L. Harvey  
Cornell L. Harvey, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Naomi D. Atkinson  
Naomi D. Atkinson, City Clerk