

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021
HYBRID
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET
&
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PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Harris ~ arrived via zoom at 5:23 p.m., Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Julie Martin and Commissioner Vincent Williams ~ arrived at City Hall at 5:40 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey (*meeting began at 5:00 p.m.*)

DISCUSSION

1. Director of Planning and Zoning John Hunter, Russ Marane, Special Projects Manager, Coastal Regional Commission, and Eric Landon, Director of Planning & Government Services, Coastal Regional Commission to give Presentation Regarding Proposed Zoning Ordinance Revisions – Phase 1.

The above-referenced presenters continued presentation where they left off from at the March 17, 2021 work session presentation, with an overview of buffer requirements and the sign and advertising services section of the zoning Ordinance.

Following the presentation, questions, and comments - the Commission thanked presenters.

WORK SESSION ADJOURNED – *session adjourned at 5:52 p.m.*

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

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey - *meeting begin at 6:00 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Commissioner Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Recited by all in attendance at 1229 Newcastle Street.*

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Commissioner Martin made a motion to add as item number one~a (1a) “Consider Action to be taken for the Give and Take Convenient Store, 1603 “L” Street for Selling Alcohol for on Premise Consumption without a License.”; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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Commissioner Martin made a motion to add as item number seven~a (7~a) “Consider Approval of Loan Agreement and Promissory Note from Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Program for \$1.5 Million and Confirm an Estimated \$791,000 in Special Purpose Local Option Sale Tax (SPLOST) and Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds in Support of the Loan Application.”; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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Commissioner Martin made a motion to add as item number seven~b (7~b) “Consider Approval of a Contract with Georgia Asphalt Producers to Construct the Improvements as Planned by the Lanier-Gloucester Intersection Improvements Study.”; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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PUBLIC HEARING - ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE(S) – (New) – (R. Monday)

1. Consider Approval New Alcohol Beverage License:

<u>Name of Business</u>	<u>Owner/Mgr.</u>	<u>Location of Business</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Craver’s Wings & Grill	Paul & LaAdrienne Ransom	3421 Cypress Mill Road Suite 1	On premise consumption of beer and wine with Sunday Sales.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor for anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the above-referenced new alcohol license.

No one came forth in person or via zoom chat to address the commission.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced new alcohol license for Craver’s Wings & Grill; seconded by Commissioner Cason.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

Commissioner Cason	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Harris	Yes
Mayor Harvey	Yes

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

1a Consider Action to be taken for the Give & Take Convenient Store 1603 “L” Street for Selling Alcohol for on Premise Consumption Without a License.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to place Give & Take Convenient Store, located at 1603 “L” Street on six-month probation for the above-referenced violation; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - LAND USE

2. Abandonment Petition No. 21-01; from Kelly Hnatt, owner of 1729 Norwich Street, Requesting the Abandonment of the Unused 2.5’ Right of Way that Adjoins her property on the “H” Street Side. *(J. Hunter)*

Director of Planning, Development and Codes Hunter gave a presentation on the above-referenced Petition. He reported staff recommends in favor of granting the abandonment of the 2.5’ x 60’ right of way.

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

No one came forth in person or via zoom chat to address the commission.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

3. Conditional Use Petition No. 21-01; from Tonalisa Allen, Petitioning for a Conditional Use for 3301 Norwich Street, for Open Yard Storage of Vehicles. *(J. Hunter)*

Director of Planning, Development and Codes Hunter gave a presentation on the above-referenced Petition. He reported staff recommends in favor of granting the conditional use with the following conditions:

- 1) *The lot be used exclusively for the sale or rental of automobiles, trucks, SUVs or other passenger class vehicles.*
- 2) *No vehicle repair take place on the property.*
- 3) *No storage of wrecked or salvaged vehicle storage be allow, nor will storage of vehicles for a towing operation be allowed.*

The Planning and Appeals Commission made a recommendation in favor of granting the requested conditional use with the following conditions:

- 1) *The lot be used exclusively for the sale or rental of automobiles, trucks, SUVs or other passenger class vehicles.*
- 2) *No vehicle repair take place on the property.*
- 3) *No storage of wrecked or salvaged vehicle storage be allow, nor will storage of vehicles for a towing operation be allowed.*
- 4) *A fence be erected on the west side of the property to screen the open yard storage from residentially zoned properties.*

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

No one came forth in person or via zoom chat to address the commission.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition with the recommendation/conditions of City Staff and the Planning and Appeal Commission referenced above; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

PRESENTATION

4. Aundra Fuller, Director of Brunswick Georgia African American Cultural Center to give a Presentation Regarding the Organization.

Following presentation, the Commission thanked Ms. Whitney Fuller for efforts of the organization.

ITEM(S) TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL

5. Consider Approval of March 17, 2021 Work Session and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)*
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced minutes; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of February 28, 2021. *(K. Mills)*
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced reports as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
7. Consider Approval of a Contract Amendment with Swindell Construction Company for Construction of Bid Alternate #1 – Concrete Sidewalk on Ellis Street. *(R. McDuffie)*
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the approve the above-referenced contract amendment for the completion of Bid Alternate #1 (Ellis Street) of the CDBG Sidewalk construction project and approve up to \$30,000 from the Sales Tax fund for completion of the project; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
- 7a Consider Approval of Loan Agreement and Promissory Note from Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Program for \$1.5 Million and Confirm an Estimated \$791,000 in Special Purpose Local Option Sale Tax (SPLOST) and Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds in Support of the Loan Application.
Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced loan agreement and Promissory Note; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
- 7b Consider Approval of a Contract with Georgia Asphalt Producers to Construct the Improvements as Planned by the Lanier-Gloucester Intersection Improvements Study.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to defer the above-referenced contract until a later date; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEM(S)

8. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2021-04 ~ Clarifying Previous Resolution by the City of Brunswick Concerning the Future of the Confederate Monument Located in Hanover Square. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

Commissioner Cason	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Harris	Yes
Mayor Harvey	Yes

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not an executive session held during this meeting.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.*

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

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