

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
WORK SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey (*meeting began at 5:07 p.m.*)

PRESENTATION

1. Michael Burns, Founder and Executive Director of Community and College Partners Program to give Presentation Regarding Broadband Plan for the City.

Following the presentation, questions, and comments - the Commission thanked Mr. Burns for the presentation.

WORK SESSION ADJOURNED – *session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.*

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

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

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey - meeting begin at 6:17 p.m.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Williams

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

Mayor Harvey recognized County Commissioners Rafolski and Fendig in the attendance.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Commissioner Williams made a motion to move item number eight (8) to the beginning of the agenda as item number two-a (2a); seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one present to address the commission.

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>
Lucky 7	Ankur Patel/ Owner	3021 Altama Ave.	Retail sale of beer and wine.

Owner was not in attendance.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to defer the above-referenced public hearing until the July 7, 2021 commission meeting; giving applicant an opportunity to attend hearing; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

APPOINTMENT(S)

2. Board, Commission, Agency (*N. Atkinson*)

I. Brunswick Historic Preservation Board – Two Appointments

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to re-appoint Will Worley to the above-referenced board and appoint Myrna Scott Amos to the above-referenced board filling the expired term of Kate Sabbe; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

II. Coastal Regional Commission – One Appointment -Non-Public Representative (Mayor’s Appointment)

Mayor Harvey re-appointed Shaw McVeigh as a non-public representative to the above-referenced commission.

III. Urban Redevelopment Agency – One Appointment - (Mayor’s Appointment)

Mayor Harvey stated he would defer the above-referenced appointment until he meets with a candidate interested in serving on the above-referenced agency.

ITEM(S) TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL

3. Consider Approval of June 2, 2021 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. (*subject to any necessary changes.*) (N. Atkinson)

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

4. Consider Approval of Resolution Number 2021- 09 ~ Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget. (R. McDuffie)

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

5. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of April 30, 2021. (K. Mills)

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced reports as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. Consider Approval of Resolution Number 2021-10 ~ Establish Storm Water Utility for the Upcoming Billing Cycle. (G. Alberson)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced resolution until the July 7, 2021 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

7. Consider Approval of Contract with Georgia Department of Corrections for Offender Work Crews. (G. Alberson)

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced contract for two (2) offender labor crews at a cost of \$98,636.00; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Cason recommended requesting a third crew.

CITY MANAGER ITEM(S)

8. Consider Approval of Letter of Support for County’s Request to the State Legislature to Rename the Little River Bridge “Bennett Bridge” in Honor of the Bennett Bait Shop Owners. (R. McDuffie) – (Commissioner Fendig)

The above-referenced item was moved at the beginning of the agenda as item 2a

County Commissioner Fendig, Kevin Dezern and members of the Bennett family addressed the Commission regarding the above-referenced letter of support.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced letter of support; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Martin requested that staff notify the state regarding missing signs for some of the bridges request and need to be replaced.

9. Consider Approval for City Manager to Enter into Contract for Removal of Shrimp Boat Located at Mary Ross Waterfront Park. (R. McDuffie)

Commissioner Williams made a motion for City Manager McDuffie to enter into a contract for the removal and disposal of the abandoned vessel (*i.e. Ms. Bonnie*); 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.

10. Consider for Approval of Pay Incentives for City Personnel. (*R. McDuffie*)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the pay incentives recommendations made by City Manager McDuffie; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin.

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 to 5 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEM(S)

11. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 1071 – Amendment to Chapter 23 of the Code of the City of Brunswick Pertaining to Zoning; Particularly the Provisions Relating to Signs and Advertising Devices.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to defer the above-referenced item; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Martin amended motion to defer the above-referenced item until the July 21, 2021 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

12. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 1072 – Amendment to Article XXIII of the Zoning Code Chapter 3, Section 21, “Buffer Requirements”.

Commissioner Cason amended motion to defer the above-referenced item until the July 21, 2021 commission meeting; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

13. Consider Approval of Payment of the Excess Tax Proceeds from the Tax Sale of Parcel No. 01-00798 in the amount of fifteen thousand six hundred forty-five and 95/100 dollars (\$15,645.95).

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the above-referenced excess tax proceeds; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Williams made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss litigation; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote to 5 to 0.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Harvey announced no action was taken.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.*

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

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