

OFFICIAL MINUTES
BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021 AT 12:00 P.M.
HYBRID
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET
&
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PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, (in person) - Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Harris, (via zoom) - Commissioner Julie Martin, (via zoom) - and Commissioner Vincent Williams (in person)

ABSENT: Commissioner John Cason III

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Harvey

PUBLIC HEARING - FINANCE

1. City of Brunswick Proposed 2021 Millage Rate. *(R. McDuffie)*

City Manager McDuffie gave an overview of the computation of the proposed 2021 millage rate. She explained that although the millage rate of 13.219 is the same as it has been for the past several years, a property tax increase must be advertised per O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1(c) because the “rollback” millage rate is lower than the proposed millage rate, which results in an overall tax increase of 2.12% due to overall property values showing a net increase in the reassessment of existing real property.

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 in person or via zoom.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.*

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.*

/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 18, 2021
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PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, (in person) - Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Harris, (via zoom) - Commissioner John Cason III, (via zoom) - Commissioner Julie Martin, (via zoom) and Commissioner Vincent Williams - (in person)

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey - *meeting began at 5:31 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Commissioner Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Recited by Mayor Harvey*

PUBLIC HEARING

1. City of Brunswick Proposed 2021 Millage Rate. (*R. McDuffie*)

City Manager McDuffie reported that this was the third and final public hearing for the above-subject matter.

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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 in person or via zoom.

Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Commissioner Martin made a motion to add as item number 4-III under Appointments, Housing Authority – One Appointment (Mayor’s Appointment); seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

- 1) Titania Cook, Founder and Director of Juneteenth, addressed the Commission regarding Juneteenth and Opal Lee. Ms. Cook provided background/educational information regarding Juneteenth and Opal Lee's involvement in making Juneteenth a national holiday. She asked the commission to consider sponsoring the event scheduled for Opal Lee in September by providing a proclamation and key to city.

PRESENTATION(S)

2. City Manager Regina McDuffie to give a Presentation Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Proposal.
Following presentation, Commission thanked City Manager McDuffie.
3. City Manager Regina McDuffie to give a Presentation Regarding Plans for Georgia Cities Week Activities.
Following presentation, Commission thanked City Manager McDuffie.

APPOINTMENT(S)

4. Committee and Board

I. Audit Committee – Two Appointments

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to re-appoint Pamela Bailey and Delores Pierce-Harrison to the above-referenced committee until August 30, 2024; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

II. Tree Board – One Appointment

Commissioner Williams made a motion to re-appoint Bonyetta Kitts to the above-referenced board until August 21, 2024; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

III. Housing Authority – One Appointment (Mayor's Appointment)

Mayor Harvey appointed Kamau Dickerson to the above-referenced authority filling the expired term of Gary Cook until August 18, 2026.

ITEM(S) TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL

5. Consider Approval of August 4, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
6. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2021-12 – Setting of 2021 Millage Rate. (*R. McDuffie*)
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
7. Consider Approval of Agreement with GHD for Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Services at Fourth Street Landfill. (*G. Alberson*)
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced agreement; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
8. Consider Approval of Salary Increase for City Manager Regina McDuffie. (*Commission*)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to increase the salary of City Manager McDuffie to \$116,618 retroactive to July 1, 2021; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

COMMISSONER CASON ITEM(S)

9. Update on Contract for Household Garbage, Yard Debris and Recycling.
City Manager McDuffie gave a brief update regarding the above-subject item.

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Mayor Harvey suggested entering into a joint resolution with Glynn County encouraging constituents to get vaccinated. The Commission encouraged everyone to get vaccinated

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not an executive session held during this meeting.

Commissioner Cason 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 7:09 p.m.*

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

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