

OFFICIAL MINUTES
BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022
AT 6:00 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2nd FLOOR
&
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM
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PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cosby Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Harris ~via zoom, Commissioner John Cason III ~via zoom, Commissioner Julie Martin and Commissioner Kendra Rolle

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Johnson - *meeting began at 6:00 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Mayor Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited by all in attendance

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Commissioner Rolle recognized members of Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority, Inc. CAYLI Leadership Program.

Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority, Inc. Chief Executive Officer Tres Hamilton gave a brief overview of what the CAYLI program entail.

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

1. Consider Approval Alcohol Beverage License:

Name of Business	Business Owner/Manager	Business Address	Permit Type
Lady K’s Kitchen	Owner: Kristie Cameron Manager: Shatoria Wickham	4441 Altama Ave. Brunswick, GA	On premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits with Sunday sales.
JP’s Wine & Spirits	Owner/Manager: Winton McNair III	3304 Glynn Ave. Brunswick, GA	Retail sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits.
Fine Food Mart	Owner/ Manager: Shilpesh Patel	2006 Parkwood Dr. Brunswick, GA	Retail sale of beer & wine

Deputy Marshal Monday reported Lady K’s Kitchen and JP’s Wine & Spirits withdrew their application for a new alcohol beverage license; she stated Fine Food Mart was the only license to consider for approval.

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

No one came forth to address the commission.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to defer approval consideration for Fine Food Mart until March 2, 2022 commission meeting; giving staff and applicant time to solicit feedback from residential property owners and meet with Goodyear Park NPA regarding the new license; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

AMENDMENT(S) TO AGENDA

Commissioner Martin made a motion to remove public hearings for new alcohol license for **Lady K’s Kitchen and JP’s Wine & Spirits** from agenda and add under item(s) to consider for approval as item number 11 three (3) service contracts; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – LAND USE

2. Consider Approval of Rezoning Petition No. 22-01; from Nehemiah Jayne, Commonwealth Construction of Georgia LLC, Petitioning to Rezone 805 Egmont Street from General Residential (GR) to Local Commercial (LC). (*J. Hunter*)
Director of Planning, Development and Codes Hunter gave a presentation regarding the above-referenced petition. He reported that staff recommends approval of the rezoning and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval with the condition that the following two allowed uses be stricken: *1) Package Store, and 2) Marina.*

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

No one came forth 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.

APPOINTMENT(S)

3. Boards, Commission and Authority

I. **Convention Visitor Bureau** – One Appointment ~ (Mayor’s Appointment)

Mayor Johnson appointed H. Bradford Piazza to the above-referenced bureau.

II. **Glynn County Board of Health** – One Appointment ~ (Mayor’s Appointment)

Mayor Johnson appointed Dr. James Gowen to the above-referenced board.

III. **Downtown Development Authority** – One Appointment

Mayor Johnson stated he would like to appoint Audrey Gibbons to the above-referenced authority.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to appoint Jared DiVincent to the above-referenced authority; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion failed due to lack of a majority vote; with Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Cason voting yes and Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Harris and Commissioner Rolle abstaining.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer appointment to the above-referenced authority until February 16, 2022 commission meeting; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

IV. **Planning and Appeals Commission** – One Appointment ~ (Alternate Member)

Commissioner Martin made a motion to appoint Grace Green to the above-referenced commission; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

4. Consider Approval of January 19, 2022, 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 Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
5. Consider Approval of the Reallocation of the Substantial Amendment for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funds (Community Development Block Grant – CARES – Round 3). (*D. Bravo*)
Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the CARES Act Fund allocation of \$24,000 to Roosevelt Harris, Jr. Senior Citizen Center; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
Consideration for the \$56,000 allocation to Golden Isles Veteran Village to be considered at a later date.
Lorene Reid, President of Board of Directors and John Bartosh, Vice President/Construction Chairperson for Golden Isles Veteran Village gave an overview of plans for the Veterans Village. Following questions and comments; commission thanked Ms. Reid and Mr. Bartosh.
6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of December 31, 2021. (*K. Mills*)
Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the above-referenced reports as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
7. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-01 ~ Authorizing Staff to Apply for the Coastal Incentive Grant on behalf of Kids Port Museum. (*J. Hunter*)
Following questions and comments for Kelly Hnatt, Board of Director Member of Kids Port Museum.
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.
8. Consider Approval to Purchase a Mini Excavator with Mower Attachment. (*G. Albersen*)
Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the above-referenced purchase; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
9. Consider Approval to Purchase a Compact Tractor and Backhoe. (*G. Albersen*)
Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced purchase; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
10. Consider Approval to Purchase an Aerial Lift Bucket Truck. (*G. Albersen*)
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced purchase; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
11. Consider Approval of Three (3) Service Contracts.
Information Technology Administrator Kyle Edwards gave a brief overview of plans for Old City Hall, located at 1229 Newcastle Street Audio and Visual Consultant Contract.
Mayor Johnson requested approval consideration for the following service contracts:
 - 1) SPLOST & LOST Consultant Contract
 - 2) Strategic State Consultant Contract
 - 3) Audio & Visual Consultant ContractCommissioner Rolle made a motion to approve an allotment not to exceed \$30,000 for a SPLOST & LOST Consultant Contract, and for an allotment not to exceed \$30,000 for a Strategic State Consultant Contract; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

12. Discussion of Proposed Ordinance No. 1074 ~ Short Term Rental Ordinance.
City Attorney Corry updated the Commission on the above-referenced proposed ordinance.

William Kitts, Brison Group, stated he was available to meet with the City Attorney Corry regarding the above-referenced proposed ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Martin made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss real estate, litigation and pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-18-72 – Exception for documents related to Public Safety not subject to disclosure; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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Mayor Johnson announced though the work of the Mayor’s Office in connection with Senator Sheila McNeill, Representative Don Hogan and Representative Al Williams two bills have dropped in the State Legislation, one in the House and one in the Senate; the bills will provide free SAT’s for all students; he stated the bill effects not only Brunswick but the state of Georgia as a whole. He thanked Senator Sheila McNeill, Representative Don Hogan and Representative Al Williams in partnering with the Mayor’s Office to push the bills on a Statewide level.

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RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced no action was taken and open floor for discussion and/or motion.

Commissioner Martin made a motion authorizing Mayor Johnson to execute and sign a Quit Claim Deed on the property located at 2115 Union Street and to release any interest the city has in property regarding the 1989 tax deed; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.*

/s/Cosby H. Johnson
Cosby H. Johnson, Mayor

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