

OFFICIAL MINUTES
BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022
AT 6:00 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2nd FLOOR
&
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM
STREAMED LIVE AT THE BELOW WEB ADDRESSES:

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PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cosby Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Harris, Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Julie Martin and Commissioner Kendra Rolle

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Harris

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited in unison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 6, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve April 6, 2022 agenda; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously

INTRODUCTION

2. Chairman of the Southeast Georgia Health System Hospital Authority Roosevelt Harris, Jr. to Introduce Southeast Georgia Health System President and CEO, Scott Raynes.

Mr. Raynes reported for the first time in two years there has been no COVID hospitalization in over a week; he also gave a brief update on Southeast Georgia Health System projects.

PRESENTATION

3. Coastal Community Health Services Program Proposal. (*R. McDuffie/K. Chandler*)

City Manager McDuffie gave an overview of a proposal from Coastal Community Health Services; stating Coastal Community Health Services plans to open a clinic in Downtown Brunswick and yield the floor to Coastal Community Health Services Chief Executive Officer Dr. Chandler.

Dr. Chandler gave a brief overview of the services Coastal Health Services offers. He reported on plans to open a clinic in Downtown Brunswick and asked for financial support of \$220,000 per year for the next three years, he requested half of the financial support from the City of Brunswick and half from Glynn County for a total of \$110,000 from each governmental entity.

NOMINATION(S)

4. Authority

I. Hospital Authority – Three Nominations

Commissioner Martin made a motion to nominate Barrette Walker, Audrey Gibbons and Akia Banks for consideration for the above-referenced authority to consider for appointment; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

5. Consider Approval of March 16, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of February 28, 2022. *(K. Mills)*

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced reports as submitted; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider Approval of Sanitation Resolution No. 2022-03 and Contract with Republic Services of Georgia, LP for Sanitation Collection Services, Including Garbage Collection, Recycling Collection, Yard Waste Collection and Bulk Pick-Ups. *(R. McDuffie)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution and contract with the contract having an effective date of April 1, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Martin Motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider Approval of First Responders Package. *(C. Johnson/R. McDuffie)*

Mayor Johnson reported the following proposal for the First Responders Package:

- *Salary increases of \$4.00 for all sworn police officers below the rank of Lieutenant*
- *Salary increases of \$2.80 for Fire Fighters*
- *\$150 stipend per month for Fire Personnel and Police Officers who reside inside the city limits*
- *Annual 3% cost of living adjustment raises for both Police and Fire*
- *\$2,500 signing bonus or \$15,000 allotted to attract up to six certified officers – with stipulation of being employed with city for two years.*
- *Quarterly reviews from Police and Fire Chiefs to discuss each departments needs*

City Manager McDuffie reported that the First Responders Package effectively updates the pay plan to increase the minimum wage in the city to \$14.05 per hour, increase pay in Public Works as outlined and resolve any compression issues within the recommended funding.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced package; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

9. Discussion of Proposed Ordinance No. 1074 ~ Short Term Rental Ordinance.

City Attorney Corry gave an overview of the above-referenced proposed ordinance.

Audit Committee to research the vacancy rates per ward further before commission consider adoption of the proposed Short Term Rental ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced no action was taken.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.*

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

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