

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022**  
**AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR**  
**&**  
**STREAMED LIVE AT THE BELOW WEB ADDRESS:**  
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**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Cosby Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Harris ~ (arrived at 5:41 p.m.), Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Julie Martin and Commissioner Kendra Rolle

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Johnson - *meeting began at 5:30 p.m.*

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Johnson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Recited in unison

**PUBLIC HEARING - FINANCE**

1. City of Brunswick Proposed Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget. (*R. McDuffie*)

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for anyone wanting to address the commission regarding the above-referenced budget.

- Annie Polite, City resident, had a couple of questions regarding budget; same were answered by City Manager McDuffie.
- Annie Polite, City resident, suggested recruiting police officers from college and high schools.

Public Hearing Closed. (*6:16 p.m.*)

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

- Commissioner Rolle made a motion to add as item number 5a as point of personal privilege questions for City Manager McDuffie; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Martin made a motion to defer appointment to the Downtown Development Authority; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2. Adoption of May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda.

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

**RECOGNITION(S), PRESENTATION(S), & AWARD(S)**

3. Proclamation Presentation Proclaiming Saturday, June 4, 2022, as City of Brunswick Community Wellness Day. Informational only.

4. College of Coastal Georgia Excellence in Service-Learning Outstanding Community Partner Award. (*R. McDuffie*)

Kyle Edwards, Information Technology Administrator accepted recognition with gratitude for his involvement with partnering with College of Coastal Georgia.

5. Delores Polite, Founder of Windsward Gullah Geechee Family Preservation Museum, to Provide Information Regarding a Proposed Museum and Request to Utilize 1327 Union Street as Location

for Museum.

Delores Polite, Valinda Chappelle, and Delores Armour gave an overview of Gullah Geechee history and requested approval from commission to acquire 1327 Union Street as the location for the Windsward Gullah Geechee Family Preservation Museum.

Following presentation, Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Polite for her work and advised her of the next steps for staff and commission regarding her request.

- Mayor Pro Tem Harris recognized the Arbery family in attendance.
- Mayor Johnson recognized Ms. Annie Polite in attendance.

**FIVE MINUTE RECESS** – *(allowing Ms. Polite time to retrieve displayed items)*

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

5a Commissioner Rolle asked about communication to commission in regard to crimes in the city. City Manager McDuffie stated she will start sending emails as she receives information regarding crimes in the community.

Commissioner Rolle also requested having a Public Information Officer for the City and Police Department.

City Manager McDuffie stated she is looking into establishing a Public Information Officer for the City and Police Department.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

6. Authorities *(N. Atkinson)*

I. **Downtown Development Authority** – Two Appointments

The above-referenced appointment was deferred until June 15, 2022 commission meeting.

II. **Brunswick-Glynn Economic Development Authority** – Two Appointments – (Joint Brunswick/Glynn County Appointments)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to appoint Christy Jordan and William Dawson to the above-referenced authority; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM(S) TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL**

7. Consider Approval of May 18, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)*

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

8. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of April 30, 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.

**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.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – *meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.*

/s/Cosby H. Johnson

Cosby H. Johnson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Naomi D. Atkinson

Naomi D. Atkinson

City Clerk