

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2nd FLOOR
&
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Johnson

DISCUSSION

1. Amendment to Alcohol License Ordinance. *(B. Corry)*

City Attorney Corry gave an overview of proposed amendments to the City of Brunswick Alcohol License Ordinance.

Following questions and responses:

WORK SESSION ADJOURNED – *session adjourned at 6:16 p.m.*

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
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REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
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PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cosby Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Martin, Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Felicia Harris, and Commissioner Kendra Rolle

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Johnson - *meeting began at 6:16 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Pastor Kendall Shaw, Empowerment City Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited in unison by all in attendance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Johnnie Hillary to Address the Commission Regarding Flooding on Stonewall Street and Dixville. Mayor Johnson stated he would have City Engineer provide Mr. Hillary with the list of areas in the City with flooding/infrastructure issues; he asked Mr. Hillary to contact City Clerk Atkinson to schedule a date and time for him to meet Mr. Hillary at the sites he addressed regarding flooding; namely Stonewall Street and Park in Dixville.

2a County Commissioner Allan Booker request the Commission work closer with the Black Business League.

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Mayor Johnson acknowledged County Vice-Chair Walter Rafolski and County Commissioner Bo Clark in attendance.

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Commissioner Booker stated he was in attendance to address the Commission on behalf of the Black Business League. He made the following requests for the Commission consideration:

- *Work closer with the Black Business League.*
- *Consider setting aside funding for the business navigator for the Black Business League.*
- *Consider authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Agency to work with the Black Business League for a proposal for the development of the Oglethorpe Block; he stated he has two certified developers willing to work with the Black Business League.*
- *Have City staff work with the Black Business League on creating a Cultural District with Albany Street being the center of the district.*

Mayor Johnson stated he would provide a written response to Commissioner Booker regarding his requests mentioned above.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

3. Consider Approval of February 1, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)*
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced minutes; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2023-04 ~ Re-Certification as a “City of Ethics. *(R. McDuffie)*
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2023-05 ~ Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in the City of Brunswick. *(R. McDuffie)*
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of December 31, 2022. *(K. Mills)*
Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced reports as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CASON’S ITEM(S)

7. Discuss and Consider for Approval Resolution No. 2023-06 ~ In Support of Protecting Okefenokee Swamp from Mining. *(A. Keys-One Hundred Miles)*
Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to defer consideration of the above-referenced resolution until March 1, 2023 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY’S ITEM(S)

8. Discussion ~ Proposed Amendment to Chapter 22 – Utilities Ordinance.
City Attorney Corry gave an overview of the above-referenced proposed amendment brought forward by the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission.
LaDonnah Roberts, Executive Deputy Director, with the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission answered questions from the Commission regarding the proposed ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced no action was taken.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.*

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

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