

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR**  
**&**  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Johnson

**RECESS**

Meeting resumed at 5:36

**DISCUSSION**

1. Overview of Zoning Ordinance Revisions. (*J. Hunter*)

Director of Planning, Development and Codes John Hunter gave an overview of the proposed revisions to the City of Brunswick zoning ordinance.

Following questions and responses:

**WORK SESSION ADJOURNED** – *session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.*

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Johnson - *meeting began at 6:08 p.m.*

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Craig Campbell, Zion Baptist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison by all in attendance

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:**

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Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to add under City Attorney's items as item number ten (10) "*Consider Approval of Payment of the Excess Tax Proceeds from the Tax Sale of Parcel No. 01-07495 in the Amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Nine and 31/100 Dollars (\$1,909.31)*"; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.

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**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Johnson recognized City Manager Regina McDuffie and read plaque from International City/County Management Association in honor of her 25 years of service to local government.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of March 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Megan Desrosiers, One Hundred Miles, to address commission regarding Glynn Avenue Design Framework.  
Ms. Desrosiers stated the development for Glynn Avenue design is not meeting the Glynn Avenue Design framework.
- Rhonda Decrescenzo, to address commission regarding new development Glynn Avenue.  
Ms. Decrescenzo stated the development for Glynn Avenue design is not meeting Glynn Avenue Design framework.
- Mary McFadden, to address commission regarding new development Glynn Avenue.  
Ms. McFadden stated the development should conform to the Glynn Avenue Design Framework; but it is not.

Director of Planning, Development and Codes John Hunter gave a brief overview of where the process for the plan development is now.

Mayor Johnson instructed Director of Planning, Development and Codes John Hunter to provide contact information of developers to City Clerk Atkinson to schedule an appointment for Mayor to meet with the developers to discuss/address the concerns of the citizens.

**PUBLIC HEARING – NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)** (A. Brown)

2.

Name of Business	Business Owner/Manager	Business Address	Permit Type
H & H Mini Mart LLC DBA In & Out	Owner: Harikrushina Patel Manager: Mehulbhai Dalal	1603 L Street	Retail sales of beer and wine
1509 Restaurant Group LLC DBA 1509 Brunswick	Owners: Kori McGraw and Peter Godson	1509 Newcastle Street	On premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits.
Newcastle Wine Merchant	Owner: Brandon Boudreau	1328 Newcastle Street	Retail sales of wine

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the new license for **H & H Mini Mart LLC DBA In & Out**.

The following individual(s) addressed the commission:

- Anita Collins, NPA Co-Chair Oppose
- Barbara Ouattara, 2424 Cleburne Street Oppose
- Kathy Moore, 1624 Johnson Street Oppose
- Betty Andrews, 2125 Bartow Street Oppose
- Delores Polite, 2500 Amherst Street Oppose
- Williams Tresvant, 1915 Wilson Avenue Oppose

Commissioner Rolle made a motion to deny the new alcohol license for **H & H Mini Mart LLC DBA In & Out** due to the negative impact on residents in the area and the proximity of the business to a church; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Johnson opened the floor for anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the new license for **1509 Restaurant Group LLC DBA 1509 Brunswick**.

No one came forth to address the Commission.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the new alcohol license for **1509 Restaurant Group LLC DBA 1509 Brunswick**; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Johnson opened the floor for anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the new license for **Newcastle Wine Merchant**.

The following individual(s) addressed the commission:

- David Herndon, 1328 Newcastle Street In Favor

- Lance Sabbe, 1110 Prince Street

In Favor

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to approve the new alcohol license for **Newcastle Wine Merchant**; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **UPDATE(S)**

CDBG-DR Manager Roxane George gave a brief update regarding the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program. Ms. George stated the city’s program was the first in the state to receive an award approval letter from the Department of Community Affairs. Ms. George stated the next step is to officially notify the contractor of the award and then move forward with a contract between the homeowner and the contractor.

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#### **APPOINTMENT(S)**

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

Mayor Johnson re-appointed Valerie Hepburn to the above-referenced board until December 31, 2028.

#### **ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL**

4. Consider Approval of February 15, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)*

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

5. Consider Approval of a Contract with Georgia Asphalt Producers to Construct an Additional Turn Lane on Gloucester Street at U.S. Highway 17 and Intersection Improvements at Lanier Boulevard and Gloucester Street. *(G. Alberson)*

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

City Clerk Atkinson was instructed to have City Engineer Alberson reach out to School Board Superintendent Scott Spence to update him about the above-referenced construction, and establish a traffic plan for the schools during the time of construction.

6. Consider Approval of an Agreement with Swindell Construction Company for Construction of Phase II Improvements at Mary Ross Waterfront Park. *(G. Alberson)*

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

7. Consider Approval to Purchase a Backhoe Tractor from Yancey Brothers Equipment Company in the Amount of \$107,537. *(G. Alberson)*

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

#### **COMMISSIONER CASON’S ITEM(S)**

8. Discuss and Consider for Approval Resolution No. 2023-06 ~ In Support of Protecting Okefenokee Swamp from Mining. *(A. Keys-One Hundred Miles)*

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

#### **CITY ATTORNEY’S ITEM(S)**

9. Consider Adoption of Proposed Ordinance No. 1077 ~ Amendment to Chapter 22 – Utilities Ordinance.

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

10. *Consider Approval of Payment of the Excess Tax Proceeds from the Tax Sale of Parcel No. 01-07495 in the Amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Nine and 31/100 Dollars (\$1,909.31).*

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced payment of tax sale proceeds to Glynn County Tax Commissioner; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Johnson extended prayers for Matthew Milburn, a business owner and resident of the city, who was violently attacked downtown.

Mayor Johnson stated when we have violent moments, especially random – it is incumbent upon City leaders to respond in transparent and cohesive ways to ensure the safety of all citizens in Brunswick.

He stated at the next meeting the commission will have a very open and frank conversation along with community partners, about nuisance properties - that may be attracting those who may be causing issues around our city.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss potential litigation; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Johnson announced no action was taken.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – *meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.*

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

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