

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023
AT 5:30 P.M.**

1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2nd FLOOR

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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 went into remission at 5:32 p.m. and resumed at 5:42 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Commissioner Harris

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Glynn Middle School 6th grader Kanai Sullivan; recited in unison by all in attendance.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:

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Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to remove under Item(s) to Consider for Approval, item number eight (8) "*Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Golden Isles Development Authority (GIDA) Regarding Disbursement of Commercial Property Enhancement Grant (CPEG)*"; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

2.

- Rhonda Waller to Address the Commission Regarding 2307 Gloucester Street Planned Development by Port City Partners.
Ms. Waller was not present, her commentary was read by Victoria Mackey, expressing concerns with traffic and flooding with new development.
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Ms. Mackey expressed concerns with developments at Urbana/Perry Park and considerations for traffic and flooding with new development.
- Anita Collins to Address the Commission Regarding 2307 Gloucester Street Planned Development by Port City Partners. **Ms. Collins was not in attendance to address commission.**
- William Kitts to Address the Commission Regarding the Neighborhood where he Resides having an Overflow of Establishments that Sale Alcoholic Beverages.
Mr. Kitts was not present, his commentary was read by Victoria Mackey; expressing concerns with too many alcohol establishments and desire for better developments.
- Bonyetta Brison-Kitts to Address the Commission Regarding the Neighborhood where she Resides and the Request to Forego Allowing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Businesses in Urbana Perry Park Neighborhood.

Ms. Kitts was not present; her commentary was read by Victoria Mackey expressing concern with too many alcohol establishments and desire for better developments.

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POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Johnson acknowledged Matthew Milburn, a downtown business owner and resident who was attacked earlier this month.

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DISCUSSION

3. Expert Testimony Regarding Nuisance Properties.

Mayor Johnson discussed the process and importance of the above-referenced discussion with help from expert panelist. Discussion was chaired by Mayor Johnson. Expert panelist included:

- Rev. Brenda Iglehart of First Bryant Baptist Church – Rev. Iglehart discussed issues her church experiences daily and preventative measures taken, with little success.
- Brunswick Chief of Police, Kevin Jones – Chief Jones presented statistical data, processes, and procedures used when dealing with nuisance properties and disruptive individuals.

ANNOUNCEMENT

4. Appointment made to Brunswick Housing Authority. (*Mayor*)

Mayor Johnson announced the appointment of Allen Booker to the Brunswick Housing Authority, filling the unexpired term of William Kitts.

APPOINTMENT(S)

5. Convention and Visitors Bureau – One Appointment. (*Mayoral Appointment*)

Mayor Johnson reappointed Brad Piazza to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

6. Consider Approval of March 1, 2023, Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. (*subject to any necessary changes.*) (*N. Atkinson*)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced meeting minutes; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of January 31, 2022. (*K. Mills*)

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

8. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Golden Isles Development Authority (GIDA) Regarding Disbursement of Commercial Property Enhancement Grant (CPEG). (*K. Ntemo*)

The above-referenced item removed from agenda, as aforementioned in the addendum.

9. Consider Approval of Revision to the Substantial Amendment for Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds and to Reallocate Community Development Block Grant – Covid 3 (CDBG-CV 3). (*D. Bravo*)

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

10. Consider Approval of Resolution 2023-07 ~ Commit Funds as a Local Match to Federal Metropolitan Planning Fund Grant for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. (*G. Albersen*)

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

11. Consider Approval of Resolution 2023-08 ~ Commit Funds as a Local Match to Federal Metropolitan Planning Fund grant for the 2023 Freight Plan. (*G. Albersen*)

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

12. Consider Approval of Resolution 2023-09 ~ Renaming and Establishing Guidelines for the Newly Created Cemetery Located Adjacent to the Historic Oak Grove Cemetery. (*R. McDuffie*)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced item; seconded by Commissioner

Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

13. Discussion ~ Proposed Homeless Services Ordinance.

City Attorney gave an overview of the proposed homelessness services ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not an executive session held during this meeting.

Commissioner Cason made motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING AJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.*

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

Attest: /s/ Devone J. Williams
Devone J. Williams
Assistant City Clerk