

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023
AT 6:00 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 Kendra Rolle, and Commissioner Felicia Harris ~ (*attended virtually*).

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Johnson

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of May 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to adopt the May 3, 2023 agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

2. Georgia Cities Week Winners.

City Manager McDuffie gave an overview of activities for Georgia Cities Week and award participants in the Cities Week essay, art, and photo contest.

City Manager McDuffie awarded first, second, and third place winners for the essay, art, and photo contest. The essay contest was split into two categories for primary (elementary and middle school) students and secondary (high school) students. The art contest had one category for primary school students. The photo contest was limited to adult participants:

Essay Primary Student Category Winners

Place	Name
3 rd	Alissa Rivera
2 nd	De'Aundra Thorpe
1 st	Nyriana Hughes

Essay Contest Secondary Student Category Winners

Place	Name
3 rd	Sophie Bravo
2 nd	Maria Bravo
1 st	Camille Gray

Art Contest Winners

Place	Name
3 rd	Alex Bravo
2 nd	Madisyn Butler
1 st	Dorian Hughes

Photo Contest Winners

Place	Name
3 rd	Kiakala Ntemo
2 nd	Mark Choi
1 st	Lori Parker

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Luff, 2005 Putnam Street #38, Brunswick, Georgia – Discussed personal trials, public safety, homelessness, and The Well.

PUBLIC HEARING – NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

3.

New Alcohol License(s)			
Name of Business	Business Owner/Manager	Business Address	Permit Type
Matted Ox	Owner: Jason Kuykendall	1510 Bay St., Brunswick, GA	On premise consumption of beer and wine
Senbai Inc, d/b/a Snappy Foods	Owner: Dharaben Patel	2905 Glynn Ave., Brunswick, GA	Retail sales of beer and wine

Matted Ox: Owner Jason Kuykendall answered Mayor Pro Tem Martin’s questions regarding operating hours, safety, and compliance protocols.

Commissioner Rolle asked if Mr. Kuykendall attended the nearby Neighborhood Planning Assembly, to which he replied “No”, as he was scheduled to appear before the Commission, prior to the nearby Neighborhood Planning Assembly’s next meeting.

Mayor Johnson requested that Mr. Kuykendall meet with the Neighborhood Planning Assembly. Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the liquor license for Matted Ox, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

Snappy Foods: Owner Dharaben Patel was not present. Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to defer Snappy Foods’ consideration for a liquor license until the next scheduled meeting; seconded by Commission Cason. Motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE(S)

4. Annual Update Regarding Downtown Development Authority Activities. (M. Hill)

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Hill gave an update on events, initiatives, the utilization of technology to better measure and monitor DDA activities. The City Commission asked various questions regarding new downtown developments.

DISCUSSION

5. Preliminary Presentation for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget. (R. McDuffie)

City Manager McDuffie gave an overview of the proposed 2023/2024 budget, discussing operational and service changes.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

6. Consider Approval of April 19, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the April 19, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of March 31, 2023. *(K. Mills)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the March 31, 2023 financial reports; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider Approval of Purchase of Altec Dump Truck with 1998 Georgia Local Government Equipment Lease Pool. *(K. Mills)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the purchase of the Altec Dump Truck with 1998 Georgia Local Government Equipment Lease Pool; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider Approval of Renewal of General Liability and Property Insurance with Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA). *(L. Velie)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the April 19, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider Approval of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2023 Annual Action Plan. *(D. Bravo)*

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to approve the CDBG Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION *(7:48 p.m.)*

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

RECOVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following executive session Mayor Johnson stated no action was taken and opened the floor for a motion to adjourn.

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

MEETING AJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.*

/s/Cosby H. Johnson

Cosby H. Johnson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Devone J. Williams

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Assistant City Clerk