

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023
AT 5:30 P.M.**

1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2nd FLOOR

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PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cosby Johnson ~ (*arrived at 5:54 p.m.*), Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Martin, Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Felicia Harris ~ (*attended virtually via zoom*), and Commissioner Kendra Rolle

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Julie Martin ~ *meeting began at 5:37 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Pastor Michael Hardy, Guiding Light Ministries International

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

PUBLIC HEARING - FINANCE

1. City of Brunswick Proposed Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget. (*R. McDuffie*)

City Manager McDuffie gave an overview for the above-subject proposed fiscal year 2023/2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin opened the floor for anyone to address the commission regarding the proposed FY 2023/2024 budget.

The following individuals addressed the commission:

- 1) Lance Sabbe, 1110 Prince Street, stated the budget presented was one of the best budgets he' seen presented over the past ten years.

Public Hearing closed at 5:53 p.m.

ADDENDUM(S) TO AGENDA

Commissioner Rolle made a motion to defer consideration for the new alcohol license for Bubba Garcia's; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

City Manager McDuffie introduced Mandy Sapp who joins the City of Brunswick as Municipal Court Chief Clerk and Carrie Hogan who joins the City of Brunswick as the Public Information Officer (PIO).

Mayor Pro Tem Martin passed gavel over to Mayor Johnson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Adoption of June 7, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Rolle made a motion to adopt the above-referenced agenda; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present to address the commission during public comment.

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

3.

NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE			
Name of Business	Business Owner/Manager	Business Address	Permit Type
J E and N Inc., DBA Five Points Mini Mart	Owner: Rajendraprasad Patel	2806 Altama Ave., Brunswick, GA	Retail sales of beer and wine.
Pie Guys Pizza	Owner: Hugo Acero-Espinoza	710 Glynn Isle, Brunswick, GA	On premise consumption of beer and wine.
Bubba Garcia’s	Owner: Connor Rankin	201 Gloucester St., Brunswick, GA	On premise consumption of beer, wine and liquor.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to defer consideration for a new alcohol license for J E and N Inc., DBA Five Points Mini Mart; until the owner can meet with Neighborhood and Planning Assembly; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to defer consideration for a new alcohol license for Pie Guys Pizza until the June 21, 2023 commission meeting, until the owner can meet with the Neighborhood and Planning Assembly; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration for approval of a new alcohol license for Bubba Garcia’s was deferred until a later date.

NEW ALOCHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE * Deferred on April 19, 2023 Commission Meeting*			
Name of Business	Business Owner/Manager	Business Address	Permit Type
Danny’s Corner	Owner: Dharmeshkumar Desai	2432 Newcastle St., Brunswick, GA	Retail sales of beer and wine.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to defer consideration for a new alcohol license for Danny’s Corner until June 21, 2023 commission meeting until the owner can meet with the Neighborhood and Planning Assembly; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – LAND USE

4. Consider Approval of Conditional Use Petition No. 23-01; from Rufus & Lapeka Johnson, Petitioning for a Conditional Use to Construct a Tri-Plex Residence at 2802 Hunter Street. (J. Hunter)

Planning, Development and Code Director Hunter gave an overview of the above-referenced conditional use petition. He stated both staff and the Planning and Appeals Commission recommended approval of Conditional Use Petition No. 23-01.

Mayor Johnson opened the floor to anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of Conditional Use Petition No. 23-01

No one came forth to address the commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to approve Conditional Use Petition No. 3-01; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT(S)

5. Boards, Commissions, Authority and Committee

I. Hospital Authority Board – Three Nominations

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to nominate Roosevelt Harris, Rhodora Tuten and Ronda Vakulich for consideration of appoint to the Hospital Authority Board; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.

- II. Planning and Appeals Commission – Two Appointments
Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to reappoint Lance Sabbe and Grace Green to the Planning and Appeals Commission; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Downtown Development Authority – Three Appointments
Commissioner Cason made a motion to reappoint Julie Martin to the above-referenced authority; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0; with Mayor Pro Tem Martin abstaining.
Commissioner Harris made a motion to appoint Susan Bates to the above-referenced authority; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.
Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to appoint Peggy Shannan to the above-referenced authority; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Mayor Pro Tem Martin rescinded her motion.
Commissioner Rolle made a motion to appoint Travis Stegall, to the above-referenced authority; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Tree Board – Two Appointments – Two Appointments
Commissioner Harris made a motion to appoint Ashby Nix-Worley and Anne Baptista to the Tree Board; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Audit Committee – One Appointment
Commissioner Harris made a motion to appoint Delon Williams to the Audit Committee; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Coastal African American Historic Preservation Commission – Two Appointments
Commissioner Cason made a motion to reappoint Roosevelt Harris to the Coastal African American Historic Preservation Commission; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously.
City Clerk Atkinson was instructed to re-advertise for the remaining opening for the above-referenced commission.
- VII. Historic Preservation Board – Three Appointments
Commissioner Cason made a motion to reappoint Josh Dukes and Delores Polite to the Historic Preservation Board; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.
Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to appoint Jerry Spencer to the above-referenced board; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Coastal Regional Commission – One Appointment~ (Non-Public Representative) (*Mayoral Appointment*)
Mayor Johnson reappointed Shaw McVeigh to the Coastal Regional Commission as a non-public representative.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

- 6. Consider Approval of May 17, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. (*subject to any necessary changes.*) (*N. Atkinson*)
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the May 17, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of April 30, 2023. (*K. Mills*)
Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to approve the April 30, 2023 financial reports; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8. Consider Approval to Renew Contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections for Labor Services. (*G. Alberson*)
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced contract in the amount of \$49,318.00; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY’S ITEM(S)

9. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Brunswick, Forward Brunswick, Inc., Signature Squares of Brunswick, Inc. and Brunswick Downtown Development Authority for Executing the Renovation of Hillary Square through a T-Mobile Hometown Grant of \$50,000.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced Memorandum of Understanding, with the amendment to remove Brunswick Downtown Development Authority from the Memorandum of Understanding; seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

10. Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Grant Award.

(R. McDuffie)

City Manager McDuffie announced the grant award from the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Funding Opportunity. She stated the City of Brunswick was granted \$2,124,808.40 for renovation and improvements to Howard Coffin Park.

City Manager McDuffie recognized Mary Jo DiAngelo in the audience who volunteered her assistance in preparing the grant application along with staff members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION *(7:30 p.m.)*

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation and real estate; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously.

RECOVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following executive session:

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to pursue litigation based on recommendations of City Attorney Corry; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

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

MEETING AJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.*

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

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