

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM
STREAMED LIVE AT THE BELOW WEB ADDRESS:
<https://www.facebook.com/COBMeetings>

PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Martin, Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Felicia Harris — (entered meeting at 6:20 p.m.), and Commissioner Vincent Williams - (entered meeting at 6:16 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey - *meeting begin at 6:06 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Martin

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to add as item number one-a (1a) under Discussion ~ Confederate Monument located in Hanover Square on Newcastle Street; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3 to 0.

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RECOGNITION(S), PRESENTATION(S), & AWARD(S)

1. Proclamation Presentation to Members of Juneteenth Georgia Recognizing June 19, 2020 as Juneteenth Independence Day.

Mayor Harvey read the above-referenced proclamation.

DISCUSSION

- 1a Confederate Monument Located in Hanover Square on Newcastle Street.

Mayor Harvey announced that he had received several calls/emails regarding the removal of the above-referenced monument and gave his sentiments regarding same.

Commissioner Cason, Mayor Pro Tem Martin, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Harris gave their sentiments regarding same as well.

It was the consensus of the commission to establish an advisory committee to discuss if monument should be removed; with Commissioner Williams chairing committee.

City Attorney to discuss legal options at a conference in August and have response for commission in September.

Commission to plan for a town hall meeting for citizens to offer their input regarding the monument.

PUBLIC HEARING - FINANCE

2. City of Brunswick Proposed Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget. (*R. McDuffie*)

City Manager McDuffie gave a brief overview of the above-referenced budget; stating same was balanced with a total of \$15,663,605.00 for fiscal year 2020/2021.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor for anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed petition.

No one addressed the commission during this public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)- LAND USE

3. Conditional Use Petition No. 20-01; from Sandy Spell of Marineco, Agent, Petitioning for a Conditional Use Permit for 100 Harold Friedman Drive, for Open Yard Storage of Materials and Equipment. (*J. Hunter*)

Director of Planning, Development and Codes Hunter gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported staff recommends granting the conditional use with the following five (5) conditions: **1)** Primary access point to Harold Friedman Drive be delineated and improved with gravel or similar material to reduce tracking of dirt and debris onto streets and into stormwater system. **2)** Applicant provide evidence that Georgia EPD and DNR have approved the activities adjacent to the waterfront. **3)** The vegetative buffer between this parcel and the General Residential parcel be maintained. **4)** Any and all construction debris be stored in roll-off containers or trailers until transported from the site. **5)** A fence conforming to the Glynn Avenue Design Standards screen the activities from Glynn Avenue.

He stated that Planning and Appeals Commission recommended approval with the above-referenced five conditions and two (2) additional conditions: **1)** The EPA should be consulted to determine if the proposed activities create concern regarding contamination. **2)** The crane should be left in the “down” position when not in use.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor for anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed petition.

No one addressed the commission during this public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition with the conditions recommended by staff and the Planning and Appeals Commission in addition to condition of a time limit sunset of seven (7) years; seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

Commissioner Cason	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Martin	Yes
Mayor Harvey	Yes

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

4. Conditional Use Petition No. 20-02; from Brendan Byfield, Petitioning for a Conditional Use Permit for 3329 Norwich Street, for Open Yard Storage of Vehicles. (*J. Hunter*)

Director of Planning, Development and Codes Hunter gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported staff and the Planning and Appeals Commission recommends granting the conditional use with the following two (2) conditions: **1)** The lot be used exclusively for the sale or rental of automobiles, trucks, SUV’s or other passenger class vehicles. **2)** Repair and painting be limited to vehicles that are being prepared for sale by the business and should be available to the general public.

Petitioner Brendan Byfield responded to questions asked by the commission.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor for anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed petition.

No one addressed the commission during this public hearing.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition with the conditions recommended by staff and the Planning and Appeals Commission; seconded by Commissioner Cason.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

Commissioner Cason	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Martin	Yes
Mayor Harvey	Yes

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

5. Conditional Use Petition No. 20-03; from W. H. Gross, Applicant, Petitioning for a Conditional Use Permit for 2301 Stonewall Street (Perry School Site), for the Development of a New Multi-Family Development. (*J. Hunter*)

Director of Planning, Development and Codes Hunter gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported staff and the Planning and Appeals Commission recommends granting the conditional use.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor for anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed petition.

The following people addressed the Commission:

- I. Davion Alston asked ~ within the history of this neighborhood in what way will the school that was once there be memorialize, and what ways will the development accommodate more communal or stable structures within this housing project?

W. H. Gross responded stating the development will be named Perry Place and there will be activities and a community place on site.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition; seconded by Commissioner Cason.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

Commissioner Cason	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Martin	Yes
Mayor Harvey	Yes

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. Rezoning Petition No. 20-01; from Atlantic Southeast Enterprises, Owner, Petitioning to Rezone Parcels at 2000 Newcastle Street from General Residential (GR) to General Commercial (GC). *(J. Hunter)*

Director of Planning, Development and Codes Hunter gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported staff and the Planning and Appeals Commission recommends granting the rezoning, with the condition that the future development is mixed use in nature and compatible with the General Residential area to the east across Newcastle Street Lane and consistent with New Town Character Area as described in the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition with the condition recommended by staff and Planning and Appeals Commission; seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

Commissioner Cason	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Martin	Yes
Mayor Harvey	Yes

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

7. Consider Approval of June 3, 2020 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes and June 8, 2020 Work Session Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced minutes; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

8. Consider Approval of Right of Entry License Agreement Between the City of Brunswick and Gallagher Marine Systems, LLC for Utilization of the Boat Dock at Liberty Ship Park. *(G. Alberson)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced item with no date certain; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

9. Consider Approval of Contract with MB3 Enterprises, LLC for Mowing and Ground Maintenance at the City’s Three (3) Cemeteries. *(G. Alberson)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced contract contingent to revisions to contract allowing each party the ability to cancel giving a 30 days’ notice of cancellation; seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

Commissioner Cason	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Martin	Yes
Mayor Harvey	Yes

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

10. Consider Approval of Contract with Georgia Department of Corrections for Services of Inmate Labor Crews. (*G. Alberson*)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced contract; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

11. Consider for Approval the Municipal Court Judge Service Agreement Between the City of Brunswick and Christopher O'Donnell.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced agreement; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

12. Consider for Approval the Amended Mutual Aid Agreement Between the City of Brunswick and Glynn County.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced item until July 1, 2020 commission meeting; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

13. Consider for Approval the City of Brunswick Policy Requiring Face Coverings in City Buildings.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced agreement; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

14. Consider for Discussion an Amendment to the City of Brunswick Code of Ordinances to Provide for a Tree Ordinance.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced item until July 1, 2020 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Mayor Pro Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss real estate; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following executive session:

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to amend the deed between the City of Brunswick and the Urban Redevelopment Agency pertaining to the Perry School site; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Cason was not present to vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Cason was not present to vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.*

/s/Cornell L. Harvey
Cornell L. Harvey, Mayor

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