

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020
OLD CITY HALL
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2ND FLOOR

PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Commissioner John Cason III,
Commissioner Felicia Harris, and Commissioner Vincent Williams

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Martin

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cornell Harvey - *meeting begin at 6:04 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Minister Shawn Slay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all in attendance.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Commissioner Williams made a motion to defer item number one (1) under Presentation(s) - LCDR Matt Waller, USCGR, Representative of the Unified Command, to give Update on the Golden Ray, St. Simons Sound Incident, until the February 19, 2020 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

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Commissioner Williams made a motion to add as item ten-a (10a) under Item(s) to Consider for Approval –; Consider Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Brunswick and Glynn County regarding the Mutual Sharing of Police Investigative Resources; add as item number ten-b (10b) under Item(s) to Consider for Approval – Consider Approval of the Design for the Splash Pad Support Building to Allow the Urban Redevelopment Agency to issue an RFP for Construction; add as item number ten-c (10c) under Item(s) to Consider for Approval - Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2020-04 – in Support of Senate Bill 309; and add as item number eleven (11) under Update(s) – Police Chief Jones to Provide 2019 Statistic Summary; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

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Mayor Harvey announced that Dixville has been recognized as a Historic District by Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Odis Muhammad addressed the commission regarding Coastal Outreach Soccer and asked commission to consider a land lease agreement with Coastal Outreach Soccer.*
- 2) Kelli Handrich, 171 Buckmeadow Drive, addressed the commission regarding Coastal Outreach Soccer plans, expressing her support for same.*
- 3) Heddy Bernstein, 1914 Richmond Street, addressed commission regarding Downtown Brunswick February fundraiser.*
- 4) Rosemary Burns, 1773 Johnson Road, Townsend, GA, addressed commission regarding Coastal Outreach Soccer plans, expressing her support for same.*

PRESENTATION(S)

1. LCDR Matt Waller, USCGR, Representative of the Unified Command, to give Update on the

Golden Ray St. Simons Sound Incident.

**The above-referenced item was deferred until the February 19, 2020 commission meeting. **

- 2. Shawn Williams, CEO of Coastal Outreach Soccer, to Address the Commission Regarding a Proposed Plan for the Redevelopment of Howard Coffin Park.

Commission thanked Mr. Williams for the presentation.

DISCUSSION(S)

- 3. Reverend Zack Lyde of Wick Force, Inc. to Address Commission Regarding the Hiring Practices of the City of Brunswick.

Reverend Lyde addressed the commission regarding Coastal Outreach Soccer and the hiring of Building Inspector.

Reverend James H. Brooks, 915 Albany Street, of Wick Force, Inc. addressed the commission regarding the hiring of the Building Inspector as well.

APPOINTMENT(S)

- 4. Authority and Agency (N. Atkinson)

- a) **Downtown Development Authority** – Two Appointments

Commissioner Harris made a motion to appoint Lisa Jordon to the above-referenced authority filling the unexpired term of Donald Alford until June 1, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

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Commissioner Cason made a motion to appoint Whitney Herndon the above-referenced authority filling the unexpired term of Marjorie Mathieu until June 1, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 1; with Commissioner Williams opposing.

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- b) **Urban Redevelopment Agency** – One Appointment

Mayor Harvey appointed Heddy Bernstein to the above-referenced Agency.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

- 5. Consider Approval of January 15, 2020 Work Session and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. (N. Atkinson)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced minutes; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0; with Commissioner Harris abstaining as she was not in attendance.

- 6. Consider Approval to Appoint Assistant City Manager Tanet Myers as Interim City Manager.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to appoint Assistant City Manager Myers as Interim City Manager; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

- 7. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2020-03 – Coastal Incentive Grant Application – Rethinking Runoff Plan. (G. Alberson)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution; seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

Commissioner Cason	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
Mayor Harvey	Yes

- Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
8. Consider Approval of Purchase of Knuckleboom Trash Loader Truck. *(G. Alberson)*
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of a Knuckleboom Trash Loader Truck from Environmental Products Group for \$155,409.00; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
9. Consider Approval of Contract Amendment for Survey and Design of Additional Sidewalk Segments. *(G. Alberson)*
Commissioner Williams made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign contract amendment with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood in the amount of \$46,200 for survey, design, and construction administration of two additional concrete sidewalks under the Community Development Block Grant; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
10. Consider Approval of Contract with Georgia Safe Sidewalks for Concrete Sidewalk Safety Improvements. *(G. Alberson)*
Commissioner Williams made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign contract with Georgia Safe Sidewalks in the amount of \$77,250 to complete the sidewalk trip hazard removal project along eight (8) city streets; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
- 10a Consider Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Brunswick and Glynn County regarding the Mutual Sharing of Police Investigative Resources. *(K. Jones)*
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced Memorandum of Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
- 10b Consider Approval of the Design for the Splash Pad Support Building to Allow the Urban Redevelopment Agency to issue an RFP for Construction. *(A. Verheyn)*
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the design for Splash Pad support building and allow the Urban Redevelopment Agency to issue an RFP for construction of same; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
- 10c Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2020-04 – in Support of Senate Bill 309. *(B. Corry)*
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

UPDATE(S)

11. Police Chief Jones to Provide 2019 Statistic Summary.
Commission thanked Chief Jones for the update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Williams made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Harvey announced no action was taken.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

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