

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019
OLD CITY HALL
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2ND FLOOR

PRESENT: Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Mayor Pro-Tem Vincent Williams, Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Felicia Harris and Commissioner Julie Martin

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cornell Harvey - *meeting begin at 6:03 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Minister Linda Scott

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all in attendance

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Commissioner Cason made a motion to remove item number six (6) "Consider approval of an agreement with Bowen, Hanes and Company for Investment Management Services for the City of Brunswick Defined Benefit Pension Plan"; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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Commissioner Cason made a motion to add under items to consider for approval as item number five-a (5a) "Consider Approval of Amendments to the 2014-2018 Annual Action Plans; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- I. Susan Bates, Topsy McSway's Neighborhood Bar and Grill, 1414 Newcastle Street, addressed the commission regarding proposed ordinance 1061 and asked the commission not to adopt said ordinance.
- II. Lance Sabbe, 1110 Prince Street, addressed the commission regarding proposed ordinance 1061 and Mary Ross Waterfront Park Master Site Plan. He also recommended the City establish a uniform e-mail policy.
- III. Teeple Hill, 201 Red Maple Lane, addressed the commission regarding the redevelopment of Mary Ross Waterfront Park.
- IV. Mike Parrish, 103 Peninsula Dr., SSI, GA, gave a brief update on projects of the Kiwanis Club and addressed the commission regarding the redevelopment of Mary Ross Waterfront Park.
- V. Rick Townsend, 105 Seminole, SSI, GA, addressed the commission regarding the redevelopment of Mary Ross Waterfront Park.

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Commissioner Harris announced that the City is having a City-Wide Cleanup, Saturday, April 27, 2019 stating volunteers are needed and to contact the City Manager's Office at (912)267-5500 for more information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Martin made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session and enter back to the regular scheduled meeting; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)-LAND USE

- 1. Conditional Use Petition No. 19-01; from Rameez Qureshi; Petitioning to Obtain a Conditional Use Permit for 2716 Norwich Street, for Open Yard Storage of Vehicles. *(B. Daiss)*

Director of Planning, Development and Codes Bren Daiss, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition.

She reported staff recommends granting the above-referenced petition with the following conditions:

- 1) The lot be used exclusively for the sale or rental of automobiles, trucks, SUV’s or other passenger class vehicles. *(staff/planning commission)*
- 2) The fence at the rear of the property that provides a screen to adjacent residential properties be maintained. *(staff/planning commission)*
- 3) Maintenance and repair of vehicles on site be limited to automobiles offered for sale only. *(planning commission)*

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

The following people addressed the Commission:

- a) Zubeda Fahs, 113 Lauran Lane In Favor
- b) Barry Fahs, 113 Lauran Lane In Favor
- c) Allison McHearmid In Favor

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

Motion failed by a vote of 0 to 5; with Mayor Harvey, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Commissioner Cason, Commissioner Harris and Commissioner Martin opposing.

Following discussion:

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition with conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and with an additional condition for the maintenance and repairs of vehicles on site for all “for sale or sold” vehicles at 2716 Norwich Street; seconded by Mayor Harvey. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

- 2. Conditional Use Petition No. 19-03; from William Hastings; Petitioning to Obtain a Conditional Use Permit to allow Auto Repair at 3125 Lee Street. *(B. Daiss)*

Director of Planning, Development and Codes Bren Daiss, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition.

She reported staff and the Planning Commission recommends granting the above-referenced petition with the following conditions:

- 1) All vehicle storage related to the building should be indoors. No Vehicle storage on the paved area, other than vehicles belonging to the applicant, will be allowed.

- 2) The fenced area adjacent to Second Street should not be used for the storage of equipment, material, or vehicles.

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

No one came forth to address the commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition with the conditions recommended by staff and the Planning Commission referenced above; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

3. Conditional Use Petition No. 19-04; from Terry Fleeman; Petitioning to Obtain a Conditional Use Permit to allow Open Yard Storage of rental trucks at 3028 Norwich Street. (*B. Daiss*)
Director of Planning, Development and Codes Bren Daiss, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition.

She reported that staff and the Planning Commission recommends granting the above-referenced petition with the following conditions:

- 1) All open yard storage will only be allowed in the lots located south and east of the existing building. No open yard storage is allowed in the lot north of the building adjacent to First Street.

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

No one came forth to address the commission.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition with the conditions recommend by staff and the Planning Commission referenced above; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

ITEM(S) TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL

4. Consider Approval of February 20, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. (*subject to any necessary changes.*) (*N. Atkinson*)

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

5. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of January 31, 2019. (*K. Mills*)

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced reports as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

- 5a Consider Approval of Amendments to the 2014-2018 Annual Action Plans. (*S. Lewis*)

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

6. Consider Approval of an Agreement with Bowen, Hanes and Company for Investment Management Services for the City of Brunswick Defined Benefit Pension Plan. (*J. Drumm*)

The above referenced item was deferred until a later date.

7. Consider Approval of a Short-Term Lease for City Property at 503 Mansfield Street with St. Francis Xavier School. (*J. Drumm*)

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve a short-term lease for 503 Mansfield Street with St. Francis Xavier School; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

MAYOR HARVEY’S ITEM(S)

8. Discuss Naming Park in Honor of the Late Abram “Abe” Brown.

Mayor Harvey reported that he would like the Commission to consider re-naming “G” Street Park after the late Abram ‘Abe’ Brown.

For discussion only; no action to be taken at this time.

APPOINTMENT(S)

9. Board(s) (N. Atkinson)

a) **Tree Board** – One Appointment

Commissioner Martin made a motion to appoint Helen Ladson to the above-referenced board filling the unexpired term of Laura Ginn until December 2019; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY’S ITEM(S)

10. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. **1061** - Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance to Provide for an Excise Tax on Distilled Spirits Sold by the Drink for Consumption on Premises.

Commissioner Martin made a motion not to adopt the above-referenced ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Cason.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

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

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following Executive Session; Mayor Harvey announced no action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

MEETING ADJOURNED – *meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.*

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

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