

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018
OLD CITY HALL
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2ND FLOOR

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey – *meeting began at 6:01 p.m.*

INVOCATION: Pastor Rosemary Woods

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all in attendance

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Kathy Matthews, 112 Osprey Lane, addressed the Commission regarding foot path on Martin Luther King Boulevard.
2. Marcia Christmas, 1905 Ocean Avenue, addressed the Commission regarding Martin Luther King Boulevard.
3. Larry Delany addressed the Commission regarding Stormwater Utility; stating same was not being advertised as a tax.

UPDATE(S)

1. Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Matthew Hill, to Update the Commission on Activities of the Authority and Statistics of Main Street Alliance.
Commissioner Cason questioned how many vacant buildings are downtown and the progress of the work being done on the building Ms. North purchased on Gloucester Street.
Downtown Development Director Hill to provide Commission with list of vacant building downtown.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Stormwater Utility Ordinance. (*B. Corry*)

City Attorney Corry gave an overview of the above-referenced ordinance.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor to anyone wanting to speak in favor of opposition of the above-referenced proposed ordinance.

The Following people addressed the Commission:

- 1) Megan Desrosiers, 821 Union Street In favor
- 2) Monica Smith, 61 Maxwell Avenue, St. Simons Island In favor
- 3) Larry Delaney, 15 Dunbar Creek Point, St. Simons Island, stated the stormwater utility is a tax increase and should be identified as same.
- 4) Pamela Bailey, 2611 Oriole Street questioned if this would be a fix fee.
- 5) Hal Hart, 106 Talahi Island Lane, stated fee is fair and he is happy about that; and suggested a sunset or review clause for ordinance.
- 6) William Kitts, 2017 Niles Avenue In favor
- 7) Jerry Spencer, 707 Dartmouth Street, questioned if the utility fund would always operate in the red and who makes the decision of how much the fee will increase annually.

Commissioner Williams pointed out that Stormwater Utility is a fee not a tax as everyone would have to pay fee; ie commercial, residential, industrial, tax exempt entities, etc.

Tax Collection Special Edwards gave an overview of how the Stormwater Utility fee would be incorporated on the 2018 tax bills.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

3. Consider Approval of July 18, 2018 Work Session and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)*

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

4. Consider Approval of Resolution 2018-12 – Matching Funds to Federal Metropolitan Planning Fund Grant. *(G. Alberson)*

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

5. Consider Approval of Resolution 2018-11 - Supporting the Construction of the Village Oven and the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund. *(M. Hill)*

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from City Clerk Atkinson:

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

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY’S ITEM(S)

6. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 1058 – Stormwater Utility.

Discussion only; item to be placed on the August 15, 2018 agenda for consideration.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced item until the August 15, 2018 commission meeting; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not an executive session held during this meeting.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED - *meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.*

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

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