

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017
OLD CITY HALL
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2ND FLOOR

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cornell Harvey

INVOCATION: Reverend Alan Akridge

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all in attendance

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Commissioner Cason made a motion to add as item number (1a) under "Recognition(s), Presentation(s) and Award(s), "Presentation by Tres Hamilton, Rebuilding Together, Board Member, to give presentation regarding the organization"; and under Alcohol Beverage License(s) – Hearing, as item number (6a) "Bourbon Street Bar and Grill, LLC, Owner, Joseph Michael Knowles, Cypress Mill Square, 4420 Altama Avenue, Suite #30;" seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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Mayor Harvey presented Captain Richard Bue, Brunswick Fire Department, with a certificate of recognition for his act of heroism on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 by performing the Heimlich maneuver on a two-year old. Captain Bue accepted certificate with gratitude.

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APPOINTMENT(S)

1. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to appoint Commissioner Martin as Mayor Pro-Tem; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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

1a Tres Hamilton, Rebuilding Together Board Member, to give presentation regarding the organization.

Ms. Hamilton gave a brief presentation on the history of Rebuilding Together organization. She asked the Commission to consider allowing Rebuilding Together to lease the old Fire Station located on the corner of "L" and Albany Street as the office for the organization.

Ms. Hamilton introduced County Commissioner Alan Booker, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together, Pastor Ryan Green, Chairman of Rebuilding Together and Pastor Darrell Dawson, Board Member of Rebuilding Together.

Following the presentation the Commission thanked Ms. Hamilton for the presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)-LAND USE

2. Variance Petition No. 17-01 from Darcelle Burandt, Potential Purchaser, Requesting Reduction of the Minimum Lot Width Requirement for 1712 Ellis Street. (*J. Hunter*)

John Hunter, Planner I, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported that staff recommends granting the above-referenced petition.

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

3. Variance Petition No. 17-02 from Buddie Daniel, Owner, Requesting the Reduction of the Minimum Front Set Back Requirement for 3219 Glynn Avenue. (*J. Hunter*)

John Hunter, Planner I, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported that staff recommends granting the above-referenced petition.

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; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote to 5 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Consider Approval of December 21, 2016 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. (*subject to any necessary changes.*) (*N. Atkinson*)

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

5. Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt Qualifying Fees for 2017 Election. (*N. Atkinson*)

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

CONSENT AGENDA - Finance

6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of November 30, 2016. (*K. Mills*)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced item until the January 18, 2017 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE(S) – HEARING

- 6a Bourbon Street Bar and Grill, LLC, Owner, Joseph Michael Knowles, Cypress Mill Square, 4420 Altama Avenue, Suite #30. (*L. Schmauch*)

Deputy Marshal Len Schmauch reported on incidents that occurred on December 23, 2016 and December 24, 2016 at Bourbon Street Bar and Grill; he stated because of the incidents the establishment alcohol license was suspended and the establishment was shut down on December 30, 2016 until the owner of the establishment could come before the Commission.

Mayor Harvey opened the floor for anyone wanting to speak in favor or opposition of the suspension of the above-referenced establishment alcohol license.

The following people addressed the Commission:

- 1) Brandon Russell Oppose Suspension
- 2) Carla Futch, Detective Brunswick Police Department, gave a brief account of the incident that occurred on December 23, 2016 at Bourbon Street Bar and Grill as she was working off-duty security.
- 3) Rico Harrison Oppose Suspension

Following discussion:

Commissioner Williams made a motion to reinstate the alcohol license for Bourbon Street Bar and Grill; with the following stipulations: 1) owner to provide additional lighting and cameras in areas that the owner can control and 2) owner to hire an additional officer for the parking lot of the establishment.

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.

Commission instructed staff to provide quarterly updates on the establishment to the Commission.

APPOINTMENT(S)

7. Commission and Committee Appointment(s) (*N. Atkinson*)

a) Pilot Commission – One Appointment

Commissioner Cason made a motion to re-appoint Martin McCormack to the above-referenced commission until 1/1/2024; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

8. Land Bank Agreement.

City Attorney Corry gave a brief presentation on the above-referenced agreement.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced item until the February 1, 2017 commission meeting; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

9. Consider Approval of Conveyance, Deed Transfer and Grant of Easement Rights from the City of Brunswick to the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced item until the January 18, 2017 Commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Harris. 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 and personnel; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Following 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 5 to 0.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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