

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016
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 Harvey

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Williams

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all in attendance

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Mayor Harvey recognized Dr. Gregory Aloia President and Tracy Pellett, Vice President for Academic Affairs for College of Coastal Georgia; they briefly spoke regarding the Memorandum of Understanding signed this afternoon with College of Coastal Georgia to make available educational attainment for current City of Brunswick employees.

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

1. Presentation by Geri Mullis, Marshes of Glynn Libraries Director, to give an Update on the Libraries. Director of Marshes of Glynn Libraries Geri Mullis; updated the Commission regarding activities regarding Marshes of Glynn Libraries. Informational only; no action required.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)-LAND USE

2. Rezoning Petition No. 16-05; from the Board of Trustees for Altama Presbyterian Church, Petitioning to Rezone 4621 Altama Avenue from Residential (R9) to Highway Commercial (HC). (*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 Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote to 5 to 0.

3. Rezoning Petition No. 16-04: from Johnathan Roberts, Agent, Petitioning to Rezone 3015 Cherokee Road from Residential (R9) to Limited Medical (LM). (*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.

The following people address the Commission:

- Monica Smith SSI, GA - stated that the hospital presently have 30 residential homes where the City is not receiving taxes she further stated there should be a landscape buffer.
- Julian Smith, SSI, GA – concur with Ms. Smith statements; he stated application bothers him in a couple of ways.
- Penelope Allingham, stated she was concerned about the lake and trees being cut down. She further stated she hopes the hospital does not encroach any further on the residential areas.
- Lisa Norton, SSI, GA, would like a buffer of greenery.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed by a vote to 4 to 1; with Commissioner Martin abstaining.

4. Subdivision Petition No. 16-02; from Dr. Walter Evans, Requesting the Subdivision of 1315 – 1323 Newcastle 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.

The following people address the Commission:

- Lance Sabbe, 1110 Prince Street In Favor

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

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Consider Approval of July 20, 2016 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 Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

HEARING – Alcohol Beverage License - (New) – (L. Schmauch)

6.

Name of Business	Owner/Manager	Business Location	Comments
Om Shreen Inc., dba Shiv's Market No. 1 #13042	Viralkumar Patel (Owner) Shilpaben Patel (Manager)	1001 First Avenue	Request: to sell retail beer and wine. No consumption on premises.

Deputy Marshal Len Schmauch reported that a criminal background was conducted on the owner/manager of the above-referenced Market and everything cleared; he stated same was ready for the Commission consideration.

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

The following people addressed the Commission:

- Kate Sabbe, 1110 Prince Street Oppose
- Elizabeth Verheyen asked if there was an ordinance regarding how many establishments selling alcohol was allowed in the City.
- Karen Polite, 2807 Albany Street, stated the new applications were due to new owners; she suggested that City ordinances be updated regarding locations of alcoholic businesses in the City as a whole not just the historic area.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to deny the above-referenced new alcohol license because of spot zoning and business being located adjacent to a park; motion failed due to lack of a second.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to defer the above-referenced item until the August 17th commission meeting giving City Attorney Corry time to research further; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed by a vote of 3-1-1; with Commission Martin opposing and Commissioner Harris abstaining.

APPOINTMENT(S)

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

a) Brunswick Historic Preservation Board – One Appointment

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to appoint Lianne Williamson to the above-referenced board; filling the unexpired term of Janice Britton, until June 30, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

APPOINTMENT

8. Golden Isles Senior Citizens Foundation Inc. – (Ex-Officio Appointment).

Commissioner Martin made a motion to appoint Commissioner Felicia Harris to the above-referenced foundation as an ex-officio member; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA - Finance

9. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of June 30, 2016 (*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.

COMMISSIONER CASON'S ITEM(S)

10. Update on the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission.

Commissioner Cason passed out information regarding project updates for Mansfield Street water and sanitary sewer improvements and Urbana sanitary sewer improvements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Commissioner Cason made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams. 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