

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 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 Cornell Harvey

INVOCATION: Pastor Troy Moody

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all in attendance

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer item number five (5) under Appeals(s) – Historic Preservation “Walters O. Evans, Owner, 1317 Newcastle Street, Appealing the Decision of the Historic Preservation Board Denying Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Property Located at 1317 Newcastle Street”; until July 6, 2016 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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Commissioner Cason made a motion to add as item number two-a (2a), under Recognition(s), Presentation(s) and Award(s) a “Proclamation presentation to Zerik Samples, Chief Development Officer, with Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority, Inc. proclaiming the month of May 2016 as Community Action month; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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Mayor Harvey recognized members of the Brunswick Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. organization in attendance.

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

1. Proclamation Presentation to Flotilla Commander Arlene Ingram, Recognizing National Safe Boating Week.
Proclamation accepted with gratitude.
2. Proclamation Presentation to the Brunswick Blessing of the Fleet Festival Committee.
Proclamation accepted with gratitude.
- 2a *Proclamation Presentation to Zerik Samples, Chief Development Officer, with Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority, Inc., Proclaiming the Month of May as Community Action Month.*
Proclamation accepted with gratitude.
3. Presentation by Jack Kilgore Regarding Global Leadership Summit.
Mr. Kilgore introduced Pastor David Yarborough, Saint Simons Community Church and Pastor Drew Thompson, The Chapel, who gave a brief presentation on the above-referenced summit scheduled for August 11-12, 2016.

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Mayor Harvey announced the passing of Walter C. McNeely.

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4. Presentation by Richard Stalvey of Fowler, Holley, Rambo and Stalvey, P.C. of Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30. 2015.

Mr. Stalvey gave a brief overview of the above-referenced Audit Report.

APPEAL(S) – Historic Preservation

5. Walters O. Evans, Owner, 1317 Newcastle Street, Appealing the Decision of the Historic Preservation Board Denying Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Property Located at 1317 Newcastle Street.

The above-referenced item was deferred until the July 6, 2016 commission meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)-LAND USE

1. Conditional Use Petition No. 16-01; from Devant Wainwright, Agent, Petitioning to Modify an Existing Conditional Use Permit for 5032 Habersham Street that Allows for Open Yard Storage of Construction Materials. *(J. Hunter)*

John Hunter, Planner I, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported that staff recommends granting the requested modified conditional use petition with the following stipulations:

- I. *All development shall be in substantial compliance with the development concept plan date stamped 3/3/16.*

Reverend Zack Lyde spoke on behalf of the community regarding 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:

1. Linda Mincey, 2107 Lee Street Oppose
2. Julian Smith, 61 Maxwell Avenue, St. Simons Island, suggested that that Commission defer making a decision on the above-referenced item until the Commission could make a site visit of the property.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer the above-referenced petition until June 15, 2016; giving City Manger Drumm time to schedule meetings with the community, staff and Liberty Roll-Offs to address questions/concerns; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams.

Mayor Harvey called for a vote from the City Clerk.

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

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

City Manager Drumm to include the City Commission in any scheduled meetings and/or site visits.

2. Rezoning Petition No. 16-01; from Richard Nixon, Agent, Petitioning to Rezone 1400 Third Avenue from R6 to Office Commercial. *(J. Hunter)*

John Hunter, Planner I, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported that staff recommends granting the requested rezoning petition with the following stipulations:

- I. *The uses allowed on the subject parcel will be limited in accordance with the list previously itemized in report.*
- II. *Landscape buffers shall be installed in accordance with Sec. 23-3-21 of the zoning ordinance.*

- III. *Parking lot and all other exterior lighting must be so positioned to not shine onto neighboring residential properties.*
- IV. *Hours of operation shall be limited form 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 P.M. all day days of week.*

LaRon Bennett, Side View Concepts/BBFCS, Inc. gave a brief overview of the proposed project if rezoning is approved.

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

The following people address the Commission:

- 1. Mathew Hill Director Downtown Development Authority In Favor
- 2. January Murray, resident, asked that her conditions be included in motion.
- 3. Karen Polite, 2807 Albany Street, addressed safety in regards to people speeding on Albany and Third Avenue.
- 4. Gary Cook, 2615 Ellis Street, reiterated what Karen Polite stated; and stated additional signs are not needed.
- 5. Sherry Cuttino, resident stated that are a lot of noise, parking problems, light is shining into her residence. She opposes a pavilion on the property, and suggested entrance from MLK for the parking lot if rezoning is granted.
- 6. Richard Nixon, President of I.L.A. Local # 1423 addressed some of the concerns of the residents and highlighted some of the plans for the property.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced petition, with stipulations recommended by staff; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

- 3. Abandonment Petition No. 16-03; from Carey and Robert Matheson, Owners of 902 Wright Square, Requesting Abandonment of the Unused Right-of-way that Abuts their Property. ~and~ Variance Petition No. 16-03; from Carey and Robert Matheson, Owners of 902 Wright Square, Petitioning for a Reduction of the Side and Rear Yard Setbacks. *(J. Hunter)*

John Hunter, Planner I, gave a presentation on the above-referenced abandonment and variance petitions. He reported that staff recommends granting the requested abandonment and variance.

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

No one came forth to address the Commission

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced petitions; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1; with Mayor Pro-Tem Williams opposing.

- 4. Abandonment Petition No. 16-02; from David and Mabry Brumbach, Owners of 808 Second Avenue, Requesting the Abandonment of the Unused Alley that Abuts their Property. *(J. Hunter)*

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

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

The following people address the Commission

- 1. Gary Cook, 2615 Ellis Street, stated he was not for or against granting of the above-referenced petition; but the City needs to keep in up with their property because everything seems to be fenced in.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. Consider Approval of May 4, 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 Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

- 6. Consider Approval of Probation Contract with CSRA Probation Services, Inc. (D. Dunham)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above referenced probation services contract for a term of one (1) year, from June 1, 2016 until May 31, 2017; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

COMMISSIONER MARTIN’S ITEM(S)

- 7. Update on the Urban Redevelopment Agency.

Commissioner Martin gave a brief update on activities of the above-referenced agency.

COMMISSIONER CASON’S ITEM(S)

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

Commissioner Cason reported on the Reynolds Street project in front of Morgan’s Cleaners; stating that the road should be cover up with soil by Friday afternoon; if everything goes as planned and if weather permits.

Mayor Harvey inquired about the paving of various City Streets and if paving was a Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission project or City project.

City Manager Drumm to look into street paving projects and report back to Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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 4 to 0.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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