

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

INVOCATION: Pastor Carl Brown

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all in attendance

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer item number two (2) under Public Hearing(s) – Land Use – “Rezoning Petition No.15-04; from Larry Bryson, Agent, Petitioning to Rezone 3130 Cherokee Road, from R9 to Medical”; until the March 16, 2016 meeting; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- 1) Janice Britton, 413 Wolfe Street, addressed the Commission regarding her opposition of any commercial use of City cemeteries.
- 2) Bonnie Roberts, 236 Circle Drive, SSI, GA addressed the Commission regarding her opposition of any commercial use of City cemeteries.

Mayor Harvey recognized Boy Scout Troop No. 204 in attendance

APPEAL – Historic Preservation

1. Joe McDonough, Owner 1315 Union Street, Appealing the Decision of the Historic Preservation Board Denying Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Property Located at 1315 Union Street. (*S. Lutes*)
Scott Lutes, Chairman, Brunswick Historic Preservation Board, gave a report on the background of the above-referenced appeal and explained why the board denied Mr. McDonough’s Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish structure located at 1315 Union Street.

Chris Amos, consultant for Joe McDonough addressed the Commission in regards to Mr. McDonough’s plans to demolish the structure located at 1315 Union Street.

Joe McDonough, owner, addressed the Commission regarding he reasons for wanting to demolish the structure located at 1315 Union Street.

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

The following people addressed the Commission:

- 1) Sandy Dean, 1127 Union Street Oppose
- 2) Rosemary Kaszans, 502 Wolfe Street, stated the Historic Brunswick Foundation offered to stabilize/secure structure until owner was able to sell property.
- 3) Lance Sabbe, 1110 Prince Street, member of Historic Brunswick Foundation, asked that the appeal be deferred for 30 days in order for him to meet with Mr. McDonough to discuss a long term plan for the structure.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to defer the above-referenced appeal until the April 6, 2016 Commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1; with Mayor Harvey opposing.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)-LAND USE

2. Rezoning Petition No.15-04; from Larry Bryson, Agent, Petitioning to Rezone 3130 Cherokee Road, from R9 to Medical.

*** The above-referenced item was deferred until the March 16, 2016 Commission Meeting. ***

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Consider Approval of January 20, 2016 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.)*

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.

4. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2016-01 –Supporting the Completion of the Coastal Georgia Greenway. *(J. Hickson)*

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to defer the above-referenced resolution until the February 17, 2016 Commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Following discussion Mayor Pro-Tem Williams rescinded his motion.

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

5. Consider Approval of Resolution No 2016-02 Authorizing the Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority to Apply for the Designation Promise Zone for the City of Brunswick. *(J. Drumm)*

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to approve Mayor Harvey executing the above-referenced resolution after same is reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Corry; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. Consider Approval to Allocate a Budget to the Urban Redevelopment Agency for Training. *(M. Hill)*

Commissioner Harris made a motion to allocate \$5,000.00 to the Urban Redevelopment Agency for training; with City Manager approving training request(s) as request for same is submitted; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have future items regarding allocating funds submitted to the Finance Committee for review.

7. Consider Approval of Appointment of an Employee Representative to the Pension Administration Committee. *(J. Drumm)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to appoint Captain Peter Buglino, Fire Department, and Diane Dunham, Municipal Court Clerk as representatives to the above-referenced committee until December 31, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

8. Consider Approval of a Gateway Grant Project Contract for Phase I. (*G. Alberson*)
Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion approving the contract with The Greenery in the amount of \$54,404.60 to complete the current landscaping and irrigation phase of the project; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA - Finance

9. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of December 31, 2015 (*K. Mills*)
Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced reports as submitted; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

10. Consider Alcohol License Approval for Sunday Sales, Pride of Brunswick Lodge #745, Owner Abraham Williams, 1528 Amherst Street.
Assistant City Attorney Corry reported on the State law and City ordinance for Sunday Sales for the above-referenced organization; he stated absent documentation demonstrating that an organization derives more than fifty percent of its gross sales from food or fifty percent of its annual income from the rental of rooms, an organization is not eligible to sell alcohol for on premise consumption on Sundays in accordance with the ordinance.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEM(S)

11. Consider Approval of Request from April and Bernard Hahn, of Last Ride Ghost Tours, to Permit Ghost Tours in the City's Cemeteries.
City Manager Drumm stated the title of the above-referenced item should be titled – Consider Approval of Request from April and Bernard Hahn, of **Historic Old Town Tours**; he gave a brief synopsis of what a potential ordinance/permit process would consist of if the Commission would allow Historic Old Town Tours in City cemeteries.
Commissioner Martin made a motion for staff not to proceed any further with establishing a potential ordinance/permit for Historic Old Town Tours in City cemeteries; seconded by Commissioner Cason:

Mayor Harvey asked City Clerk Atkinson to call for a vote:

Commissioner Cason	Voted not to proceed
Commissioner Harris	Voted not to proceed
Commissioner Martin	Voted not to proceed
Mayor Pro-Tem Williams	Voted to proceed
Mayor Harvey	Voted to proceed

Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 2; with Mayor Harvey and Mayor Pro-Tem Williams voting to proceed.

12. Consider Approval of Agreement between the City of Brunswick, Keep Golden Isles Beautiful and Golden Isles Career Academy for Landscaping and Maintenance at Overlook Park.
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the above-referenced parties for landscaping and maintenance at Overlook Park; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

MAYOR HARVEY'S ITEM(S)

13. Consider Approval of Amendment to the Oglethorpe Conference Center Memorandum of Understanding.
14. Consider Approval of Agreement in Regards to Leasing 1601Newcastle Street.
It was the consensus of the Commission to consider Mayor Harvey's items post executive session.

COMMISSIONER CASON'S ITEM(S)

15. Update on the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission.
Commissioner Cason reported that Thomas Boland was elected to serve as Chairman and Clifford Adams to serve as Vice-Chairman for the above-referenced commission for fiscal year 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Following executive session:

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to defer Mayor Harvey's items until the February 17, 2016 Commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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

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

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