

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015
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 Cornell Harvey

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Harris

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all in attendance

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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Mayor Pro-Tem Harris made a motion to add under Recognition(s), Presentation(s) & Award(s) "Presentation By Body By You Fitness, LLC" as item number one (1)(a); second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Dr. Cathy Slay-Chipp, 2211 Bartow Street, addressed the Commission regarding the treatment she received at the Roosevelt Harris Senior Citizen Building.
2. Kasim Ortiz, 1451 Honeygal Road, addressed the Commission regarding moving the City forward concerning CDBG 2015-2019 Annual Action and Consolidated Plans.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)-LAND USE

1. Consider Approval to Adopt Mary Ross Waterfront Park Master Plan. *(A. Glaeser)*

Arne Glaeser, Planning and Development Director, gave a recap on the process for the above-referenced plan.

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

The following people addressed the Commission:

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| 1) Kate Sabbe, 1110 Prince Street | In Favor |
| 2) Kasim Ortiz, 1451 Honeygal Road | In Favor |

Following discussion:

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

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

- 1a. Presentation by Ronique Thomas, Owner and Instructor, Body by You Fitness, LLC.

Ronique Thomas addressed the Commission regarding utilizing City Parks to conduct exercise classes. She stated Body by You Fitness, LLC goal is to promote good health. Ms. Thomas further stated that she was aware of the sound ordinance and liabilities and she was CPR certified.

Commissioner Martin expressed her concern about the temperatures, cost and liabilities.

Mayor Harvey stated he was in favor of the mobile fitness work-out. He stated that the Commission will follow-up with Body By You Fitness, LLC representatives.

City Attorney Williams was instructed to look into the legalities of having Body by You Fitness, LLC utilize City parks.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consider Approval of June 3, 2015 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2015 and May 20, 2015 Special Called Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)*
Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced minutes; second by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
3. Consider Approval to Receive a Historical Preservation Fund CLG Grant. *(M. Hill)*
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced grant; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
4. Consider Approval of Guidelines for Oak Grove Cemetery. *(M. Hill)*
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced guidelines; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
5. Consider Approval to Submit the 2015 Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. *(M. Hardin)*
Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced grant; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
6. Consider Approval to Accept a Check in the Amount of \$400.00 from Coastal Georgia Greenway and Savannah Presbytery. *(G. Alberson)*
Garrow Alberson, Assistant Engineer, introduced Ms. Joe Hickson who presented a check for \$400.00 from Savannah Presbytery to be utilized for the Martin Luther King Boulevard Trail. Commissioner Williams made a motion accept the above-referenced check; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
7. Consider Approval to Adopt and Submit the 2015-2019 Consolidated and Annual Action Plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. *(S. Walker)*
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the adoption and submittal of the above-referenced plans; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
8. Consider Abandonment of Alleyways in the Block Bordered by "I" Street, "J" Street, Newcastle Street and Reynolds Street. *(C. Harvey)*
Commissioner Martin made a motion to defer the above-referenced item; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

APPOINTMENT(S)

9. Agency Appointment(s) *(N. Atkinson)*
 - a) Urban Redevelopment Agency – Two Appointments – *(Mayor's Appointment)*
Mayor Harvey deferred the above referenced item until July 1, 2015.

ACTING CITY MANAGER'S ITEM(S)

10. Nomination of City Engineer.
Commissioner Cason made a motion approving the nomination of Garrow Alberson as City Engineer; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.
11. Discussion of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.
Kathy Mills, Acting City Manager, reported that there will not be a millage rate increase. She further stated that a copy of the 2015-2016 budget will be uploaded to the City's website and placed in the City Clerk's office and the Library for the public. She further stated that there will be a special called meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to consider adoption of the 2015/2016 fiscal year budget.

COMMISSIONER CASON'S ITEM(S)

12. Update on the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission.
Stephen Swan, Executive Director, Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission reported that the Mansfield Street Project is scheduled to be completed in March 2016.

13. Discussion of Financial Incentives for Highway 17 Stakeholders Group.

Arne Glaeser, Planning and Development Director, reported that the Glynn Avenue Stakeholder meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of every month at Old City Hall.

14. Discussion of Placing a Stop or Yield Sign at the Intersection of Highway 17 and F. J. Torras Causeway.

Rick Charnock, Public Works Operation Manager, stated that the State would have to get involved with placing a Stop or Yield Sign at the Intersection of Highway 17 and F. J. Torras Causeway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Williams made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss personnel; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Following executive session:

Mayor Harvey stated that the Commission has unanimously agreed to offer a contract to James Drumm for the position of City Manager; pending his acceptance.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Attest: /s/ Sandra M. Blue
Sandra M. Blue, Assistant City Clerk