

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015**  
**OLD CITY HALL**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Harris (*arrive at 6:22 p.m.*), Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Julie Martin and Commissioner Vincent Williams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cornell Harvey

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Williams

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE:** Recited by all in attendance

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

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*Commissioner Cason made a motion to add under the consent agenda as item number five~a (5)(a) "Consider Approval for Additional Disability Parking at Old City Hall ~ 1229 Newcastle Street"; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.*

*Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer his item number seven (7) until the June 3, 2015 commission meeting; second by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.*

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*Commissioner Cason made a motion to move Commissioner Martin item number nine (9) up on the agenda after the public comment period; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.*

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*Mayor Harvey announced that he traveled to Mobile, Alabama to take part in the Christening of USNS BRUNSWICK ~ JHSV 6, a Naval Vessel named after the City of Brunswick.*

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- 1) Peter Louder de Armes, 1615 Norwich Street, addressed the Commission regarding the shelter for homeless (The Well), located at the old Greyhound bus station. He stated the homeless facility is causing problems with his wife's business.
- 2) Vikki West, 175 Cypress Run Drive, a volunteer at The Well; spoke on behalf of The Well.
- 3) Vilma Gall, spoke on behalf of The Well and how it assist the homeless.
- 4) Annette Studmire, 3200 Cypress Mill Road, Manager at The Well; spoke on behalf of The Well and how it assist the homeless .
- 5) Eddie Wright, 1022 Carpenter Street, Apt. C; spoke on behalf of The Well and how it assist the homeless.
- 6) Mickey O'Neal, spoke on behalf of The Well and how it assist the homeless.
- 7) David Hayes, 182 Cypress Mill Drive, a volunteer at the well; spoke on behalf of The Well and how it assist the homeless.
- 8) Eddie Mobley, 1607 Norwich Street, addressed the Commission about homeless sleeping on his property and asking for money. He stated his staff is afraid to go outside because of the homeless.
- 9) Dr. Lourdes De Armas, addressed the Commission regarding homeless people coming to her office from The Well seeking medical attention; and loitering behind The Well.
- 10) Pastor Wright Culpepper spoke on behalf of The Well and what it has to offer.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)-LAND USE**

1. Variance Petition No. 15-02; from Robert Boone, Owner, Petitioning for Variances to Allow Significant Modifications to the Billboard Sign that is Located at 3500 Darien Highway. (A. Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, Planning and Development Director, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported staff recommends not granting the requested variance.

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

The following people addressed the Commission:

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| 1) Keith Boone, Owner                    | In Favor |
| 2) Kelly Patton, 757 Ocean Blvd, SSI, GA | Oppose   |
| 3) Peggy Parrish, 2100 Prince Street     | Oppose   |
| 4) Lance Sabbe, 1110 Monk Street         | Oppose   |
| 5) Evelyn Wright, 2119 Walnut Street     | Oppose   |

Commissioner Martin made a motion to deny the above-referenced petition. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Following discussion:

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

2. Conditional Use Petition No. 15-05; from Leslie Hartman, Agent, Petitioning to Obtain a Conditional Use Permits to Allow for a Care Home and Clinic on the Vacant Parcel Located at 1001 Gloucester Street. (A. Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, Planning and Development Director, gave a presentation on the above-referenced petition. He reported staff recommends in favor of granting the requested variance.

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

The following people addressed the Commission:

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| 1) Leslie Hartman, Agent  | In Favor |
| 2) Bruce Dixon, Chairman Board of Directors, Safe Harbor  | In Favor |
| 3) Chad Goehring, Harrison Design, went over the proposed design for the Safe Harbor Children’s Center. |          |
| 4) Gary Cross, # 8 St. Andrews Court  | Oppose   |
| 5) Viki Stanmark , volunteer at Safe Harbor   | In Favor |
| 6) Jeff Clark, 1415 4 <sup>th</sup> Street  | In Favor |

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced conditional use petition; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed by unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Consider Approval of May 6, 2015 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. (subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)

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

4. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2015-03 – Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities. (J. Cason)

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution; second by Commissioner Williams.

Mayor Harvey asked for a call for vote by the City Clerk:

Commissioner Cason	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Harris	Aye
Commissioner Martin	Aye
Commissioner Williams	Aye
Mayor Harvey	Aye

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

5. Consider Approval for the Submittal of Solid Waste Handling Application to Georgia Environmental Protection Division for Beverly Shores Landfill. *(G. Alberson)*

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the submittal of the above-referenced application to Environmental Protection; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

- 5a Consider Additional Parking at Old City Hall ~ 1229 Newcastle Street. *(J. Cason)*

Rick Charnock, Public Works Department, to research and provide information to the Commission regarding additional parking.

#### **APPOINTMENT(S)**

6. Commission/Authority Appointment(s) *(N. Atkinson)*

a) Coastal Regional Commission Council – One Appointment – *(Mayor’s Appointment)*

Mayor Harvey re-appointed Shaw McVeigh to the above-referenced council until July 2016.

b) Housing Authority – *(Mayor’s Appointment)*

Mayor Harvey re-appointed Floyd Phoenix to the above-referenced authority until May 31, 2020

#### **COMMISSIONER CASON’S ITEM(S)**

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

*This item was deferred until the June 3, 2015 Commission Meeting.*

#### **COMMISSIONER MARTIN’S ITEM(S)**

8. Discussion of the Traffic Signal Light on the Corner of Monck Street and Newcastle Street.

Commissioner Martin asked the Commission to discuss the traffic light referenced above again. She stated she thought the issue was of the timing of the traffic light and not the removal. She stated she would like to have the traffic light reinstalled.

Following discussion; it was the consensus of the Commission to find out what the results of the traffic study for the intersection.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have Rick Charnock, Public Works, to get the results from the traffic study from City Engineer Dan McFee and report back to the Commission.

9. Discussion of the Increase in Homelessness on Norwich Street and Downtown.

*Commissioner Martin discussed this item after Comment Period the Public.*

*Commissioner Martin asked the Chief of Police Kevin Jones and Rod Ellis, Police Chief, Glynn County School District, to give an overview of any calls/problems they may have encountered since The Well has been in operation.*

*Chief Jones stated there have been complaints from businesses and home owners in the downtown area. He reported on incidents involving vagrancy. He stated it is not a crime to be homeless.*

*Rod Ellis, Chief of Police, Glynn County School District, stated since The Well has been in operation he has step up his patrol. He stated he has only one complaint from a student. He also stated he had one incident where a homeless person was found sleeping in The Wood Gym at Glynn Academy High School.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was not an executive session held during this meeting.

Mayor Harvey reported that he had received the plans for the I – J Streets from the County and will place on the June 3, 2015 Commission meeting agenda for consideration.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to adjourn; second by Commissioner 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