

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015**  
**OLD CITY HALL**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Cornell Harvey, Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Harris, Commissioner John Cason III, Commissioner Julie Martin and Commissioner Vincent Williams

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Vincent Williams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Harris

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Dan McFee

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

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

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*Commissioner Cason made a motion to defer item number four (4) on agenda until the February 18, 2015 meeting, move item number 10 up on agenda as item number six~a (6a) and add as item number ten~a (10a) under consent agenda "Consider adoption of resolution to oppose the State of Georgia Transportation Funding Act of 2015"; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.*

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

1. Kasim Ortiz, 1451 Honeygell Road, addressed the Commission about improving the well being of the community.

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

1. Rob Hicks, Plum Creek Foundation, to Present a Check in the Amount \$5,000.00 to the City of Brunswick to Apply towards Match Funds for the Recreational Trails Grant. *(G. Alberson)*  
Mayor Harvey accepted check with gratitude.
2. Heather Heath, Executive Director of Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association, to Give an Update on Mary Ross Waterfront Park and Historic Ritz Theatre.  
*~Informational only~*
3. Mathew Hill, Executive Director of Downtown Development Authority, to Give an Update on Downtown Development Authority.  
*~Informational only~*

**DISCUSSION(S)**

4. Leslie Hamrick and Brandy Owens to Address the Commission Regarding Blessing of the Fleet.  
*\*This item was deferred until the February 18, 2015 meeting\**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Consider Approval of January 21, 2015 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary changes.) (N. Atkinson)*  
Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the above-referenced minutes; second by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
6. Consider Approval Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding and the City Engineer to Advertise for Bids for the Mansfield Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation. *(D. McFee)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and The Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission and for the City Engineer to advertise for bids for the Mansfield Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

7. Consider Approval Authorizing the Department of Public Works to Proceed with Sidewalk Upgrades. *(R. Charnock)*

Commissioner Martin made a motion authorizing Public Works to bid and schedule the sidewalk upgrades and/or replacement up to an amount not to exceed \$50,000; second by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

8. Consider Approval Authorizing Mayor to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Main Street Designation. *(M. Hill)*

Commissioner Martin made a motion authorizing the Mayor to Sign the above-referenced Memorandum of Understanding; second by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

9. Consider Approval to Set the 2015 – 2020 Community Development Block Grant Goals and Priorities. *(S. Walker)*

Commissioner Martin made a motion approving the goals and priorities referenced above as submitted; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

10. Consider Approval of a Deed of Conveyance of Assets to the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission. *(B. Corry)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced deed; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

- 10a Consider Adoption of Resolution to Oppose the State of Georgia Transportation Funding Act of 2015. *(B. Weeks)*

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA - Finance**

11. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of December 31, 2014. *(K. Mills)*

Commissioner Cason asked City Manager Weeks status of Sanitation Contract.

Commissioner Cason suggested doing a request for qualification before contract with Waste Management expires.

Finance Director was instructed to total amount paid to Waste Management.

Mayor Pro-Tem Harris made a motion to approve the above-referenced reports as submitted; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

### **APPOINTMENT(S)**

12. Commission and Committee Appointment(s) *(N. Atkinson)*

- a) **Audit Committee** – One Appointment

City Clerk Atkinson was instructed to re-advertise for the above-referenced vacancy.

- b) **Pilot Commission** – One Appointment

Commissioner Cason made a motion to re-appoint David Lewis to the above-referenced Commission until January 1, 2022; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

**Alcohol Beverage License - (Renewal) – (G. Post)**

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<b>Name of Business</b>	<b>Owner/Manager</b>	<b>Business Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Pride of Brunswick: Lodge 745	Abraham Williams (Manager)	1528 Amherst Street	Request: To sell beer and wine. Consumption on premises. <b>No Sunday Sales.</b>

Major Post stated that a criminal background was conducted on the above-referenced license and everything cleared; he asked the Commission to consider same for approval.

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

The following people addressed the Commission:

1. George Williams questioned why the Lodge had approval for Sunday sales last year and not this year
2. Gary Cook questioned why the Lodge have been getting license for the past one hundred years and not this year.
3. Antwan Walker stated Pride of Brunswick is a Lodge, not a club and explained the function of the Lodge.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to approve the above-referenced alcohol license renewal; second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S ITEM(S)**

14. Discussion – Proposed Amendments to Chapter 5, Article II, Division II.

Assistant City Attorney Corry gave an overview of the above-referenced proposed ordinance.

City Clerk to advertise the above-referenced ordinance for the Commission consideration for adoption at the February 18, 2015 meeting.

**COMMISSIONER CASON’S ITEM(S)**

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

Commissioner Cason stated there was nothing to report at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Martin made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel; second by Commissioner Cason. Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

Following executive session Mayor Harvey announced no action was taken.

Commissioner Cason made a motion to adjourn; second by Mayor Pro-Tem 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