

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2003 AT 3:30 P. M.
CITY HALL COMPLEX
700 GLOUCESTER STREET, 3rd FLOOR**

PRESENT: His Honor Bradford S. Brown, Commissioners Jonathan Williams, Doris A. Davis and Cornell Harvey.

ABSENT: Commissioner Harold E. Jennings.

INVOCATION: Mayor Bradford Brown gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison by everyone in attendance.

1. DISCUSSION

Customs House, Oglethorpe Conference Center, Conference Center Management and Lease Agreement, and the New City Office Building.

Mayor Brown announced that this meeting has been called to discuss the Customs House, the Oglethorpe Conference Center, Conference Center Management lease agreement and the New City Hall facility.

Mayor Brown stated that there were some legalities pertaining to land acquisition that the Commission need to discuss. He recommended having a quick Executive Session to go through some real estate issues.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Acquisition. The motion passed.

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Brown stated that City staff has had conversations with a development group called HPG over the past several months and this group is looking at developing a conference facility in Downtown Brunswick and due to preliminary discussions that occurred and the informal discussions that have occurred it is appropriate that the City now enter into a stage where the Commission actually have some Formal discussions, which would lead to some formal agreements and hopefully a contract to some degree at this point and time. He stated that he believed that the Commission is ready enter into a Memorandum of Understanding.

Mayor Brown read the Memorandum of Understanding.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion unanimously adopting the Memorandum of Understanding:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter "MOU") made and entered into as of the 30 day of December, 2008, by and between THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA (hereinafter "City") a municipal corporation chartered and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its Mayor and Council, and HPG, LLC (hereinafter "HPG"), a Georgia limited liability company in formation.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage redevelopment and restoration of existing structures and property identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, HPG is desirous of working with the City in pursuit and completion of projects in support of these goals; and

WHEREAS, the City's Comprehensive Plan and three independent studies, i.e., the feasibility market study prepared by the Curry Company, the 2001 Gensler Study, and the Blueprint Brunswick Master Plan Study prepared by Post Buckley Schuh and Jernigan (PBS&J)/Key Advisors, have stated that the best public use of the historic Customs House is as a Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, the City and Glynn County have agreed that the use of SPLOST Funds should be directed to a Conference Center which the City has determined should be located in the historic Customs House;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following memorandum of understanding is entered into:

1. The City will take appropriate steps to include the 22-acre site owned by the City on Lanier Boulevard in a development area consistent with promotion of the Blueprint Brunswick Master Plan and City of Brunswick Comprehensive Plan.
2. The City will take steps appropriate to:
 - a. Make available for development certain sites identified as catalyst projects under the Blueprint Brunswick Master Plan, including the said 22-acre site.
 - b. Negotiate a lease and management contract with HPG for the use and operation of the Customs House Conference Center.
3. The City will cooperate with HPG in providing on and off-street parking required for the operation of the conference center.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed, sealed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

By: [Signature] (SEAL)

Title: Mayor

Attest: Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk

HPG, LLC

By: [Signature] (SEAL)

Title:

Attest: [Signature]

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown
Bradford S. Brown, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion
Georgia E. Marion, City Clerk