

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007 AT 6:30 P. M.
OLD CITY HALL
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2ND FLOOR

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Bryan Thompson, Commissioners Jonathan Williams, Cornell Harvey, Mark Spaulding and James H. Brooks, Sr.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bryan Thompson called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

PUBLIC HEARING – LAND USE

1. Variance Petition No.07-6 for Ambling Development Partners, Agents for Perry Park Townhomes located on 2106 “K” Street, requesting a free-standing sign for Perry Park Townhomes.

Arne Glaeser, City Planner, in favor of granting the requested variance. The proposed sign is appropriately sized and is needed to identify the property. The requested variance will not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion granting the proposed sign to Ambling Development Partners, Agents for Perry Park Townhomes, and Commissioner Brooks seconded the approval. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

2. Variance Petition No. 07-7 for Bailey’s Powerhouse Gym located 57 Glynn Plaza Shopping Center on Altama Avenue and Community Road, to erect a wall sign greater than the 32 square feet allowed.

Arne Glaeser, City Planner, recommends granting the requested variance. The proposed sign is significantly larger than what is allowed, however, it is smaller than other sign variances that have been granted for other tenants in the Glynn Plaza shopping center. The requested variance will not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to grant the requested variance to Bailey’s Powerhouse Gym, and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

3. Variance Petition No. 07-8 for the Oyster Shak located at 2027 Stacy Street, to erect a wall sign greater than allowed.

Arne Glaeser, City Planner, recommends against granting the requested variance.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion granting a variance of 100 sq. ft. no freestanding sign standing over 10 ft. in height. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

4. Rezoning Petition No. 07-7 for College Place United Methodist Church located 3890 Altama Avenue, to rezone property from R9, Residential, to GC, General Commercial, in order to erect a larger LED Sign than Ordinance allows. Arne Glaeser, City Planner, presented the presentation.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve rezoning petition for College Place United Methodist Church and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to accept the changes for church use only. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

5. Georgia Marion, City Clerk, request for minutes of a rescheduled meeting on September 20, 2007, and a Special Called Meeting on September 25, 2007.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the rescheduled meeting on September 20, 2007, and a Special Called Meeting on September 25, 2007. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

6. Bid recommendation for a rear load Garbage Truck for the Public Works Department presented by J. Pereles, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion to approve the bid recommendation for a Rear Load Garbage Truck for Public Works Department, and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

7. Financial Reports presented by Martha Hendley, Finance Director.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion to approve the August 31, 2007 finance report, and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

8. PBS&J Contract for Blueprint Brunswick Update.

Bill Weeks, Community Development Director, request authorization for the City of Brunswick to sign a contract updating the Blueprint Brunswick Plan with PBS&J for \$130,000.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to authorize the updated contract agreement for Community Development regarding the Blueprint Brunswick with PBS&J, and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

9. Accept donation of a multi-purpose canine for the Brunswick Drug Squad from Robert Putnam.

This item was deferred to October 17, 2007.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEM(S)

10. Request for Sewer Enterprise Funds of \$250,000 for the Brunswick Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion approving the funds for \$250,000 requested to prepare for JWSC start date on January 1, 2008, and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

11. Water bills.

The Commissioner Spaulding made a motion approving cut off notices dates to be sent out with billing statement, by radio, television, and newspaper advertisements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed by a 5 to 0 vote of approval.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion approving the statement and advertising method already in use, and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

12. Amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance 994.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve the amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance 994, and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The following ordinance was approved by a 5 to 0 vote:

ORDINANCE 994

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK PERTAINING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TO PROVIDE FOR BEVERAGE CATERERS HOLDING POURING LICENSES WITH THE COUNTY MEANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT CITY-OWENED FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK HEREBY ORDAINS that the Code of the City of Brunswick be and it is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION ONE

Chapter 3 of the City Code of Brunswick is amended by removing §3-61 and creating a new §3-61, which shall read as follows:

§3-61. Requirements for consumption of beer, wine or champagne at certain City-owned facilities.

Consumption of beer, wine or champagne may be done by lessees upon the premises of city-owned facilities located at Mary Ross Waterfront Park, Old City Hall, or the Ritz Theatre where approved in advance upon proper written explanation to the facility manager designated for such purpose by the City Commission, and subject to such terms and conditions as the said facility manager may from time to time promulgate in writing, which may include terms as to insurance, clean-up fees, deposits, security personnel, limits on the number of guests and other matters a the facility manager may require. Such beverages may be provided at no charge by the approved lessee to its guests, or they may be sold to such guests y a beverage caterer who must be approved by the facility manager and must be the holder of a pouring license in good standing issued by the City of Brunswick, State of Georgia or the County of Glynn, State of Georgia.

SECTION TWO

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION THREE

If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission.

SO ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF BRUNSWICK THIS 3rd DAY OR OCTOBER 2007.

/s/ Bryan Thompson
Bryan Thompson, Mayor

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

13. Abandon portion of old "J" Street easement in Perry Park Town Homes.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion to approve the existing abandonment of "J" Street, and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a 5 to 0 vote.

14. Quit Claim Deed for tax redemption of Union Realty Corporation, New Town Lots 557 and 558.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed for tax redemption of Union Realty Corporation, in reference to New Town lots 557 and 558. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a 5 to 0 vote.

COMMISSIONER HARVEY'S ITEM(S)

15. Appointment to the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water/Sewer Committee.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to designate Commissioner Brooks for one of the seats for the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water/Sewer Committee that the City will appoint him on the second meeting in January 2008. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a 5 to 0 vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bryan Thompson
Bryan Thompson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matasha Jones
Matasha Jones, Asst. City Clerk