

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007 AT 6:30 P.M.
OLD CITY HALL
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2nd FLOOR**

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

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathan Williams.

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

INVOCATION: Dan McFee, City Engineer gave the invocation.

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

DELEGATION

1. Dena Harrison to address loud noise and speeding in the 2600 block of Johnston Street.
(C. Harvey)

Mayor Thompson requested to combine agenda item number 17 with agenda item number 1.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion to combine item number 17 with item number 1. The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4-0.

Dena Harrison resident of 2607 Johnston Street, reported several concerns about her neighborhood, which she stated as follows:

- 1) Cars speeding in her neighborhood with loud noise coming from the vehicles.
- 2) An old panel truck from the Fire Department left in neighborhood with trash on top.
- 3) Trash cans not being removed from the streets.
- 4) Children playing basketball in the streets.
- 5) Residents placing trash on trash piles not belonging to them.

Ms. Harrison asked if speed bumps could be placed in the neighborhood.

Mayor Thompson opened floor for discussion. He stated that he has had complaints from residents in the 2100 and 2300 block of Bartow Street regarding speeding also.

Commissioner Spaulding stated because the basketball goals are in the City right-of-way; the City should look into having the basketball goals removed.

Mayor Thompson stated that leaving trashcans out all week was a code violation and instructed Code Enforcement to begin enforcing that violation on Thursday, November 8, 2007. He stated he would like to look into Noise Ordinance and coming up with something that is enforceable. In regards to four-way stops, he stated that the City should look into placing some on Bartow and Johnston Street.

Commissioner Harvey suggested a traffic study be done; and instructed the Public Works Director to proceed with this and report his findings to the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING – LAND USE

2. Rezone Petition No. 07-06 from Sam McCachern with Thomas & Hutton Engineering for the Liberty Harbor Master Plan and Height Overlay District to change 30 acres from Basic Industrial to PD-G, Plan Development-General, and 8.68 acres to the existing height overlay district. (A. Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner made presentation regarding petition No. 07-06. Following presentation, he stated City staff recommended approval of the amendments to the PD-G zoning and the Liberty Harbor Height Overlay District. The proposed amendments simply add more land area into the planned Development and into the height overlay district.

Mayor Thompson asked if citizens would like to speak for or against the amendments.

Lee Armstrong resident of 2206 Peachtree Street asked if the amendments would affect the ports.

Mayor Thompson informed him that the rezoning would not affect the ports.

No other members of the public made any further comments for or against the proposed rezoning.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion approving the amendments to the PD-G Zoning. The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

3. Rezone Petition No. 07-07 with a Conditional Use Petition No. 07-02 from Joseph White with Thomas & Hutton Engineering to rezone 7.38 acres located at 1810 Coast Street from LI, Limited Industrial to BI, Basic Industrial, with open yard for storage of salvaged materials. (A. Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner made presentation regarding petition No. 07-07 with a Conditional Use Petition No. 07-02. Following presentation, he stated City Staff recommends approval of both petitions, with condition that all development be in substantial compliance with the submitted development concept plan that is date stamped 10/4/07.

Mayor Thompson asked if citizens would like to speak for or against the petition No. 07-07 with a Conditional Use Petition No. 07-02.

The following persons spoke for or against the proposed rezoning:

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| 1. Phillip Coil, 2211 Woodland Way | Against proposed rezoning |
| 2. Ronnie Fleming, 2203 Woodland Way | Against proposed rezoning |
| 3. Mary Fleming, 2203 Woodland Way | Against proposed rezoning |
| 4. Joseph White, Representing owner | For proposed rezoning |
| 5. Fred Tullos, Nottinghill Subdivision | For proposed rezoning |
| 6. Charlie Latham, Managerial Partner, Coastal Disposal | For proposed rezoning |

Following discussion, Commissioner Spaulding made a motion to approve and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion granting the Rezoning Petition and Conditional Use Petition with provisions as recommended by staff. The Motion passed unanimously by vote of 4-0.

4. Rezone Petition No. 07-08 from Joseph White with Thomas & Hutton Engineering to rezone 0.39 acres located at the southwest corner of Lanier Blvd. and Albany Street from R6 to GI, General Industrial. (A.Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner made presentation regarding rezone petition 07-08. Following presentation, he stated City Staff recommends approval of rezoning petition with the following two conditions:

- 1) All the existing vegetation along the subject parcel's North West boundaries shall be left undisturbed.

- 2) The rezoning shall be limited to only the transmission tower use; and not include all other uses that are allowed in GI (General Industrial); and allow commercial parking use that may possibly come.

Mayor Thompson asked if citizens would like to speak for or against the petition No. 07-08.

The following persons spoke for or against the proposed rezoning:

- 1) Jerry Herlugson, Project Engineer at King & Prince Seafood, representing company location at 100 Lanier Blvd. stated that King & Prince Seafood did not oppose relocation of the cellular tower, but had concerns about communication interference with plant operation with inventory control. He stated that he would like assurance from Liberty Harbor that the relocation would not cost King & Prince Seafood any monetary loss.
- 2) Gene Stancek, representing Liberty Harbor stated he could not immediately give a definite answer to Mr. Herlugson's question.

Following discussion, Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded motion to table item until the next Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4-0.

5. Rezone Petition No. 07-09 from Thomas Hershell, Jr., to rezone 0.15 acres located at 1102 "L" Street from GR, General Residential to GC, General Commercial. (A.Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner made presentation regarding rezone petition 07-09. Following presentation, he stated City Staff recommends approval of rezoning petition.

Mayor Thompson asked if citizens would like to speak for or against petition No. 07-09.

There was no one present to speak for or against petition 07-09.

Following discussion Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to approve rezone petition No. 07-09. The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

6. Subdivision Petition No. 07-09 from Cynthia Hershkovich to subdivide Parkwood Village located on the southwest corner of Parkwood Avenue and US 17. (A.Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner made a presentation regarding subdivision petition 07-09.

Following the presentation, he stated City Staff recommends approval of rezoning petition.

Mayor Thompson asked if citizens would like to speak for or against petition No. 07-09.

There was no one present to speak for or against subdivision petition 07-09.

Following discussion, Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion to approve subdivision petition No. 07-09. The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

7. Minutes of the October 17, 2007 meeting. (G. Marion)

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to approve the minutes of Regular Commission Meeting of October 17, 2007. The motion passed by vote of 4-0.

8. Reschedule November 21, 2007 Commission meeting to November 20, 2007 due to the Thanksgiving holidays. (G.Marion)

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to reschedule the regular Commission for Wednesday, November 21, 2007 to Tuesday, November 20, 2007. The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

9. Financial reports for September 2007. (M.Hendley)

Martha Hendley, Finance Director, submitted financial reports for the month of September 2007.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to accept financial reports. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

10. New Software and contract approval for the City. (M.Hendley)

Martha Hendley, Finance Director asked the Commission's approval to purchase new Financial, Human Resources and Community Development software for the City of Brunswick; cost of the software would be \$413,000.00.

Following discussion, Commissioner Brooks made motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to approve the new software and contract. Motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

11. Resolution Authorizing Transmittal of Community Assessment and Citizens Participation Plan. (B.Weeks)

Fraverlyn Frazier, representing EDAW, Inc., the firm that the City has engaged to prepare the Comprehensive Plan update ask the Commissioner to authorize transmittal of the Citizens Participation Plan in the Community Assessment to the Department of Community Affairs.

Following Discussion Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion to transmit Community Assessment and Citizens Participation Plan to Department of Community Affairs. The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

12. Resolution Authorizing Transmittal of a Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan. (B.Weeks)

Steve Belcher, representing Stantec, asked the Commission approval authorizing transmittal of a ten-year solid waste management plan.

Following discussion, Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion approving transmittal of a ten-year solid waste management plan. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0..

13. ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

- The Bamboo Lounge located 2717-R Glynn Avenue.
- The Red Carpet Lounge located 300 "F" Street.
- The Fountain Package Store located 2300 Norwich Street.
- The Grogg Shop located 1701 Norwich Street.
- The Dixville Package Store located 1509 ½ London Street.
- Adams Market located 1700 Norwich Street.

Chief Edna Johnson, Brunswick Police Department recommended approval of renewal application for above-mentioned businesses.

Commissioner Brooks made motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to grant renewal licenses for all of the above-mention businesses. Motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

14. Equipment from Public Works to declare surplus: (J.Pereles)

- Curb and Gutter machine
- Asphalt Zipper

Joe Pereles, Director of Public Works requested that the Curb and Gutter machine and Asphalt Zipper be declared surplus.

Following discussion, Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to declare the items surplus. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

15. Bridge Lighting Contract.

M. Lynn Frey III, City Attorney discussed executing the Bridge Lighting Contract with Glynn County and The Georgia Department of Transportation.

Following discussion Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to execute the Bridge Lighting Contracts. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

16. Update on Bay Street-Public Works Transaction with DDA.

M. Lynn Frey III, City Attorney, updated the Commission on the Bay Street Public Works transaction with the Downtown Development Authority. He stated the City is at a point to proceed with appraisal of the property; sell property to Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Development Authority would in turn return funding from sale over to the City of Brunswick

MAYOR THOMPSON'S ITEM(S)

17. Four-Way stops in the 2100-2300 blocks of Bartow Street.

This item was added to item number one (1) of agenda.

18. Appointment to the Housing Authority Board.

Mayor Thompson appointed Reverend D. Shafter to the Housing Authority Board.

COMMISSIONER CORNELL HARVEY

19. Declaring December 24 as a holiday for City employees.

Following discussion, this item was deferred until November 20, 2007 meeting.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session, to discuss personnel and real property acquisition. The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

After returning from the executive session, Commissioner Harvey made motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Georgia E. Marion, City Clerk, and resignation to take effect on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

Commissioner Spaulding made motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to appoint Naomi Atkinson as Interim City Clerk until the City Clerk position was filled. Motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

Commissioner Harvey made motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by vote of 4 to 0.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bryan Thompson
Bryan Thompson, Mayor

Attest: Naomi Atkinson
Naomi Atkinson, Interim City Clerk