

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M.**  
**OLD CITY HALL**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Bryan Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Spaulding, Commissioner James H. Brooks, Sr., Commissioner Cornell Harvey and Commissioner Jonathan Williams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Honorable Mayor Bryan Thompson

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Spaulding

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

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to add to agenda for consideration of approval an Economic Stimulus resolution recommending funding from Georgia Department of Transportation for construction of a 35-mile "Island Hopper Trail" that lies within the jurisdictions of Glynn County, The City of Brunswick, the City of Darien and McIntosh County.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion adding the above-referenced item to the agenda as item numbered three (3) under items to be considered for approval. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Mayor Thompson acknowledged the presence of Angelina Hilton and Sergio Castillo of the City of Brunswick Youth Advisory Council.

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

1. Marsha Smith, Executive Director, Jazz-Up Brunswick & the Golden Isles Campaign.  
Mayor Thompson presented "Jazz-Up Brunswick and Golden Isles Campaign" proclamation to Marsha Smith, Executive Director of KBGIB.  
Ms. Smith thanked the Commission and presented the Commission with Jazz-Up Brunswick T-Shirts.
2. U.S. Marshal Award Presentation.  
Cathy Haney, Planning and Research Specialist, introduced U. S. Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, Tom Roberts and U.S. Marshal Task Force Coordinator, Brunswick District, Donny Foster; who presented an award to Chief Edna Johnson for her participation and support of the Marshal Service Task Force.

**ITEM(S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL**

3. Resolution recommending that Georgia Department of Transportation fund through Economic Stimulus, the construction of the 35-mile "Island Hopper Trail" that lies within the jurisdictions of Glynn County, the City of Brunswick, the City of Darien and McIntosh County.

Rita Spalding, Coastal Georgia Greenway, requested approval of a Greenway resolution for Economic Stimulus funding for the Island Hopper Trail.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the above-referenced resolution. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

*Resolution on file – Office of the City Clerk*

4. Minutes of the March 18, 2009 Work Session, Delegation and Regular Scheduled Meeting.

N. Atkinson)

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the above-referenced work session minutes. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0; with Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding and Commissioner Harvey abstaining as they were not in attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the above-referenced delegation meeting minutes; with the correction of the spelling of Ron Stanowsky last name to Sadowski. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the above-referenced regular scheduled meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

5. Financial Reports as of February 28, 2009. (M. Hendley)

Martha Hendley, Finance Director, gave a brief overview of the above-referenced reports.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding seconded the motion approving the above-referenced reports including the adjustments on page three. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for 2009. (C. Haney)

Cathy Haney, Planning and Research Specialist, requested approval of the inter-local agreement between the county and the city regarding the Justice Assistance Grant for 2009 and MOU between the City and County detailing how the funds will be used for said grant.

Ms. Haney stated that the amount the City will be awarded is \$247,139.00; with no matching funds required. She further stated that the City and County has jointly funds totaling \$394,468.00; and funds can be used by City and County separately or on a project together.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the above-referenced grant and MOU detailing how funds will be used. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)**

7. Discussion of proposed ordinance amendment to regulate utility ordinance billing adjustments.

M. Lynn Frey III reported that an amendment is needed for the city's utility ordinance to address JWSC billing adjustments in situations that are sudden, significant or substantial and result in the unexplained spike in water usage.

The City Attorney reported that the ordinance amendment would be presented to the Commission at a later date.

Keith Morgan, Director JWSC, answered questions from the Commission regarding the ordinance amendment.

The City Attorney was directed to have this item placed back on the agenda in two to four weeks.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Thompson asked if there was a need for an executive session.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to hold an executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Following executive session Mayor Thompson entertain a motion to appoint Nathan Williams as Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tem; serving at the pleasure of the City Commission, with compensation being the same as the previous Municipal Judge Pro-Tem.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion appointing Nathan Williams as Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tem; serving at the pleasure of the City Commission, and with compensation being the same as the previous Municipal Judge Pro-Tem. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

/s/ Bryan Thompson  
Bryan Thompson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Naomi Atkinson  
Naomi Atkinson, City Clerk