

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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., and Commissioner Cornell Harvey

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Jonathan Williams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Thompson

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding

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

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

1. Brian Dolan, with Boys and Girls Club, report on Chicago Leadership Training.

Brian Dolan, Boys and Girls Club, introduced Marquis Higginbotham, Brendon King and Alex Boney, all of whom gave a brief synopsis of their leadership training in Chicago, IL.

Mayor Thompson thanked Brian Dolan, Marquis Higginbotham, Brendon King and Alex Boney for sharing what they learned at training in Chicago.

**DISCUSSION(S)**

2. "I" Street and Newcastle Lane. (B. Thompson)

Mayor Thompson spoke briefly about the closing of "I" Street and Newcastle Lane for the Glynn County Detention expansion and entertained a motion conveying whether the City would close the above-referenced Street and Lane.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to not adhere to the County's request to close "I" Street and Newcastle Lane for expansion of the Glynn County Detention Center. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S) – LAND USE**

3. Rezone Petition 09-06 from James Bishop, agent for Glynn County Board of Education, petitioning to rezone .25 acre± portion of the Glynn Middle School site 605 Lanier Boulevard with Lang Building Supply. The parcel exchange allows access to school bus from Glynn Middle School. (A. Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner, asked for a continuance of the above-referenced petition until the September 16, 2009 regular scheduled commission meeting.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to postpone the above-referenced petition until September 16, 2009 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

4. Subdivision Petition No. 09-04 from Marty Crabtree, with the Bishop Law Firm, petitioning to recombine parcels, located at 605 Lanier Boulevard and 610 Martin Luther King, Jr., that were traded between the Glynn County Board of Education and Lang Building Supply. (A. Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner, withdrew the above-referenced petition as moot.

5. Proposed Amendments to the City of Brunswick Zoning Ordinance. (A. Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner gave a presentation of the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Mayor Thompson asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance.

An audience member asked for clarification of the amendments; Mayor Thompson gave a brief clarification of the proposed amendments.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding seconded the motion approving all amendments to zoning ordinance as proposed. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

6. Rezoning Petition No. 09-05 and 2900 Glynn Avenue Height Overlay Petition from Bill Edenfield, agent for Sea Island Company, petitioning to amend the zoning designation on 8.622 acres±, and increase the allowable building height on 6.17 acres ±. (A. Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner, gave a presentation of the above-referenced rezoning petition. He reported that staff recommends granting same.

Mayor Thompson asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed petition.

The following person(s) came forth:

Bill Edenfield, Sea Island Co.

In Favor

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding seconded the motion approving the rezoning request to Highway Commercial zone district and the corresponding request for additional building height. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

7. Conditional Use Petition No. 09-05 from Wilson Marion, owner of 1602 “I” Street, petitioning for a private care home for a parcel zoned General Residential. (A. Glaeser)

Arne Glaeser, City Planner, gave a presentation of the above-referenced conditional use petition. He reported that staff recommends that the petition for a private care home be denied because the subject parcel does not meet the minimum lot requirements for care homes as outlined in Section 23-18—4(B) of the City zoning ordinance.

Jose Juarbe, Fire Department, gave a brief overview of what is required from the petitioner by the State.

Mayor Thompson asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed petition.

The following person(s) came forth:

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| 1. Tammie Armstrong               | Opposed  |
| 2. Theophilus Coley               | Opposed  |
| 3. Wilson Marion, petitioner      | In Favor |
| 4. Tasha Marion                   | In Favor |
| 5. Denise Keller, 1610 “I” Street | Opposed  |

Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion denying the above-referenced petition. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0. Mayor Thompson instructed the City Planner to refund any filing fees to petitioner.

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

8. Minutes of the August 12, 2009 Regular Scheduled Meetings. (N. Atkinson)  
 Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the above-referenced minutes. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
9. COMMISSION AND BOARD APPOINTMENT(S): (N. Atkinson)  
 Coastal Regional Commission Council- One Non- Public Appointment  
 Mayor Thompson nominated Bradford Brown to serve on the above-referenced council for a term of one year until September 2, 2010.
10. Financial report as of July 31, 2009. (M. Hendley)  
 Martha Hendley, Finance Director, gave a brief overview of the above-referenced reports.  
 Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the above-referenced reports. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
11. Set Millage Rate for 2009. (M. Hendley)  
 Martha Hendley, Finance Director, requested approval of the 2009 millage rate.  
 Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the above-referenced millage rate of 12.25. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
12. Financing 503 Mansfield Street. (M. Hendley)  
 Martha Hendley, Finance Director, reported that Atlantic National Bank withdrew their bid for the financing of 503 Mansfield Street because of the type of financing proposed. She advised that Sun Trust Leasing also bided on the RFP for a lower rate and requested approval of same.  
 Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding seconded the motion approving the above-referenced financing from Sun Trust Leasing. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
13. Tax Anticipation Note. (M. Hendley)  
 Martha Hendley, Finance Director, requested approval of a Tax Anticipation Note for \$1,000,000; she stated that the TAN is an advance on ad valorem taxes that will be billed by Glynn County Tax Commissioner on 9/15/09.  
 Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion approving the above referenced note. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.
14. New Alcohol Beverage License. (E. Johnson)

<u>Name of Business</u>	<u>Owner/Mgr.</u>	<u>Location of Business</u>	<u>Comments</u>
4 <sup>th</sup> of May Café	Tommy Packard (owner)	1618 Newcastle Street	Request sell of beer, wine, and Sunday sales with consumption on premises

Leon Davis, Code Enforcement Specialist, Police Department, requested approval of the above-referenced new alcohol beverage license.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding seconded the motion to grant the above-referenced license. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

15. Repaving of 2 streets in various locations. (D. McFee)

Dan McFee, City Engineer, requested approval of a change order to the current contract with Allen Owens Construction approved at a Special Called meeting on July 28, 2009. He stated that the change order would include the repaving of MLK Boulevard from Ocean/Albermarle to George Street and to construct an asphalt sidewalk from the Glynn Middle School Bus Drive to Ocean Blvd.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion approving the above-referenced change order. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

16. Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Coastal Phoenix/Southeast Georgia Community Land Trust. (E. VanOtteren)

Eric VanOtteren, Economic Development Coordinator, requested approval of the above-referenced memorandum.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the above-referenced MOU. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

17. Communities of Opportunity – Approval of Agreement for Granting of State Funds. (E. VanOtteren)

Eric VanOtteren, Economic Development Coordinator, requested approval of the above-referenced agreement.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the above-referenced agreement. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM SPAULDING’S ITEM(S)**

18. Newcastle Streetscape in relations to 1200 Block of Newcastle.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding asked for the consensus of the Commission to have staff review the original streetscape plans and check into completing the streetscape for the above-referenced block; possibly in stages.

The Commission agreed with Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding to have staff look into the cost to begin the process for completing the streetscape for the 1200 Block of Newcastle Street and report back to the Commission by the first meeting in October 2009.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S ITEM(S)**

19. Discuss recommendations regarding Ray’s Ice Treats.

M. Lynn Frey III, City Attorney, presented the Commission with recommendations for the Commission to consider for Mr. Ray Barneman to sell ice cream in City parks.

It was the consensus of the Commission not to make any changes to the present ordinance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to hold an executive session to discuss litigation, personnel and land acquisition. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

Following executive session Mayor Thompson announced that the Commission discussed the current economy of the City and agreed for a least through this fiscal year to furlough two days per month; beginning Friday, September 11, 2009 and occurring on the second and fourth Friday of each month thereafter. He stated that this would affect all City personnel with the exception of Police Field Services and Fire Suppression.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to begin furloughing all City personnel with the exception of Police Field Services and Fire Suppression on the second and fourth Friday of each month beginning Friday, September 11, 2009 through the present fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

Mayor Thompson further announced that the Commission discussed paying all City personnel on a bi-weekly basis.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Brooks second the motion to begin paying all City personnel on a bi-weekly basis beginning the first pay period in October. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Spaulding seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 to 0.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

/s/ Bryan Thompson  
Bryan Thompson, Mayor

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