

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BRUNSWICK CITY COMMISSION**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.**  
**1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR**  
**&**  
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**PRESENT:** Honorable Mayor Cosby Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Felicia Harris, Commissioner Kendra Rolle ~ (*arrived at 5:06 p.m.*), Commissioner Lance Sabbe and Commissioner Gwen Atkinson-Williams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Johnson

**DISCUSSION**

1. Local Act to Provide for a Homestead Exemption for Ad Valorem Tax Property Taxes Assessed by the City of Brunswick.

Mayor Johnson gave a brief overview of the above-referenced item.

Tax Commissioner Jeff Chapman gave a brief overview of what implementing homestead exemption would look like for the City of Brunswick.

Following questions and responses; Commission thanked Tax Commissioner Jeff Chapman.

2. Discussion & Presentation Regarding Department of Community Affairs Workforce Housing Infrastructure Grant & Construction Loan Program for Reynolds Cottages Workforce Housing Development.

Ed Farley, Board Chairman of Forward Brunswick introduced Foster Hayes, Communications Manager for Forward Brunswick.

Foster Hayes gave a presentation regarding the Reynolds Cottages development and Department of Community Affairs Workforce Housing Infrastructure Grant & Construction Loan Program. John Hunter, Planning, Development and Codes Director provided information regarding the City's involvement.

Following questions and responses, the Commission thanked Mr. Hayes for the presentation.

**WORK SESSION ADJOURNED** – *session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Johnson - *meeting began at 6:00 p.m.*

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Johnson

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

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:**

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Commissioner Sabbe made a motion to defer item number nine (9) “Consider Approval of Resolution Number 2024-04 ~ In Support of the Introduction of a Local Act to Provide for a Homestead Exemption for Ad Valorem Tax Property Taxes Assessed by the City of Brunswick.”; date not exact; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of April 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the above-referenced agenda with the aforementioned addendum, seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

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

2. Proclamation Presentation to David Bravo Director of Neighborhood and Community Services Recognizing April 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> as National Community Development Week.

Proclamation accepted with gratitude.

3. Proclamation Recognizing April 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> as Cities United Week.

Proclamation read by Mayor Johnson; with details of scheduled events provided by City Manager McDuffie.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

- 1) Urban Redevelopment Authority ~ Two Appointments (*Mayoral Appointments*)  
Mayor Johnson re-appointed Taylor Ritz to the above referenced authority.
- 2) Brunswick Housing Authority ~ One Appointment (*Mayoral Appointment*)  
Mayor Johnson appointed Angela Richards to the above-referenced authority.

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

4. Approval of March 20, 2024 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. *(subject to any necessary charges.)*  
*(N. Atkinson)*  
Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the above-referenced minutes; seconded by Commissioner Sabbe. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Consider for Approval to Change Commission Meeting Date of Wednesday June 19, 2024 to Monday, June 17, 2024.  
Commissioner Sabbe made a motion to defer the above-referenced item until April 17, 2024 commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Consider Approval of Purchase of a Flatbed Dump Truck. *(R. Charnock)*  
Commissioner Atkinson-Williams moved to approve the above-referenced purchase from Rush Truck Center in the amount of \$115,930.36; seconded by Commissioner Sabbe. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of February 29, 2024. *(R. McDuffie)*  
Commissioner Sabbe made a motion to approve the above-referenced financial reports as submitted; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Consider Approval of Pay Adjustment for City Personnel. *(R. McDuffie)*  
Commissioner Rolle made a motion to approve pay adjustment for city personnel; seconded by Commissioner Atkinson-Williams. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Consider Approval of Resolution Number 2024-04 ~ In Support of the Introduction of a Local Act to Provide for a Homestead Exemption for Ad Valorem Tax Property Taxes Assessed by the City of Brunswick.

*The above-referenced item was deferred, date not exact.*

10. Consider Approval to Allow City Staff to Submit Funding Application for Rural Workforce Housing Grant and Construction Loan financing to be Applied at Reynolds Cottages Development.

The above-referenced agenda item null and void due to lack of motion.

Following discussion:

Commissioner Atkinson-Williams moved to approve the above-referenced request allowing city staff to submit funding application for rural workforce housing grant and construction loan financing to be applied at Reynolds Cottages development; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0; with Commissioner Sabbe abstaining.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss litigation and personnel; seconded by Commissioner Atkinson-Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

**RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Johnson reported no action was taken.

Commissioner Atkinson-Williams moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Rolle. Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – *meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.*

/s/Cosby H. Johnson  
Cosby H. Johnson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Naomi D. Atkinson  
Naomi D. Atkinson  
City Clerk