

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
W. HAROLD PATE BUILDING
1725 REYNOLDS STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 224
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 AT 2:00 PM

PRESENT: Michael Browning, Chairman, District 1
Bill Brunson, Vice Chairman, District 4
Dr. Peter Murphy, Commissioner, District 2
Allen Booker, Commissioner, District 5
David O’Quinn, Commissioner, At Large Post 1
Bob Coleman, Commissioner, At Large Post 2

ABSENT: Wayne Neal, Commissioner, District 3

ALSO PRESENT: Alan Ours, County Manager
Aaron Mumford, County Attorney
Dhwani Patel, County Clerk

Discussion and consideration of voting on the following:

A motion was made by Commissioner O’Quinn and seconded by Commissioner Booker to add item 5 to the published agenda to add a discussion about business parking for County parks and right of ways. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Receive an update from the Economic Development Authority (EDA) (Ryan Moore)

Ryan Moore, President of the Brunswick-Glynn County Development Authority, presented EDA’s progress of the past year. He stated that they have reviewed and updated all of their policies including updating the MOU with the Airport Commission. The Development Authority also restructured by hiring a Business Development Director and creating a new Business Retention and Expansion position. He touched on the EDA’s shared Vision Statement with the County and Mission Statement that strives to “Promote economic prosperity for Brunswick and Glynn County by assisting expansion of existing industries and securing new diversified industries to locate resulting in job opportunities and capital investments.”

The EDA came together to determine a path forward in a strategic planning process and after much conversation and deliberation, identified five key focus areas – new business attraction, business expansion and retention, workforce development, marketing, and product development. He stated that they adopted an objectives and key results or OKR approach to tracking their progress and provided a summary of each of the focus areas. [REPORT](#)

2. Receive an update on the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) report (John Powell)

John Powell, Police Chief, stated that they received a report from the International Association of Chiefs of Police which identified recommendations and concerns. The police department has been actively working to address the concerns and implement their recommendations. Chief Powell highlighted how the department has enhanced transparency through both internal and external communications. The Glynn County Police Department has reorganized its structure with a greater focus on street-level policing coupled with special units focusing on the community's emerging needs. He also elaborated on canine operations and traffic enforcement.

Chief Powell described Community Policing efforts including the Community Relations Unit consisting of four uniformed officers which has been a popular addition to the department's community outreach efforts. In addition, the department's recent addition of three Community Service Officers to respond to many kinds of complaints including lost or stolen property reports, and other non-violent calls for service which has resulted in greater responsiveness to community needs, while also freeing up patrol officers to remain on preventive patrol in our neighborhoods, and to better handle more complex investigations. He stated that the department recently appointed its first full-time Public Information Officer who maintains social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and Instagram to ensure that breaking public safety news and events are disseminated as widely as possible to a diverse audience.

Chief Powell and Captain Smith stated that training hours have been increased throughout the department at all levels. They have significantly increased focus on in-service and specialty training for all officers. Rather than rely on simple classroom training, they have focused on real-time simulators to provide training for all officers in pursuit driving and in making use of force decisions. By maximizing use of technology to make training more readily accessible to all officers, it has reduced overtime expenditures while, at the same time, increased the quality and quantity of training. Chief Powell then reported on how the department is increasing its professional development opportunities for its members and then listed their future and continuing initiatives. He also elaborated on how investigations are handled regarding internal complaints. [REPORT](#)

3. Receive an update regarding the condemnation and abandonment program (Pamela Thompson)

Christy Yulistia, Condemnation Program Coordinator, provided an overview of activities regarding condemnation. She stated that in July-August, there were 29 new cases reported and three properties were completed. The property at 4457 Highway 17 N was demolished, a new owner for 150 Dees Drive applied for a demo permit on August 26, 2019, and the property at 130 Belle Point Parkway will be demolished because the Board of Commissioners approved the demolition at their meeting on September 10.

She stated that staff has been working on a new nuisance abatement ordinance amendment and if that ordinance amendment is adopted by the Board, then 16 additional properties will be forwarded for title search step in the process. [REPORT](#)

4. Discussion regarding SPLOST 2020 Projects

Alan Ours, County Manager, provided the Board with a list of proposed SPLOST 2020 projects that staff compiled. He stated that there were no estimated costs listed because developing cost estimates is one of the most difficult parts of the entire process, and staff did not want to devote a lot of time in researching costs for a project that the Board was not interested in pursuing. The Jekyll Island Authority also provided a list that they would like the Board to consider. Mr. Ours said he is waiting on a list from the Joint Water and Sewer Commission and the City of Brunswick will also be submitted a list of projects. He requested the Board's direction on which projects the Board is interested in so staff can proceed with developing cost estimates.

Commissioner Browning requested that staff prioritize the list and bring it back to the Board in early October. The Board will then narrow down the list and staff will develop cost estimates for the trimmed list. [REPORT](#)

5. Discussion about business parking for County Parks and Right of Ways

Aaron Mumford, County Attorney, stated his office has drafted an ordinance amendment for the Board's consideration that would address businesses operating on and renting out golf carts and other vehicles, on county parks, county rights of way, and county parking lots. This amendment would give code enforcement authority to cite them as violations. Commissioner O'Quinn stated that he would like the Board to move forward on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/POST EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner O'Quinn to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

BACK IN SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Booker to adjourn executive session and enter regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michael Browning, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel, County Clerk