

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the newly formed Coastal Georgia Greenway, (Inc.) mission states: The Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc. (CGG, Inc.) works with citizens, governments and private economic interests to create a 450-mile regional greenway and multi-use trail system that will conserve the unique natural and cultural resources of Georgia's coast while safely providing educational, recreational and tourism opportunities for the enjoyment and health of both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the CGG, Inc. has proposed to the Georgia Department of Transportation, \$17 million in Economic Stimulus Package funding for development of the 35-mile Island Hopper Trail that will link Jekyll, St. Simons and Sapelo Islands in Glynn and McIntosh Counties; and

WHEREAS, the 35-mile Island Hopper Trail will provide a wide range of benefits, ranging from *immediate* job and income creation along with increased property values to less easily quantified improvements in community health, quality of life, social fabric, environmental cleanliness and preservation of green space. The Island Hopper Trail project will provide its two host counties (McIntosh and Glynn) with an economic stimulus that will inject millions of dollars into the region and support over 300 construction-related jobs at the outset of shovel-ready projects for local contractors. Moreover, state and local governments can expect an economic ripple effect that will create additional tax revenue from increased labor income, retail sales, and property values.

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of Brunswick hereby recommends that Georgia Department of Transportation fund \$17 million for 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; and

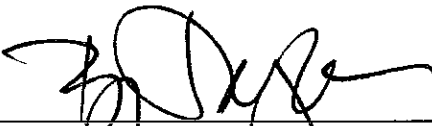
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the City Commission of Brunswick will make every effort to cooperate with the Georgia Department of Transportation and CGG, (Inc.) to build the Island Hopper Trail and authorizes the Mayor to execute all related documentation and to include the project in the GDOT Construction Work Program.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2009.

ATTEST:



Naomi Atkinson, City Clerk



Bryan Thompson, Mayor