

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., JANUARY 7, 1987
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PRESENT: His Honor Mayor-elect Paul Warwick and Commissioners Thomas P. Williams, Ken Tollison, James A. Stephens, and J. Calvin Morgan.

His Honor Mayor A. C. Knight, III., as the outgoing Mayor, welcomed the large number of citizens who were assembled in front of the City Hall and called upon the Rev. Jesse Yarborough of St. Mark's Episcopal Church for the invocation. Thereupon, Paul Warwick, Jr., was sworn into office as Commissioner at Large - Mayor of the City of Brunswick, the oath of office being administered by the Honorable William R. Killian, Judge of Superior Courts of the Brunswick Circuit. Richard Altman, president of the Brunswick - Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, presented Mayor Warwick with a personally inscribed gavel which was received with appreciation. The ceremony now concluded, members of the Commission and many citizens repaired to the council room for the first meeting of 1987.

Mayor pro tem Morgan presented former Mayor Knight with an appropriate plaque in recognition of and appreciation for his outstanding service to the City of Brunswick during his term of office.

The first order of business being the election of the Mayor pro tem, Commissioner Morgan moved that Commissioner Tollison be so named. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

This being the date and time for public hearing on the following proposed change of zone, pursuant to the advertisement, to change from R-6, Single-family Residential District, to LC, Local Commercial District, Habersham Park Lots numbered 127, 128, 129, 132, and 133, Dixville Lots No. 1 through No. 5, east of Johnston and south of Prince, and Dixville Lots No. 1 through 6, west of Bartow and south of Prince, and the surrounding property owners having signified that they would not oppose such proposed rezoning provided the land use was restricted to establishment and operation of a greenhouse and nursery, Commissioner Tollison moved that said rezoning be approved and that ordinance be prepared effecting same and containing said restrictive covenant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and was carried by unanimous vote.

This being the date and time for public hearing on the following proposed change of zone, pursuant to the advertisement: to change from R-6, Single-family Residential District, to GR, General Residential District, Peninsula Park Lot No. C-1, a large delegation of residents and property owners in the area was present to express complete opposition to the proposed rezoning, which would confirm a non-conforming use. Commissioner Morgan moved that proposed rezoning be denied and that the Building Inspector be directed to investigate complaints of the delegation and make report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was unanimously carried.

Joe Sears, owner and operator of Sears Nursing Home, 3311 Lee Street, was present to request that the City extend water and sewer lines for 250 feet west of Lee Street along Third Street to serve additional buildings which he proposes to construct for increasing the capacity of the nursing home, and further requesting that the impact fee be waived. After discussion, in which the City Manager advised that no impact fees were charged within the City limits, the Commission directed Mr. Sears to confer with the City Manager and the City Engineer on said request.

The Rev. Yarborough requested the Commission to take remedial measures against the wreckers of A-1 Collision parked in the 1600 block of Norwich Street, pointing out that the said wreckers were an eyesore as well as a traffic hazard. T. M. Spaulding joined in the protest. Mrs. John Hunter of Hunter's Superette, 2505 Norwich Street, and Mrs. Emmett Beasley, resident of 2512 Norwich Street, were again present on the matter of the noise emanating from the operation of Harris Auto Body Shop, 2518 Norwich Street, and the excessive number of cars parked in the area. The City Manager advised that in both instances there was violation of the parking ordinance as well as the zoning ordinance, the City Attorney adding that license renewals could be denied. Mayor Warwick, speaking for the Commission, directed the City Manager to have provisions of all applicable ordinances strictly enforced.

Bob Jones representing I-95 Business Loop, appeared before the Commission to request that sewer charge not be assessed against water used to fill swimming pools of hotels and motels in the said area. Was directed to advise owners to install separate meters on pools.

The following reappointments were unanimously made for terms of two years to January 1, 1989:

- (1) Harriet S. Jennings, Secretary of the City Commission, on motion of Commissioner Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Williams;
- (2) Orion L. Douglas, Judge of the Recorder's Court, on motion of Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Stephens;
- (3) Alan B. Smith, Recorder pro tem, on motion of Commissioner Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Morgan.

The City Manager reappointed Darcy Stubbs to the post of Harbormaster for a term of one year to January 1, 1988.

The following appointments were made by unanimous vote:

- (1) Arthur Thompson, Walter G. Mock, and L. L. Spaulding as Port Wardens for terms of one year to January 1, 1988, on motion of Commissioner Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Williams;
- (2) David Lewis to the Pilot Commission for a term of seven years to January 1, 1994, on motion of Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Williams;

- (3) Mrs. C. A. Taylor, Jr., and Ron Maulden to the Regional Library Board for terms of two years to January 1, 1989, on motion of Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Morgan;
- (4) Mrs. A. C. Quarterman to the Park and Tree Commission for a term of five years to January 1, 1992, on motion of Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Stephens; Robert Hicks, Jr., to said Commission to fill the unexpired term of Bonnie Tait, resigned, to January 1, 1990, on motion of Commissioner Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Williams; and Frank Vande Linde to said Commission to fill the unexpired term of Carol Highsmith, resigned, to January 1, 1989, on motion of Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Stephens.

Commissioner Williams offered the motion that Gordon Singletary be reappointed to the Board of Health for a term of six years to January 1, 1993. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Morgan moved that minutes of the meeting of September 17, 1986, be approved as published subject to correction of minor and obvious typographical errors. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Stephens moved the adoption of the following resolution, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was carried by vote of 4 to 1, Commissioner Tollison voting "Nay":

A Resolution
On Motor Fuel Taxes

WHEREAS, Governor Harris, the House and Senate leadership, and the members of the General Assembly have demonstrated a strong commitment to the State's overall economic development; and

WHEREAS, this commitment is evidenced by the funding of the Environmental Facilities Program, the LARP Program, the Developmental Highway Program, and the Quality Basic Education Program; and

WHEREAS, the expeditious completion of the developmental highway system will help stimulate economic development in Georgia's rural communities, improve their access to Georgia's interstate highway system, and provide safer highways for children who ride buses to and from school and to the travelling public; and

WHEREAS, the obstacle in funding construction of the four-lane highway is its cost which is estimated from three billion to four billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the fuel tax would enable the developmental highway system to be completed in ten years, this tax being paid by highway users, including a substantial number of out-of-state tourists; and

WHEREAS, many southeastern states have substantially increased their motor fuel taxes over the past few years in order to finance the cost of four-laning their state highway systems; and

WHEREAS, the developmental highway system represents a solid investment in Georgia's future and will further augment the sound economic development programs which have resulted from the leadership of Governor Harris and the Georgia General Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick hereby expresses its support for a motor fuel increase to fund the developmental highway program and urges the Governor, the Lt. Governor, the Speaker of the House and members of the General Assembly to take action on this issue during the 1987 Session of the General Assembly of Georgia.

The following petitions were received on transfer of Palmetto Cemetery lots, original deeds having been surrendered: (1) From Leon H. Browning to O. V. Shaw, S-1/2 of E-1/2 of Lot No. 28 in the Catholic Section, petitioner to retain N-1/2 of E-1/2 of said lot; (2) From O. V. Shaw to Susan Shaw Aiken, W-1/2 of Lot No. 28 in Catholic Section; (3) From Margaret Gillespie to Pauline Ward, Lot No. 20, Section No. B-10; and (4) From Walter R. Smith, Jr. to Violet Y. Smith, Lot No. 24, Section No. C-3. Commissioner Williams moved that said petitions be granted, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was carried by unanimous vote.

Petition received from Jimmy Souter to rezone a 3-acre tract of land lying west of U. S. 17 and bounded southerly by properties of Fountain Lakes and the Oglethrope Motel, and northerly by properties of Fountain Lakes and the Auto Repair Shop, from HC, Highway Commercial District, to LI, Limited Industrial. Commissioner Morgan moved that February 4, 1987, at 8:30 A. M., be set as the date and time for public hearing on such proposed change of zone. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens, and was unanimously carried.

The City Manager so recommending, Commissioner Tollison moved that, effective immediately, all City employees may accumulate forty (40) days of annual leave rather than the thirty days currently permitted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was carried by unanimous vote.

Pursuant to request received from the Brunswick Port Authority Commissioner Morgan moved the adoption of the following resolution which motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was carried by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Brunswick that it hereby joins with the Brunswick Port Authority in requesting CXS Transportation to permit reciprocal switching with Norfolk-Southern in the said Port Authority's South Yards to the mutual benefit to all parties and to the economic improvement of the area.

Commissioner Morgan moved that the Commission authorize retroactively the following petitions to retail alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises, said petitions having been previously approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager: (1) James Douglas Custance at Lili's Lounge, 3302 Glynn Avenue; and (2) James Douglas Custance at Sidney's Porch, 2307 Gloucester Street. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was carried by unanimous vote.

Pursuant to bids on fencing for tennis courts which had been submitted previously, the Commission, on motion by unanimous vote, accepted the low bid of Sherwood & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$2,128.20, and authorized repairs to the Dodge truck of the Recreation Department up to \$1,700.

The Commission discussed the possible paving of Kaiser Avenue. The City Manager advised that the majority of the abutting property owners considered the estimated cost as prohibitive. Commissioner Tollison then proposed that the Commission invite bids for that portion of the said Avenue from Carrie Street to Glynn Avenue and send certified letters to property owners in the said block requesting response to such proposal. No action taken.

Upon inquiry as to the status of the resurfacing of L Street, the City Manager advised that work would begin on Thursday, the 15th, and further, that the Department of Transportation required a quarry rather than sand base which would add \$2,600. to the amount of the contract.

Commissioner Tollison announced his opposition to the Commission's consideration of converting the former Beverly Shores oxidation pond to a City landfill. Mayor Warwick voiced his opposition as well. Commissioner Tollison next moved that the City join with the Port Authority in opposition to the ruling of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to deny permission for the City's use of a portion of Andrews Island as a landfill. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Tollison announced that it was still his considered opinion that operation of the City's Sanitation Department should be transferred to the County. The City Manager listed attendant difficulties which would result from such proposed transfer, however, this was a matter which could be discussed with the County Commission in joint meeting scheduled for the following day.

Petition received from Scott Coulter, as attorney for the heirs of Matilda Drayton, for quit claim deed in favor of Hazel Stevenson, et al, to certain property in Risley Park in lieu of deed granted to the said Matilda Drayton, on September 7, 1939, by the City of Brunswick on purchase of the said City-owned property, which has been lost, misplaced, or destroyed without being recorded, and being approved by the City Attorney as to form, Commissioner Williams moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute said deed as petitioned for. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tollison and was unanimously carried.

The City Manager reported that, pursuant to request, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers had extended for two years, to January 31, 1989, the City's permit to continue construction of a boat marina and associated facilities at the confluence of Plantation Creek and U. S. Highway 17 Canal. Received as information.

The City's insurance problems were brought up for discussion, the Director of Finance advising that a task force from Southeastern Special Risk Services, Inc., was meeting with members of the Police Department the following day on safety training which should result in reduction of liability suits against the City; that the said task force proposed to institute a manual for the program, to be updated from time to time, at cost of \$8,000. Commissioner Morgan moved approval of such cost. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was carried by unanimous vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest:
Secretary of the City Commission