

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
8:30 A. M., JANUARY 2, 1991**

**PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners James A. Stephens, Thomas P. Williams, Commissioners-Elect Otis Herrington and Roosevelt Lawrence.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Commissioner James A. Stephens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Stephens moved that the minutes of December 19, 1990 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

Mayor Wilson welcomed Commissioners-Elect Otis Herrington and Roosevelt Lawrence. He next thanked the volunteers that contributed to this Community during the Christmas season. The Commission expressed their concerns about the public's perceptions of the City Commission and rumors of financial problems.

Commissioner Williams stated that he felt good having two new Commissioners present. He pointed out that there had been some questions and a lot of reservations on citizens minds about the new Commission. He explained that there was nothing to be disturbed about and Brunswick will move in the same pace or even faster, pointing out that this Commission may be far better than some citizens expect. He warned that an assumption should not be made on the basis of what people think and suggested that the Community give the Commission a chance at keeping Brunswick together. Commissioner Williams assured the citizens that City taxes will be maintained and the Commission is concerned and conservative. He asked the citizens to cooperate.

Commissioner Stephens stated that he is grateful to serve through 1990 and the beginning of 1991. He reported that the City of Brunswick has made progress, even though the City has been criticized to the point where sometimes the Commission is not sure what it is doing as far as satisfying the Public's concerns. He further stated that the Commission's aim is not just to satisfy individuals and that the Commission is a democracy. "The City government is an agency by the people and for the people. If the Commissioners work together they can accomplish almost anything." He asked citizens to attend the Commission meetings and lend their support.

Commissioner-Elect Herrington stated that he did not see anything to fear and he was elected and promised to serve to the best of his ability, representing the citizens of Brunswick.

Commissioner-Elect Lawrence stated that people have echoed all the things that they should or should not do. He further stated, "The Commission and the City Manager assured us that the City is not broke. The Commission is not asking for a hand out, but we are asking for a hand in this Community to help us do our job, a job that the citizens elected us to do. We are here to do the things that are right for this Community."

Mayor Wilson stated that the City is financially solvent and will not experience any problems if the Commission exercises common sense and responsibility.

Commissioner Rev. E. C. Tillman was present to welcome the new Commissioners on behalf of the County. He pointed out that the County is looking forward to a good working relationship with the City.

Lloyd Smith was present to welcome the new Commissioners on behalf of the Chamber of

Commerce.

**MAYOR PRO TEM**

Commissioner Williams moved that Commissioner James A. Stephens be appointed as Mayor Pro Tem for the year 1991. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

The following reappointments were unanimously made for terms of two years:

- 1) Georgia E. Marion, City Clerk on motion of Commissioner Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence.
- 2) Orion L. Douglas, Municipal Court Judge on motion of Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Herrington.

Appointments to the City Boards and Commission were tabled until the meeting of February 6.

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS**

The following appointments were unanimously made to Beach Renourishment and Recycling Task Force:

- 1) Otis Herrington to Beach Renourishment on motion of Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence.
- 2) Roosevelt Lawrence to Recycling Task Force on motion of Commissioner Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Mrs. Geneva Lyde was present to welcome the new Commissioners. Mrs. Lyde requested that the City allocate funds in the amount of \$250.00 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast on January 21. Commissioner Stephens moved that request be granted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS**

The following alcoholic beverages petitions for 1991 license renewal were submitted, having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, were on motion by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Herrington unanimously granted:

To retail beer and wine for consumption on premises:  
Grace R. Williams at Gilmo's Place, 1001 Martin Luther King Boulevard;

To retail liquors including beer and wine for consumption off premises:  
Michael C. Carlos at Standard Distributing Co., 1725 T Street;

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

Attest \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk