

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., JANUARY 16, 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 Brother Paul McKenzie, Bethel Evangel
Temple.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Robin Ray-Davenport and Shaw McVeigh
proclaiming February 3-9, 1991 as Boy Scout week in the City.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

The following alcoholic beverage petitions for 1991 license renewals were submitted, having
been approved by the Chief of Police and the City manager, were on motion of Commissioner
Herrington, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, unanimously carried.

To retail beer and wine for consumption on premises:

Oscar J. Thomas, at O. J's Cafe, 1000 Martin Luther King Blvd;
Frank Slay, at Golden Isles Top Hat, 1302 Gloucester Street;

To retail alcoholic beverages including beer and wine for consumption on premises:

Jack S. Cotney, at the Hideaway Lounge, 1709 1/2 Gloucester Street;

To retail beers only for consumption off premises:

Jo Anne Boone, at J. B's Grocery, 2802 Altama Avenue;
Jo Anne Boone, at In and Out Mart, 1603 L Street;
Janice R. Wood, at Coastal Food Mart #102, 2816 Cypress Mill Road;

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

In the absence of Community Development Director, Roosevelt Harris, City Manager Mark
Mitchell presented the Commission with a Citizens Participation Plan. The Plan was to be
reviewed by the Commission. In addition each Commissioner was requested to appoint two
citizens to the Citizens Priority Board and the Mayor is to appoint three persons. Also the
Commission was to appoint one person to the City's Multipurpose Center Advisory Boards.
These names are to be submitted to the Community Development Director during the
February 20, meeting.

Title III Transportation bids were opened. The following companies submitted bids.

S & W Enterprises

Coastal Georgia CAA.

After review of bids it was recommended that the Director of Community Development bring
back a recommendation at the next Commission meeting on February 6, 1991.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of December were submitted and were ordered filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Metro Drug Squad (4) Recorder's Court (5) Community Development. Uncollectible Accounts in the amount of \$3,775.02 and uncollectible paid in the amount of \$293.91.

Minutes of the Park and Tree Commission of December were submitted. Received and ordered filed as information.

REDEMPTION DEEDS

Petition received from Thomas Dennard, Jr., as attorney for William T. and Janice D. Bouton, for quit claim deed in favor of his clients, the present owners, to Lot No. 13, Block C of Magnolia park to clear title subsequently redeemed but was destroyed without being recorded. Commission Stephens moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute quit claim deed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

Redemption requested in the name of present owner, Winebert D. Flexer, III, on Urbana Lot No. 11, and W 1/2 of Lot No. 12 to clear title record of tax deed which was taken by the City. Commissioner Stephens moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute quit claim deed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to ratify quit claim deed that was executed by Mayor Pro-Tem James Stephens (Betty) McCann to E 1/2 of Old Town Lot 497 and N-15' of E-1/2 of Old Town Lot 498. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to ratify redemption deed that was executed by Mayor Pro-Tem James A. Stephens in favor of F. Larry Evans, Brady E. Turner, Sr., Brady E. Turner, Jr., and Vance Hughes to E-3/5 of New Town Lots numbered 639 and 640 with improvements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

DELEGATIONS

Susan Hammer appeared before the Commission to update the Commission on the Safe Harbor Children Shelter, Inc. Mrs. Hammer requested that the City help the Shelter with in-kind service. Mrs. Hammer was advised to meet with the city Manager to discuss the services that the City can offer.

Ken Plyman appeared before the Commission to discuss Police Officers Patrolling Glynn Plaza. He stated that he would like the city to start a pilot program for 3 months every Friday and Saturday Nights for three hours. He further stated that the children needed a safe place to congregate. The City Manager stated that the City Police Officers could not patrol on Private Property. Commissioner Stephens recommended that a committee be formed to find out whether the property owners would permit congregating on private property. The Committee would consist of the County Police Chief, City Police Chief, Sheriff, Mayor, Glynn County chairman and the City Manager. This committee would bring a proposal back to the Commission.

Ernie Craft was present to discuss the restoration of Old city Hall. He stated that Old City Hall was the second oldest building in Glynn County. An engineer came and inspected the building to see if it was worth restoring. The Building was found to be in good shape. The County Commission was so impressed with the committee's report that they offered to allocate \$30,000.00 for restoration of Old City Hall. He then requested that the City match the \$30,000.00 that the County allocated. commissioner Williams stated that he disagreed with the City matching the County on a 50/50 basis and that it was unfair to match the County dollar for dollar. He stated that he would support 60/40 or 70/30.

Cuffie Hise read the following proclamation from the Downtown Development Authority supporting the restoration of Old City Hall:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1890 Old City Hall has served as a center of government; and

WHEREAS, since 1890 Old City Hall, due to its architectural magnificence designed by A. Eichberg, has served as a source of community pride and a monument to the achievements of the citizens of the City of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, since 1989 efforts by a City appointed committee known as the Old city Hall Restoration Committee have been made to seek new uses for, and to restore Old City Hall as the rightful and monumental center of Downtown Brunswick.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Brunswick enthusiastically supports the efforts of the Old City Hall Restoration Committee, recognizes the far reaching implications of a restored structure housing creative uses, and encourages all citizens of the City of Brunswick to stand behind and support the efforts of the Old City Hall Restoration Committee in their endeavors.

Following discussion commissioner Stephens moved to adopt the proclamation and that the City match County funds in the amount of \$30,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington. On call for the question the motion carried by vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Williams voting No.

Fred Tullos was present to discuss the recommendations for appointing the Board of the Recreation Department. He stated that at the Joint City/County Meeting the City asked him to come back to the Commission meeting, after they have had time to discuss the recommendations for appointing the board. He explained that the City would not be committed to expenditure of funds for the Recreation Department, other than possibly a consultant. The City would, in no way, be committed to the final adoption of the recreation board and Master plan. The City and County would appoint members to the task force to come up with a Master plan. It would take 6 months to complete the Master plan, and a consultant would present plans to the commission for approval.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he did not want to select a board until the City could view the Master plan. He further stated that once the City create a board and create a master plan, there are so many things that could go wrong and the City would already be committed without viewing the Master plan. Commissioner Lawrence gave his personal opinion.

Commissioner Stephens stated that he was of the opinion that the City should have a public hearing and pointed out that he had problems with the area, time and funds.

Commission Williams inquired as to whether the Commission was asked to approve the Study Committee. Mr. Tullos stated that he recommend that the City, jointly with the County, appoint a board.

The board would not commit the City to anything other than funding the consultant:

Commissioner Williams stated that he had reservations about two things: 1) the responsibility of the said committee and 2) the range of persons this committee would have.

Commissioner Herrington stated that at the joint City/County meeting, he asked for clarification from the Chairman of the Board, and he was told that the past Commissioners had requested the study. He further stated that he did not receive any clarification, and he felt as a new Commissioner he was entitled to clarification. He opposed the joint unification of the City and County on Recreation and Parks.

Mayor Wilson stated that he thought everybody in the Community owe Mr. Tullos and the people who worked with him a great deal. Mr. Tullos put a lot of hours in and a great deal of effort toward this project and should be commended. He further stated that he was not opposed to the plan and questioned the number of persons that would be appointed to said board. He questioned whether the city would be expected to participate on the same basis as the County. He pointed out that there were some reservations, and he would like to know exactly how the task Force would be created.

Mr. Tullos stated that a seven member board would be appointed jointly by the City and County.

After further discussion it was the concensus of the Commission to further discuss the matter at a called meeting on the 22nd of January, 1991.

David Nelson appeared before the Commission to discuss placing sewer lines at his property on Franklin Avenue. The City Manager was advised to write a letter to the Board of Health requesting a variance for a septic tank until City Sewer can be obtained.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____ City Clerk