

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P. M., JUNE 19, 1991**

**PRESENT:** His Honor, Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Thomas P. Williams and Otis Herrington.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners James A. Stephens and Roosevelt Lawrence.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Commissioner Otis Herrington.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Williams moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 5, 1991 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Mayor Wilson appointed Mr. Carl Outlaw to the Housing Authority Board. Consideration was taken for Mr. Outlaw's service in the past and his interest in serving again on the Housing Authority Board.

**USE OF CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Mr. Bob Williams was present to request the use of City right-of-way for parking. The City Manager presented the Commissioners a copy of the plans. Mr. Bob Williams represented Dr. Crooms in the development of a piece of property located in Goodyear Park. A variance was obtained from the Zoning Board which would allow the party to reduce the required front yard setback from 25 feet to 20 feet. This reduction enabled them to use the existing property and build a waiting room on the front of the property. In doing so, they also needed to be able to use 5 feet of the right-of-way for the back portion of about 5 parking spaces. Bob Williams requested the Commission's permission to use the right-of-way. Bob Williams explained that the colon clinic, which was adjacent to the property of discussion, is currently using the right-of-way for parking and using 5 feet plus the remaining of the right-of-way out to the street. Bob Williams pointed out that the colon clinic's use of the property was similar to his reason for requesting the use of the right-of-way for maneuvering space.

The City Manager informed the Commissioners of an existing chain-linked fence at the site that was 5 feet over the right-of-way, the exact distance that Bob Williams was requesting to use. About 5 or 6 feet were still left from the edge of the pavement. In the past, the fence had not proven to be an impediment to traffic flow. The City Manager did not see where the use of the right-of-way would obstruct traffic in any manner nor restrict vision when pulling up to the intersection.

Bob Williams mentioned that he was only requesting the use of the property enclosed within the fence, which will be removed. He also mentioned that the adjacent property on Parkwood, the colon clinic, uses almost the pavement of the road for parking.

Mayor Wilson pointed out that he did not question the use of the portion of the property next to the paved road. He stated that the City would have the latitude if it chose to prohibit that; however, once the City makes concession, that latitude is closed. He also explained his concern about the precedent which the City may be setting. He mentioned the possibility of

the adjoining places wanting the same thing, although he did not think that they would. He was cautious of giving away something that the City might have to use and would need to be in litigation to use it.

The City Attorney stated that it would have to be understood that the City retain a section in the title to the right-of- way. Then if the right-of-way is ever needed by the City, the City could use it. There would also have to be an understanding that the other party's use of the right-of-way is indefinite.

Commissioner Herrington offered the motion that the request be granted to use the right-of-way for an "indefinite" period of time with the stipulation that the variance has been granted subject to the City ever having need of the right-of- way. Commissioner Williams seconded. Vote was unanimously carried.

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF BID**

Roosevelt Harris, Director of Community Development, was present to make a bid recommendation on transportation provided to and from the Multi-Purpose Center.

He presented the Commission two bids: (1) \$23,914.80, which he stated was in the range of what the City could afford, and (2) \$60,772.40, which was over and above what the City could afford.

Roosevelt Harris recommended the bid of \$23,914.80, presented by S & W Transportation Enterprises. He explained that the transportation arrangements have already been made, and the next step after awarding the City's business to the Company would be to enter into a contractual agreement. He stated that S & W Transportation Enterprises is very capable of providing the need services.

The City Manager pointed out that the \$23,914.80 is in line of what the City has been paying in previous years. The \$60,772.40 is a considerable increase in what the City has paid the bidder for the same service in previous years.

Commissioner Williams moved that the low bid be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

Roosevelt Harris further explained that the transportation facility was for trips for 240 unduplicated persons who were capable of walking with any assistance.

#### **QUITCLAIM DEED**

Petition received from Attorneys Pipkin and Williams, as Attorneys for Jack R. Nelson and Ben Nelson for quitclaim deed in favor of their clients the present owners to Day Tract-Bwk. Farms, Tract 7, 1.61 Acres to clear title of property acquired by City at tax sale. On motion of Commissioner Herrington and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Mayor was unanimously authorized to execute quitclaim deed as petitioned for.

#### **REDEMPTION DEED**

Redemption requested in the name of the present owners, Daniel L. and Ellen Miller, on Goodyear Park, Lot No. C-14, which property was acquired by the City at tax sales. On motion of Commissioner Herrington and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Mayor was unanimously authorized

to execute redemption as petitioned for upon payment of all taxes, interests and costs in the amount of \$291.61.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

The following reports were filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Metro Drug Squad (4) Community Development (5) Recorder's Court and (6) Park and Tree Board. Uncollectible Accounts Paid in the amount of \$499.16. Commissioner Herrington moved that reports be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

## **OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

The City Manager mentioned that the City-wide Cleanup was scheduled for next week, disregarding the normal stipulations in regards to the items the City picks up for trash collection. The City will pick up everything that the citizens put out for the week of June 24th. This project has been advertised in the paper and will be advertised more next week.

The City Manager reported that the plans for the Public Hearing on L Street have been finalized. The date is set for Monday, July 8, 1991 at 7:00 P. M. at Jordan Grove Baptist Church on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. They will begin advertising now. Some large signs will be put up along L Street and some bigger ads will be put in the newspaper. The local media will be advised of the date and invited to attend the Public Hearing and help spread the word to the Public to be sure to attend the meeting if interested in the project.

Mayor Wilson stated that it was an absolute requisite that City stay behind the engineering firm and County in order that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard not be sidetracked. While the L Street project is important, there is a commitment to the people of Brunswick for Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

In response to Mrs. Lyde's question about the time of the Public Hearing for Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, the City Manager stated that according to Altobeli the Public Hearing is set for the latter part of July or first part of August.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Manager for a report on the progress of the Dog Retrieving Project. The City Manager reported that he saw the full-time person selected for the position with some animals in the back of the truck. The person has completed his training and is now operating the vehicle. The project is in full swing now. The City Manager will start making the number of animals picked up apart of the monthly report.

Mayor Wilson discussed the lighting in the City. He inquired about the cost of lighting in the City. The City Manager reported a cost of \$10 per light a month. Mayor Wilson was disturbed over Georgia Power not choosing to reduce the overall cost for lighting in the City. He pointed out that although Georgia Power pays the City a fine size tax, the City also protects Georgia Power's substations and high voltage lines that run throughout the City. He explained that many municipalities have their own gas and electricity; however, the City chose to go along with a franchise. He stated that Georgia Power was a good neighbor but would be a better neighbor if they would offer to help the City light up Brunswick by giving \$1 off on each light so that the City could put up more lights. Mayor Wilson pointed out that this subject was brought up earlier and requested that the City Manager approach Georgia Power about the matter.

Mayor Wilson requested that the Commission receive something other than the monthly report on the Metro Drug Squad. The City Manager agreed to look into the matter.

The City Attorney presented a request from the Georgia Port Authority to waive the penalty and the interest on the 1989 taxes on property they bought from the Trustee in Bankruptcy in case of concrete products, Inc. They bought the property in 1989 at the time when the 1989 taxes had not been billed, and they never received a copy of the bill. The penalty and interest is \$1192.01. The principle comes to a total of \$5,966.74. They would like to be able to pay principle without being required to pay penalty and interest. Commissioner Herrington offered

the motion that the request be granted. Commissioner Williams seconded. Vote was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Herrington suggested that the City Manager schedule the next Budget Session for 6:00 P. M. Wednesday, June 26. The Commission and the City Manager were in agreement with the date set.

Mayor Wilson informed the City Manager of the Commission's plan to restructure the Personnel Department right after the Budget is completed.

Mr. David Bacon was present to thank Mayor Wilson, the Commission, the City Clerk and The Director of Community Development for their support and contributions to the Scottish Rite and Grand Lodge Session held on Jekyll Island during the months of March and May. Mr. Bacon's expression of gratitude was received with appreciation.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk