

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., OCTOBER 16, 1991

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Otis Herrington and Roosevelt Lawrence.

ABSENT: Commissioners James A. Stephens and Thomas P. Williams.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Otis Herrington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Herrington moved that the minutes of the special called meeting of September 27, and minutes of October 2, 1991 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

DELEGATIONS

Request was submitted by St. Francis Xavier School to extend hours for blocking off street from 7:30 to 5:30 P. M. because of the after school program. Use of road barriers were also requested. The Commission questioned whether there were any problems from residents about the hours the road would be blocked. Commissioner Herrington recommended that the matter be deferred until the Commission hears from the residents.

Rudolph Beggs was present to request that City allocate funds in the amount of \$10,000 to pay the salary of one agent for the 4-H program. Penny Moore and Walter Belton was present to appeal to the Commission for the funds and gave reasons why the City should help fund the program for the youth of this County. Commissioner Herrington stated that 4-H was a viable program. The City has administered cuts in their budget and it was very difficult to allocate any funds. Commissioner Lawrence concurred and added that the City has frozen wages and the employees will not receive any increases. Mayor Wilson stated that he believed in the 4-H program but found it difficult to allocate funds. It is an agonizing decision. Mr. Beggs requested that the Commission allocate half of the funds. Commissioner Herrington moved that the 4-H funds be discussed and that the budget be reviewed to find available funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

William Friend appeared before the Commission to request that the City allow better working conditions in the Public Works Department. Mr. Friend gave a brief report of the bad working conditions they encounter every day. There are no black employees in key policy-making positions in the Public Works Department. Mr. Friend further stated that all Blacks are placed in the Sanitation Department rather than in the Electrical, Carpenter, Welder and Tree Surgeon positions.

Other Public Works employees were present and stated new white employees are better paid than black employees. Geneva Lyde, President of NAACP was present and stated that she was not pleased when she heard the allegations and that people should not be treated like this in the work place.

Commissioners Herrington and Lawrence stated that they were aware of the problems and pointed out that it was a Personnel Matter. Commissioner Lawrence stated that some of the things are being taken care of, maybe not expediently as employees would like. Commissioner Herrington stated that the problem would be resolved and that the Commission should not be questioned on this Personnel Matter. Mayor Wilson called for an immediate hearing to discuss reworking the City's Personnel Policy. Commissioner Herrington moved that the matter be discussed with the City Manager to help come up with a solution. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CITY EMPLOYEE

Mayor Wilson presented a plaque and gift to retiring City Employee Robert Jones in recognition of 26 years of dedicated service to the Public Works Department. Received with appreciation.

Mayor Wilson recognized Commissioners-Elect Doris A. Davis and Rev. G. E. Darrisaw.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Petition received from Haresh Patel to retail liquors for consumption on premises at Days Inn Downtown, 2307 Gloucester Street having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, Commissioner Lawrence moved that petition be granted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

DRUG WALK

Police Chief Jack Sidoran was present to update the Commission on the Drug Walk which is scheduled in the City on Friday, October 25, at 6:00 P. M. Chief Sidoran invited the Commission to participate in the Drug Walk with the citizens and Police Department.

Chief Sidoran next requested that the funds raised from the sale of unclaimed bicycles by the Police Department be used to purchase professional type Police bicycles and other equipment. Chief Sidoran explained how the bikes would be used by the Department to pursue suspects in tight places.

Commissioner Herrington moved that the funds from the sale of the bicycles be used to purchase Police type bicycles for the Police Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Director of Finance submitted proposals for the City's Liability Insurance. He recommended that the low bid of International Insurance Company in the amount of \$52,569.00; for Law Enforcement the low bid of Northfield Insurance Company in the amount of \$33,946.80; for Public Officials Liability the low bid of National Union Fire Insurance Company in the amount of \$12,134.00. The effective day of the Liability Insurance will be November 1, 1991 thru October 31, 1992. Commissioner Herrington moved that the recommendation of the Director of Finance be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

The Director of Finance recommended that the Worker's Compensation Insurance bids be deferred to discuss the possibility of the City handling the Worker's Compensation as self-insured. The Commission deferred the bids for further review.

LARP CONTRACT

The City Manager recommended that the bid of Seaboard Construction Company be accepted. Commissioner Herrington moved that the bid of Seaboard Construction Company in the amount of 77,343.35 for the LARP contract be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

BIDS

The Director of Community Development submitted the following bids for emergency Roof Repairs for 1003 Stonewall Street and 1013 Stonewall Street:

Vendor	Bid	
	1003 Stonewall	Bid 1013
Stonewall		
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Bennett Const & Roofing	\$ 2,495.00	\$ 3,100.00
WP King Roofing	2,830.00	3,724.00
Beverly Const & Roofing	2,715.00	

The Director of Community Development recommended that the low bids be accepted. Commissioner Lawrence questioned the low bids being given to the same contractor. The Director of Community Development stated that the re-roofing was a small job and could be given to the low bidder.

Commissioner Herrington moved that the low bid of Bennett Construction & Roofing be accepted for 1003 Stonewall Street. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried. Commissioner Herrington moved that the low bid of Bennett Construction be accepted for 1013 Stonewall Street. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City Manager recommended that the Center for Family Growth conduct the Employee Assistance Program for City employees at a annual rate of \$7,700.00. Commissioner Herrington moved that the City Manager's recommendation be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of September were submitted and ordered filed as information: (1) General Fund Report (2) Water and Wastewater Fund (3) Community Development (4) Metro Drug Squad (5) Recorder's Court. Uncollectible Accounts paid in the amount of \$251.59. Commissioner Herrington moved that the reports be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

ELECTION RETURNS

The Secretary submitted the following consolidated returns of the Municipal General Election of October 2, 1991, signed by Cecil Little, Superintendent of Elections and his assistants: For Commissioner from the North Ward - G. E. Darrisaw received 881 votes, Charles E. Harris, Sr. received 261 votes and Robert M. (Mike) Kennedy received 1073 votes. This resulted in a run-off election between G. E. Darrisaw and Robert M. (Mike) Kennedy.

For Commissioner from the South Ward - Larry Burton received 423 votes, Doris Atkinson Davis received 698 votes and Neil R. Foster received 1078 votes. This resulted in a run-off election between Doris Atkinson Davis and Neil R. Foster. The run-off election is set for October 15, 1991.

Commissioner Herrington moved to accept the election results as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Geneva Lyde questioned whether the newly elected officials could take office immediately. The City Attorney stated that the City Charter would not allow them to take office until January. The State Legislators would have to approve a change in the City Charter allowing them to take office after an election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Herrington moved that the Commission hold an Executive Session before the next meeting to discuss personnel matters. Motion was seconded by commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Mayor

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City Clerk