

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING  
9:30 A. M., JANUARY 2, 1992**

**PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Otis Herrington and Roosevelt Lawrence,  
Commissioners-Elect Doris A. Davis and Rev. G. E. Darrisaw.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Rev. Tommie Herrington, Jr.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners-Elect Doris Davis was sworn into office as Commissioner from the South Ward, and Commissioner-Elect Rev. G. E. Darrisaw was sworn into office as Commissioner from the North Ward. The oaths of office were administered by the Honorable James A. Tuten, Judge of the Superior Courts of the Brunswick Circuit.

County Commissioners and citizens attended the swearing-in ceremony. Commissioners-Elect Darrisaw and Davis introduced their families and others who campaigned for their election.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the minutes of the meeting of December 18, 1991 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Otis Herrington for Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Darrisaw seconded. Mayor Wilson asked if there were any further nominations, and there being no further nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem nominations were closed. On call for the question, Commissioner Herrington was elected Mayor Pro-Tem by unanimous vote.

**TOURISM BOARD AND RDC BOARD**

Commissioner Herrington moved that Commissioner Darrisaw be appointed to serve on the RDC Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried. Commissioner Herrington moved that Commissioner Davis be appointed to serve on the Tourism Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS**

Commissioner Lawrence moved that the appointments be deferred until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL**

Petition received from Donald A. Cody, to retail beer and wine for consumption off premises

at Eckerd Drugs # 439, 4535 Altama Avenue, and being approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, Commissioner Herrington moved that petition be granted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried.

## **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

The City Manager stated that since Brunswick has been designated as an urbanized area according to the results of the last census, it is necessary for the City to establish a Metropolitan Planning Organization, that will be involved in the planning of road projects for the local area. In order to compete for state and Federal dollars for construction of road projects, the City is required to have a planning organization in place. The Planning organization would qualify the City for the funds once it is in place. Commissioner Lawrence stated that at the last meeting a question was asked whether the Chairman of the County Commission would be on the Committee. The City Manager stated that the position of the County Commission would serve on the Committee. Commissioner Herrington asked about the Advisory board to the Committee. The City Manager stated that the Advisory board appointment could be made at any time if additional people need to be added. Commissioner Herrington stated that the question right now is the names that are on the Advisory board, the board members should fully represent all of the Community. The City Manager stated that a cross-section of the Community would be represented. Commissioner Herrington stated that he would not be sure until he is abreast of those names. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he was positive that the President of the NAACP, Leonard Dawson and Roosevelt Harris would be on the Policy Committee. Rev. Zack Lyde was present and stated as a concerned citizen he would like to know what kind of input the Community would have in the establishment of such a project as the Metropolitan Planning Board. Mr. Lyde recalled events that happened in the past concerning funds received for the Brunswick Port. Mayor Wilson told Rev. Lyde if the board is created the citizens would have input.

The City Manager explained that the Policy Committee is made up of the Chairman of the County Commission, the Mayor, the City Manager and County Administrator, the elected officials that serve on the Board will get input from the citizens. The Advisory Committee would be made up of a cross-section of different groups throughout the Community that would bring ideas to the Policy Committee. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he would like to hear all the names that will be voted on for the Policy Committee. He further stated that he was not ready to do any blanket voting and asked if the Commission could have some input before names are voted on. The City Manager stated that the vote would be just a move to get the framework in place and establish an Organization. Commissioner Herrington moved that the Resolution establishing a Metropolitan Planning Organization be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence. Rev. Lyde stated that he was concerned about how the Metropolitan Planning Organization would serve the City of Brunswick and what it will do for the City. He further stated that the County has never done anything beneficial for the City of Brunswick. On call for question the motion was unanimously carried.

**TO DESIGNATE THE GLYNN COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
AS THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE BRUNSWICK URBANIZED AREA  
(23CFR 450.106)**

**WHEREAS**, the central portion of Glynn County as delineated by Parland Avenue and Turtle River on the west, Georgia Highway 341, Cate Road, F-009 Spur and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to the north, and those politically-established southern boundaries, and consisting of the unincorporated portions of that county as well as the City of Brunswick, and St. Simons Island has experienced tremendous population growth; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this growth, the U. S.

Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census has designated the area, as outlined above, as the Brunswick Urbanized Area thereby entitling that area to previously-unavailable federal transportation planning funds; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds can be utilized to resolve not only existing transportation problems that are common on all concerned governments of the area, but also to provide for future orderly growth; and

**WHEREAS**, prerequisites for the receipt of these funds as specified in 23 CFR 450.100 and 450. 106 are a "continuing cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process" and the designation of single, local Metropolitan Planning Organization to facilitate this process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glynn County Department of Community Development, has on-going transportation and planning programs as well as experienced technical staff to continue and expand these programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the interests of the City of Brunswick will be adequately safeguarded through direct representation on the Metropolitan Planning Organization vis-a-vis an elected official as per 23 CFR 450.106(d);

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Brunswick do hereby designate the Glynn County Department of Community Development as the local Metropolitan Planning Organization for the above Urbanized Area; and

**FURTHER**, that the City of Brunswick does urge Zell Miller, Governor of the State of Georgia, to also designate the Glynn County Department of Community Development as the local Metropolitan Planning Organization in accordance with 23 CFR 450.106.

#### **BRUNSWICK POLICE MANUAL ADDITIONS**

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he did not receive a copy of the changes for the Brunswick Police Manual additions. Commissioner Lawrence moved that the matter be tabled until the Commission can review the changes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that if he is expected to vote on anything that should be discussed, he would like to have the information before hand. The City Manager questioned whether anyone should be placed on the Agenda after Friday afternoon. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that only items that relate to discussion should not be placed on the agenda after Friday.

#### **OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

The Commission advised the City Clerk to advertise Appointment to City Boards again in the Brunswick News.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he was asked about the progress of the Sanitation Workers. He stated that the City Manager did give him an up-to-date report, and the matter has not fallen on deaf ears. A Personnel Policy Procedure Manual will be revised and grievances would be heard without fear of being dismissed. Rev. Zack Lyde stated that the City has been dealing with the problems of the Public works Department since October, and he would like to sit down at the table of brotherhood and work with the City instead of against it.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he has put a lot of time and effort into straightening out

the situation. The City cannot resolve what happened in 135 years in one year. He further stated that there is always two sides to the issue and you will always hear one side. The Commission is doing whatever needs to be done, and we are doing our best. Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Public works workers was meeting since October and they had an opportunity to select a Commissioner to sit in on the meetings. He then gave his personal opinion that the president of the NAACP should be allowed to sit in on meetings with the City Manager and the workers. He further stated that the Commission was not getting the truth of what is really going on the meetings. The City Manager stated that action has been taken to ensure fair treatment of minorities in that Department. Rev. Lyde stated that if the problems are not solved, he is prepared to take them to the streets. Mayor Wilson stated that the Sanitation Department could have been privatized and gave his personal opinion. An extensive discussion ensued. The Commission immediately voted to adjourn the meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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