

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P. M., FEBRUARY 19, 1992**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Herrington moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 5th and Called Meeting of January 22, 1992 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried.

**PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR DAY**

Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Frank Vande Linde recognizing February 21st as Arbor Day in the City of Brunswick. Mr. Vande Linde presented items to the Mayor designating Brunswick as a Tree City USA. Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Vande Linde.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

Petition received from Leonard Cahoon to retail alcoholic beverages including beer and wine for consumption on premises at the Boilermaker Club, 1828-1/2 Wolfe Street, and having been approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager, Commissioner Lawrence moved that petition be granted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried. Mayor Wilson asked whether the business was having any problems. The City Manager stated that the business was not having any problems. On call for the question the motion carried by vote of 5 to 0.

**L STREET AND MLK PROJECTS**

Dan Altobelli was present to update the Commission on the L Street project and the MLK Blvd. Project. Mr. Altobelli submitted sketches of the MLK Project and recommend the removal of poles on MLK Blvd. Mr. Altobelli stated that funds were set aside by the County for engineering fees. The plans for L Street have been on hold until a plan could be presented that would represent approval of the Community.

He stated that the improvement to L Street has three basic alternatives:

- (1) Widen the existing street from 2 lanes to 4 lanes with center turn lanes.
- (2) Create a one-way pair with M Street Westbound and existing L Street Eastbound coming together at Stadium Street.
- (3) Create a one-way pair with K Street Eastbound and existing L Street Westbound coming together at Stadium Street.

The alternate that proposes the widening of L Street in its present location has three possible

solutions:

- (1) Widening of L Street to four lane. With center turn lane with the proposed roadway centered about the existing pavement and right-of-way.
- (2) Widening of L Street to four lanes with center turn lane with the proposed roadway formed by holding the south curb line on L Street with all additional rights-of-way and construction on the northside of existing roadway.
- (3) Widening L Street to four lanes with center turn lane with the proposed roadway formed by holding the north curb line on L Street with additional rights-of-way and construction on south side of existing roadway.

Mr. Altobelli stated that the solutions to the alternate also had problems. If the City did not widen L Street but repaired the drainage you would have 60 percent of the citizens in favor of widening L Street. The consensus of the citizens from hearing was to widen L Street. citizens that was present stated that they were 100-percent for improving the drainage of L Street. After hearing statements from citizens that protested the widening of L Street, Commissioner Lawrence moved to hold another Public Hearing for the L Street Project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

#### **OLD CITY HALL**

Ernie Craft was present to update the Commission on the Restoration of Old City Hall. Mr. Craft named four of the oldest buildings in Glynn County. He stated that the Use Study Committee did an excellent job, and recommended that the Restoration be placed under the 1% local option sales tax to fund the project. No action was taken. Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Craft for his presentation.

#### **DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Plyman was present to discuss the City's Personnel Policy which prohibits the hiring of relatives of elected officials. Mr. Plyman asked Mayor Wilson to read an Ordinance Numbered 486 and a handbook for City Employees about hiring relatives in the City. Mr. Plyman stated that if the City has a policy it should adhere to the policy, because policies were made to be kept. Mr. Plyman then asked the Commission if they thought nepotism should be flourished in the City.

The City Attorney stated that the City did not have any Ordinances prohibiting that type of employment in the City. The handbook was not consistent with current ordinances or policies listed in the current City Code Book. He further stated that he did not know how the handbook ever got published, but according to the Commission minutes the City did not authorize anyone to publish those handbooks, and prohibiting someone to work on that basis would be a violation of the United States Constitution. Mr. Plyman stated that he believed that the policy was changed for convenience by the City and that other people had been turned down for employment with the City for the same reason. Mr. Plyman asked the Commission how they felt about the policy. The City Attorney told Mr. Plyman that polling the Commission was out of order and he should not be cross-examining the Commission. The City Attorney advised Mr. Plyman to submit his grievance in writing.

Mrs. Gladys Pickett appeared before the Commission to report that trash was being piled up in Norwich Street Lane. She requested the removal of two dilapidated houses in Norwich Street Lane, because people were living in the houses. Mrs. Pickett next requested that the stop sign in the 1700 Block of Wolfe Street be removed and the yellow curbing in front of her

door, and a street light be placed on the corner of G and Wolfe Street. The City Manager stated that request had been given to Georgia Power to move the light to the corner of G and Wolfe Street.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the City Manager try and resolve the problem. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

#### **AIDS PLAY**

David White was present to request that the City sponsor the play, "AIDS, Why Me?", to educate the Youth of the community. Mr. White asked the Commission to furnish the building for the March 7th Play. He requested the use of the Ritz Theatre, because of the sound system and the lighting. The City Manager stated that the Ritz Theatre was available to charitable, non-profit organizations at a rate of \$15.00 an hour plus the technical fee. It was suggested by a citizen that the school system sponsor the play. Mr. White stated that a request was made to the Board of Education to sponsor another play, but they were turned down.

Commissioner Lawrence offered the motion that the City Manager be instructed to get with the Ritz to reduce the price. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

#### **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

The Commission nominated the following persons for consideration for appointment to the Hospital Authority:

Howard Seymour  
Abram Brown  
Pansy Perry

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

The following reports for the month of January 1992, were submitted and were ordered filed as information (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Community Development (4) Recorder's Court and Metro Drug Squad. On motion of Commissioner Herrington, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, the reports were unanimously approved.

#### **CEMETERY DEED**

Petition received from Jim Fraser to transfer N-2/3 of Lot No. 2, Section No. 17 in Palmetto Cemetery to Donald T. Langford. original deed lost but City records verify ownership. Commissioner Darrisaw moved that petition be granted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried.

#### **OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

The City Manager reported that the City's Fleet Insurance coverage will expire on March 1st and requested that a called meeting be held to look at coverage. The Commission set the date of the Called Meeting for February 27th at 5:00 P. M. at City Hall.

The City Manager requested that he attend the American Disabilities Class given by GMA in Atlanta Georgia.

The City Attorney requested that cemetery deed for S. Hadley Brown be conveyed to Heirs. Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute deed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk