

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
CALLED MEETING
4:00 P. M., APRIL 7, 1992**

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Otis Herrington.

Mayor Wilson announced that this meeting has been called to discuss the Seafood Festival.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he went to the Seafood Festival to observe what was going on and he was rather shocked at the various things that transpired at the festival this weekend. He commended Mr. Harry Aiken for the job, time and effort he put into the project to make it successful. Commissioner Herrington stated that his concern was if the Commissioners voted at a meeting to deny the sale of alcoholic beverages at the festival their decision was circumvented. He asked why should the Commissioners go around opposing drugs and alcohol and then allow the Community to expose our children to it. Commissioner Herrington asked why the Commissioners was not comprised of what was going on.

Commissioner Davis stated that he voted for the sale of alcoholic beverages, but at the time she didn't realize the festival would be family oriented.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he received calls about the sale of beer and attended the festival to see what was going on. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he observed the sale of tickets, \$6.00 was paid to enter and \$4.00 worth of tickets was given for drinks. Commissioner Darrisaw asked someone to inquire about the sale of tickets, to find out if a person did not want to drink soft drinks or beer could they pay \$2.00 to enter the festival.

Commissioner Darrisaw asked the City Manager to find out how the people who had 4 tickets purchased beer, and to find out who received the money. He next asked about the people that went back to get 4 tickets to get more beer whether or not it constituted buying or selling. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he felt the Commission have been circumvented.

Commissioner Lawrence asked what the Commission was going to do about the sale of beer. He explained that the sale of beer at the festival showed disrespect.

Mayor Wilson stated that the Commission elected not to support the sale of beer and the Commission was circumvented. Mayor Wilson asked who told the sponsors of the Seafood Festival that they could sell beer without any further consideration with the Commission.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that the Commission should get documented facts and a second opinion on whether beer was sold.

The City Attorney stated that in his opinion it was probably illegal. The City Attorney explained that he and the City Manager was contacted about the sale of beer. The City Manager spoke to the Police Department about the matter and he had some subsequent contacts about what went on that day.

The City Attorney stated that he was sure that no one actually planned on violating the law. He explained that several weeks ago he was contacted and asked if it would be a violation of the law if beer was given away on private property at the festival. The City Attorney advised them that before any beer is given away the Commission should be contacted and the Police Department along with the State Revenue Department to let them know what is being planned and find out if it is alright with everyone involved. It was understood that those things was taken care of in advance.

Commissioner Herrington asked the City Attorney if the person that contacted him was involved with the Seafood Festival.

Woody Woodside was present and he stated that no compensation was made to the distributor for beer that was donated. Mr. Woodside next gave a report on the revenues received for the Seafood Festival. Commissioner Darrisaw asked Mr. Woodside who purchased the tickets for the festival and who printed the tickets. Mr. Woodside stated that the festival committee had them printed and paid for the tickets. The Commission questioned Mr. Woodside about the sale of beer at the festival.

The City Manager was directed to put all the facts together and report back with his opinion.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Manager to talk with the State Revenue Office to find out what advice was given about giving away beer on private property.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved that until this matter is cleared up Police and Fire protection would not be used at any festival on private property. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

DNR PROPERTY

The City Attorney gave the Commission an update on the property at located at City Marina site of U S 17. He discussed the reason why the proposed lease agreement was drawn up in the name of 17 East Holding Company. He explained that the Secretary of State found that the name of 17 East Holding Company was not available for incorporation because of the similarity of another business in the State of Georgia and the corporation certificate was issued instead

by the Secretary of State to East Bay Holding Company and that is the name that appeared on the copies of the proposed

lease. He stated that he would like to point out that, it was the intent of the City Commission to enter into an agreement with this group of developers in a corporate name acquired by them and recommended that the city ratify the execution of the lease agreement in the name of East Bay Holding Company Inc. to clear up the record on the matter.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved to ratify the execution of the lease agreement dated March 1, 1992 between the City of Brunswick and East Bay Holding Company and specifically approve the agreement in the name of East Bay Holding Company.

Executive Session

Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the Commission hold and Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk