

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
CALLED MEETING
12:00 P. M., April 20, 1992**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Otis Herrington

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner G. E. Darrisaw.

Mayor Wilson announced that this meeting has been called to discuss City business.

The City Manager stated at the last Commission Meeting representatives of the Georgia Ports Authority were present,

and a vote was taken regarding the Farmer's Market property. At the meeting it was determined that the City would get an appraisal for the property, and a motion was made that an equal swap would be made with GPA for the property. Since that time an appraisal has been done for the 3 parcels that the City owns and the main parcel where the Farmer's Market is located having a total size of 7,180 square feet. The market value of the 3 parcels according to the appraiser is \$286,850.00, this amount came from the GPA and the City received a letter stating that the State's Property Commission has agreed to acquire the property for that price. GPA also would like to know how the City would like to proceed so that they could work on closing on the purchase of the property.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he was under the impression that the City under the agreement would lease the property for x amount of years.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he thought the City voted to sell the property to the Georgia Ports Authority. The City Manager stated that he had a copy of the minutes which states that the City voted to sell the property to GPA. The City Manager stated that the value given is for land only and not for the value of the structure of the current Farmer's Market.

Mayor Wilson stated that the present structure is of no value to the GPA. He felt that the City could relocate the present structure and improve it at the same time, and it would be a value to the City. Mayor Wilson hoped the Commission would entertain the idea to have the option to either move the structure of the Farmer's Market or leave it.

The City Attorney stated that the Georgia Ports Authority also requested that Monck Street, west of Bay Street be closed and conveyed to them. He pointed out that the City would be entitled to some additional compensation.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he would like to suggest that the City Manager do some further negotiating on the street closing.

Commissioner Lawrence moved that the City Manager negotiate the closing of Monck Street with the Georgia Ports Authority and bring information back at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was carried by vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Herrington absent.

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Mayor Wilson stated that last week the Commission continued in an Executive Session on a matter that is still binding and asked if the City needed to take action to reaffirm it.

The City Attorney stated that few occasions are accepted under the open meetings law, and one is to discuss a legal matter in which the City needs confidential legal advice. Another is to deliberate regarding personnel matters, and he felt that perhaps this would not be one of the exceptions. He further stated that the Commission had discussed the legal advice at a previous executive session, and he was sure that it would not be appropriate at this time unless the Commission need further legal advice concerning this particular matter.

The City Manager stated that it is his understanding that the feeling of the Commission is to get further legal advice.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that the City Manager was correct, in addition to discussing personnel matters.

Mayor Wilson asked if it would be in order or would it not be in conflict for the Commission to hold another Executive Session.

The City Attorney said, "That's right."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the Commission hold an executive session to discuss a legal matter and personnel matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

Following the Executive Session the Commissioner Lawrence offered the motion to accept the following statement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried by vote of 4 to 0.

After considering all of the evidence as related to the seafood festival and the legal options presented by the City Attorney, this Commission has concluded that the following action will be taken:

In light of the fact that Mr. Harry Aiken has publicly acknowledged a violation of the law regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages, and has publicly apologized, the City Commission deems it necessary for the City to resume the planning and operation of all future seafood festivals.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk