

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., June 17, 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 Darrisaw moved that the minutes of June 3, 1992 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING

This being the date, time and place for public hearing on proposal to rezone Lot No. 20, Southend, between Ellis and Norwich Street from LC Local commercial to GR General Residential.

The architect firm of Ussery-Rule submitted plans for the 25 unit complex. Many concerned citizens were present and asked questions concerning the leasing of units to the elderly and handicapped persons, and parking. Commissioners Herrington and Davis stated that they wholeheartedly supported the project. Commissioner Lawrence moved that petition for the proposed rezoning be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw and was unanimously carried.

DELEGATIONS

Andy Taylor representing Lanier Plaza tenants appeared before the Commission to discuss the vandalism problems in Lanier Plaza. Mr. Taylor stated that thirty-two business are located in Lanier Plaza and several stores was broken in six times. One of the major problems was after midnight, department store windows are broken out and merchandise is stolen. After midnight there are only five police offices on duty and the crime problems have caused tenants to relocate. Mr Taylor pointed out that space in Lanier Plaza was donated to the Police Department for their use. Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Taylor for coming to address the problem. The City Manager stated he spoke with Sergeant Cowan about the problem and he was advised that the Police Department was working on a solution to the problem. Mayor Wilson urged the City Manager to discuss the problem with the Police Chief to provide extra protection in Lanier Plaza.

Sydney Thomas appeared before the Commission to request that Nassau Sanitation Service be granted a business license from the City to collect commercial solid waste from businesses in the City. The Commission discussed the price of the service and where the waste would be taken after it is collected. The City's present sanitation budget was also discussed. Commissioner Herrington moved that the City Manager get with Nassau Sanitation Service and prepare a proposal. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

Paul Warwick was present to discuss the City's Fleet Insurance Coverage and the increase in coverage by Select Insurance Company. Mr. Warwick recommended that the City cancel the present carrier Select Insurance Company and accept the proposal from American Southern

Insurance. The City Manager stated that the budget could reflect the changes in coverage on the City's Fleet Insurance. The City could save roughly 50,000.00. The Commission advised the City Manager to present it in writing and requested that a meeting be held next week to discuss the matter.

Freida Harden, manager of Holiday Inn was present to request an alcoholic beverage license for her catering business. The City Manager and City Attorney was instructed to look at the state law concerning catering alcoholic beverages and draw up an Ordinance for the catering businesses in the City.

COMPOSTING PROPOSAL

The City Manager submitted the proposal for composting sludge. The proposal was to turn sludge and yard trash into compost which could be used as fertilizer. The Composting facility would be located in Glynn County and would cost four million dollars. The City would refinance bonds to pay for the composting facility which would take 16 months to design and construct. Commissioner Darrisaw asked the Director of Finance if he would be involved in refinancing the bonds. The Director of Finance stated that he would be involved in the process. Mayor Wilson stated that he would not like to see a change in composting regulations in 36 months. He further stated that he was approaching the composting from a cautious standpoint, since the cost of sludge has become prohibitive and government regulations have made the City look at other avenues. Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the City Manager direct the City's underwriter, Stephens Inc., its bond counsel, Oliver Maner & Gray, its City Attorney, Eugene Highsmith, and the City's staff to proceed with the preparation of a Bond Resolution, Preliminary Official Statement and other necessary documentation for the issuance at the earliest possible time of Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City for the following purposes:

- (a) To complete funding at a cost of approximately \$2,240,000 of the water project of the City originally undertaken in 1990;
- (b) To refund approximately \$8,315,000 of high interest rate Series 1986 Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City in order to achieve savings on interest payments of the City; and
- (c) To provide approximately \$4,700,000 for the acquisition, construction and equipping of composting facility to dispose of sludge from the sewerage treatment facilities of the City.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

The City Manager recommended that the City contract Tribble and Richardson to handle the design and Engineering of the composting facility. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he had problems with contract letting. Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the matter be deferred until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of May, 1992 were filed as information (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Recorder's Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Accounts. Commissioner Herrington moved that reports be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the City Manager notify the wrecker operators in the City about the current ordinance regulating rotation of all operators in the City. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Manager if the owners of the Cody building were contacted about repairing the building. The City Manager stated that he wrote a letter to the property owners. The Mayor next discussed animal control in the City.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Manger how the grievance procedure for City employees are handled. The City Manager stated that he made the final decision after the employee's hearing. The grievance procedure for the City is outlined in the City's personnel policy. Commissioner Lawrence stated that a written response after a grievance hearing should be given to employees. Commissioner Darrisaw suggested that the City look at the Personnel Policy in a work session.

The City Attorney stated that the Liability Insurance for Public Officials should be reviewed and updated. Commissioner Herrington moved that the staff examine the policy and look for more protection for Public Officials. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

The City Attorney reported that the County's staff stopped the engineering design work on the L Street project. He requested that the City give staff the authority to discuss the matter with the County staff. Commissioner Herrington moved that the City hold a joint session with the County Commissioners to discuss the L Street project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw and was unanimously carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk