

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., OCTOBER 21, 1992

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson., Commissioners
Otis Herrington, Roosevelt Lawrence, and Doris
A. Davis

ABSENT: Commissioner Rev. G.E. Darrisaw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 7, and called meeting of October 8, 1992 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

Petition received from Adam Jones to retail for consumption on premises at the Sub Station II, 3101 Johnston Circle. Petition having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, on motion of Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Herrington the petition was unanimously granted.

Attorney Jerry Ramsey, representing Nelson Hart stated that Mr. Hart has made application and would like to have it approved. Attorney Ramsey stated that Mr. Hart intends to operate a package store out of the building that is located on First Street, the package store would be accessed to Johnston Circle. The package store should be at the intersection of First Street and Johnston Circle, there is a drive thru and the entrance of the package store extends on to Johnston Circle approximately 121 feet. Mr. Hart also intends to operate a private or semi-private club in the back of the package store and an application was submitted to pour alcoholic beverages. The access to that club would be from First Street and the parking area would be in the back of the package store in the fenced in area. The area was zoned General Commercial and the building was originally constructed and designed for the purpose and use of a package store and it was operated as a package store for a

number of years. Mr. Hart intends to reopen the building as a package store.

Attorney Joe Ferrier stated that he was present on behalf of the same delegation that he represented at the last Commission meeting. Attorney Ferrier stated that he presented a petition at the last meeting and since then has liked wise continued with the petition. Attorney Ferrier read the petition that was addressed to the City of Brunswick Commission opposing the issuance of a liquor license to Nelson Hart for the sale and consumption of alcohol at 3103 Johnston Circle formerly known as the Key. Attorney Ferrier stated that the previous petition had 130 signatures of property owners, friends, relatives and concerned citizens as local property owners in the vicinity. The property owners are not only on Johnston Circle, but are in the general location. Attorney Ferrier stated that the code or ordinance was adopted by the Commission for which the process for approval have to be brought before the City Commission and part of the process is that the Commission has full powers to determine whether the location of such business is proper and is in the best interest of the General Public. The delegation would like the Commission to look at the factors that they may consider not only to the best interest but also to the location and whether or not it has an impact on the land use in the area and the character of area the suitability for the particular use and the congestion of the roads and streets. Attorney Ferrier stated that the ingress of the property would be on Johnston Circle and the peak hours of the dance school is 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm and young ladies would be dressed out in tights ready to participate in dance. Property owners have invested a lot in their property and allowing a package store to open would have a tremendous impact in that area. Attorney Ferrier asked the members of the delegation who opposed the package store being located in the area to stand. Attorney Ferrier stated that it was about the location of the package store and it was a time bomb about to blow up.

John McClurd was present and stated that he owned property in the area and stated he opposed locating a package store in the area.

Debra Harris, Barbara Harper, Angela Holmes, Jay Hofslander, Debra Detloff, Carol Dubberly, Diane Josey, and Mr. Rawls stated that they opposed locating a package store in the area because of the safety of the dance students.

Jerry Ramsey stated that there is no legal basis for denying the application and opposition is coming from the school.

George Holmes, Willie Hart, Dr. Armstrong, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Chapple, James Myers, D.L. Fredrick, Sr. and Mr. Phillips stated that the application should be granted to Mr. Hart to operate the package store, because Mr. Hart was a honorable businessman.

Mayor Wilson stated that it was time to address the issue and felt like the full Commission Board should be present.

The Commission pointed out that a business could not be denied a license to operate, because persons have a right to operate businesses in the City. The Commission stated that the City does not need a lounge or nightclub in the area, and recommended that the application for the package store be separated.

Commissioner Lawrence moved that the application for the Keg to retail liquors including beer and wine off premises be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried.

MUTUAL AIDE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Lawrence moved that the Mutual Aide Agreement between the City Fire Department and County Fire Department be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

INSURANCE RENEWALS

The Director of Finance submitted the following recommendations for the City Worker's Compensation, General Liability and Law Enforcement Insurance renewals. (1) Workers Compensation, Jones, Hill and Mercer \$97,255.00 (2) General Liability International Insurance Company \$55,960.00 (3) Law Enforcement, International Insurance Company \$20,140.00 and (4) Public Officials, International Insurance Company \$10,920.00 Commissioner Lawrence asked the Director of Finance to consider reducing the amount of the premiums the City employees pay to less than \$100.00 per month.

Commissioner Herrington moved to accept the recommendations for Insurance Renewals as submitted by staff. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried.

Paul Warwick, former Mayor of the City of Brunswick, gave the Commission an update on the streetscape project. Mr. Warwick gave the completion date of the project as being the end of November.

REDEMPTION DEED

Redemption requested in the name of the present owner, Ralph Clements on Lawrenceville Lots 557 and 558, property acquired by the City at tax sales. All taxes, interest and costs in the amount of \$133.52 have been paid. Commissioner Herrington moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the redemption deed as petitioned for. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of September 1992 were submitted and ordered filed as information. (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad and (5) Recorders Court. Uncollectible accounts in the amount of \$4,887.74.

TAX MILLAGE RATE

Commissioner Herrington stated that he had more questions that he would like to ask the City Manager before adopting a millage rate. The matter was deferred until the next meeting. The Commission set a called meeting for Monday October 26, 1992 at City Hall at 7:00 pm to adopt the City Budget and millage rate.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Thomas Fuller, representing the Chamber of Commerce was present to give an update on Keep Brunswick Beautiful.

The City Attorney stated that he received several claims on water and sewage damage in the City. Mrs. McDonald stated that raw sewage backed up in her house and she and her

family had to leave because of the sewage damage. After hearing from the City Attorney and Mrs. McDonald, Commissioner Herrington recommended that Mrs. McDonald be given the proper claims to fill out and the City should act immediately after the claim is submitted.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would like the City to check the lead in the drinking water. It was stated that the results from the lead test have been received by the Director of Water and wastewater and the results will be released to the Commission.

Mayor Wilson next discussed recycling in the City of Brunswick. He stated that the City should be responsible for recycling trash. Gail Mobley, Administrative Assistant, stated that a brochure to enforce recycling is being considered by the City and this would help residents in separating trash. She further stated that it would take enforcing the ordinance to make recycling work.

Mayor Wilson questioned the long list of water customers who did not pay the balance of their water bills. The Director of Finance stated that many people did not have enough deposit to cover their final bills, and they were turned over to collections. Mayor Wilson questioned the bills that were over \$300.00 or more. The Director of Finance explained the cut-off procedure and the amounts that the city collects as a deposit. He stated that steps are being taken to tighten up on water customers and identify the customers who change names on their bills. Mayor Wilson recommended that a water bill be placed in the Brunswick News to identify all areas that customers are being charged.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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Mayor

Attest: _____

City Clerk