

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., JANUARY 20, 1993**

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

Commissioner G. E. Darrisaw arrived late.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Otis Herrington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis moved that the minutes of the called meeting of December 21, 1992 and minutes of January 6, 1993 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw and was unanimously carried.

REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF RUINED VEHICLES

The City Attorney recommended that the adoption of the Ordinance to provide for the Removal and Disposal of Discarded, Dismantled, Wrecked, Scrapped, Ruined, or Junked Motor Vehicles or Parts Thereof be deferred until the next Commission meeting, stating that the Commission may not have had a chance to review the proposed Ordinance.

The City Attorney explained that the main purpose of the proposed Ordinance enables the City Manager simply to dispose of the vehicles the Police Department have in storage that have been abandoned by the owners without going through the process in court to foreclose liens on the vehicles. This Ordinance would prohibit owners of private property from storing wrecked or junked vehicles on their private property.

Commissioner Davis moved that adoption of the proposed Ordinance for Removal and Disposal of Ruined vehicles be deferred until the Commission can review the Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if persons have their vehicle fenced in would it fall in the same category.

The City Attorney stated that whether the vehicles are fenced in or not it does not matter it is still open storage, unless it is an auto repair body shop or a licensed automotive salvage yard.

Mayor Wilson asked how long will the process take. The City Attorney stated that this process would enable the City Manager to dispose of vehicles that the Police Department already has impounded without going through the foreclosure procedure in Superior Court.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Petition received from Robert J. Herrin to retail beers and wines for consumption off premises at Jack's BP Food Mart, 2816 Cypress Mill Road, and being approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, Commissioner Lawrence moved that petition be granted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS

On motion of Commissioner Herrington, seconded by Commissioner Davis the following petitions were unanimously granted:

(1) Transferring Plots No. 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Block No. 1 in Palmetto Cemetery from James Aiken Knight to Jo Anne Knight Lowe. Original deed surrendered.

(2) Transferring Plots 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Block No. 1 in Palmetto Cemetery from Elois Knight to Jo Anne Knight Lowe. Original deed surrendered.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

On motion of Commissioner Herrington and seconded by Commissioner Davis the Mayor was unanimously authorized to execute quit claim deed as petitioned for:

(1) Petition received from Thomas Dennard, Jr. for quit claim deed in favor of his client Susan L. Wright the present owner, to Lot No. 2 in Northside Estates to clear title record of tax deed taken by the City.

(2) Petition received from Thomas Dennard, Jr. for quit claim deed in favor of his client, Vera Huff, the present owner to New Town Lots 1454, 1455, 1456 and 1457 to clear title record of deed taken by the City.

(3) Petition received from Thomas Dennard, Jr. for quit claim deed in favor of his client, Binah R. Bradley, the present owner to New Town Lots 1627 and 1638 to clear title record of tax deed taken by the City.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of December 1992 were submitted and ordered filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater Fund (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Municipal Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Accounts. On motion of Commissioner Lawrence seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw the monthly reports was unanimously approved.

Mayor Wilson recognized the Leadership Glynn group that was in attendance.

OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS

Police Chief Sidoran was present to discuss whether police uniforms should be worn for off-duty work. The City Manager stated that the issue was discussed in a work session last week and was requested to be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he felt that the City should not be responsible for a uniform that an officer wears off-duty. He further stated that he opposed furnishing uniforms and equipment to off-duty officers.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that companies should supply their own uniforms for private work.

Commissioner Davis stated that she felt the same way and was opposed to the City paying for uniforms for police officer to have a second job. She further stated that she felt comfortable seeing police officers in stores, however the stores should provide their own uniforms.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he wanted to clarify that the property which police officers use is City property and the City allow those officers to use this property for their personal gain. He pointed out that other persons can also use City property for their personal gain and the City should use their policy that restrict the use of City property for personal gain.

Commissioner Herrington offered the motion to prohibit the use of City uniforms by off-duty police officers working another job. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Mayor Wilson stated that the Commission felt that the letter of the law should be upheld. He stated that he was not opposed to outside employment, but only to police officers enforcing the law in the County.

On call for the question the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief Sidoran next asked whether City Police officers could work off-duty outside of the City limits.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he was not familiar with the law on Police officers working outside the City and pointed out that he did not agree with officers working outside of the City limits. Commissioner Davis state that she agreed with Commissioner Herrington. Commissioner Lawrence stated that the liability was a risk. The City Attorney explained the Liability of Police Officers to the Commission and pointed out that the City has rider in the Law Enforcement Liability Policy that covers officers on off-duty work.

Commissioner Herrington stated that it should be left up to the Police Chief to determine whether his employees were able to take on an additional job.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to narrow down the risk and not allow Police officers to work outside the City. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he had reservations about imposing upon officers that are presently working and amended the motion to add a substitute motion to allow police officers that are currently employed outside the City to continue working until they give up their up jobs. The motion failed for lack of a second.

On call for the first motion that was made by Commissioner Lawrence the motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Sidoran submitted a contract requesting that the City be reimbursed for Basic Law Enforcement Training within a two year period from employees voluntarily resigning from employment with the City of Brunswick Police Department.

The City Manager stated that a State Law was adopted to address this issue. The Law applies to officers that have been with the Police Department for fifteen months or more.

Chief Sidoran asked whether City employees should be given an opportunity to be rehired by the City. Commissioner Herrington led a discussion on former employees being rehired by the City, he pointed out that employees should start at entry level when they are rehired. Commissioner moved approval of rehiring past employees on a one time basis. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried.

BIDS

The following bids were received for a 1500 GPM Custom Pumper for the Brunswick Fire Department:

Vendor	Bid
Emergency One Cyclone Dowling Co.	\$229,915.00
Pierce Dash Harless Co.	\$230,819.00*
Pierce Saber Harless Co.	\$219,819.00 Does not meet specifications

Following a discussion Commissioner Lawrence moved that the Fire Chief bring back more information about the Fire Truck for the Commission to review. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that he received a request for an appeal on revocation of a taxi cab permit. Commissioner Herrington moved that the grievance be submitted to the City Attorney for review. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE

Commissioner Herrington moved adoption of the following Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ALTERED SPEED LIMITS ON PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK PURSUANT TO OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED SECTION 40-6-183; TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AT SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF SUCH ALTERED SPEED LIMITS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. On the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, it is hereby determined that the maximum vehicle speed permitted under Official Code of Georgia Annotated Chapter 40-6 is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon those portions of streets and highways under the jurisdiction of the City of Brunswick which are identified hereinafter.

SECTION 2. The Code of the City of Brunswick is hereby amended by adding thereto sections which shall be designated Sec. 14-31 and Sec. 14-32 and which shall provide as follows:

"Sec. 14-31. Alteration of speed limits.

"It is hereby determined and declared that the reasonable and safe maximum vehicle speed limits shall be as set forth herein on the portions of streets and highways which are identified hereinafter (Certain abbreviations herein, SR, ML, MPH, and Cwy, shall mean, respectively, State Route, Mile Log, Miles Per Hour, and Causeway.):

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS ON STATE SYSTEM

SR	FROM	ML	TO	LENGTH		SPEED IN MILES	LIMIT
				ML			
25 (US 17)	S City Limit	9.67	Fourth Ave	11.09	1.42	50 MPH	
	Fourth Av	11.09	Gloucester St	12.4	1.31	45 MPH	
	Gloucester St	12.4	N City Limit	14.28	1.88	40 MPH	
SCHOOL ZONE	Kaiser St	13.63	Wildwood Dr.	13.90	0.27	25 MPH	(From 7:30 to 8:30 AM and 2:30 to 3:30 PM on school days only)
25 Connector (Gloucester St)	Bay St	0.0	Lee St	0.66	0.66	30 MPH	
	Lee St	0.66	SR 25 (US 17)	1.11	0.45	35 MPH	
25 Spur	S City Limit	0.4	N City Limit	0.71	0.31	45 MPH	
	S City Limit	1.07	N City Limit	1.42	0.35	45 MPH	
27 (US 341)	N City Limit	18.88	Newcastle St	20.67	1.79	45 MPH	
	Newcastle St	20.67	Bay St	21.55	0.88	40 MPH	
	Bay St	21.55	SR 25 (US 17)	22.93	1.38	35 MPH	

OFF-SYSTEM STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

ROAD NAME	FROM		LENGTH		SPEED IN MILES	LIMIT
			TO			
Albany St	Lanier Blvd.	First St	2.8		25 MPH	
Altama Av	"Q" St	Fourth St	0.8		25 MPH	
Altama Av	Fourth St	N City Limit	1.7		45 MPH	
Cypress Mill Rd	Carteret Rd	N City Limit	0.8		45 MPH	
F J Torras Cwy	SR 25 (US 17)	ML 16.80	0.5		45 MPH	
F J Torras Cwy	ML 16.80	ML 17.25	0.45		35 MPH	
F J Torras Cwy	ML 17.25	ML 17.37	0.12		25 MPH	
F J Torras Cwy	ML 17.37	ML 17.47	0.1		15 MPH	
F J Torras Cwy	ML 17.47	ML 17.57 (Toll Sta.)	0.1		5 MPH	
F J Torras Cwy	ML 17.57 (Toll Sta.)	E City Limit	0.53		50 MPH	
(Foregoing speed limits on Cwy apply to eastbound lanes only.)						
F J Torras Cwy	E City Limit	SR 25 (US 17)	1.8		50 MPH	
(Foregoing speed limit on Cwy applies to westbound lanes only.)						
First St	Newcastle St	Altama Av	0.7		35 MPH	
Fourth St	Newcastle St	Hampton Av	1.1		25 MPH	
"G" St	Newcastle St	SR 25 (US 17)	1.0		25 MPH	
George St	Richmond St	Sycamore Av	0.6		25 MPH	
Habersham St	S City Limit	N City Limit	0.8		25 MPH	
Hampton Ave	Parkwood Dr	Fourth St	0.4		25 MPH	

Kay Ave	Gloucester St	"L" St	0.7	25 MPH		
"L" St	Newcastle St	Watkins St	0.9	25 MPH		
Lanier Blvd.	Fourth Av	Gloucester St	1.3	25 MPH		
Mansfield St	Bay St	Oak Av	0.6	25 MPH		
M L King Jr Blvd	S end of pavement	Fourth St	3.1	25 MPH		
Monck St	Bay St	Magnolia Av	0.7	25 MPH		
Niles Av	Atlanta Av	"K" St	0.5	25 MPH		
Norwich St	Lanier Blvd	Albemarle St	0.6	25 MPH		
Norwich St	Monck St	"M" St	0.8	25 MPH		
Norwich St	"M" St	Fifth St	1.1	25 MPH		
Ocean Av	M L King Jr Blvd	Lanier Blvd	0.3	25 MPH		
Parkwood Dr	Altama Av	SR 25 (US 17)	1.1	25 MPH		
Pinewood Dr	Habersham St	End of pavement	0.4	25 MPH		
Prince St	Bay St	Lanier Blvd	1.0	25 MPH		
Redwood St	Willow Av	SR 25 (US 17)	0.4	25 MPH		
Reynolds St	Lanier Blvd	Fourth St	3.2	25 MPH		
Riverside Dr	Norman St	Subdiv entrance gate	0.4	25 MPH		
Stonewall St	S end of pavement	George St	0.4	25 MPH		
Stonewall St	Mansfield St	"Q" St	1.4	25 MPH		
Union St	Lanier Blvd	"G" St	1.5	25 MPH		
Wildwood Dr	Hampton Av	SR 25 (US 17)	0.6	25 MPH		

"Sec. 14-32. Driving in excess of altered speed limit.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on any portion of street or highway specified in Sec. 14-31 of this Code at a speed in excess of the maximum vehicle speed limit established in said section for such portion of street or highway, when appropriate signs giving notice of the speed limit are erected upon the street or highway. Speed-limit signs on streets and highways on the state system shall be erected by the Georgia Department of Transportation, and speed-limit signs on off-system streets and highways shall be erected by the City of Brunswick."

SECTION 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and superseded to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of adoption.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Herrington moved to hold an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried.

Following a brief executive session Mayor Wilson called the meeting back to order. Mayor Wilson instructed the City Attorney to review current state law in an effort to determine if the policy adopted by the Commission on not allowing outside employment of police officers outside the City limits in any conflicted with state law. He also instructed the City Manager and Police Chief to begin work the next day on a promotional process for the Police Department. At that point Commissioner Lawrence Chief Sidoran to outline the current promotional process. Chief Sidoran explained the City's current testing policy. A motion was made by Commissioner Herrington and seconded by Commissioner Davis that promotional process be instituted immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk