

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P. M., FEBRUARY 17, 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 Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion that the minutes of the meeting of February 3, 1993 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE**

Mayor Wilson presented a Certificate of Recognition to Commissioner Lawrence for completing forty two hours of Municipal Training for Elected Officials. Commissioner Lawrence is the second City Commissioner to complete the Municipal Training program.

**DELEGATIONS**

The City Manager stated that Charles VanDiviere requested that handicap persons be considered for enforcing the law on illegally parking in handicap parking spaces in the City of Brunswick. Police Chief Sidoran addressed the problems that the Count had with handicap persons issuing parking tickets. The City Attorney pointed out that a State Law is already in place and the City does not have to adopt an Ordinance to allow handicap persons to issue parking tickets. Commissioner Herrington, Lawrence and Davis asked questions relating to the training of handicap persons and the penalty persons receiving parking tickets have to pay, also the safety of the handicap persons issuing tickets. In response to the questions raised the City Manager advised the Commission that the City's Police Department is responsible for training the handicap persons, and the parking ticket would not be reported as a moving violation. Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to take the matter under consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Elieen Humplett appeared before the Commission to request that the Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association be designated as the official Joint County/City coordinating organization for the Cultural Arts. The Commission pointed out that they had some questions to ask about the request and recommended that the matter be tabled. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to table the matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Cuffie Hise, Mainstreet Director submitted recommendations for a temporary site of the Farmer's Market to be located at Queen's Square on Newcastle Street. Ms. Hise showed a thumbnail sketch of the proposed area for the temporary sited and gave the advantages of having the site located in the Downtown Area.

Nathan English, representing the Coca Cola Company stated that he was concerned about Pedestrian Safety and Public Safety in the area and offered to work something out so they could have access to their loading dock on Richmond Street.

Mr. Torras was present and offered the use of his property on Newcastle Street for one year for the temporary site of the Farmer's Market. Cuffie Hise stated that the Committee was aware of Mr. Torras's property and the Committee rejected the site because it needed paving, it had no shade and offered no amenities.

Commissioner Darrisaw commended the Committee for their work and stated that he objected the Queen Square temporary site for a number of reasons congested traffic, pedestrian safety and Old City Hall not being in compliance with the American Disabilities Act to have access to the rest rooms.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he suggested that the City Manager find a temporary site for the Farmer's Market before a Committee was appointed and he recommended the site next to the Mary Ross Park on Newcastle Street. Commissioner Herrington further stated that he was appointed to serve on the Committee to find a temporary site for the Farmer's Market. After intensive deliberation and discussion Commissioner Herrington moved and Commission Davis seconded the motion to accept Queen's Square as a temporary site for the Farmer's market. Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to offer a substitute motion to place the temporary site of the Farmer's Market north of the old site in Mary Ross Park. On call for the question the first motion received 2 votes from Commissioner Herrington and Davis. On call for the question the substitute motion received 2 votes from Commissioner Darrisaw and Lawrence. Mayor Wilson abstaining. The motion was tied and failed by lack of a majority vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF LARP CONTRACT**

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Darrisaw second the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute LARP agreement with the Department of Transportation to resurface 2.66 miles of City Streets. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **COASTAL GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to approve the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center as the Agency on Aging for the period July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1995 in the eight designated Counties. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **CEMETERY AND QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**

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

1. Transferring N-1/2 of Lot No. 9, Section No. 122 in Palmetto Cemetery from Julius Lunceford to Alice Cauley Hightower and S-1/2 of Lot No. 9, Section No. 122 to Mickey Haynie Goree. Original deed lost but City records verify ownership.
2. Transferring S-1/2 of Lot No. 8, Section No. 187 in Palmetto Cemetery from Mrs. W. G. Corson to Bill Corson. Original deed surrendered.
3. Issuing Ephraim Sullivan a duplicate deed to Lot No. 4, Section No. 65 in Greenwood Cemetery. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

On motion of Commissioner Darrisaw seconded by Commissioner Herrington, the Mayor was unanimously authorized to execute quit claim deeds as petitioned for:

1. Petition received from Ernest J. & Eileen Ward, the present owners to South End Lots 831 and 832 property acquired at City Tax Sale. All interest and costs in the amount of \$230.56 have been paid and account is clear for the year 1988.
2. Petition received from Ernest J. & Eileen Ward the present owners to South End Lots 8341 and 832, property acquired at City Tax Sale. All taxes interest and costs in the amount of \$290.54 have been paid and account is clear for the year 1987.
3. Petition received from Perry Grossman as Executor of the Estate of Bernard Grossman as Executor of the Estate of Bernard Grossman and J. T. Lariscy to New Town Lot No. 1427, property acquired at City Tax Sale. All taxes interest and cost in the amount of \$83.78 have been paid and account is clear.

### **SPEED ORDINANCE AMENDED**

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the amended Speed Ordinance as submitted by the City Attorney. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ALTERED SPEED LIMITS ON PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK PURSUANT TO OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGE ANNOTATED SECTION 40-6-183; TO PROHIBIT THE OEPRATION 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 deterimed 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 two 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 highway are identified hereinafter (Certain abbrviations herein, SR, ML, MPH, and Cwy, shall mean, respectively, State Rou Log, Miles Per Hour, and Causeway.):

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS ON STATE SYSTEM

SR	FROM	ML	TO	LENGTH	SPEED	LIMIT
				ML	IN MILES	
25 (US 17)	S City Limit	9.67	Fourth Ave	11.09	1.42	50 MPH
	Fourth Av	11.09	Gloucester St	12.40	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

ROAD NAME	FROM	TO	LENGTH	SPEED	LIMIT
				IN MILES	
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 17.57 (Toll Sta.)	0.32		25 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.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

The following reports for the month of January, 1993 were submitted and ordered 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. On motion of Commissioner Herrington and seconded by Commissioner Davis the reports were unanimously approved.

**OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

Ken Plyman was present to discuss the reduced speed limits on Highway 17, State Route 25. The City Attorney explained that the City does not have the authority to set speed limits, the Department of Transportation is authorized to set the speed limits.

The City Manager submitted request to pave the Road on Andrews Island at the cost of \$9,000.00 with one-half of cost being shared with the County. Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion authorizing the City to share in work and share half of the cost with the County on the St. Andrews Road project. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Herrington brought for discussion the problems in the Police Department and asked to address the reasons why Police Officers left the Department. He recommended that the City approved the promotion policy. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that the Commission should study the entire situation and recommended that the City Manager submit a proposed plan for promotions in the Police Department. Commissioner Darrisaw further stated that the Commission have not discussed the matter as a body and pointed out that all officers should be promoted and a piece meal plan would not solve the problems in the Department.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that in 1991 a Captain's slot was being considered and a Police Officer should have been promoted that year. The City Manager explained the procedure and stated that the Police Promotional register ran out.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he received the plan and it should have been done officially in an open meeting and made part of the records.

Commissioner Herrington moved to authorize the City Manager and Chief of Police to use the promotional plan to promote a Police Captain. There was no second to the motion. It was the consensus of the Commission to hold a special meeting on Friday February 19th. Commissioner Herrington discussed implementing a recycling program in the City and gave reasons. Commissioner Herrington discussed the removal of Ordinance No. 564 out of the City Code book. The City Attorney stated that the Ordinance was in conflict with General State Law, however he would look at the Littering Ordinance and compare it with Ordinance No. 564 and address the matter at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that a School Sign should be posted on K Street by Burroughs Mollette School. Commissioner Lawrence next discussed Public Works employees paying to have their uniforms cleaned and the Police and Fire Departments are not paying for the Cleaning of their uniforms. The City Manager explained that the matter was presented all to employees about uniform cleaning. Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Manager to follow up on persons not wearing uniforms to work.

Mayor Wilson reported that the County has not paid the City the interest on the City's portion of the sales tax.

It was the consensus of the Commission to request the interest on the sales tax from the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P. M.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk