

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., March 17, 1993**

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

Commissioner Darrisaw arrived at 7:15 P. M.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Otis Herrington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion that the minutes of the Called Meeting of February 19, 1993, March 1, 1993 and the minutes of March 3, 1993 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

The City Manager reported that the following nine persons submitted resume's or letters to be considered for the Hospital Authority: Dr. N. E. Armstrong, Thomas R. Barkley, Patricia Fahey Brock, Lavern A. Carter, Dr. Newell Hamilton, Rev. Tommie Herrington, John P. McGuire, Rev. Rance Pettibone and Edward Pinckney, Jr. The Commission deferred taking action until Commissioner Darrisaw could be present.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS

Fred Cook, local archaeologist appeared before the Commission to submit a cross-section of Artifacts found in Windsor Park, Stonewall Street and various locations. Mr. Cook stated that archaeologists believe that they can learn more about people and their past by studying material remains. Mr. Cook stated that he teaches a class through the Community School program to give people an educational opportunity to learn more about archaeology and the methods of archaeology in this area. Mr. Cook next explained the process of archaeology. Food Bones, Indian Pottery, Soda Bottles, Medicine Bottles, Figurines, Tableware and Pennies were some of the artifacts found by Mr. Cook. Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Cook for his presentation. Mr. Cook invited the Commission to view the artifacts on display at the library.

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

Commissioner Lawrence nominated Dr. N. E. Armstrong to serve on the Hospital Authority. Commissioner Darrisaw nominated Ed Pinckney and Commissioner Davis nominated Lavern Carter. Mayor Wilson asked if there were any other nominations. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Mayor Wilson called for a show of hands for nominees in the order they were nominated. Dr. Armstrong, Ed Pinckney and Lavern Carter received five votes. Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to forward the three names to the Hospital Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Johnny Johnson appeared before the Commission to request that his taxi cab license permit be reinstated after the City Manager revoked his permit. Mayor Wilson asked Mr. Johnson why his permit should be reinstated. Mr. Johnson stated that taxi cab driving is his sole means of support. He stated that his permit was revoked because he pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and would rather be placed on probation than receive a jail sentence. He further stated that he is currently working as dispatcher for Mr. Credle and has not experienced any problems.

The City Manager stated that Corporal Dickerson who issues taxi cab permits for the City recommended that Mr. Johnson's permit be revoked because of his drug conviction. Corporal Dickerson gave details on the information received from the District Attorney's office concerning Mr. Johnson's arrest. Corporal Dickerson stated that Mr. Johnson entered a plea bargain for his felony charge and that he felt uncomfortable with a person convicted of drug possession and on probation, driving a taxi cab with access to City schools and other areas in the City.

Commissioner Darrisaw offered his assistance in helping Mr. Johnson find employment. Commissioner Lawrence recommended that Mr. Credle and Murphy's Cab appear before the Commission concerning the matter. The City Manager was advised to place the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Johnson.

Ernie Craft was present to update the Commission on the Committee's recommendation for a temporary site for the Farmer's Market. Mr. Craft stated that the Committee have studied long and hard and made a good decision in recommending Queen's Square as the temporary site for the Farmer's Market. He stated that they felt that this site would not cost the City a lot of money and would be close to the downtown business area. He next stated that Mary Ross Park would be a good site for the permanent Multi-purpose facility. Mr. Craft introduced Mr. John Bryson, County Agent and members of the Committee that was present.

Commissioner Lawrence asked Mr. Craft if the Committee recommended an overseer for the Farmer's Market. Mr. Craft stated that Ralph Cribb is an employee of the City and he has been active

in helping with Market Management and other areas and it would be the decision of the City Manager to hire and overseer for the Farmer's Market. Commissioner Herrington stated that in a previous meeting it was brought up that the site for the Farmer's Market was already approved by the Commission. Commissioner Herrington stated that according to the minutes the motion failed by a tie vote and the Mayor abstaining. The City Manager gave an estimate on the price

of placing the Farmer's Market uncovered at Mary Ross Park.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved to accept the site of Mary Ross Park as the Temporary Farmer's Market. Mayor relinquished his chair and as Commissioner Wilson he seconded the motion.

Mr. Craft asked if Mr. Evans could discuss his archaeological project in the Mary Ross Park. Mayor Pro-Tem Lawrence stated that the Commission would like to vote on the matter before them and get back to Mr. Evan's report later in the meeting.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that a motion has been made and seconded and a discussion was not on the floor and asked for

call of the question. On call for the question the motion carried by vote of 3 to 2.. Commissioners Herrington and Davis voting No.

The City Manager was instructed to sell the roof section of the Old Farmer's Market or to utilize it in house.

Ken Plyman was present to discuss the exodus at the City's Police Department Mr. Plyman stated that the City's is losing qualified men and the problem will not go away. The Chief of Police responsibility is the morale of his department and it is the sole responsibility to direct and lead the officers to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Brunswick. Mr. Plyman recommended that the City do a feasibility study to replace the top slots in the Police

Department. Mr. Plyman next offered to purchase Battle ribbons for officers in the Police Department, to decorate officers.

Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Plyman for his interest in the Police Department.

Robert Tresvant, Jr. appeared before the Commission to request that the foot of I Street be changed to Tresvant Avenue. Mr. Tresvant stated that his family have lived there for a long time and would like to know the procedure to change the street name. Mr. Tresvant next requested to purchase the alley behind his property. Mayor Wilson instructed the City Manager and City Attorney to look into the matter and bring a report back to the Commission.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of February, 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 Lawrence seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw the reports were unanimously approved.

The City Manager reported that the City received help from the Nation Guard to clean up the City and property was being assessed for damage. The City Manager next stated that he was in support of Chief Sidoran and felt the City was moving in the right direction to rectify the situation.

Commissioner Davis reported that TV 21 corrected a comment made about the handicap.

Commissioner Herrington mentioned starting a recycling program in the City. The City Manager stated that he would bring something back to the Commission to put a program in place. Commissioner Herrington commended all the City Employees and the City Manager for staying abreast of things during the storm.

Mayor Wilson commended Public Works, the Fire Department, and the Police Department for a job well done during the storm.

Commissioner Darrisaw commended the Mayor and City Manager and recommended that Department Heads receive a certificate of Recognition at the next Commission meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk