

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., April 7, 1993**

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 Rev. G. E. Darrisaw.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion that the minutes of the Called Meeting of March 24 and the minutes of March 17, 1993 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO UNITED WAY

Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Bob Switek recognizing April 18 - 24 as Volunteer Week in the City. Mr. Switek praised the 10,000 volunteers in Glynn County.

RECOGNITION OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mayor Wilson presented certificates of appreciation to the following Department Heads for the service they performed on behalf of the citizens of Brunswick, during the storm:

Tommy Horton	Electrical Dept.
Roosevelt Harris, Jr.	Community Development
Chief Jack Sidoran	Police Dept.
Chief Lee Stewart	Fire Dept.
Wayne Bullard	Public Works
William "Bill" Powell	Water and Wastewater
Rick Drummond	Director of Finance

DELEGATIONS

Daphne Wilkey representing the Mayor's Handicap Committee was present to request that handicapped persons be allowed to write parking tickets to persons illegally parked in handicap spaces in the City. Ms. Wilkey pointed out that handicapped citizens have been writing tickets in the County for 16 months or more. She recalled a conversation with the City Attorney about the procedure involving handicapped persons writing tickets as required by State Law. Ms. Wilkey stated that she also talked with the City Manager about the procedure and was advised that the matter should come before the Commission. The City Attorney briefed the Commission on the State Law as it pertains to handicapped persons writing parking tickets in the City.

Mayor Wilson asked a series of questions about problems handicapped persons encountered in the County writing parking tickets from a wheel chair.

Mr. Dawson stated that they won an award in the County for the program and pointed out there is always verbal abuse. Ms. Wilkey explained that persons who have disabilities as defined in the Code can write parking tickets. The City Manager stated that a disabled person does not necessarily means wheel chair bound.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he was concerned with the liability and asked who would be responsible. The City Manager explained that there is no liability placed on local governments for allowing handicapped persons to write tickets if something should occur.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like it to be made crystal clear on whether this matter should come before the Commission. The City Attorney explained that he suggested that Ms. Wilkey appear before the Commission for approval.

Chief Sidoran stated that he would be more than happy to do whatever the Commission authorizes him to do. He explained that handicap parking is a problem in the City and cooperation on this issue would help to make the project a success.

After elaborating on the issue Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to take the matter and work with the Committee and make a decision and implement the decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Essie Crosby appeared before the Commission to object to Johnny Johnson's Taxi Cab permit being reinstated. Ms. Crosby gave reasons why she objected. Ms. Crosby stated that she has been employed by Murphys' Taxi Cab for 36 years and in the past 5 years she has fired people who used the Company to operate their drug business.

Mildred Rock was present and stated that she needed some type of guideline on who would interpret the law in the City. Mrs. Rock explained that she is confused on who is to give them direction, the Chief of Police or the City Manager.

Officer Walt Betuel appeared before the Commission to brief them on the narcotics arrest of Johnny Johnson. Mr. Betuel gave information about the undercover operation that was conducted. Mr. Betuel stressed the drug problem in the City and asked the Commission to take a firm stand on trying to combat drugs.

The City Manager confirmed that Mr. Johnson was informed about the meeting, and Mr. Johnson was not present.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to reject Johnny Johnson's request for reinstatement of his Taxi Cab permit for a period of 4 years. The motion passed unanimously.

William A. Cullens representing Coastal Bank appeared before the Commission to request the City's Assistance in restructuring debt for Interior Products, by subordinating their collateral position to allow the company to continue to grow with increased working capital. He stated that Interior Products will employ 20 to 30 additional jobs by the end of the year.

The City manager pointed out that it was his understanding that the City was second lien holder. Mr. Cullen explained the positions of Coastal Bank, SBA, Glynn County and the City of Brunswick. He stated that the City would be moved into the fourth position as lien holder.

The Director of Community Development explained that the City loaned Interior Products \$100,000 of recaptured funds to move into a new location. The loan was granted under guidelines of the Urban Development and HUD rules and regulations. The City participated in the loan package with Coastal Bank being the lead bank and CADA. The City loaned the funds at 0% interest.

Commissioner Herrington questioned the due date and first payment of the City's loan. The Director of Community Development stated that the payment was due nine months ago with the deferrment being 2 1/2 years.

Ed Peede, President of Interior Products explained the position of Interior Products and the loan. Commissioner Darrisaw spoke on behalf of Interior Products and the many jobs they have provided in this Community for the citizens. He stated that there was a need to keep this business in the Community.

Mr. Cullen explained that the City is currently third and would be moved to fourth lien holder position. The Commission questioned the position of the County being in third place. Mr. Cullen explained that the documents were recorded simultaneously; one was recorded after the other and those recordings were not done in any order to give anyone a better position.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to grant

the request of subordination of the City's Collateral position in restructuring debt for Interior Products. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission asked the Director of Community Development questions relating to the current downtown loan pool program. They requested that the Director of Community Development provide them with a copy of all loans that are currently outstanding through the loan pool program.

The Commission next requested the Director of Community Development to look into ways by which the City could start a loan program that could benefit small businesses in the City.

La Vern Cooper was present to request \$2,250.00 in funding for a Special Program at Brunswick College to create an Outreach Program for 60 minority males in the 7th and 8th grades in Glynn and McIntosh Counties. Ms. Cooper explained the program and gave statistics about African American males in the Community. She stated that the County has also been asked to donate \$2,250.00 for the program. Ms. Cooper stated that she applied for a Sapelo grant and a State grant.

Commissioner Herrington asked if the program was based solely on volunteerism. Ms. Cooper stated that there will be paid staff during the summer. Commissioner Herrington stated that he knows the City has a problem with Black Youth in the City and the issue needs addressing. Commissioner Herrington next asked if any Caucasians would be involved in the program. Ms. Cooper stated that Caucasians would not be included in the program because the need was greater for Black males.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that it was a good sound investment and commended the college for taking a stand in that direction. He further stated that better boys and girls in the Community means good citizens in the Community.

Commissioner Herrington explained how he felt about the project and stated that he would like the door opened to everyone. The Commission gave their personal opinion about the program.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to take the matter under advisement and make a recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

LARP PROJECT

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute contract for paving 2.66 miles of City streets. The motion passed unanimously.

CEMETERY DEEDS

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

- (1) Exchanging lots in Palmetto Cemetery for Gladys Pickett, from Section No. 12, Lot No. 37, to Section No. 58-A, Lot No. 1.
- 2) Returning for resale S-1/2 of Lot No. 10, Section No. 206 in Palmetto Cemetery from Geraldine Peters. Original deed surrendered.
- 3) Transferring Lot No. 5, Section No. 199 in Palmetto Cemetery from Cole L. Strickland to Colan B. Strickland. Original deed lost but City records verify ownership.

Mayor Wilson left the meeting at 10:55 A. M.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

On motion of Commissioner Herrington seconded by Commissioner Davis the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY City Commission **OF** City of Brunswick,

THAT S. Mark Mitchell, City Manager

OR

Homer L. Wilson, Governor's Authorized Representative,
is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of

City of Brunswick, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Georgia, this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund.

THAT City of Brunswick, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Georgia, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurances and agreements printed on the reverse side hereof.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with the Department of Transportation to maintain the cleaning of storm drains for the MLK Project.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to authorize the City Manager to advertise for request of proposal for the Cafeteria Plan and to advertise request for proposal on the Deferred Compensation Plan.

Commissioner Herrington discussed a letter he received from a resident about a drainage problem. The City Manager stated that he was aware of the problem and would look at the cost of replacing line.

Commissioner Davis mentioned problems about drainage on Poinsetta Circle. The City Manager was advised to tell residents to place trash on the street.

Commissioner Lawrence discussed complaints he received about the Emergency Medical Services in the City. The City Manager stated that he would look at the Ordinances governing ambulance service in the City and meet with Mr. Reeves.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that employees who could not work at H Street Center because of the roof problem complained about not being able to use compt time to balance off their weekly pay. The City Manager explained that the employees were allowed to work at Coffin Park.

Commissioner Herrington discussed the City Attorney advising citizens and not the Commission. He stated that this problem needs to be addressed in an Executive Session.

Police Chief Sidoran updated the Commission on the promotions at the Police Department. The Chief extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the graduation of the nine new Police Officers on April 9, at Old City Hall.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the Executive Session Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

City Clerk