

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., June 2, 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 Otis Herrington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting of May 18, and the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 1993, subject to correcting the minutes of May 19 adding the Resolution that was adopted to subdivide two parcels of land in the Brunswick Mall. The motion passed unanimously.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to defer the appointment to the Downtown Development Authority. The City Manager stated that a couple of people had expressed their interest in submitting their names for consideration for the appointment to the Downtown Development Authority. The City Manager asked the Commission if they would like to advertise the opening for other interest persons to apply. The consensus was to advertise the appointment to the Downtown Development Authority so that other interested persons could apply.

HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Mayor Wilson requested that the appointment to the Housing Authority be deferred until the next meeting.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to defer granting an alcoholic beverage license to Robert Miller Torras, Sr. to retail beers and wines on premises of Brunswick Landing, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Alex Hall appeared before the Commission to request that three five foot alleys adjoining property on Newcastle and S Street be conveyed to the property owners. Mr. Hall stated that in the past the City conveyed the five foot alleys to property owners if the City had no use for them. Mr. Hall next requested to purchase the N-1/3 of Lot No. 28 in Davenport from the City. Mr. Hall stated that his bid was rejected because it was too low. Commissioner Herrington stated that he previously brought the alley situation to the attention of the Commission, and would not like to take action on one alley. He recalled that he requested that all five foot strips of land that does not have any utility lines on them be conveyed to the adjoining property owners. The City Manager stated that he prepared a memo for the

Commission outlining the alleys within the general area. Commissioner Herrington recommended that the Commission make a decision at the next meeting about all the five foot alleys.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the twenty feet of frontage in the 2200, 2300, 2400 and 2500 Block of Johnston Street that property owners are keeping clean be conveyed to the property owners. The City manager stated that the frontage exist all over town because it is the City's right- of-way for adding sidewalks or for street widening. The Commission deliberated and discussed the twenty feet right- of-way and gave their personal opinions. Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to defer the matter until further study can be made of the five foot alleys and the twenty feet right-of-way. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that the alleys are a liability to the City and the City can legally abandon these alleys if the property does not have water and sewer lines and public utilities.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to authorize the City Attorney to advertise N-1/3 of Lot 28 in Davenport for a minimum bid. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Attorney explained the Georgia Law requiring Municipalities when disposing property to advertise for competitive bidding. Municipalities can swap or trade property with other property owners in their City or County.

Craig Brack, representing the Department of Transportation was present to request that the City support an interim plan to cut down on accidents on U.S. 17 and Glynn Avenue. Mr. Brack stated that 17,000 vehicles travel on U.S. 17 in front of McDonald's and it has an average of twenty accidents per year in that area. Commissioner Lawrence asked how the plan would affect businesses in the area. Mr. Brack stated that he met with the businesses in the area to discuss the interim plan. Commissioner Darrisaw asked if the City had any authority on making decisions for U.S. 17. Mr. Brack explained that the highway was owned by the State and the City should work together with the Department of Transportation. Mr. Brack next stated that he would like to see Highway 341 rerouted to Gloucester Street because of all the truck traffic on Highway 341.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the interim project agreement for U.S. 17 and Glynn Avenue. The motion passed unanimously.

Ruth Ward, resident of 200 Greer Drive appeared before the Commission to discuss the Farmer's Market. Mrs. Ward stated that the Farmer's Market has been treated unfairly by placing in an area where there is no shelter and facilities. The City Manager stated that water facilities are in place and portable toilets. The City is presently looking for temporary shelter for the area. Mrs. Ward explained how she felt about the present location and stated that she attended a hearing at the Ritz Theatre and the citizens were assured that the Farmer's Market would have usable facilities. Mayor Wilson stated that it was never the intent of the Commission to mislead any citizens and explained the events that took place in finding a temporary site for the Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Darrisaw pointed out that any meeting that was held at the Ritz Theatre was not an official meeting and whatever took place there was not binding.

Commissioner Herrington stated that the Commission would rectify the situation and make the Farmer's Market usable. Mayor Wilson assured Mrs. Ward that the problems at the Farmer's Market will be alleviated this week.

Mrs. Ward next questioned why Holy Band Church is allowed to have reserved parking spaces on a City Street. The City Manager explained that other areas in the City use reserved parking spaces because they have problems with persons parking in their parking spaces.

CEMETERY DEEDS

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

- 1) Issuing a duplicate deed to Sandra L. Webb, Plot D, Lot No. 6, Section No. 8 in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.
- 2) Transferring Lot No.7, Section No. 119 in Palmetto Cemetery from Miller Benedict to Paul M. Benedict. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.
- 3) Issuing a duplicate deed to Richard L. Hoaz, Lot No. 21, Section No. B-9 in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that the MLK Advisory Board would have a ground breaking ceremony for MLK Blvd. He next reported that the Compost Plant will also have a ground breaking ceremony.

Commissioner Herrington asked the City Manager if the situation with Oscar Thomas was cleared up. The City manager explained the situation and stated that he was trying to settle the matter. Commissioner Darrisaw advised Commissioner Herrington that he would like to be made aware of things in the future that he brings to an official Meeting. Commissioner Herrington pointed out that he could make him aware of some of the things, but he saw no reason why the Commission Board should be apprised everytime someone called him about trash pick up. Commissioner Herrington stated that these matters should be addressed to the City Manager.

Commissioner Herrington asked the City Manager about the status of the Fire Hydrant on Gloucester Street that was knocked down by a truck. The City Manager stated that a claim for water damage will be filed by some businesses in the area.

Commissioner Davis asked the City Manager for a list of agencies that the City contribute to.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Manager when repairs would begin on the H Street Community Center. The City Manager stated that the Director of Finance was working on the Insurance Claims.

Bob Torras, Sr. appeared before the Commission to ask if the requests that he submitted at the last meeting will be granted. The City manager stated that he is checking with the County on one of the requests.

The Commissioner discussed the road that Mr. Torras stated that was promised to be built by the Commission ten years ago.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to follow through with the original motion made at the meeting to construct a road. On call for the question the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk