

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

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Rev. G. E. Darrisaw.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 1993. The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CITY EMPLOYEE

Mayor Wilson presented a plaque and gift to Lieutenant Jerry Hogue, in recognition of 22 years of faithful and dedicated service to the City of Brunswick Police Department. Received with appreciation.

PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMITY HOUSE

Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Pam Kesegi, Executive Director of Amity House proclaiming the tenth Anniversary of Amity House. Received with appreciation.

DELEGATIONS

Sheriff Wayne Bennett, representing the Glynn County Sheriff's office appeared before the Commission to request that a trade-off be given for the inmate fee or the Detention Center Water Bill. Sheriff Bennett stated that in 1976 the County and City entered into an agreement for the payment of inmates housed in the Glynn County Detention Center for violation of City Ordinance for \$1.00. The estimated fee for maintaining inmates at the facility is approximately 37.50 per inmate per day. Sheriff Bennett pointed out if the City was paying 37.50 per inmate the bill last year would have been roughly \$78,000.00 and the Detention Center water bill last year was \$58,000.00. Sheriff Bennett stated that the inmate fee should be brought up. Mayor Wilson asked if the City wanted to do something like that would there be a prohibition in the bond issue preventing the City from doing this. The City manager stated that the bond issue would prevent this. Commissioner Lawrence asked how many inmates does the City have in the County jails per year.

Sheriff Bennett stated that last year City fee was approximately \$2,157.00. Mayor Wilson suggested that the City look at this further. Sheriff Bennett stated that the operation of the Detention Center is costly.

County Administrator, Mr. Gilmore stated that cities over the Country are having the use of County facilities to house their prisoners. Mr. Gilmore stated that the county should upgrade their contract for housing City prisoners. Mr. Gilmore recommended that he meet with the City Manager and look at some rates to house City prisoners. Mayor Wilson asked if the courts could increase the fines for persons that are creating problems in the City to help

generate more funds. Commissioner Herrington stated issues should be settled at Joint/City County Meetings. Sheriff Bennett asked the City to look at methods of changing the billing for water at the Detention Center. The City Attorney asked if he could get a record of the ordinances in the City the inmates have been charged with violating, pointing out that 2,157 days for violating City Ordinance seems like a lot. The City Attorney stated that inmates in the City are being held for violation of state offenses. Mayor Wilson stated that the City would be glad to look into the matter and come up with a solution.

Don Lee, resident of the City appeared before the Commission to report that he paid some teens to clean up the cul-de-sac off of Fourth Avenue and called the City's Public Works Department to pick up the trash, and they would not pick up the bagged trash. Mr. Lee stated that he called several times and the City finally picked up the trash, but left the discarded car tires pushed in the bushes off of Highway 17. Mr. Lee pointed out the dangers of leaving tires lying around. Mr. Lee next reported that mail boxes on the curbs in the City are eye sores. The City Manager stated that he would look and see if there are any Federal regulations mandating mail boxes on curbs.

Commissioner Herrington asked about the disposal of paint cans in the City. The City Manager stated that paint cans can be filled with saw dust or dirt after the paint is washed out of the cans. The City Manager stated that an article was printed in the newspaper on how to dispose of paint cans.

The City Manager reported that it costs \$1.00 per tire at the County Land fill. Commissioner Herrington recommended that all tires collected in the City be stored until the City can dispose of them. Commissioner Davis recommended that the City select a designated area to stack the tires until the City could receive information on how to properly dispose tires within the City.

Mayor Wilson recommended that a letter about the mail boxes be addressed to Senators.

Bob Hymson, representing Century Cable appeared before the Commission to give an update on the 1992 Cable Act. Mr. Hymson pointed out the new changes in billing should be \$23.00 per month. Mr. Hymson explained the must carry stations and the retransmission consent, and the Rate Regulation that subscribers would see with the 1992 Cable Television and Consumer Protection and Competition Act.

David Zimmerman, resident of 1714 Wolfe Street appeared before the Commission to report that he has been trying for five or six years to stop the noise from boom boxes that prevents him from resting. Mr. Zimmerman explained that he offered to pay for a patrol officer to patrol the area, but he was told that the City could not allow him to do that. Mr. Zimmerman next complained about drugs in the area and drinking alcohol on the streets. The City Manager stated that the City is increasing patrols in the area. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he would like to see areas patrolled in the City and the noise ordinance enforced. Mayor Wilson stated that he requested that citations that are written by the Police Department are brought to the Commission. He stated that he would like to see the report at the next Commission Meeting. Major Cowan stated that he has been working with Mr. Zimmerman and patrols would be made on the Southend.

Lee Noel, representing the Brunswick Area Transportation Study Citizens Advisory Committee appeared before the Commission to report that the Committee meets on Thursdays to discuss Transportation problems in the City and decide what Transportation Facilities would be needed in Brunswick. Commissioner Lawrence asked how citizens are selected to serve on the Transportation Committee. Mr. Noel stated that citizens are asked to send a resume' to Glynn County Community Development. Hal Hart a member of the Transportation Committee stated that he is concerned about traffic on Newcastle Street near the Selden Park entrance and the impact MLK Boulevard. would have on schools in the area.

Billy Morgan, representing Coastal Area Support Team requested that the former Glynn Paton School be used as a transitory housing facility for people who test positive for aids.

Mr. Morgan stated that the building could be used as a charitable contribution. Loretta Sims, Executive Director of the CAST stated that the building would be used to help HIV victims get their lives together. The facility would be a temporary haven providing support and counseling. Commissioner Lawrence asked how the neighbors felt about having AIDS patients in the neighborhood. The City Manager stated that he would investigate the area to see if the building could be used for that purpose and bring a report back to the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TELEPHONE SYSTEM

This being the date, time and place for public hearing on the Emergency Telephone System Fund. The City Manager stated that the City's Emergency Telephone system needs to be updated and the 911 telephone system serves as a life saving tool for people in the Community. Commissioner Herrington requested a joint meeting with the County to discuss the collection of the user charge fee. Commissioner Herrington asked the citizens if they would like to give some input on the Emergency Telephone System. There being no input Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to unanimously adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, E-911 telephone service serves as a life-saving link between people and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, E-911 telephone service is available to the City of Brunswick, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the provision of said services to the citizens of the City of Brunswick, Georgia does foster the safety health and well-being of the residents of the City of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Brunswick to maintain E-911 service which will be available to all citizens in the incorporated area of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brunswick does hereby desire to establish a means and method of paying for the aforesaid service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 46-5-133 (b) (1) (B) a Public Hearing was held authorizing the imposition of a monthly "E911" charge upon each exchange access facility subscribed to by telephone subscribers whose exchange access lines are in the area which would be served by the City of Brunswick "E911" Service; and

WHEREAS, the monies collected from the monthly "E911" Service charge shall be deposited in a separate restricted revenue fund known as the "Emergency Telephone System Fund" as required by O.C.G.A. Section 46-5-134 and said monies shall be used for the purposes stated in O.C.G.A. Section 46-5-120 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that the governing authority of the City of Brunswick, Georgia, does hereby impose a monthly "E911" charge upon each exchange facility subscribed to by telephone subscribers whose exchange lines are in areas served by the city of Brunswick E911 Service.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of such charge shall be 94/100 Dollars (\$.94) per month per exchange access facility provided to the telephone subscriber.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of this charge shall be December 1, 1993.

BIDS

The following bids were received on Demolition of 2610-2612 Norwich Street Lane and 1017 Gordon Street:

Demolition

Contractor	2610-2612 Norwich St. Ln. 1018 Gordon Street
	City Demolition CD Demolition

Meeks Construction Co.	3,150.00	\$5,400.00
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William Meeks

Southern Resources

Joe Robinson

A&L Construction Co.	1,800.00	\$3,000.00
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Moses Const. Co.

Robert Moses

J & C Construction	6,500.00	\$8,500.00
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Commissioner Lawrence moved and commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to accept the low bids of A & L Construction Company. The motion passed unanimously.

BIDS

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to defer the bids on Painting of Multi- purpose Center and Replacement of the roof on the H-Street Gym until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

CEMETERY DEED

Petition received from Mary E. Snodgrass to transfer Lot No. 4, Section No. 39 in Palmetto Cemetery to Mary Edith Collins. Original deed surrendered. Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion grant petition. The motion passed unanimously.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

Petition received from James D. Benefield, III, as attorney from Mrs. J. L. Owens, the present owner of Lot No. 183 and 184 in Windsor Park, to clear title of tax deed taken by the City which deed was subsequently redeemed, but was lost, misplaced or destroyed without being recorded. On motion of Commissioner Herrington seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Mayor was unanimously authorized to execute Quit Claim Deed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CHARTER

On motion of Commissioner Herrington seconded by Commissioner Davis the following Ordinance read and unanimously adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, THROUGH THE CITY COMMISSION, TO VACATE, ABANDON, AND ALIENATE A PORTION OF BLYTHE SQUARE; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK TO VACATE A PORTION OF ORANGE PARK AND TO DEDICATE THE SAME FOR USE AS RIGHT OF WAY FOR 'L' STREET; TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MARY L. ROSS

WATERFRONT PARK FOR A PUBLIC MARKET; TO RESTRICT THE USE, ALIENATION, ETC. OF THE PARKS AND SQUARES IN THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK; TO PROVIDE THAT CONFLICTING LAWS AND ORDINANCES SHALL BE SUPERSEDED; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The municipal Charter of the City of Brunswick, Ga. Laws 1855-1856, pp. 335 et seq., as amended, particularly as amended and codified at Ga. Laws 1991, pp. 4981, is hereby further amended by adding to said Charter a section which shall be designated as Section 1.14 and which shall provide as follows:

"Section 1.14. Parks and Squares. "(a) Except as authorized pursuant to the powers set forth in subsections (b), (c), and (d) hereinafter or by a previous amendment of the municipal Charter of the City of Brunswick, said City shall not have the power or authority to convey, lease, sell, or alienate any of the parks or squares of said City for any use, public or private, and said parks and squares shall forever exist and be used for the benefit of the people for park purposes and for no other purposes; provided, however, that the City of Brunswick, acting by and through the Commission of said City shall have the powers and authority set forth in subsections (b), (c), and (d) hereinafter, notwithstanding any provision of this subsection or any other law, ordinance or principle of common law to the contrary.

"(b) The City of Brunswick, acting through the Commission of said City, is hereby authorized to vacate, abandon, alienate, and sell or exchange for other real property all that portion of Blythe Square, or any part thereof, lying on the west side of Norwich Street, pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 36-37-6. "(c) The City of Brunswick, acting through the

Commission of said City, is hereby authorized to vacate and close such portion of Orange Park as the Commission may deem appropriate, for use as right of way for "L" Street, and to dedicate such portion of Orange Park for use for street purposes.

"(d) The City of Brunswick, acting through the Commission of said City, is hereby authorized to use such portion of the Mary L. Ross Waterfront Park as the Commission shall deem appropriate as a public market and to permit therein the sale of agricultural produce and other goods and products for corporate or

individual gain."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance and the Charter amendment set forth herein shall be superseded to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance and the Charter amendment set forth herein shall become effective on August 1, 1993.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Commissioner Herrington asked if there could be crosswalks on Gloucester Street. The City Manager stated that marking pedestrian crossing in the Street would have to be approved by the State. The City Manager stated that crosswalks in the City would be installed with walk and don't walk signals at the stop lights. Commissioner Herrington asked the City manager to check the regulations for parking cars on the median. The City Manager stated that he would ask the Chief for a report on cars parking on the median.

Commissioner Davis asked the City Manager to check to if persons selling clothes on L Street have a peddlers license. Commissioner Davis asked the City Manager to find out whether the Salvation Army had another area to put their clothes after hours. Commissioner Davis next reported that the grass on the median in downtown needs to be cut.

Mayor Wilson discussed the trash in the City and what could be done about it and the reduction of the tipping fee in the County.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of the City of Brunswick, that a variance from the Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinances is hereby granted with respect to that certain tract of land identified and described according to the attached plat of survey prepared by Robert N. Shupe, Georgia Registered Surveyor No. 2224, dated June 18, 1993 titled "Survey For: Robert Coleman," Job No. 93289, so as to approve and permit the proposed subdivision of said tract from the other property of the Brunswick Mall Tract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said described tract of land shall be deemed to be a "lot of record" and that the easements set forth in the "Brunswick Mall Shopping Center Cross Easement and Parking Agreement" dated March 31, 1980 and recorded in Mortgage Book 133, Page 189, shall be deemed to satisfy all minimum lot size, access, parking and setback requirements with respect to the use of said tract of land.

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

Following the Executive Session the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk