

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., October 20, 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 Representative E. C. Tillman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 1993. The motion passed unanimously.

INSURANCE RENEWALS

The Director of Finance submitted the following recommendations for the City's Worker's Compensation, General Liability and Law Enforcement Insurance Renewals. (1) Worker's Compensation, Jones, Hill and Mercer \$97,271.00 (2) General Liability Crum and Foster \$61,556.00 (3) Law Enforcement Crum and Foster \$22,154.00 (4) Public Officials, Crum and Foster \$11,386.00. Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the recommendations for Insurance Renewals as submitted by Staff. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

The following petitions for 1994 license renewals were submitted, having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, were on motion by Commissioner Herrington seconded by Commissioner Davis unanimously granted:

To retail alcoholic beverages including beers and wine for consumption on premises:

Sandra L. Webb at the Bamboo Lounge, 2717 R. Glynn Avenue;

Alfredo Jamie at El Potro Restaurant, 2806 Cypress Mill Road;

To retail beer and wine for consumption off premises:

Gregory T. Causey at Jack's Country Mall, 1101 First Street;

Joseph Baggarley at Lil' Champ #323, 2408 Newcastle Street;

Robert J. Eberhart at Lil' Champ #324, 803 Albemarle Street;

Robert J. Eberhart at Lil' Champ #325, 2401 Gloucester Street;
Thomas R. Monnin at Lil' Champ #337, 3320 Glynn Avenue;
Hershaerl S. Campbell at Lil' Champ #371, 1409 Gloucester Street;
Tracy E. Coolsby at Lil' Champ #379, 3001 Altama Avenue;
Bobby J. McQuaig at Lil' Champ #381, 1008 Bay Street;
Betty C. Eames at Lil Champ #390, 1910 Newcastle Street;
Curtis Gowen at the Sprint Store-Gowen Investment, 2935 Glynn Avenue;

To retail beer and wine for consumption on premises:

Janet Weston at Jinright Seafood House, 2815 Glynn Avenue;

To retail beers only for consumption on premises:

John D. Lewis at Pizza Hut, 4441 Altama Avenue;

To retail beers only for consumption off premises:

Timothy J. Burgess at Bay Service Station, 3227 Norwich Street;

Donald R. Barnhart at Revco Discount Drug Center, 1709 Gloucester Street;

To wholesale beer and wine:

Gary T. SHEffield at Sheffield Distributing Company, 2129 Line Street.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE RENEWALS

Petition received from Larry Spencer and Malcolm Goldin to retail liquors including beer and wine for consumption on premises at The 21 Club, 1807 L Street, having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager.

Commissioner Herrington asked if there were any problems in the past at 1807 L Street. Major Cowan stated there have not been any problems at that location in a while. Commissioner Herrington stated that the location has been known as a trouble spot and questioned if granting an alcoholic beverage license would interfere with the proposed L Street Project.

Commissioner Lawrence moved that all the licenses be granted. The motion died for lack of a second.

Joe Jaudon representing Jaudon and Associates was present to voice his concerns about issuing an alcoholic beverage license to the business at 1807 L Street. Mr. Jaudon stated that this is an area in our City that already has alcohol establishments. Residents in that area are involved with alcohol and drugs. Mr. Jaudon stated that his place of business was converted from an alcohol establishment to a laundromat. Mr. Jaudon stated

his concerns about the building being used as a club. Mr. Jaudon next reported that he differs with Major Cowan about the problems at 1807 L Street. Mr. Jaudon read an incident report for 1807 L Street from 1988 until the business closed. Mr. Jaudon complained about persons parking at his business, which is located down the Street from the Club. Club goers leave garbage and beer bottles on his property. Mr. Jaudon expressed his concern about loitering and vandalism in the area.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the Commission to defer taking any action until the residents can have an opportunity to give their input on the business being located in the area.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the building has been in the area a long time and that he thought it was unfair to judge the persons that are opening the establishment. Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that Police reports should not have anything to do with it because all establishments that sell alcoholic beverages have had a number of incidents at their businesses.

Malcolm Goldin was present and stated that he has done a substantial amount of research on the area, and that he was willing to put a substantial amount of money in the building. Mr. Goldin stated that he would create a safe place for people to go. Mr. Goldin described the type of security he would have policing the area, and also where people would be allowed to park. Mr. Goldin assured the Commission that his business would be a drug free and secure environment. Mr. Goldin further stated that he will be responsible for his business and he could be reached at home if it becomes necessary.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he would like to have some type of security agreement in writing.

State Representative Rev. E. C. Tillman was present and asked Mr. Goldin if he was familiar with the proposed L Street Project. Mr. Goldin stated that he knows about the widening of L Street, because it has been planned for many, many years but nothing has been done. Mr. Goldin further stated that he wanted to use the building on L Street because it had potential.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to defer the license of 1807 L Street until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant all the alcoholic beverage licenses. The motion passed unanimously.

CEMETERY DEED

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

- 1) Returning for resale N-10 feet and the S-10 feet of Lot No. 11, Section No. 125 in Palmetto Cemetery, from H. W. Rumley. Petitioner transferred M-10 feet of Lot No. 11 to Blanche R. Ward and Nancy R. Thurber. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

2) Transferring Lot No. 17, Section No. B-14 in Palmetto Cemetery from Jerry Kennedy to Carolyn Kennedy White. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

3) Transferring Lot No. 21, Section No. B-7 in Palmetto Cemetery from Mrs. T. R. Johns to Mrs. Ruby Robinson. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of September were submitted and were ordered filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Metro Squad (4) Community Development (5) Municipal Court (6) Recorder's Court and Uncollectible Water Accounts. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the reports. The motion passed unanimously.

ONE-WAY SOUTH AMHERST ST.

The City Manager stated that he received a petition from First African Baptist Church to change traffic from Gloucester to Monck Street and from Monck Street to Mansfield One-way South on Amherst Street.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to hold a Public Hearing on November 3, 1993 to change traffic one-way South on Amherst Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that persons should be notified in the area about the Public Hearing set for November 3, 1993.

State Representative Rev. E. C. Tillman was present to discuss the L Street Project. He asked the City to vote on whether they intended to continue to support the L Street Project.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to vote again to support the L Street project. Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City needs to meet with the County before any decision is made. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the discussion about the L Street project Commissioner Herrington recommended that the City Manager write a letter stating that the City still supports the L Street Project. This met the consensus of the Commission.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Major Cowan recommended that the residents in the City celebrate Halloween on Saturday instead of Sunday from 6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of staff to celebrate Halloween in the City of Brunswick on Saturday, October 30, 1993. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFUNDED MANDATES

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

A RESOLUTION ON UNFUNDED MANDATES

WHEREAS, In recent years, cities, counties and school systems have been burdened by a growing number of costly unfunded mandates imposed on them by the state and federal governments; and,

WHEREAS, these mandates have added to the financial hardships that some local governments are experiencing and have resulted in the need for many local governments to increase revenues or curtail services; and,

WHEREAS, studies have shown these mandates consume one-fourth of most city, county and school budgets, costing \$1.2 billion in Georgia in 1991, meaning that these local dollars are used to fund state and federal priorities rather than local priorities; and,

WHEREAS, these unfunded mandates are actually backdoor tax increases imposed by the General Assembly, the Congress and their regulatory agencies upon Georgia's local governments, which violate the principles in home rule and political accountability; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Dick Lane of East Point, Georgia, has introduced H.R. 10 in the Georgia General Assembly, which would place a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot in November of 1994 to allow the voters of Georgia the opportunity to decide whether or not they want to limit the unfair practice of unfunded state mandates; and,

WHEREAS, these are numerous proposals before Congress to limit unfunded mandates and the burdensome regulations that accompany many federal laws.

WHEREAS, October 27, 1993, has been designated as National Unfunded Mandates Day in order to call attention to the severe problems that these mandates impose on cities, counties and school systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Brunswick that the General Assembly is requested to pass H.R. 10, a Constitutional Amendment to allow the voters of Georgia the opportunity to end the unfair and costly practice of mandates without funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick requests that Congress pass meaningful legislation to end this unfair practice of unfunded mandates, including reform of the regulatory process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick has proclaimed October 27, 1993 as Unfunded Mandates Day in Brunswick; in observance of Nation

Unfunded Mandates Day.

COASTAL GEORGIA BOUNDARIES

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

WHEREAS, the coastal counties of Georgia make up an integral environmental region with unique resources, development opportunities and resource management concerns; and

WHEREAS, the coastal Georgia region has been served successfully for many years under one regional planning agency, the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center and its predecessor, the Coastal Area Planning and Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, the coastal Georgia counties share unique resource development opportunities and constraints, including special areas of great value to residents of the region, state, and nation, such as historical sites, beaches, estuaries, and barrier islands; and

WHEREAS, the coastal Georgia region must consider development impacts on these resources in determining resources of regional importance, developments of regional impact, and in implementing local and regional plans for the future growth of coastal Georgia; and

WHEREAS, review of development proposals under the coordinated planning program presently being implemented requires regional analysis of projects in terms of their projected impacts on multi-jurisdictional areas and resources unique to the coast; and

WHEREAS, any attempt to fragment the coast into two or more regional planning districts each under a separate RDC would result in costly duplication of planning and review responsibilities as they apply to resources and development impacts unique to the coastal environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick strongly advocates retaining the coastal counties presently being served by the CGRDC as one integral regional planning district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick emphatically urges that the Joint Senate-House Study Committee include the entire coast as one planning region in their recommendation to the General Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick would welcome participation in the RDC by any additional adjacent counties which desire to be included within the boundary of the Coastal Georgia RDC region.

Commissioner Davis reported that trash is still being left in the median on the streets. She stated that she would like to see workers more concerned about picking up trash.

The City Manager reported that the City will be divided in three zones that workers would be assigned to. He stated that he would like to make a presentation at the next Commission meeting about the zones.

Commissioner Herrington brought up for discussion the disposal of car tires in the City. The City Manager stated that he and the County Administrator is trying to work out an agreement for the City to bring tires at the landfill for disposal instead of paying the current fee of \$1 per tire.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City have in place an ordinance allowing persons to place trash on the curb three days before the trash is scheduled to be picked up.

Mayor Wilson recommended that the City proceed with the Railroad crossing on Newcastle at "P" Street if the insurance has been agreed upon.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to proceed with the Railroad Crossing on the Torras property. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he was under the impression that no action would be taken on the Torras property until the City receives a report from the City Manager and Mr. Torras.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that the reports were submitted on Friday by the City Manager. Commissioner Darrisaw thanked the City Manager and City Attorney for the reports.

Mr. Jaudon inquired about the dilapidated house next to his office at 1423 Lee Street. The City Attorney stated that he will ask the Municipal Court Judge to hold another hearing on the property. The City Attorney stated that he will request a rezoning of the said property.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk