

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., NOVEMBER 3, 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 Herrington seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Called Meeting of October 13, 1993 and the Regular Meeting of October 20, 1993. The motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTING MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION:

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

AD VALOREM TAX RESOLUTION

It is hereby resolved by the Commission of the City of Brunswick that an ad valorem tax of thirty-two dollars and twenty-six cents (32.26) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation is hereby levied and assessed for the calendar year 1993 upon all tangible property that is subject to taxation within the City. Pursuant to official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 48-891, it is further resolved that said millage rate of 32.26 mils shall be reduced by twenty and seventy-one one-hundredths (20.71) mils, that being the millage rate which, if levied against the tangible property within the City of Brunswick, would produce an amount equal to the distribution of local option sales tax received by the City of Brunswick during 1992, leaving a net millage rate of eleven and fifty-five one-hundredths (11.55) mils, which shall be the millage rate upon which each taxpayer's bill shall be based.

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 of Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Herrington unanimously granted:

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

Rocky Harwood at Holiday Inn/Lili's, 3302 Glynn Avenue;

Scott B. Jackmore at Red Carpet Lounge, 300 F Street;

J. R. Miller, Jr. at 7-11 Liquors/BYC, 210 Monck Street

R. E. Godley at BPOE #691 Elks Lounge, 1509 Union Street

Paul L. Marshall at Veterans of Foreign Wars, 2120 Davis Street

Leonard J. Cahoon, Jr. at Boilermaker Club, 1818 ½ Wolfe Street;

To retail alcoholic beverages for consumption off premises:

Peter J. Nermoe at Bottle Time Liquors, 1900 First Street;

Jim Gibson at Gibson Beverage Center, 3304 Glynn Avenue;

To retail beer and wine for consumption off premises:

Jerry L. Adams at Conoco # 10051, 3879 Altama Avenue;

Robert Jack Herrin at Jack's BP Food Mart, 2816 Cypress Mill Road;

Theresa L. Felts at Happy Store #372, 3319 Glynn Avenue

To retail beer and wine for consumption on premises:

William Robertson at Grapevine Café, 1519 Newcastle Street;

Maria L. Tresvant at Chikos Lounge, 1916 Norwich Street;

Jim Gibson at J. P.'s Spirit and Wine, 3304 Glynn Ave.;

Kam Mee Chow at New China Restaurant, 3202 Glynn Ave.;

Murray K. Wilson at the Oyster Box, 2129 Glynn Ave.;

To retail beer only for consumption on premises:

Z. L. Copper at Green Tavern, 1102 L Street;

Henry Fernandes at Brunswick Yacht Club, U.S. 17;

Nancy H. Cahoon at Nan's Confectionary, 1828 Wolfe Street;

To retail beer only for consumption off premises:

Dennis J. Sullivan at King & Prince Seafood Corp., 100 Lanier Blvd.,;

To wholesale beer and wine:

Michael C. Carlos at Standard Distributors Co, 1725 T Street.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the date, time and place for public hearing on proposal to change Amherst Street between Gloucester and Mansfield Street a one-way street.

Charles McGhee resident of Amherst Street stated that he lived in the 1300 Block and changing Amherst Street to a one-way street would inconvenience the residents in that block. The school traffic is awful in that area.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he walked in the 1400 and 1300 blocks on Amherst Street and talked with the residents about changing Amherst Street to a one-way street. Commissioner Lawrence further stated that residents in the

1300 block had problems with the change; a resident in the 1400 block did not have any problems with the change.

Commissioner Herrington stated that changing Amherst Street to one-way would cause problems, and the traffic is so bad it needs to remain a two-way street.

Margaret Hulett resident of the 1300 Block Of Amherst Street stated that residents do not have any problems with traffic in the 1300 Block because the school children always come north on Amherst Street and turn on to Monck Street and go to the school's parking lot. She further stated that the residents do not see a need for a one-way street. On Sundays there are not traffic problems with the First African Baptist Church because the members never park in the 1300 block of Amherst Street. Mrs. Hulett asked that Amherst Street be changed from one-way to Monck Street.

Rev. Rance Pettibone, Pastor of the First African Baptist Church asked the Commission to look at Amherst Street for safety purposes.

Rev. Pettibone stated that Amherst Street is not conducive to two-way traffic. It is impossible for any one to get out of Amherst Street on the Gloucester Street. A lot of children walk down Amherst Street in the street and there are no sidewalks. On Saturdays cars are parked on both sides of Amherst Street, drivers are weaving in and out on Amherst Street. It's through the grace of God that no one has been killed on Amherst Street. Rev. Pettibone pointed out that for safety purposes the street should be changed to one-way or widened to a two-way Street to comply with the traffic conditions.

Commissioner Herrington asked if anyone from the Engineering Department looked at Amherst Street.

The City Manager stated that he has not had anyone from the Engineering Department to look at Amherst Street. The City Manager further stated that he received a memo from Major Cowan of the Police Department about traffic conditions on Amherst Street. The City Manager read the memo from the Police Department supporting the recommendation to change Amherst Street to a one-way street based on the traffic in the area.

Mr. McGhee stated that there is not a lot of traffic on Amherst Street. The traffic that is on Amherst Street is from the Church. MR. McGhee stated that the residents would be inconvenienced for seven days if Amherst Street is changed to one-way.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he could not support changing Amherst Street one-way in just one block.

Mayor Wilson stated that he observed the traffic in the afternoon on Amherst Street and it is impossible for cars to get out on Gloucester Street. Mayor Wilson agreed with Commissioner Herrington that one block is hard to rationalize changing to one-way traffic.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to allow time for the church and community to have come dialog and come up with a compromise and some type of solution to bring to the Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

BID RECOMMENDATION ON COMPOSTING PLANT

The City Manager submitted a list of bid recommendations for equipment for the composting plant. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of staff to accept the low bids in the amount of \$543,764.00. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATION

Ken George representing the Hands of Hope appeared before the Commission to request that the City adopt a school to give food boxes to the needy families at a cost of 430.00 per food box for 4 to 6 families. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to contribute boxes to two schools. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to set the due date for collection of City taxes to January 31, 1994.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to advertise the position of the Police Chief. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City Clerk to advertise the vacancy on the Hospital Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Goldin appeared before the Commission to discuss the alcoholic beverage license for Club 21. Mr. Goldin stated that he has met with Mr. Jaudon and Major Cowan of the Police Department, and he requested that the city grant him an alcoholic beverage license for Club 21.

Commissioner Davis stated that Mr. Goldin was not on the Agenda and asked that the Commission defer the matter. Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to take action at the next meeting on the alcoholic beverage license for Club 21. The motion passed unanimously.

Homer L. Wilson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Georgia E. Marion, City Clerk