

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 17, 1993

Present: His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Otis Herrington, Roosevelt Lawrence, and Doris A. Davis.

Absent: Commissioner G. E. Darrisaw

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mark Mitchell, City Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 1993. The motion passed unanimously.

EMPLOYEES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Jim Lanier, representing the Center for Family Growth appeared before the Commission to give a report on the Employees Assistance Program. Mr. Lanier submitted a EAP Summary of the services City Employees received for 1992-93. Mr. Lanier requested that a contract for the Employees Assistance program for 93-94 be granted to the Center for Family Growth in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Commissioner Herrington asked how many employees returned for visits that were alcohol and stress related. Mr. Lanier stated that the names of persons who attended programs are confidential.

Mayor Wilson asked how much counseling employees receive before they are released and how many repeat offenders are counseled for drug addiction.

Mr. Lanier stated that it does not cost the City anymore if employees make visits 4 or 40 times and all visits are shown in his report.

Commissioner Davis stated that repeat offenders abuse the program and questioned alcohol and drug abusers that constantly come in for assistance.

The City Manager explained the type of assistance or help that is rendered when employees seek counseling.

Commissioner Lawrence asked how many employees and their families are repeat offenders and whether records were kept on employees before and after they started the program. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he did not know whether employees were attending the program, but based on honesty the City must accept Mr. Lanier's report on how many employees visited.

Mayor Wilson stated that the church doors are open for persons to seek help for all kinds of problems. Mayor Wilson stressed that he did not want to

take away from the program, however people should go to a higher authority to seek help first.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion granting the Employees Assistance Program to provide employment assistance services for a period of 1 year to City employees in the amount of \$6,000.00. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 1. Commissioner Lawrence voting No.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Petition received from 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 Police Chief and the City Manager.

Commissioner Herrington stated that his concerns are about the problems that have occurred at 1807 L Street over the years. He further stated that he was against any business serving alcohol opening in that location.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would be the first person to take action to close the business if anything happens at 1807 L Street. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant petition.

On call for the question the motion passed by vote of 3 to 1, Commissioner Herrington voting No.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

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

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

Stephen Brown at Garry's 1880, 4420 Altama Avenue;

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Jack W. Wilder at The Lounge, 2027 Stacy Street;

Eddie L. West at Club 87/Fourth Street Grill, 1604 Fourth Street;

Linda Strayhorn at The Jug, 1300 London Street;

John Roy Collins at Temptation, 4420 Altama Avenue;

Jacob Manley at Cutrate Beverage Center, 1411 L Street;

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

Paul Henry at The Fountain, 2300 Norwich Street;

Percy L. Lawrence at Dixville Package Store, 1509 1/2 London Street;

H. E. Bluestein at the Grog Shoppe, 1701 Norwich Street;

To retail beers and wine for consumption off premises:

Alan Cody at Eckerd's #439, 4525 Altama Avenue;

Henry Sowell at Bunky's Foods, 2803 Glynn Avenue;

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

To retail beers and wines for consumption off premises:

Ding Mu Lai at Golden Dragon, 3102 Glynn Avenue;

To retail beers only for consumption on premises:

Clarence Wilkerson at Pat's Lounge, 1408 Monck Street;

Joe W. Dunkin at Bono's of Georgia, Inc., 2926 Cypress Mill Road.

POLICE GRANT

The City Manager gave an overview of the Police Hiring Supplement Program grant made available through the Justice Department for Large and small cities.

The Director of Community Development explained the grant procedures and the different criteria that must be met in completing the grant application. The federal share for the program would be \$225,000.00 and the City would make a cash match and in kind services of the remaining \$225,355.00.

Major T. C. Cowan interim Police Chief spoke on programs that the grant would help provide in the Police Department, additional Police Officers will be added to the Bike Patrol and Crime Prevention.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commission Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the Brunswick Police Department to apply for funding of \$225,000.00 and the remaining \$225,355.00 will be cash match and in kind services. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports were received for the month of October were submitted and were ordered filed as information:

(1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Municipal Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Accounts.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to accept the reports. The motion passed unanimously.

CEMETERY DEED

Petition of Geneva Walker for deed to Spaces C, D, E & F of Lot No. 5, Section No. 99 in Greenwood Cemetery in lieu of original deed, which has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership. On motion of Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Lawrence the petition was unanimously granted.

ELECTION RESULTS

The City Clerk submitted the following consolidated returns of the General Municipal Election of November 2, 1993 signed by Cecil Little, Superintendent of Election and his assistants:

For Commissioner at Large -- Mayor N. E. Armstrong received 475 votes, Otis Herrington received 499 votes and Homer L. Wilson received 1,181 votes. For Commissioner of the North Ward Incumbent Roosevelt Lawrence received 1,374 votes. For Commissioner of the South Ward James MacLeod received 1,237 votes. Mayor Homer Wilson was elected for another term of 4 years. Roosevelt Lawrence was re-elected as Commissioner of the North Ward for a term of 4 years. James Macleod was elected as Commissioner of the South Ward for a term of 4 years.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion accepting the General Municipal Election results of November 2, 1993. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that Wayne County has adopted an Ordinance charging an Environmental Assessment Fee of \$3.00 per ton. The City Manager expressed his concerns about the fee and recommended that he inform the Wayne County Manager that the City does not agree with the \$3.00 land application fee.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to contact the Wayne Commission and stress the City Commission's objections to the Land Application fee. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager next reported that a meeting will be held with the Norwich Street Merchants and the Downtown Development Authority.

Commissioner Herrington brought up for discussion moving the Building Inspections Department back to the City.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like the City manager to work on a proposal for the City's Building Inspections Department.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to transfer the Building Inspections Department from Glynn County to the City of Brunswick. The motion failed by vote of 2 to 2. Commissioner Herrington and Davis voting yes, and Mayor Wilson and Commissioner Lawrence voting No.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like the City to adopt a curfew ordinance to keep under age kids off the streets after 9:00 P. M.

The City Attorney stated that curfews are unconstitutional.

Commissioner Herrington expressed his feelings about the Commission making a decision issuing a license to a business that effects the quality of life with violence.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like the City Manager to look into the matter and wait until there is a full Commission to vote on transferring the Department back to the City.

Zack Lyde gave his personal opinion about voting on items that are not part of the printed agenda.

The City Attorney reported that he would advertise for a Public Hearing on rezoning of property in the 1400 Block of Lee Street.

Meeting Adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk