

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., December 15, 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 Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 1993. The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER HERRINGTON

Mayor Wilson presented a plaque to Commissioner Otis Herrington in recognition of 3 years of dedicated service as Commissioner of the South Ward. Received with appreciation.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the date, time and place for public hearing on proposal to rezone 1422 Lee Street and 1710 Gloucester Street from General Residential to Local Commercial.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant petition for rezoning of property at 1422 Lee Street and 1710 Gloucester Street from General Residential to Local Commercial.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he had a problem with rezoning 1422 Lee Street to Local Commercial.

The City Attorney discussed the zoning of property in the area on Gloucester Street and Lee Street. He stated that most of the property is zoned Office Commercial on Gloucester Street and Residential on Lee Street.

On call for the question the motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Director of Finance submitted proposals for renewal of Group Health Insurance and Stop Loss Insurance. He recommended that the low bid of Administrative Claim Service, Inc. in the amount of \$98,434.08 for Stop Loss and \$24,626.40 for Administration be accepted. Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Herrington seconded the motion to accept the recommendation

of staff in the amount of \$123,060.48 for Group Health Insurance Renewal for the third year of a three-year contract, effective January 1, 1994.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

The following alcoholic beverage petitions for 1994 license renewals were submitted, having been approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager, were on motion of Commissioner Lawrence seconded by Davis unanimously granted: To retail alcoholic beverages including beers and wine for consumption on premises:

Lawrence E. Walker, Jr. at Harbor Lights Cafe, 1406 Newcastle Street;

Pablo Cruz at Su Casa, 2307 Gloucester Street;

To retail beer only for consumption on premises:

Albert White at A & W Fast Foods, 1110 G Street;

Johnny L. Hillery at Golden Isles Top Hat, 1302 Gloucester Street.

POLICE CHIEF CRIME UPDATE

Major T. C. Cowan of the Brunswick Police Department was present to give an update on arrest in the murders that occurred in Brunswick. Major Cowan announced that Carl Harris, 57 was arrested for the murder of Cheryl Coleman, Jamaree' Coleman and Essie M. Dowdey. Major Cowan commended members of the Homicide Task Force, members of the Brunswick and Glynn County Police Departments, Glynn and Camden County Sheriffs Departments, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the FBI for making the investigation a success. Major Cowan stated that cooperation from the task force and support from the City Commission was the key that led to the arrest of the Sanitation Worker.

Mayor Wilson thanked Major Cowan and stated that he was very appreciative of the Police Force making the City of Brunswick safe.

Commissioners Herrington, Lawrence, Davis and Darrisaw commended Major Cowan for his dedication in solving the serial murders.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of November were submitted and were 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 Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the monthly reports. The motion passed unanimously.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROPERTY REQUEST

The City Attorney reported that tract 124A of Urban Renewal property 180' x 180' is presently being advertised in the Brunswick News for bids.

Attorney Doug Alexander was present and stated that Habitat for Humanity is looking at other lots that the City has acquired at tax sales. Attorney Alexander thanked the Commission for their assistance.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City should move slowly on selling lots. Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that residents on L Street that have to give up their lots should be given first choice on City lots that are for sale, because these people are being forced from their property.

Commissioner Darrisaw asked the Director of Community Development to clear the matter about the list of 38 vacant lots that were given to Habitat. The Director of Community Development stated that the list of 38 lots was given to him from the County Tax Office. He explained that the City Manager assisted with reviewing the list and they found 13 lots out of the 38 that were suitable for development.

TITLE III CONTRACT

The Director of Community Development submitted a bid from S & W Enterprises for transportation services to and from the Multipurpose Center, shopping areas, medical services and other community services. The Director of Community Development recommended that the City accept the low bid of S & W Enterprises in the amount of \$28,320.00. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of Staff. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION TELECOMMUNICATION CONTRACT

The City Manager submitted forms and instructions that the City of Brunswick would have to review to make sure the FCC requirements are being met by Century Cable. The City Manager explained that contracting with GMA telecommunication service the City would receive assistance with renewing Century Cable Franchise agreement for 1994 and with completing the contract forms. The City Manager stated that the fees for the services would cost about \$9,800 per year and recommended that the City enter into a contract with GMA for 1 year for Telecommunication Management Services.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to enter into a contract for 1 year with GMA Telecommunication in the amount of \$9,800.00. The motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The City Manager reported that a letter was written to the County Administrator about the concerns the City had with the Building Inspections

Department.

Jymie Herrington was present and stated that the City is giving away assets and the County should give some of the money back to the City that is collected for the Inspections within the City limits. Mrs. Herrington stated that she was concerned with City residents having to wait until after 12:00 P. M. to get the County to take care of inspections in the City.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that the City should look seriously at bringing the Building Inspections back to the City, and steps should be taken at the next meeting to transfer the Inspections Department to the City.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he brought the proposal before the Commission four times, pointing out that the Inspections Department would provide another source of revenue for the City and it would be more convenient for City residents to have inspections done in a timely manner.

Commissioner Herrington offered a motion to transfer the Building Inspections Department back to the City. The motion died because there was not a second to the motion.

Commissioner Lawrence asked how long would it take to put the Building Inspections Department in operation.

The City Manager stated that he was checking to see if persons had to attend the University of Georgia to receive a Building Inspector certifications, pointing out that building codes have changed and the City would have to meet all minimum state codes. The City Manager stated that an appeals process needs to be put in place to hear appeals.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to look into options and defer until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Jymie Herrington appeared before the Commission to discuss concerns of citizens in the City. Mrs. Herrington stated she was concerned about crime in the City and praised Major Cowan for solving the recent murders in the City. Mrs. Herrington asked the Commission to select a Police Chief. Mrs. Herrington's next concern was keeping the City of Brunswick Clean. She stated that some areas are not kept clean and asked the Commission to enforce Laws to keep the City clean. Mrs. Herrington discussed replacing sewer lines on MLK Blvd. and City residents using the Cate Road landfill.

Mayor Wilson addressed Mrs. Herrington concerns and advised her about the services that are administered by the City. Mayor Wilson stated that the Commission wants to curb crime in the City and commended the Police Department for curbing crime in the City.

Mayor Wilson expressed his concerns about the City residents that do not have trucks to transport their trash to the Cate Road Landfill. Many residents place their trash on streets. Mayor Wilson stated that the City

was charging a fee for picking up trash, but the fee was rescinded when City residents put their trash in vacant areas.

The City Manager explained the cost of using the County's landfill. He estimated how much it would cost the City to use the landfill in Camden County. The City Manager stated that the cost would exceed what the City is paying the County to purchase a new landfill.

The City Manager submitted a request from Peter Nermoe for use of the City's right-of-way to provide four parking spaces for his business on First and Altama Avenue. The City Manager stated that the Department of Transportation approved a curb cut and Mr. Nermoe would maintain the City's property.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant an encroachment to Mr. Nermoe. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that he wrote a letter to the Department of Transportation about the traffic on Highway 17.

The City Manager reported that the Hospital Authority chose Levern Carter to fill the unexpired term of the late Ben Jaudon.

The City Manager reported that he received a request from Marine Response located in Savannah, Georgia to use the City dock to conduct field training on January 26-27, 1994.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to grant request. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Davis commended the Director of Public Works for cleaning Windsor Park.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Attorney to look into the curfew law. The City Attorney stated that he will have something in writing at the next meeting.

Mayor Wilson reported that Howe and Union Street has been cut and not repaired. He stated that he would like to see streets repaired.

Mayor Wilson next reported that a house in the 800 Block of Amherst Street burned down and he would like to see materials picked up from the resident.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

City Clerk