

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., February 2, 1994**

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Dr. James MacLeod.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 1994. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sharon Henderson, representing the Old Town Preservation presented a plaque to Chief Lee Stewart of the Brunswick Fire Department in recognition of outstanding contributions the Fire Department made to the Historic District of Brunswick.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the date, time and place for public hearing to rezone a portion of 1503 Gloucester Street, the building former building of H&H Service Store from Office Commercial to General Commercial. Roy Smith, present owner of property, stated that he wished to have a portion of the H&H Service Center rezoned to General Commercial. Rev. Zack Lyde questioned whether the proposed rezoning was properly advertised. The City Manager stated that signs were posted and the proposed zoning has been duly advertised. Mayor Wilson stated that this was the first of two public hearings that would be held on the proposed rezoning.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SURVEY GRANT

The Community Development Director presented the Commission with information regarding the 1994 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application. The handout listed the deadline for submitting the grant, the funding priorities and funding amounts. The Director further stated that the approximate amount of funding available statewide is \$40,000.00 with the minimum being \$1,000.00. These funds require a 60/40 federal/local matching basis with part of the local match being in-kind.

CURFEW ORDINANCE

The City Attorney reported that a copy of the Curfew Ordinance was submitted to the Commission at the last meeting, and the age of minors and the hours for minors should be outlined in the Ordinance. Mayor Wilson recommended that the Commission discuss the curfew age and hours in a work session. Mayor Wilson questioned how the offenders would be prosecuted. The City Attorney stated that unruly children are being addressed in Juvenile Court. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to discuss the Curfew Ordinance at a work session and requested the presence of the Interim

Police Chief. The motion passed unanimously. Citizens in attendance at the meeting requested that the public be notified of the date and time of the work session.

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENTS

The Director of Finance submitted policy amendment changes for the City's Group Health Insurance to the Commission at the last meeting. The Director stated that the Insurance Committee met and recommended the changes in benefits and premiums. Commissioner MacLeod stated that he supports the changes in the City's Group Health Insurance. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of staff. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Ken Plyman appeared before the Commission to request that Mayor's Point Terminal be renamed after former Mayor Reginald Holtzendorf. Mr. Plyman stated that Mr. Holtzendorf made many contributions to the Port, and the Community should show their appreciation and honor him while he is still alive. Mr. Plyman recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution to rename Mayor's Point Terminal after Reginald Holtzendorf and present it to State Representative Rev. E. C. Tillman to forward the resolution to the State Legislators in Atlanta. Mr. Plyman pointed out that he did contact Governor Miller about signing a bill renaming the Port. Mayor Wilson stated that former Mayor Holtzendorf put a great deal of time and work in making Mayor's Point Terminal a valuable Port in Brunswick. The City Manager stated that he spoke to representatives of the Port Authority, and he was informed of the procedures that the City would have to follow in order to rename the Port after a person who is still living. Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City Manager should investigate the matter to see if there would be any penalties for renaming the Port. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that the City Manager and City Attorney should look into renaming the Port. Rev. Zack Lyde stated that he realized that Mr. Holtzendorf has done a lot of work for the Port and others have also contributed a lot and all of them should be honored. Mr. Plyman stated that he was only requesting that the City send a resolution in support of renaming the Port to the State Legislators and let the Governor decide whether the name should be changed. Commissioner Darrisaw recommended that the City Attorney and City Manager get the information about renaming the Port and forward it to the Commission.

John Debruhl, representing the Catholic School requested that the PTA be given permission to cover up the sidewalks at the school. Mr. Debruhl stated that the sidewalks are about two feet and extends to the curb and a variance would have to be issued by the City. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he did not have any objections and requested that the City Attorney find out if there would be any liability. No action was taken it met the general consensus of the Commission.

Mayor Wilson left the meeting at 9:16 A.M. Mayor Pro-Tem Darrisaw presided over the meeting.

Interim Police Chief T. C. Cowan submitted information on the Cadet program. Chief Cowan discussed the beginning of the Public Involvement Project that would stop crime in the City. Chief Cowan issued pamphlets and stickers to the Commission on the project. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving \$200.00 for the Police Department to print pamphlets for the Public Involvement Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Brady Adams appeared before the Commission to discuss crime in the City and bridging the gap between Public Officials and the Community. Mr. Adams explained that he would like to go door to door to get the pulse of the Community and present his findings to Commission in order that they may implement a policy to close the gap. Mr. Adams recommended that the City appoint a liaison and set up an office to achieve closing the gap between Public Officials

and the Community. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like to take what Mr. Adams discussed in consideration. No action was taken by the Commission.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager recommended that the City change their long distance carrier from AT&T to MCI and enter into an agreement with MCI. Commissioner MacLeod moved that the recommendation of the City Manager to change the City's long distance services to MCI. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that a deep hole on the corner of J and Stonewall Streets next to Mt. Olive Baptist Church needs to be repaired.

The City Attorney stated that there are 2 lots, 90 x 100 feet on Watkins Street that could be used to build on. The City Attorney stated that he would make a report at the next meeting.

The City Attorney stated that he would like to discuss the ordinances for the Building Inspections Department at the next meeting.

Commissioner Davis reported that she had an opportunity to visit the H Street Community Center. Commissioner Davis stated that water coolers, showers and another bathroom is needed at the Community Center. Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the Recreation Director attend the next meeting to give an update on Recreation Facilities in the City.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter.

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Pro-Tem Darrisaw announced that the Commission has been updated on the status of pending ligation as it applies to recent alleged activities in the Brunswick Fire Department. While the Commission is not insensitive to this situation as it is now a matter of ligation the Commission can have no further comment at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk