

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
CALLED MEETING  
7:00 P. M., AUGUST 29, 1994**

**PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence,  
Doris A. Davis, Dr. James  
MacLeod and Ken Plyman.

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

Mayor Wilson announced that this meeting has been called to discuss the Bay Street Property.

The City Manager reported that he met with the Chief of Police to discuss the alternatives the Police Department had for parking vehicles on the property owned by the City. The City Manager stated that he felt they could work within the space the City has by moving some vehicles that have been wrecked over the past year, and declaring them surplus and storing them in another area. He further stated that Police Chief Cowan has looked at the property and with some restriping and some reconfiguration most of the vehicles could be parked on that property.

The City Manager stated that the Chief of Police spoke with Mr. Dawson of the Ports Authority and in the event the City has some seized vehicles they still have to maintain security over, the Port Authority would have some space available over at Mayor's Port Terminal to park the vehicles.

Police Chief Cowan stated that the seized vehicles would be placed at a different location, but if it becomes necessary the City would use the space available at the Ports Authority. He stated that he could make it work at least on a temporary basis until the City gets more space available at some other location.

The City Manager stated that he was not requesting any authorization to fence in any area or spend any money. The City would abide by the bank's request to remove the City vehicles from that location. He stated that the City did not feel that it was in the best interest that they make an offer based on the price that was placed on the property at the present time.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City could save some money on having to fix up the other lot. Commissioner MacLeod asked if the Port Authority was planning to charge a fee for the use of their property.

The City Manager stated that there would be no charge for using the lot. He stated that he understood Commissioner Plyman spoke with Mr. Bishop at First Georgia Bank and they have agreed to give the City until September 15th, to move their vehicles. The City Manager indicated that the Commission received a letter stating that the bank requested that the City vehicles be moved by September 1st. The Bank has agreed to give the City an extension of two weeks to do some striping and other things they need to do.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned the amount of vehicles the Police Department had on the lot. Police Chief Cowan stated that it was approximately twenty four vehicles on the lot. Commissioner Plyman asked how many of the vehicles were Police cars. Police Chief Cowan stated that all but five were Police vehicles.

Commissioner Plyman asked how many serviceable vehicles the Police Department had in the Department and how many would be disposed of this year, and why the Police had so many Patrol vehicles. Police Chief Cowan stated that there were fifty eight serviceable vehicles including twelve new cars that was in the past budget, and nine new cars in the present

budget.

Police Chief Cowan stated that most of the vehicles are not patrol vehicles, some of them are dedicated out to campus patrol, Housing Authority and some are Detective vehicles and Drug Squad vehicles and other support service units and other special vehicles like crime scene vehicles.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City discussed using the property south of the other property. The City is still in need of a garage. He stated that he would like for the Commission to ride with him one day to look at the facilities that are used for maintenance. Public Works has a one stall garage in use and there is no room for other vehicles while a garbage truck is being repaired. He mentioned the garage on Newcastle Street needs a pit so the workers could stand up and work on cars. Commissioner Plyman requested that the City entertain getting a bid on using the lot South of the property to build a structure to be used as a garage.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City could build something on the west side of the present structure and place a vent to service vehicles.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to use the property the City presently owns to store City vehicles. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager reported that the County requested that the City participate with them in a joint auction of surplus equipment and vehicles. The City Manager recommended that the City participate in the auction because in the past the auction worked best with both entities producing a large number of vehicles and equipment that attracted a bigger crowd and the City got a better price. A list of surplus items would be presented at the second meeting in September for the Commission to declare surplus.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to hold an auction jointly with the County on October 1st. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk