

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., April 5, 1995**

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 Mark Mitchell, City Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Meeting of March 15, 1995. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO THE SONS OF THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Scott Newbern a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans proclaiming April as History and Heritage month in the City of Brunswick.

Received with words of appreciation.

APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion reappointing James Anderson to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY BOARD

The City Manager stated that the names of the persons that will serve on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee should be submitted in ninety days. The City Manager reported that the Solid Waste Advisory Board appointments was advertised in the Brunswick News and there was no interest from citizens in the Community to serve on the Board.

The consensus was to have each Commissioner appoint one citizen to serve on the Solid Waste Advisory Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the dated, time and place for Public Hearing on proposal to rezone Lots 26 thru 32 and 1/2 of Lot No. 33 Block D of Washington Heights and Lots 13 and 14 of Block D of Washington Heights from GR General Residential District to GC General Commercial District.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to deny the application for the proposed rezoning. The motion passed unanimously.

This being the date, time and place for Public Hearing on proposal to rezone Lot No. 1 of Suburban Estates from R-9 One Family Residential District to General Commercial District.

The City Manager stated that the residents indicated that they did not object to a Dentist Office in the area.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he mentioned that he would like for the rezoning to be narrowed to Limited Medical.

The City Manager stated that by looking at the Zoning Ordinance the Medical Zoning and the Limited Medical are intended to be placed in zones immediately surrounding the Hospital and not for areas away from it.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he thought the Commission had the latitude to restrict the zoning to Limited Medical. The City Manager stated that the area is too far away from the Hospital and the area could be zoned Office Commercial.

The City Attorney stated that he would have to study the Zoning Ordinance to make sure that the Ordinance could be amended to place Limited Medical in different areas of the City. The City Attorney stated that he would get back to the Commission before the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion granting the rezoning from R-9 One Family Residential District to LM Limited Medical. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Evelyn Waldron representing citizens of Goodyear Park, Montpelier and Northside Estates appeared before the Commission to discuss the open ditches on the South side of Kaiser Avenue from Maple Road to the west side of the parking lot that was constructed for the employees of the Southeast Georgia Regional Medical Center on property owned by Hercules Inc. Mrs. Waldron stated that a dangerous environmental and health hazard was caused from open ditches on the South side of Kaiser Avenue and around the South and West Side of the employee's parking lot. These ditches has not been dry in the past three years and water has stood continuously and has been a continuous breeding ground for thousands of mosquitos and frogs. Rats, snakes, possums and coons also breed in the stumps at Hercules.

Mrs. Waldron stated that residents in the area have been working to correct the germ creating problem, which has been created because of careless workmanship in building the parking lot for Hospital employees. Mrs. Waldron stated that it is also a health hazard to families that live in the area and also to the Hospital. Mr. Waldron requested that the disaster be corrected immediately and the parking lot be properly connected with the drain line on the South side of Kaiser Avenue.

Mrs. Waldron stated that the contamination and unhealthy environment was a disgrace to any area and especially at a hospital where a \$56 million dollar expansion project was being considered. Mrs. Waldron stated that the residents would oppose the expansion of the hospital if these problems are not addressed within sixty days. Mrs. Waldron also stated that the residents would be forced to file a lawsuit against the parties who are responsible for creating the unhealthy disaster and causing the devaluating of property in the area.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Manager if the water could be drained from the parking lot. The City Manager stated that the City would have to replace drainage pipes. It met the consensus of the Commission to have City workers work on the drainage problems in the parking lot next week.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to make sure that the problems with the rodents in the neighborhood are taken care of.

Dr. Brooks Taylor appeared before the Commission to request the use of the former Glynn-Paton building on Norwich Street to be used as a personal care home for persons with aids. Dr. Taylor stated that the aids virus is spreading in the Brunswick community and the Health Department would like to be responsible for out patient care of person with aids. There are many destitute patients in Brunswick that do not have a place to live, and they are hospitalized.

Dr. Taylor stated that the Board of Health would like to start a program in Brunswick and apply for a one million dollar grant. Commissioner Lawrence questioned whether persons from surrounding counties would use the facility.

Dr. Taylor stated that there would be a limited number of patients from Glynn County that would be living in the facility.

Mayor Wilson asked Dr. Taylor if the Health Department would consider using the former Labor Department Building.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to defer making a decision until the next meeting to give everyone an opportunity to attend the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The Director of Community Development appeared before the Commission to discuss forming an Alzheimer's Rural Respite program at the Multi-purpose Center on I Street. No action was taken.

Police Chief T. C. Cowan appeared before the Commission to request constructing a granite monument on the east side of the Police Department to be used as a memorial to police officers who were killed in the line of duty. The cost of the monument was estimated roughly at \$7,000.00.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the construction of the memorial for Police Officers that died in the line of duty. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief T. C. Cowan reported that the roof on the Police Department was in need of repairs, and requested that a roofing consultant prepare specifications and receive bids for roofing the Police Department. Commissioner Lawrence questioned why a consultant would be paid to oversee a project that would be performed by another company.

Chief Cowan indicated that the roof of the building was very old and the roof has not been reroofed correctly. Commissioner Lawrence asked if the Building Inspector could inspect the roof after it was reroofed.

The City Manager stated that a permit was not issued to reroof a building and the Building Inspector does not have to inspect old roofs, because it is not a new building. Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to get an estimate on placing a gable roof on the Police Department.

Following a discussion Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing Police Chief Cowan to get a determination from a person with expertise on roofing. The motion passed unanimously.

CALSILITE LOAN RECOMMENDATION

The Director of Community Development reported that he met with the auditors to work out an amortization schedule for Calsilite. He stated that a principal payment of \$82,000.00 would be paid with a three year deferment on the interest.

Commissioner MacLeod explained the interest and principal payment and how the City would benefit from the payment.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion granting Calsilite a three year deferment. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Plyman voting No.

ALBANY STREET BUILDING

The City Manager stated that he spoke with Mr. Evans and he was told that Mr. Boone received a letter of intent to lease the building on Albany and Gloucester Street. Commissioner MacLeod stated that financing would have to be in place in thirty days. Commissioner MacLeod pointed out that a contract has never been signed as agreed by Mr. Boone the owner of the building.

Commissioner Davis questioned when the Golden Isles Motel will be condemned. The City Manager stated that the City would precede with condemnation procedures.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to know at the next meeting how many buildings on the January 1995 list have actually been torn down.

The City Manager reported that he received a request from the Industrial Authority to purchase twenty acres of property at Glynco that sits idle. The City Manager stated that the Industrial Authority was still trying to move forward with the development of the property in the Industrial Park.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to have an opportunity to look at the property before he make a decision.

Mayor Wilson stated that he was not in favor of giving away or selling any property in the City.

CEMETERY DEEDS

Petition received from Lynn Montelongo to return for resale Space E of Lot No. 5, Section No. 9 in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed surrendered. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Engineer gave a report on surveying property on L Street. He stated that the survey would be completed in 11 months and the county would reimburse the City \$60,000.00 for the improvements. The project is in the stages of designing and evaluating L street property.

The City Manager reported that a private company have been placing dumpsters in the City at certain businesses and according to the City Ordinance no other companies are allowed to collect any solid waste in the City. He stated that the company is continuing to place dumpsters in the City without authorization and the dumpsters should be removed.

Commissioner MacLeod questioned why the City would not issue permits to companies to

allow them to pick up solid waste in the City.

The City Manager stated that private dumpsters were placed in the County and when the businesses moved to the City the service came along with the businesses.

Following a discussion Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to discontinue allowing private companies to place dumpsters in the City. On call for the question the motion passed by vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner MacLeod voting No.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like information on pros and cons on allowing private companies to bring dumpsters in the City.

The City Manager reported that Fendig Advertising requested to lease property on Altama Avenue and Fairground Road to place bill boards on the property.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City was in the process of displaying City bill boards. Commissioner MacLeod stated that bill boards should be used to promote the City of Brunswick to change the image of the City.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to have a list of where the signs would be placed and he would like to make sure that the grounds are kept clean.

The City Manager reported that the Park and Tree Commission and the Downtown Development Authority met and selected a name for the Waterfront park. They chose Oglethrope Bay Market at Mary Ross Park.

The City Manager reported that Mr. Lyde met with the Commission to discuss allocating funds from the Hotel Motel tax to the African American Consortium. The City Manager stated that seventy percent of the Hotel Motel tax was allocated to the Tourism Bureau.

Commissioner Plyman requested information on how many motel rooms are in the County, the total income from motels the contributions that are made to the visitors bureau. Commissioner MacLeod recommended that a decision be made after Commissioner Plyman receives all the information.

The City Manager reported that he received a request from Century Cable to increase the price of cable to citizens. Commissioner MacLeod stated that it was very difficult to tune in to channels 3, 4, 9 and 19. Commissioner MacLeod recommended that the Cable Company improve services to citizens before increasing prices.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that Lover's Oak signs received positive comments and recommended that arrows be added to the signs pointing in the direction of the Shrimp Boats and the Waterfront Park.

Mayor Wilson recommended separate signs for the Shrimp Boats and Waterfront Park.

Commissioner Davis stated that she received a number of calls from citizens who were concerned about seeing the full Commission meeting on television. Commissioner Davis stated that the meetings are not taped fully and the televised times have been changed. Mayor Wilson stated that he would like the meetings to be taped in it's entirety and if the meetings are not taped completely the station should not air them.

Commissioner Davis stated that historic records should be placed on microfilm instead of lying around. Commissioner

Davis stressed that the City should be kept clean and Lanier Boulevard should be resurfaced. Commissioner Davis stated that the Steel Works Company on the Southend of Brunswick need to be cleaned up.

Commissioner Plyman questioned when Martin Luther King Boulevard would be dedicated to the City. The City Manager stated that he would check with the Department of Transportation to find out when the ribbon cutting would take place.

Commissioner Plyman reported that the man covers in the City should be taken care of properly. Commissioner Plyman next reported that a traffic light is needed on Kemble and Parkwood Avenue. He recommended that the light be removed from Stonewall and L Street and placed on Parkwood Drive.

Commissioner Plyman announced that the Spring Clean Up Days in the City and in the cemeteries would start on April 20th and end on the 27th.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that the weeds in Norwich Street Lane need to be trimmed.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he received a letter from La Cruise and the City should send a follow up letter about their request for docking in the City of Brunswick.

Following a discussion Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to write a letter explaining the parking situation in the City of Brunswick.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that a company should not be denied an opportunity to operate their business. There was no vote taken.

The Commission scheduled a Work Session to discuss the Cruise ship docking in Brunswick. A work session was scheduled on Thursday morning April 6 at 9:00 A.M.

Mayor Wilson stated that he was concerned about tires being left in the City. He stated that he would like a solution to the tire problem in the City.

The City Manager stated that the City could take tires to the landfill and work out an agreement to have a private company collect the tires.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like the City Attorney to check into having a private company collecting tires in the City. Commissioner Plyman asked the City Attorney to check on the State's superfund for tires.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

City Clerk

