

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., June 21, 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 Commissioner Dr. James MacLeod.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 1995. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF CHECK IN LIEU OF TAXES FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Don McGlamory, Executive Director of the Housing Authority presented a check in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$25,816.04. Mr McGlamory stated that the relationship with residents of the housing projects has made the housing safer to live in. Mr. McGlamory mentioned that the Housing Authority sponsors a summer camp program administered by the City of Brunswick Recreation Department for kids who live in the housing projects. Mr. McGlamory stated that many units are being remodeled and air conditioning units are being placed in some apartments.

Mr. McGlamory introduced Gene Lewis the program director for the Housing Authority Mr. Lewis stated that the Housing Authority contracted four full time police officers to patrol the Housing Authority. Mr. Lewis discussed other programs that was administered by the Housing Authority.

Commissioner Plyman asked Mr. McGlamory to assist the City by notifying the Water Department when tenants move from the housing projects. Commissioner Plyman stated that a small percentage of tenants leave their residence in the housing projects without paying their water bills.

Mr. McGlamory stated that the Housing Authority will help the City with the water bill problem. Mayor Wilson stated that the water problem is universal and the City has had the problem for many years.

Commissioner Lawrence commended Mr. McGlamory for doing an excellent job.

TITLE III TRANSPORTATION BIDS

The Director of Community Development reported that he received one bid for the Title III Transportation program and recommended that the Title III Transportation bid be rejected and rebid.

This met the consensus of the Commission to have the Title III Transportation program rebid.

SIDNEY LANIER BRIDGE RESOLUTION

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Plyman nominated Ray Snow and Commissioner Lawrence nominated Larry Evans. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

By show of hands Ray Snow received three votes from Mayor Wilson, Commissioners Plyman and MacLeod.

By show of hands Larry Evans received two votes from Commissioners Davis and Lawrence.

Ray Snow was elected to serve on the Downtown Development Authority for a period of six years.

HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Mayor Wilson deferred the appointment to the Brunswick Housing Authority.

FLEET INSURANCE RENEWALS

The Director of Finance submitted the following recommendation for renewing the City's Fleet Insurance. Hartford Specialty Company in the amount of \$60,906.00. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Director for the one million dollar coverage. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of May, 1995 were received and filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater Fund (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Municipal Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Accounts. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like for the City to find a better way of collecting water bills using social security numbers or finger printing. Commissioner Plyman stated that he wants increases in deposits or what ever it takes to collect water bills. Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to have a report at the next meeting about increasing water deposits and the current procedures that are being used to collect water bills. Mayor Wilson stated that the City should take under consideration the amount to increase the deposits, pointing out that the City charges a fee to install water meters. The motion passed unanimously.

BID RECOMMENDATION ON POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOF

The City Manager reported that he received bids for reroofing the Police Department to correct the serious problems with leaks. The City Manager stated that specifications should be drawn up to repair the flat roof or to install a pitch roof. The following bids were received to repair the roof:

\$29,087.00 \$83,860.00

Commissioner Plyman indicated that he did not want to see a flat roof placed on any other City building.

Commissioner Plyman moved to accept bids only for a pitched or gable type roof for the Police Department.

Commissioner Plyman recommended that a Structural Engineer look at the building and authorize the City Manager to bid the reroofing out. The City Manager stated that the

building should be examined to see if it could support a pitch roof before advertising the building for reroofing.

Following a discussion the City Manager was instructed to meet with a Structural Engineer and look at plans to determine what kind of roof to place on the Police Department building.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

The City Manager reported that the City could participate in a prescription drug program for City employees to purchase drugs for a cost of \$3,800.00 for year. The City Manager stated that the drug card would be used by all employees after a one hundred dollar deductible was met. The employees would pay twenty percent for brand name prescription drugs and fifteen percent for generic brands.

Commissioner Plyman move and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the prescription drug program in the amount of \$3,800.00.

CEMETERY DEEDS

On motion of Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Lawrence the following cemetery petitions were unanimously granted.

Petition received from Thomas J. Courson, Sr. to transfer the North 17'6" of Lot No. 26 in Palmetto Cemetery to Thomas J. Courson, Jr. Petitioner to retain Middle Section 8'9" of Lot No. 26. Original deed lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership.

Petition received from Thomas J. Courson, Sr. to transfer the South 17'6" of Lot No. 26, Section No. B-11 in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership.

Petition received from Audrey Aldridge to return for resale Space A of Lot 81A, Catholic Section in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RETURNS

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion accepting the Consolidated Returns for the Special Municipal Election held on June 20, 1995. Total number of votes received on authorizing the City of Brunswick to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink, 355 YES votes, and 301 NO votes. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Mike Fairman appeared before the Commission to discuss operating a waste transfer system on his property on the Southend of Brunswick.

Bruce Faircloth, local resident was present and stated that he opposed the Commission continuing the meeting when a large number of residents are in the halls and cannot hear the proceedings. Mr. Faircloth recommended that the Commission move the meeting to the Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Faircloth protested that every citizen should be heard and hear what was going on.

The City Attorney stated that the open meetings law does not state that the City must have adequate space to accommodate the public.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Commission could hear the proposal and not make a

decision until a public hearing was held.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion to defer the discussion on the waste transfer station and hold a public hearing at a location to accommodate all residents. The motion passed unanimously.

A group of residents appeared before the Commission to discuss the flooding on Union Street. Sam Green resident of Union Street submitted copies of complaints from residents on Union Street. Mr. Green complained that trash was not being picked up regularly on Union Street. There was no complaints about garbage pick ups.

Mr. Green stated that trash was accumulated on the curb and heavy rain fills up the gutters on Union and Howe Street. Mr. Green stated that the problems could be eliminated by picking up trash once a week.

Mayor Wilson stated that the drains should be cleaned on Egmont and George Streets and that would eliminate the problem.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he have been fighting the trash problem since he was elected and pointed out that privatization was the answer.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City should look at the supervisors and change them before considering privatization.

Jonathan Miller stated that he owns the two lowest areas in the City. He stated that he spoke with the City Engineer about the flooding in the area and was told the problem could be fixed with a usage fee on storm drainage.

Lana Williamson complained about absence of curbs on Union Street and water standing on sidewalks on Union Street.

Mayor Wilson stated that the Department of Transportation paved Union Street for \$79,000.00 and pointed out that he would never make another request to the Highway Department to pave another road in the City.

The citizens on Union Street asked the Mayor to come to their residents when it rain because the problems still exist on Union Street.

Mr. Woracheck appeared before the Commission to complain about the problems in College Park. He stated that nothing has been done to solve the problems in College Park. Mr. Woracheck stated that a motion was made at the last Commission meeting to make sure that the work would be done.

Following a discussion the City Manager was instructed to start work on the ditches in College Park no later than 1:00 p.m. Thursday.

RDC GRANT

Kirk Schlemmer, Planning Director of Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center appeared before the Commission to request that the City match a grant application for the Community Crafters Center Rehabilitation Project.

Jackie Davis representing Community Crafters submitted plans for Rehabilitating the old Roxy Theater on Albany Street. Mr. Davis stated that a clear commitment or position statement was needed from the City of Brunswick for the project. Mr. Davis stated that the project would have a positive effect on the neighborhood. Mr. Davis stated that the City's commitment would be \$5,000.00 and also the Board of Education's commitment.

Mr. Davis stated that Community Crafters was a non-profit organization and Community Crafters purchased the building in 1994. Mr. Davis mentioned that the City would be applying for a Community Block Grant to repair the drainage problems in the area.

The Director of Community Development reported that the City would be submitting a Community Development Block Grant to repair the drainage in the area. The Director of Community Development stated that the City and Coastal RDC would be competing to receive the grants.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to take the matter under consideration and look at it before a decision is made. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager stated that an answer was need by July 20, 1995 for the grant application.

Commissioner Plyman recommended that business licenses for approved Sunday sales receive a special stamp for identifying the businesses.

The City Attorney reported that First American Home Care requested that property be annexed in the City. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for annexation of the property. The motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk