

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., July 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 Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections: Commissioner Plyman stated that a small percentage of tenants leave their residence in the housing projects without paying their bills and Commissioner Plyman moved to accept bids only for a pitched roof for the Police Department. Commissioner Plyman recommended that a structural Engineer look at the building and authorize the City Manager to bid the re-roofing out. The motion passed unanimously.

TITLE III TRANSPORTATION

The Director of Community Development submitted the Title III Transportation Bid for approval. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting approval of the Title III Transportation Bid. The motion passed unanimously.

GEORGIA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION

The Director of Community Development appeared before the Commission to give a report on the Georgia Housing Finance Program. The Director of Community Development stated that the program would benefit a lot of low income homeowners and landlords who want to make improvements to their homes or properties. He further stated that the Georgia Housing Finance Program is not a new program in Brunswick, it is an old program that has undergone considerable overhaul in the past several years and the City of Brunswick has not been successful in obtaining any of these funds for area low income homeowners and landlords.

The Director of Community Development pointed out that the City of Brunswick several months ago received a notice of funding availability from the Georgia Housing Finance Authority. He stated that he attended a workshop in May to become familiar with the Georgia Housing Finance Authority program.

The Director of Community Development explained the Georgia Finance Authority program terms. He pointed out that the program requires no matching funds and the amount of funding the City would be requesting is \$111,250.00 the first year.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned how persons that inherit property would borrow money when the property has not been changed to their names. The Director of Community Development stated that persons could have the legal work done to change names on property.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned how persons with credit problems could obtain credit to have work done on their property. The Director of Community Development stated that the bank would have to assume the first mortgage and GHFA would assume the second

mortgage. He pointed out that the City could reuse the recaptured funds from loans to help persons with financial problems.

Commissioner MacLeod stated the program was a good program to help encourage young people to purchase homes in the City of Brunswick.

On motion of Commissioner Plyman seconded by Commissioner MacLeod the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Brunswick that it hereby approves the submission of a Georgia Housing Finance Authority's HOME/Rental Rehabilitation Program for renovation of tenant and owner occupied dwelling units City wide, in the amount of \$111,250.00, to be used in cooperation with bank funds of up to \$200,000.00.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Community Development is hereby authorized to file the Application for the said program with the Georgia Housing And Finance Authority.

HIGHWAY 17 IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he was concerned with problems businesses would have with the widening of Highway 17. The City Manager stated that the relocation of utilities on Highway 17 would cost the City approximately \$500,000.00. Commissioner MacLeod recommended that the City request that the Highway 17 project be considered as a Tier II project and placed on the long range transportation plan. Commissioner MacLeod pointed out that the delay would help businesses and place the City in a better bargaining position.

Commissioner Plyman asked if the City could modify the Highway 17 plans. The City Manager stated that he met with the Department of Transportation to request the plans be changed so that less businesses would be affected. The City Manager stated that DOT submitted the Highway 17 project to the City with no changes.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like for City Officials to discuss plans with the Department of Transportation before a final decision is made.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he did not approve of the way the Department of Transportation handled projects, pointing out that he realize that streets should be improved.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to make a request at the Transportation meeting to place the Highway 17 project as a Tier II project. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that a request was made at the last meeting for matching funds in the amount of \$5,000 for Community Crafters to restore the old Roxy Theatre building on Albany Street.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving \$5000 in matching funds for a grant to Community Crafters to restore the old Roxy Theatre building with the stipulation that the County participate in the grant program with funding the project. The Commission discussed using recaptured funds for the matching funds to restore the Roxy Theatre.

The City Manager reported that the City received notice to proceed on the Waterfront Park project. The City Manager stated that the City must advertise for thirty days to receive bids on the Waterfront project.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to see changes in the plans to eliminate the sun on the awnings on the stage of the Amphitheater.

The City Manager stated that he would check to see if the plans could be changed for the stage.

The Commission discussed the restrictions for use of the Lissner property. The City Attorney stated that he would submit a copy of the draft to the Commission to review on the Lissner property, Mayor Wilson stated that the City agreed to deed the Lissner House to the old Town Preservation Society. The City Attorney stated that there are no restrictions in the deed to transfer the Lissner property to another legal entity.

Commissioner Davis reported that the City should cut grass on the eve of a holiday. Commissioner Davis stated that the City needs an attraction in the City on Holidays. The City should have events at Coffin Park and the Waterfront Park. Commissioner Davis stressed the need to clean up Lanier Boulevard.

Commissioner MacLeod asked about the progress on the Hotel on the Causeway. The City Manager stated that the Building Official was inspecting the Hotel and would get back with Commissioner MacLeod after he completed his inspection.

Commissioner Plyman reported that the ditch in College Park was being cleaned by citizens.

Commissioner Plyman reported that the City Manager and Fire Chief met with the manager of Hercules to discuss renting their building which generates it's own power for the Fire Department for \$1.00 a year. Commissioner Plyman expressed the need for a Fire Station on the North end of the City.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the city would have to renovate and improve the property owned by Hercules. Commissioner Plyman pointed out that the building was equipped with a garage and facilities for firemen to sleep and shower.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that Commissioner Plyman brought up the Hercules property as information.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the name of Robert Herrington as the joint appointment for the RDC Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wilson recommended that the City hire workers to cut the grass in the City for thirty days.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that some kids be hired to pick up trash in the City.

The City Manager stated that he would look at hiring temporary help in the City.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk