

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., October 18, 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 October 4, 1995. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Terrell Davis, resident of Riverside Subdivision appeared before the commission to ask if anything has been done to correct the drainage and paving in Riverside Subdivision.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City Manager contacted the Highway Department and stressed that the City was willing to save other streets so that Riverside Drive would be paved. Mayor Wilson stated that the Highway Department has scheduled the paving and the City would supplement for \$5,000 to pick up the recessed areas in Riverside Subdivision.

The City Manager stated that he contacted Seaboard Construction to find out when Riverside Subdivision would be paved and was told by Mr. Kicklighter that it would be paved soon as Seaboard finishes a job on St. Simons Island. The City Manager stated that two short stretches that are low would be raised and the street would be completely resurfaced.

Mayor Wilson stated that the paving would be started, but there was a problem with the drainage. He stated that the elevation was pretty low.

The City Manager read the elevation of the streets in Riverside Subdivision. The City Manager pointed out that there were some low areas in Riverside where the paving drops down to about six and one half feet.

The City Attorney stated that he contacted Mr. Proctor and Mr. Ellzey to discuss placing an easement at the far end of Riverside Drive between Lots 13 and 14 and further back between Mr. Thompson house and Mr. Peakard's house. The City Attorney further stated that if the easement was placed between Lot No. 3 and Lot No. 4, the problem would be the electrical transformer on the property line and it would be easier to place the easement west or east of that location.

The City Manager anticipated that once the City gets the easements that were

outlined by the City Attorney, a line would be placed in Riverside Subdivision past Julington Street to catch water that stands on the corner of the street and that line would carry water out to the marsh. The City Manager stated that he talked with the City Engineer about replacing the corrugated metal pipes that have deteriorated under the streets with plastic pipes so that it would be a better system.

Mayor Wilson suggested using a round corrugated metal pipe. Commissioner Plyman stated that the same corrugated metal pipe would have to be continued to the marsh. Mayor Wilson stated that it would depend on the elevation.

Mayor Wilson told Mr. Davis that he was concerned about the problems in Riverside and stated that he knew the residents have weathered a real trying time with high tides and rain. Mr. Davis asked if the City was expecting homeowners to contribute toward the paving and drainage.

Mayor Wilson stated that the residents have paid enough taxes in Riverside Subdivision and felt that it was the responsibility of the City to do all it could to aid the residents.

Mayor Wilson instructed the City Manager to use every means to take care of the drainage problem in Riverside Subdivision.

Ken Loudermilk, resident of Riverside Subdivision was present to state that the temporary ditch that the City cut did alleviate the problem on the far side of the road, unfortunately it did not help him. Mr. Loudermilk pointed out that his lot was the lowest lot in the area and requested that the City place some type of drainage on his lot under the road so that it would help alleviate drainage problems.

Mayor Wilson pointed out that there was a recession and there will be additional recessions as long as the road is there. He stated that the City could fill the inch and one half overlay. Mayor Wilson told Mr. Loudermilk that the Commission would do all it can to alleviate the problem.

Commissioner Plyman suggested placing catch basins in Riverside subdivision. Mayor Wilson stated that it would take a lot of money to place catch basins in Riverside.

The City Manager stated that the Engineer discussed placing a pipe in that area.

Mayor Wilson recommended that the City Manager make preparations to alleviate the drainage problems and have the City Attorney work on the easements.

The City Manager stated that there were many hours spent in College Park subdivision.

Mark Woracheck appeared before the Commission to discuss the drainage problems that are still experienced in College Park subdivision. Mr. Woracheck asked the resident of Riverside Subdivision how long have they experienced flooding problems. Mr. Davis stated that the flooding problems have been there a long time.

Mr. Woracheck thanked the Commission for everything that was done to help alleviate the flooding in College Park. Mr. Woracheck stated that he had to block off the street when the area had problems with rain water. Mr. Woracheck asked the City Manager if he had elevation plans for College Park and Riverside Subdivisions.

Mayor Wilson stated that he knew the elevation for College Park pointing out that during the City Manager's illness, he filled in for him and spoke with the Engineer about the elevation.

Commissioner Plyman stated that a developer at Suburban Estates was pumping water into a ditch. Commissioner Plyman stated that the developer should have the use of a holding pond. Commissioner Plyman informed Mr. Woracheck that College Park was being monitored when it rains and he thought the problem was intrusion on College Park and underneath the spur.

Mayor Wilson stated that digging ditches deeper would not eliminate the problem unless there was a pump.

Mr. Woracheck stated that he checked Carteret Road when it started raining and asked the City if another drainage pipe could be placed there.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would not be against the City Manager adding another pipe to Carteret Road.

Commissioner Plyman recommended writing a letter to the County to inquire about piping Carteret Road to enhance the flow in College Park. Commissioner Plyman pointed out that Mr. Woracheck could attend the County Commission meeting to make the request.

Mayor Wilson stated that he was concerned about the pipe underneath the spur and instructed the City Manager to write the County and request that another pipe be added to Carteret Road.

Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that other subdivisions are flooding around the City and a lot has been done to alleviate the flood problems. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he asked the City to have the Engineer to come out and monitor the flood problems.

Mr. Woracheck asked what would the City do with the culvert. The City Manager stated that the City would place a bridge across it.

A concerned resident stated that the bridge allows shoplifters to run in the area to elude the Police and she felt like there should not be a bridge placed there.

Rev. Charles Harris, resident of College Park thanked the City for the work that was done in the area. He stated that someone could fall in the ditch trying to get boards across the ditch. The bridge is used by two elderly persons and something needs to be done before a tragedy happens.

The City Manager stated that he needs directions on how to proceed with placing a bridge over the culvert in College Park.

Mayor Wilson suggested that the Commission give the matter some thought and do what is best for the City's interest.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like for the Engineer to take a poll on the bridge and the City do what is best for the neighborhood.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the General Fund and Community Development Budget for 1995-96. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of September, 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 Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion approving the monthly reports. The motion passed unanimously.

RENEWAL OF CITY INSURANCE

The Director of Finance submitted the following recommendations for the City's General Liability, Law Enforcement and Public Officials Insurance renewals. (1) General Liability, American Southern - \$54,140, United National - \$10,500. Law Enforcement, Homestead - \$35,167 and Public Officials, Homestead - \$8,319.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the recommendations for Insurance renewals as submitted by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

CEMETERY DEEDS

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the following cemetery petitions:

1. Returning for resale Spaces B,C,D,E,F, & G of Lot No. 2, Section No. 128 in Palmetto Cemetery from Alice A. Harvey. Petitioner to retain Space A of Lot No. 2 of Section No. 128. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.
2. Transferring N-1/2 of Lot No. 9, Section No. C-7 in Palmetto Cemetery from C.M. Lovett to Cindy R. Mitchell. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.
3. Transferring Lot No. 24, Section No. C-10 in Palmetto Cemetery from Lester W. Drawdy to Elizabeth Harper. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.
4. Returning for resale Spaces E,F,G, & H of Lot No. 12, Section No. 99 in

Greenwood Cemetery from Mrs. John W. Diggs. Original deed surrendered.

5. Issuing another deed to John W. Atkinson to Lot No. 11 and Spaces C,D,E, & F of Lot No. 11 and Spaces No. 103 in Greenwood Cemetery in lieu of original deed which has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Woody Woodside appeared before the Commission to discuss the issue of Freeport in Glynn County. Mr. Woodside stated that he would like for the City's support to correct the complex issue by voting in the November 7th election.

Commissioner Lawrence expressed his concerns about voting on an issue he just received.

The City Manager reported that the garbage carts have been distributed for use in the pilot program.

The City Manager reported that Georgia Pacific will be sponsoring a luncheon at Howard Coffin Park for City and County employees.

The City Manager reported that a clean up will be held at Palmetto and Greenwood Cemetery.

Commissioner Davis reported that trees need to be trimmed around the lights in the City.

Marsha Tucker, resident of Macon Avenue appeared before the Commission to report that people park their cars across from her property to buy drugs. Mrs. Tucker stated that she spoke with Metro Drug agents and did not get any satisfaction.

Police Chief Cowan stated that something has been done about the problem in the last two weeks and patrol officers are patrolling the area. Dennis Merriman, Metro Drug Enforcement commander reported that the area has not gone unnoticed because the place has been raided twice and persons were arrested. Mr. Merriman told Mrs. Tucker that he would contact her about the problem.

Jerry Kennedy appeared before the Commission to discuss the drug problem in Brunswick. He stated that persons are arrested and placed back on the street eight hours later. Mr. Kennedy pointed out that the police arrest people selling drugs but they can't catch the people who bring the drugs in.

Mayor Wilson stated that he was concerned with the universal drug problem and suppliers are not being arrested.

Commissioner Plyman stated that News reporters asked him if City employees were performing work on his property. Commissioner Plyman stated that the sidewalk was torn up in front of his property and was replaced by the City.

The City Manager stated that Commissioner Plyman requested that the sidewalk

be repaired because it was damaged by the contractors who razed the old structure.

Commissioner Plyman requested that a barricade be placed behind the Cemetery to keep people from dumping trash.

Mayor Wilson discussed the tire problem in the City. He stated that the City should have one day set aside so that tires could be collected and disposed of.

Commissioner Plyman suggested sending a letter to the Governor to request assistance with the tire collection. Commissioner Plyman instructed the City Manager to meet with the local legislative delegation to discuss the tire problems of Municipalities.

The City Manager reported that he received a grant application to help clean up large tire dumps in the City. He stated that the grant would help with enforcement, but it will not allow funds to be used for collecting tires that are scattered around the city.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he requested that dirt be placed in Greenwood Cemetery and he has not heard from the City.

The City Manager stated that the fill dirt will cover the graves in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would be reluctant to put in dirt to disturb a gravesite.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City did agree to place dirt in Greenwood Cemetery however he did not know that the dirt would be placed over graves. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he thought the dirt would be placed in the lower lying areas of the cemetery. Commissioner Lawrence recommended placing dirt in the cemetery if it does not disturb a gravesite.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk