

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
8:30 A. M., January 3, 1996**

**PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence,  
Dr. James MacLeod, Ken Plyman  
and Commissioner Elect Harold E. Jennings.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Rev. E. C. Tillman, Shiloh Baptist  
Church.

**ADJOURN RECESSED MEETING**

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to adjourn the recessed meeting of December 20, 1995. The motion passed unanimously.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Ken Plyman was sworn into office as Commissioner from the North Ward by the Honorable Ernest Gilbert, Magistrate Judge of Glynn County and Commissioner-Elect Harold E. Jennings was sworn into office as Commissioner from the South Ward by the Honorable James A. Tuten, Judge of the Superior Courts of the Brunswick Circuit.

Mayor Wilson read a card of thanks from former Commissioner Doris A. Davis.

**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Mayor Wilson relinquished his chair and offered the motion to nominate Commissioner MacLeod to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL**

Petition received from Robert P. Redden to retail alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises at Pablo's, 2926 Cypress Mill Road, and being approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager reported that he received a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding the Waterfront Park Project and they indicated that the City can divide the project into smaller portions and rebid it in hopes of getting additional bidders for the project. He stated that he would be meeting with the design team later this week to rebid the project before the end of the month.

Commissioner Harold E. Jennings spoke about working together with Community Leaders, Industries and the public and having a unity breakfast which would be financed by local Industries to discuss long range goals and also community problems. Commissioner Jennings stated that the citizens of Brunswick and Glynn County put elected officials in office to unify and work with each other to make progress and not to squabble.

Commissioner Jennings stated he is convinced that working together with all Institutions in the City there is absolutely no limit to what the City can accomplish. The City and County need more industries small and large and investors to back up their dreams such as people like Mr. Bob Torras who is willing invest in his dream with his own finances. Commissioner Jennings stated that Commissioners are elected not to talk but to act. The City must be run

for the benefit of all people and everyone must be treated fairly and courteously. Employees and Commissioners have to keep in mind always that they work for the people. Commissioner Jennings recommended that all City employees and all people that work for government remember always that they are put into office because they are to help people and they should be courteous and act nice to all people and it will help the morale of the City.

Mayor Wilson recognized the presence of County Commissioners and Community leaders.

Commissioner MacLeod asked the City Manager whether the options were in place for the Business License Ordinance. The City Manager stated that he would have the options to the Commission to study before their next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to advertise the position of Personnel/Purchasing Director for the City of Brunswick. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned whether someone has applied for the position of Personnel/Purchasing Director. The City Manager stated that he received a resume from someone in the community who is interested in applying for the position. Commissioner Lawrence asked what was wrong with promoting from inside the City. The City Manager stated that employees would be allowed to bid on the Personnel/Purchasing Director's position.

Commissioner Plyman questioned what will be done with the garbage cans and whether the carts will be bidded out. The City Manager stated that the ninety days are up and he is in the process of sending out correspondence to get feed back from the residents and present it to the Commission.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to turn the Boone Building located on the corner of Albany and Gloucester Streets over to the Structural Fitness Board.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the motion should not have been made pointing out that the Boone Building was not placed on the agenda and he personally felt that it should not be discussed.

Commissioner Lawrence spoke about a conversation he had with Commissioner Plyman about having enough votes to tear down the Boone Building. Commissioner Lawrence questioned why the Recessed meeting of December 20, was not reconvened.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he only polled the Commission about tearing down the Boone Building.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Clerk for a copy of the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 1995, concerning the Boone building.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he feels sensitive to both Commissioners and suggested giving the Structural Fitness Board until March of 1996 to decide what to do with the Boone building.

Geneva Lyde was present and stated that she was sick and tired of hearing about the Boone building. She stated that the old ice house building is infested with rats and is located in a black community and nothing has been done to remove that building. She further stated that the Boone building means a lot historically to the black community and she did not understand the bickering. Mrs. Lyde asked the Commission to have sympathy for Mr. Boone because he did have a medical illness.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the Boone building was not being singled out because it is a black owned building. He pointed out that the City must follow guidelines and the keep the

City safe for the community.

On call for the question the motion passed by vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Lawrence abstaining.

The City Attorney stated that he would like for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Mayor Wilson stated that he feels the City should be kept clean in the new year. He observed houses with no windows on Martin Luther King Blvd and the Ice house on George Street has 10,000 pigeons carrying waste all over the City.

The Commission discussed ways of starting to clean the City in the new year.

Mr. Bradley stated that the Dixville Coalition has been trying to clean up Dixville and they need help from the City. He stated that Commissioner Plyman helped them remove trash out of the lane.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he knew for a fact he and Commissioner Davis helped clean Dixville and questioned why the City would not place sway cars in that area.

Mr. Bradley stated that in the beginning sway cars were placed in Dixville on the weekend.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to hold and Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 A.M. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk