

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., March 20, 1996**

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Dr. James MacLeod.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 1996. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the date, time and place for public hearing on proposal to rezone 2613 Parkwood Drive from R-9 One-Family Residential District to Limited Medical District. Carol Highsmith representing Dr. Bristol stated that the residence would be used as a Doctor's office. Ms. Highsmith stated that Dr. Bristol currently owns an office on St. Simons Island and would like to have an office in the City to make it convenient for patients to get back and forth to the Doctor's office.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to see the zoning restricted for use of a Doctor's office. Commissioner MacLeod felt that this zoning would be the best way to protect the neighborhood.

Mayor Wilson questioned whether a buffer was required by the ordinance. The City Attorney stated that the ordinance requires a buffer.

Ms. Highsmith stated that she would like for the record to reflect that Dr. Bristol is willing to place buffers on his property.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he had reservations, pointing out that residents called him before leaving home with objections to the rezoning. Commissioner Plyman stated that the Commission represents the residents.

Ms. Highsmith stated that any resident wishing to object the rezoning must attend the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Plyman asked a series of questions regarding parking.

Commissioner Plyman pointed out that the Marion's rezoning request was never approved by the City, stressing that Dr. Bristol will remove trees to allow parking in the front of his business.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he had reservations about the rezoning. Commissioner Jennings stated that the City must think about the neighborhood and speak with neighbors.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to postpone taking action and speak with the neighbors to find out whether they are against the rezoning.

Commissioner Lawrence asked whether postponing the rezoning was illegal. The City

Attorney stated that it would be legal if the Commission deferred taking action. He stated that the rezoning would have to be advertised at least 15 days before any final action is taken because State Law requires holding a public hearing.

Ms. Highsmith stated that the Commission has followed the law regarding rezoning. The area residents were polled regarding the rezoning and if action was not taken her client has a lot to lose.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the Hospital is in the process of a fifty six million dollar expansion and the City must deal with the reality. Commissioner MacLeod asked Mayor Wilson to call for the question.

On call for the question the vote failed by a vote of 3 to 2. Mayor Wilson, Commissioner Lawrence and Commissioner MacLeod voting No. Commissioners Plyman and Jennings voting Yes.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to rezone the property to Limited Medical to be used for a doctor's office.

Commissioner Plyman preceded to filibuster by speaking for the residents. He expressed concerns about spot rezoning, maintaining quality residential property in the City, protecting homes in neighborhoods from commercial use, traffic congestion in neighborhoods and adequate parking spaces for a doctor's office.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would be willing to second a motion to prevent all future spot rezoning in the City.

Commissioner Jennings stated he might change his mind if the City would consider this spot rezoning as the last one.

On call for the question the motion passed by 4 to 1. Commissioner Plyman voting No.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to stop all spot rezonings in the City of Brunswick.

The City Attorney stated that the Commission could not exercise that power. He recommended that the City amend the ordinance to define spot rezoning and advertise the amendment for 15 days before adoption.

No vote taken.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Petition received from Kenneth Cosgrove to retail beer and wine for consumption off of premises at Happy Mart, 3319 Glynn Avenue, having been approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager, Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion granting the license.

CEMETERY DEEDS

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

- 1) Petition received from Lorraine Wiggins to return for resale Lot No. 1-A, Section No. 204, Spaces C,D,E, & F, and Lot No. 13, Section 204, Spaces D, E, & F in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed surrendered.
- 2) Transferring Lot No. 2, Section No. 80 in Greenwood Cemetery from Mrs. Lola Barlow

to Marcus V. Scott.

Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of February, 1996 were submitted and were filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water & Wastewater (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Municipal Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Accounts. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the monthly reports. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Woody Woodside Executive Director of the Brunswick Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Commission to introduce the new Executive Director of the Economic Development Authority, Phil Overton.

Mr. Overton stated that his mission is to bring good jobs and industries to Brunswick. Mr. Overton further stated that he is looking forward to working with the City Council, adding that he already has worked with the City Manager. He complimented his professionalism. Mr. Overton thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve the community.

Mayor Wilson welcomed Mr. Overton to Brunswick. Mayor Wilson stated that the City Council is looking forward to working with him.

Attorney Fleming Martin appeared before the Commission to request a quit claim deed to the E 1/2 of Town Commons Lot Number 59 between Martin Luther King Blvd. and Stonewall Street and a quit claim deed for FiFa on # 1/2 of Town Commons Lot Number 59 between Martin Luther King Blvd. and Stonewall Street. Attorney Fleming Martin next requested a fee simple title deed to the lot which has been lost or misplaced.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute quit claim deeds and simple title deed. The motion passed unanimously.

Reverend Terry Lorenz-Hooker representing the Glynn Brunswick Ministerial Alliance appeared before the Commission to request the use of Overlook Park to hold a Sunrise Service on April 7, Easter Sunday morning. Reverend Terri Lorenz-Hooker requested the use of the City's public address system, stage and chairs and also the use of Howard Coffin Park in case of inclement weather. Reverend Lorenz-Hooker requested that Mayor Wilson issue a proclamation proclaiming April 7th as Easter Sunrise Day in the City of Brunswick.

Mayor Wilson stated that a temporary pole could be installed and the chairs and stage could be set up by the City.

It met the consensus of the Commission to authorize the City Manager to make the necessary arrangements for the Sunrise Service.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended issuing a proclamation for the Sunrise Service.

Reverend Lorenz-Hooker invited the Commission to attend the Sunrise Service on April 7th.

Fred Herzfeld appeared before the Commission to discuss the quantity of meals served at the Multipurpose Center on I Street. Mr. Herzfeld expressed his concerns regarding the cut in funding to the Multi-Purpose Center that has resulted in a reduction in the number of meals served and led to some participants being turned away.

The Director of Community Development commented that the number of meals served daily sometimes depends on the menu. For example, when chicken and pork chops are served, there are more participants eating lunch than when fish is served.

Mayor Wilson instructed the City Manager to gather information regarding the cut in funding from RDC and submit it to the Commission.

The City Manager stated that he will hold a work session to discuss funding.

Commissioner Plyman questioned whether Glynn County was asked to increase their participation. The Director of Community Development stated that the County pays \$3,000 a year. Commissioner Plyman asked how many residents live in Glynn County that are served at the Community Center. The Director of Community Development stated that forty percent of City residents and sixty percent of City residents are served at the Center, which rounds off fifty percent.

The Director of Community Development mentioned that funding from the Coastal Regional Development Center has also been cut.

Fred Herzfeld spoke to the Commission regarding the dumpster at Winn Dixie Store in Lanier Plaza. Mr. Herzfeld stated that he complained to the manager Mr. Randy Blackman, about the garbage dumped in Eckerd's and the Christian Book Store's dumpster. He stated that the area was a disgrace. Mr. Herzfeld displayed photographs taken of the area in the back of Winn Dixie.

Randy Blackman, manager of Winn Dixie explained that a company is scheduled to pick up garbage three or four times a week. Mr. Blackman pointed out that the dumpsters do not have locks on them because people cut off the locks.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that vagrants should be kept out of garbage. Commissioner Plyman stated that the City should have an ordinance covering vagrancy. Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like the Sanitation Inspector and the Chief of Police to patrol the area and make cases.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like to see the problems with the garbage taken care of by Winn Dixie.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager submitted bids for the Waterfront Enhancement project.

Bid Package 1	L-J, Inc.	\$ 727,714.91	Columbia, SC
Bid Package 2	Owens & Pridgen Brunswick, GA	102,985.00	
Bid Package 3	Owens & Pridgen Brunswick, GA	247,998.00	
Lump Sum Bid	Mitchell Const. St. Simons Island	1,124,302.00	

The City Manager recommended that Bid Package 1 and the Lump sum be rejected and rebid. He stated that Bid Package 3 was in line.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion rejecting Bid Package 1 submitted by L-J, Inc. and the Lump Sum Bid submitted by Mitchell Construction Company, and to readvertise the project for bids. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion authorizing

Mayor Wilson to contact County Commission Chairman Milton Lynn to negotiate the S.P.L.O.S.T. projects. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jennings reported that the former O'Brien Paint Company rejected a request from the Environmental Protection Division to test the soil at the site on Highway 17. Commissioner Jennings recommended that the City Attorney investigate to find out whether the City could test for lead to make sure there are no toxics in the soil and submit the information at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that bus stop poster for the new bus are being placed in front of City residences. Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the Bus Company submit all the necessary information to the City Manager.

The City Manager reported that the business located on Gloucester Street and Martin Luther King Blvd. have lost a number of parking spaces due to the widening of Martin Luther King Blvd. The City Manager stated that he spoke with a representative from the Department of Transportation and was told that the parking problems would be addressed in Phase II of Martin Luther King Blvd. project.

The City Manager recommended placing curb cuts to allow parking on Martin Luther King Blvd. He stated that this would add 10 to 12 parking spaces.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the curb cuts on Martin Luther King Blvd. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Attorney reported that East Bay Company has a lease hold agreement and would like to assign the lease as security. Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to have all of the background information on the lease with East Bay Company before any action is taken by the City.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk