

OFFICIAL MINUTES

**COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., June 19, 1996**

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Mark Mitchell, City Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion to approving the minutes of the meeting of June 5, 1996. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the date, time and place for public hearing for proposal to rezone New Town Lot 25 and a portion of Lot 24 in Windsor Park located on the Southeast corner of Gloucester Street and Magnolia Avenue from R-9 one Family Residential District to Office Commercial.

Mayor Wilson recommended that the rezoning be denied because the zoning ordinance requires all rezoning applications to be resubmitted after a period of twelve months.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion denying the rezoning application.

George Horton resident of 1327 Magnolia Avenue stated that he was concerned with property values decreasing in Windsor Park because of the proposed rezoning and sale of the property in Windsor Park.

Commissioner MacLeod referred the zoning matter to the City Attorney to find out if the City could encourage the owner from bringing the rezoning before the Commission again.

Commissioner Jennings had a problem with his voice, he prepared a statement which was read by the City Manager opposing the rezoning which would allow all kinds of business in Windsor Park.

Mr. Goodyear read a portion of the zoning ordinance which requires a person to wait twelve months before submitting an application for a rezoning on the same property.

The City Attorney stated that the State Law requires six months and the State Law should be enforced.

On call for the question the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO WAYNE BULLARD

Mayor Wilson presented a Resolution to Wayne Bullard, Director of Public Works for his dedicated service in making improvements in the community. Mayor Wilson stated that Mr. Bullard is a dedicated and courteous person.

DELEGATION

Don MacGlamory, Executive Director of the Housing Authority appeared before the Commission to submit checks in the amount of \$27,412.19 in lieu of taxes. Mr. MacGlamory reported that the Housing Authority has been designated as a high performing Housing Authority by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. MacGlamory.

Commissioner Lawrence made a request to the Housing Authority Director for the residents of Perry Park for use of the building in the community to tutor kids in the summer. The Director of the Housing Authority stated the building was not accessible to disabled persons and not up to standards.

Ephraim Sullivan representing the Perry Park Association appeared before the Commission to discuss problems in the Perry Park Community. Mr. Sullivan stated that he attended a previous meeting and submitted a petition to the Commission with signatures of residents of Perry Park about flood problems. Mr. Sullivan first discussed the problems with sewerage running in the street on a daily basis especially on "N" Street. Mr. Sullivan asked the Commission to correct the problem in the community pointing out that the residents are tax paying citizens.

The City Manager explained that the sewer lines run into another line from "K" Street and back to "N" Street. The City Manager stated that the City is waiting on approval of the SPLOST tax to repair the sewer lines in the Perry Park community.

Mayor Wilson questioned whether a lift station was causing the sewer problems. Mayor Wilson suggested directing a portion of the volume of water to another area.

The City Manager stated that the City has had problems with a cave-in on "K" Street.

Mayor Wilson suggested that the Director of Water and Wastewater and the City Engineer run grades to find out if there is an alternative that could be done to improve the flow of sewer in the lines.

Commissioner Lawrence stated he would like to see the problems in Perry Park resolved.

Glynn County Commissioner Gladys Lyde pointed out that the "L" Street project funds are available to correct sewerage and drainage problems.

The City Manager was instructed to meet with Glynn County Administrator Lee Gilmore to ask for use of the \$800,000 "L" Street project funds to correct drainage problems on "K" Street.

Mr. Sullivan next reported that he called the City with complaints about holes on Stonewall Street and other streets in the area. Mr. Sullivan stated that the City never repaired the hole on Stonewall Street. The City filled the hole with dirt.

The City Manager pointed out that the Department of Transportation was scheduled to repair the storm lines and resurface the streets under the LARP program.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that a number of streets have pot holes and many streets need to be repaired.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that Mr. Sullivan, the Director of Public Work and the City Manager meet to find ways to clear up the problems.

Mayor Wilson told the residents of Perry Park, that the City of Brunswick would be glad to assist them in anyway they can.

Wiki Bragg representing the Southeast Georgia Regional Medical Center appeared before the

Commission to discuss hosting a First Night Golden Isles Event in the City of Brunswick on New Year's Eve.

Ms. Bragg stated that entertainment would be inside and outside businesses in the downtown area. The events will be for everyone in the City and no alcohol beverages will be served or allowed. Ms. Bragg requested in-kind service from the City.

Mayor Wilson stated that in-kind service could be given and he felt that the event would be something that would create activities in the City for residents on New Year's Eve.

Ben Ramsey representing Ramsey Construction Company appeared before the Commission to discuss building ten (10) Town House units on the West side of Old Cypress Road. Mr. Ramsey submitted plans for the proposed development on Cypress Mill Road. Mr. Ramsey requested a variance for a fifteen feet set back instead of the required 20 feet set back.

Commissioner Plyman pointed out that the drainage from Old Cypress Mill Road will be connected to drainage ditches on Suburban Drive and College Park Drive which would cause an overflow.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City would have to review the plans. Mayor Wilson instructed the City Manager to contact the Department of Transportation to alleviate the problems in the area.

BID RECOMMENDATION

The Director of Finance submitted bid recommendations for renewal of the City Fleet insurance. The Director of Finance recommended that the City accept the bid of Hartford Insurance in the amount of \$55,880.00.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion accepting staff recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

The Director of Finance submitted bid recommendation for the City's Property Insurance. The Director of Finance recommended that the City accept the bid of Hartford Steam Broiler in the amount of \$80,000.00. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion accepting staff recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

GREENWOOD CEMETERY FENCE

Commissioner Jennings prepared a statement requesting that the Commission authorizing the City Manager to receive quotes on replacing a fence at Greenwood Cemetery and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

CEMETERY DEEDS

On motion of Commissioner Lawrence seconded by Commissioner Plyman the following petitions were unanimously granted:

- 1) Returning for resale Lot No. 12, Section No. 8 in East Palmetto Cemetery, from Terry Joe Wells. Original deed surrendered.
- 2) Returning for resale Spaces A & B of Lot No. 18-A, Section No. C-7 in Palmetto Cemetery, from David M. Smith. Original deed surrendered.
- 3) Returning for resale S-1/2 of Lot No. 16, Section No. C- 11 in Palmetto Cemetery, from Daniel M. Reyna. Original deed surrendered.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Municipal Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Accounts. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion accepting the monthly reports.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager submitted the Fiscal Year Budget for 1996- 1997 to the Commission for review.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City has done very well and operated in a sound business like manner. The City of Brunswick is financially the soundest City in the state of Georgia. The City has not had any problems meeting the payroll and financial obligations.

The City Manager reported that Georgia Natural Gas requested permission to sample soil at the old location of the gas company on "L" and Newcastle Street.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to be informed on what the gas company is looking for in the area.

It met the consensus of the Commission to authorize the City Manager to discuss the concerns with a representative from Georgia Natural Gas and also to request that a report be submitted.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended that the City negotiate a more favorable amount for dues paid to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center. Commissioner MacLeod pointed out that the policy allows some municipal governments to negotiate their dues.

The City Manager stated that the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center charges each City for the services they perform.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the membership dues paid to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Plyman reported that he read an article in last Friday's newspaper regarding the City and their employees are asleep. Commissioner Plyman stated that the City and their employees are not asleep. The citizens of Brunswick continue throw garbage in the streets hoping the City will pick it up. Public Work employees clean the streets in Brunswick and citizens litter the streets as soon as the City collect it. Commissioner Plyman stated that he felt the City has done a fairly good job trying to clean up the City. The City Manager read the Solid Waste Ordinance regarding garbage and according to the ordinance all garbage items must be placed in plastic bags and in a garbage can so that the City could collect the garbage. The City Manager pointed out that the City should enforce the ordinance and make cases against residents who litter the streets of Brunswick.

Commissioner Plyman and Commissioner Lawrence stated that articles left in the house by tenants should be the responsibility of the owner and the owner should remove the articles.

Mayor Wilson stated that residents move and leave mattresses piled up on the road and residents leave tires piled up in the yards. Mayor Wilson asked who is responsible, the tenant with three children or the landlord.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that supply plus demand means raising fees. In the City people dump trash and run. Commissioner MacLeod recommended using privatization. The

Commission discussed enforcing the litter ordinance and charging fines for violations.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk