

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., July 17, 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 Commissioner Dr. James MacLeod.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the minutes of July 3, 1996. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE GEORGIA RETENTION AND EXPANSION PROCESS

Ray Snow appeared before the Commission to request a Resolution in recognition of participating in the Georgia Business Retention and Expansion Process. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion adopting the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The goal of every unit of local government in Georgia is to provide the highest possible quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The overall health of the businesses with the community contribute significantly to the economy, local tax base, and employment opportunities for local citizens; and

WHEREAS, Local government officials, working with business and civic leaders can form working partnerships to encourage the retention and expansion of the existing community business base; and

WHEREAS, The Georgia Business Retention and Expansion Process, coordinated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs offers tools which can be utilized by local leaders to improve knowledge about and communication with local industry to encourage further economic development; and

WHEREAS, The governing body of the City of Brunswick has reviewed this program process and pledges its full support as a part of the overall commitment to community preparedness for economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brunswick has entered into the Georgia Business Retention and Expansion Process and commends to all community leaders full participation in these activities designed to promote overall economic development.

HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Wilson made no recommendations for his appointment to the Housing Authority Board.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Petition received from Robert Collier to retail beer and wine for consumption on premises at Rock's Italian Restaurant, 2307 Gloucester Street, having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the license. The motion passed unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT

The City Manager submitted the following names for consideration of appointment to the Economic Development Authority: Walter McNeely, Ben Slade, William Hannon, Thomas Griffin, Ken Rushin, James Royal, Townsend Jackson, Dale Broussard, Curtis Carter, Paul Sanders, John Cleveland and James Hunt. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion adopting the following resolution reappointing Walter McNeely, Ben Slade and William Hannon to the Economic Development Authority by unanimous vote.

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA, AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA APPOINTING THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE BRUNSWICK AND GLYNN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Brunswick and Glynn County Development

Authority was created by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia pursuant to an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia (Ga. Laws 1962, page 810, et seq.), ratified and proclaimed, by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia (Ga. Laws 1963, page 2826, et seq.), as amended by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia approved March 30, 1965 (Ga. Laws 1965, page 2928, et seq.); an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia (Ga. Laws 1966, page 910, et seq.); an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. Laws 1981, page 4335, et seq.); an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. Laws 1983, page 4057, et seq.); an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia approved February 24, 1987 (Ga. Laws 1987, page 3659, et seq.); and an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. Laws 1987, page 5391, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, said Act approved March 31, 1987, (Ga. L. 1987,

p. 5391), among other things, amended the 1963 Act and various amendments thereto implementing the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority by striking Section 1 of the 1963 Act in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new section 1 to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority shall consist of a board to be known as the Board of Governors composed of five persons appointed by a joint resolution of the governing bodies of Glynn County and the City of Brunswick. At the time of the election of the first Board of Governors, the governing bodies of Glynn County and the City of Brunswick shall elect three

members for three-year terms and two members for two-year terms. Thereafter, the term of all members shall be for three years. No member of the Authority may serve for more than two successive terms. If at the end of any term of office of any member, a successor thereto has not been elected, the member whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until his successor is appointed."; and

WHEREAS, said Act approved March 31, 1987, (Ga. L.

1987, p. 5391), among other things, amended the 1963 Act and various amendments thereto implementing the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority by striking Section 2 of the 1963 Act in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 2 to read as follows:

"Section 2. The members of the authority shall be taxpayers residing in Glynn County, Georgia. No member shall be an officer or employee of Glynn County or the City of Brunswick. The members of the authority shall elect one of their members as chairperson and another as vice-chairperson and shall also elect a secretary and a treasurer.

In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the authority, the authority will submit to the governing bodies of Glynn County and the City of Brunswick the name of one candidate for each vacancy. If any candidate is not acceptable to the governing bodies of Glynn County and the City of Brunswick, the authority will be asked to submit the name of a second candidate. If three of such candidates for a particular vacancy are found to be unacceptable, the governing bodies of Glynn County and the City of Brunswick, by resolution, shall appoint an individual or individuals to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

Upon appointment, each member of the authority shall take an oath before a notary public, or other officer authorized to administer oaths, that he or she will truly and faithfully perform the duties of a member of the authority."

WHEREAS, on July 23, 1987, W. Ray Acosta, Robert B.

Malone and William F. Torrey, Jr., were appointed to serve on the Board of Governors of the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority for a three-year term beginning August 1, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the terms of W. Ray Acosta, Robert B. Malone

and William F. Torrey, Jr., expired on July 31, 1990, and W. Ray Acosta, William F. Torrey, Jr., and William R. Parker, Jr., were appointed to serve on the Board of Governors of the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority for a three-year term beginning August 1, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the terms of W. Ray Acosta, William F. Torrey, Jr., and William R. Parker, Jr., expired on July 31, 1993, and William M. Hannon, Walter C. McNeely and Ben T. Slade, III, were appointed to serve on the Board of Governors of the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority for a three-year term beginning August 1, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the terms of William M. Hannon, Walter C. McNeely and Ben T. Slade, III, expire on July 31, 1996;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-referenced act by the General Assembly of Georgia requiring a joint resolution of the governing bodies of Glynn County and the City of Brunswick, this Joint Resolution is hereby made as an embodiment of the separate resolutions of the Commission of the City of Brunswick and the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, Georgia;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that William M. Hannon be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority for a three-year term beginning August 1, 1996, to fill the vacancy created upon the expiration of the term of William M. Hannon on July 31, 1996; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Walter C. McNeely be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority for a three-year term beginning August 1, 1996, to fill the vacancy created upon the expiration of the term of Walter C. McNeely on July 31, 1996.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ben T. Slade, III, be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority for a three-year term beginning August 1, 1996, to fill the vacancy created upon the expiration of the term of Ben T. Slade on July 31, 1996.

SPLOST AGREEMENT

On the matter approving the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion ratifying the SPLOST agreement with Glynn County. The motion passed unanimously.

CEMETERY DEEDS

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

- 1) Transferring N-1/2 of Lot No.22, Section No. B-11 in Palmetto Cemetery from Rosa Highsmith McGiboney to Jackie Highsmith. Original deed lost but City records verify ownership.

2) Transferring Lot No.2, Section No. 18 in Palmetto Cemetery from Pearl E. Goodbread and John E. Goodbread to Pearl E. and John Goodbread and Gary R., Sr. and Paula J. Corey. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

3) Issuing another deed to William J. Morgan for deed to Lot No. 1, Section No. C-7 in Palmetto Cemetery in lieu of original deed which has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater Fund (3) Metro Squad (4) Community Development (5) Municipal Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Accounts.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Chief of Police appeared before the Commission to submit information on the Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. Chief Cowan discussed the purpose of the Local Law Enforcement Grant Program. He stated a ten percent cash match by the City is required. An application must be submitted by August 9, to be eligible to apply for the \$84,000 grant.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like the City to use the Grant funds to purchase equipment and vehicles for the Police Department.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that additional law enforcement officers should be hired, however the City should keep in mind that the funding is only for the fiscal year 1996.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for the Law Enforcement Block Grant Program for funding of \$84,000. The motion passed unanimously.

CHLORINE BID

The City Manager submitted the following bid for chlorine for the Water and Wastewater Dept.:

Allied Universal	\$56,795.00
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Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion accepting the bid of Allied Universal in the amount of \$56,795.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jennings pointed out that the City was under a state mandate to dechlorinate Academy Creek.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager asked the Commission to add an amendment to the Building Code objecting to plumbers conducting their own inspections.

It met the consensus of the Commission to authorize the City attorney to draw up an amendment to the Building Code.

Commissioner Plyman recommended amending the City ordinance to require that all two story apartment buildings add fire escapes and ladders to any new construction. Commissioner Plyman stated that Fountain Lakes Apartment Building has no fire escape or ladders.

The City Attorney stated that he would look at the ordinance.

Commissioner Jennings reported that fifty-four percent of the County residents voted for Consolidation and many Democrats in the City voted against Consolidation.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that Consolidation was defeated and citizens must take Consolidation back to the polls if they want to pursue it.

Commissioner MacLeod pointed out that Democrats voted Consolidation down and Republicans were in favor of Consolidation. Commissioner MacLeod stated that Augusta had to consolidate because they were bankrupt. He stated that the City of Brunswick was in very good condition.

Commissioner Plyman reported that Mayor Wilson accompanied him to Palmetto Cemetery and they found that the building housing the bathroom was not in good condition and was unfunctional. Commissioner Plyman recommended razing the building and constructing another building and installing a new bathroom and septic tank. He stated that the work could be done by community service workers.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing razing the building at Palmetto Cemetery and constructing a new building installing a new bathroom and septic tank.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that there is a similar problem at Greenwood Cemetery and asked for a public restroom to be installed in Greenwood Cemetery.

Commissioner Plyman amended his motion to include installing a public restroom at Greenwood Cemetery.

Mayor Wilson stated that it would be in the City's best interest to construct something that would be inexpensive to store tools and have a restroom.

On call for the question, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he would like to see a new fence installed at Greenwood Cemetery. The City Manager stated that he would have the price finalized by the next meeting.

Commissioner Plyman reported that he was tired of the City placing lime rock in the holes in the street. He stated that he would like to set a policy to repair streets after they are cut by utility companies to make sure that the streets are safe.

The City Manager stated that the Water Department was busy making repairs and will repair the streets they cut soon as possible.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that a statement was made assuring him that the streets would be filled upon completion of the job and water repairs would be discontinued until the streets were repaired.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like the City to use up to date technology to fill the holes in the street. Commissioner MacLeod asked the City Manager to investigate the matter.

Mayor Wilson explained the process that the City uses to repair holes. Mayor Wilson recommended using a tamping machine and hot mix from Seaboard Construction to repair holes.

Commissioner Plyman offered a motion to condemn the name change from Brunswick

College to Coastal Georgia Community College. There was no second to the motion.

Commissioner Plyman stated that Brunswick College does not have the authority to change the name. The City of Brunswick has been very generous to Brunswick College.

Mayor Wilson stated that the County has played a major role in offering the land to Brunswick College. This was done jointly by the City and County.

Commissioner MacLeod pointed out that Camden County gave land to Brunswick College. He stated that Brunswick College has a campus in Darien and Camden County. Commissioner MacLeod mentioned other colleges who have changed their names. He stated that the area is growing and must be available to other counties and the City must trust the judgement of others.

Commissioner Plyman stated that Dr. Lord never came before the Commission to request a name change. The name sounds like something from a mail order business. Our fore fathers gave Brunswick College the land and did not put in any restrictions.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested clearing up the problem with the County.

Mayor Wilson stated that the Board of Regents did have something to do with changing the name of the college. Commissioner MacLeod pointed out that the college changed the name.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Manager whether the side walk and driveway would be finished on Wolfe Street next to Bryant Baptist Church. The City Manager stated that he would check on it in the morning.

Mayor Wilson reported that he read an article in the newspaper concerning the hospital purchasing houses for \$300,000 for the medical complex. Mayor Wilson stated that the City is making a sacrifice and the County is enjoying the benefits. Mayor Wilson stated that the City should receive a fair share of the sales tax.

Commissioner Plyman asked the City if they had any objections to the City leasing the property from Dr. Thompson on Parkwood Avenue for \$1.00 per year.

Commissioner Jennings stated that it sounded like a good idea.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk