

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., December 4, 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 MacLeod moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 1996 in its entirety except that the number in the Wrecker Ordinance Section I (b) 6 be changed to 5. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Joe Parker, President of St. Francis School appeared before the Commission to request permission to place a retractable fence across Reynolds Street in the 1100 block, which will be locked when school is in session. Mr. Parker stated that the fence will cover the sidewalks and pulled open when school is not in session.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he visited the school and observed the children playing in the school yard. Commissioner Plyman stated that a fence would protect the children during school hours.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod second the motion approving the fence. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Chaney, representing the Downtown Development Authority appeared before the Commission to discuss the maintenance of the Waterfront Park and naming the park. Mr. Chaney stated that the DDA did not have a proposal to present. Mr. Chaney recalled the development plans for the Waterfront Park in 1993 and the ISTE A Grant in the amount of \$650,000.00. The City of Brunswick and the Ports Authority contributed \$163,000.00 to the development of the park. Mr. Chaney pointed out that all revenues received from the operation of the park must be used for advertising and promoting the park. Mr. Chaney stated that the park would require a manager and advertising to get growers in to use the farmers market along with rules and a fee structure. The farmer's market spaces should be filled year round with daily vendors and the GA Ports Authority, Downtown Development and Mr. Torras should discuss and decide what type of vendors would be placed at the farmer's market. Mr. Chaney stated that he thought the name Brunswick Harbor Market at Mary Ross Park came from the City Commission. He stated that the name was good. Commissioner Plyman stated that the Commission did not come up with the name.

Mr. Chaney stated that the DDA did not use all the funding given by the City. He stated that the funding could be used for the salary of a

management person for one year. He stated that the DDA should discuss this with the Commission in a work session before making any decisions. Mr. Chaney pointed out that the manager could use office space at Old City Hall along with the Mainstreet Director. Mr. Chaney recommended that the DDA supervise the daily operations of the Waterfront Park and the manager be added to the DDA budget.

Commissioner Jennings asked Mr. Chaney the amount of the Downtown Development's Surplus. Mr. Chaney stated that the amount was \$90,000.

Mayor Wilson suggested that the City name the park as soon as possible.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion naming the Waterfront Park, Brunswick Harbor Market at Mary Ross Park. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Plyman voting no.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City will have to place a large sign in front of the Waterfront Park and the identity of Mary Ross Park will be lost.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he would like the City Manager, Director of Finance and Recreation Director to meet with the Downtown Development Authority and decide what proposal to use for management of the park and to come up with their own proposal. The City may use someone to manage and promote the park who is already employed with the City.

Mayor Wilson questioned what fee would be charged for growers to use the farmer's market. Mr. Chaney stated that he would not suggest raising fee for the growers.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested raising fees for the growers because they have a better facility.

FOOD GIFT CERTIFICATES

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving \$20.00 Gift Certificates for City Employees for Christmas. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

To retail alcoholic beverages including beer and wine for consumption off premises:

Linda C. Strayhorn, The Jug Package Store, 1300 London Street;

To retail beer and wine for consumption on premises:

Gene M. Chow, New China Restaurant, 3202 Glynn Avenue;

To retail beer and wine for consumption off premises:

John Nesbit, Lil'Champ Store #381, 1008 Bay Street;

Marie Bradley, Lil'Champ Store #390, 1910 Newcastle Street;

Gwen Braddock, Lil'Champ Store #337, 3320 Glynn Avenue;
David Sinclair, Lil'Champ Store #371, 1409 Gloucester Street;
Herschel Campbell, Lil'Champ Store #372, 2722 Norwich Street;
Chris Miller, Lil'Champ Store #323, 2403 Norwich Street;
Constance Cummings, Lil'Champ Store #324, 803 Albermarle Street;
Larry Fetts, Lil'Champ Store #379, 3001 Altama Avenue;
Pam Raulerson, Lil'Champ Store #325, 2401 Gloucester Street.

CEMETERY DEED

Petition received from Ricky Potter for deed to N-10 feet of Lot No. 12, Section No. 152 in Palmetto Cemetery in lieu of original deed which has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that the garbage carts were delivered to residents in the City and placed in the right collection area.

Commissioner MacLeod asked if residents could paint street addresses on the garbage carts. The City Manager pointed out that each cart has serial numbers on them to identify the location where the cart was placed. The City keeps a list of carts that are assigned to addresses in the City.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended that the City let residents know that the serial number can identify their carts.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned how long the City would let a garbage cart stay at a vacant residence. The City Manager stated that employees would pick up garbage carts when they find the residence is vacant.

Commissioner Jennings asked if residents could have a second garbage cart. The City Manager stated that the residents would be charged an extra dollar plus an additional garbage fee. Commissioner Jennings recommended charging a dollar per extra cart.

Mayor Wilson stated that residents should not be allowed to push the garbage carts around the City like a shopping cart.

The Commission discussed picking up garbage carts in alleys. It was recommended that garbage be placed near the front of the house in case the garbage truck is too wide to go into the alleys.

Robert Herrington stated that it seems that Glynn County residents have to place their garbage carts in the front of the house near the street for collection. Residents in the county do not place garbage carts in the

alleys.

Commissioner MacLeod suggested that the City make a rule requiring residents to place the carts back in their yards within 24 hours after the garbage has been picked up.

The City Manager reported that he met with Mr. Lyde concerning the Boone Building and arrangements are being made to get equipment to remove the bricks.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to reschedule the Commission meeting for January 1, 1997 to January 8, 1997 at 8:30 A.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner MacLeod called attention to the article written by Brunswick News writer Ashley Norton about adopting a park in the City. He asked interested City residents to call Ms. Mobley to set up the adoption of a park in the City.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that citizens should be aware of the park adoption.

Commissioner Plyman recommended that the City adopt an ordinance for Perpetual Care at Palmetto and Greenwood Cemeteries and delete any participation from the City such as deed sales and grave openings.

The City Manager stated that revenues from the sale of lots could go into this fund and become effective in the fiscal year budget for next year. Commissioner MacLeod stated that contributions should be tax deductible.

The City Attorney stated that the Perpetual Care Ordinance has to be advertised. The City Attorney mentioned that he was concerned about the method of appointing Trustees.

The City Manager stated that one Commissioner, two Funeral Home Directors and the Finance Director as ex officio should be appointed as Trustees.

Commissioner Plyman discussed the roof at the Police Department with the City Manager. The City Manager stated that the Purchasing Agent will submit the drawings to the Commission before the roof is bided. The City Manager stated that the City is soliciting letters of interest from architects. Commissioner Plyman stated that he will discuss this further with the City Manager.

Commissioner Plyman suggested advertising for a City Wrecker Contractor. The City Manager stated that the specifications have been prepared for the wrecker contractor for advertising.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City never took any position on the Coastal Zone Management proposal. He stated that the grant is fine; however, he did not like the strings attached and was opposed to it.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion rejecting the proposal to pass a resolution in favor of the Coastal Zone Management Act. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that there is a need for Police Officers in Lanier Plaza and the Downtown area. Commissioner MacLeod stated that a Police Officer is walking in the Downtown area, but not in Lanier Plaza.

The City Attorney stated that he would like the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

Mayor Wilson reported that the City turned off the water at a beauty salon by mistake and the owner had to hire a plumber to cut the water back on.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commission MacLeod seconded the motion to pay the owner of the beauty salon the cost of hiring a plumber to turn the water on. The motion passed unanimously.

It met the consensus of the Commission to notify all water customers and businesses when the water is being turned off.

Mayor Wilson stated that eighty percent of the customers that have their water turned off and leave an outstanding balance come from one particular area in the City. He asked the Commission what could be done about this.

The City Manager recommended doing a follow up and send the delinquent bills to a collection agency.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to hold an Executive session to discuss a legal matter. Following the Executive Session the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion

City Clerk