

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., February 5, 1997**

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence, 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 MacLeod seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Regular meetings of January 8, January 15 and Called meeting of January 23, 1997. The motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

Powell McDonald and Joe Sousa, representing the Exchange Club Organization appeared before the Commission to request that the City rename Fairground Road to Emory Dawson Road starting at Altama Avenue. Mr. Sousa stated that the road leading to Glynn County Stadium is also named Fairground Road. Mr. Sousa pointed out that the Board of Education may want to keep the name Fairground Road.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing Fairground Road to be renamed Emory Dawson Road. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager suggested that the name Fairground Road should remain on the road leading to Glynn County Stadium.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended that the City replace all the street signs that have been removed.

Commissioner Jennings requested a resolution in support of an Aquarium in Glynn County. Commissioner Jennings stated that the State will pay the cost for the Living Educational Aquarium. Commissioner Jennings stated that he and the City Manager serve on the Aquarium Board. The City Manager stated that Senator Boshears will support the Aquarium for Glynn County.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to adopt a resolution in support of the Aquarium. The motion passed unanimously.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick seeks to increase opportunities for area citizens, particularly school children, to learn about aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick seeks to encourage the addition of facilities in this area that will provide visitors with additional recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, an aquarium would provide the best means of hands on educational experience, and could serve as a research facility for many state and national agencies; and

WHEREAS, aquariums have been highly successful tourist attractions in other communities across the country, and an aquarium would serve to promote tourism in this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brunswick City Commission in regular session on the 5th day of February, 1997, by unanimous vote supports the formation of a Georgia State Aquarium and Maritime Complex Study Commission for the purpose of determining the feasibility of locating an aquarium in the Brunswick/Glynn county area.

James Kent representing JFK Architecture appeared before the Commission to submit designs for the Police Department Roof. Mr. Kent stated that the City should consider a roof that would place less stress on the structure such as a metal roof which is not inexpensive, but would give a better life cycle. Mr. Kent stated that shingles would place more stress on the structure of 1939 building.

Mayor Wilson requested that Mr. Kent put in writing his recommendation. Mayor Wilson stated that it would be for the best interest of the City of Brunswick.

Commissioner Jennings stated that the building should look nice; however, he would like to see a decrease in Scheme No. 1. Mr. Kent stated that water is leaking through the walls.

The City Manager stated that the Commission decided on a pitch roof or gable roof and patching the existing roof will not take care of the problem. The City Manager pointed that other things relate to the roof such as removing the air condition system and stopping the water from leaking through the walls. He stated that other issues are bringing up the cost.

Commissioner Plyman asked how much of the work could be done in-house. The City Manager stated that once the specifications are completed then Mr. Kent would let the City know how much could be done in-house. Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that there is no warranty on work done in-house.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the City Manager and Mr. Kent meet and bring back a decrease in Scheme No. 1.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that putting a roof on top of a possible rotten roof will cause problems in the future, pointing out that the City do not know the condition of the Police Department's Building.

It met the consensus of the Commission to have the City Manager meet with Mr. Kent to discuss using the best roof plan for the City and bring back a recommendation to the City Commission.

GMA LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the GMA Lease Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

SAFETY MANUAL FOR EMPLOYEES

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the Safety Manual for City employees. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that he and Commissioner MacLeod attended Mayor's Day in Atlanta and found that Growth Strategies will have an impact on communities. All services provided in the community must have an agreement on how services will be delivered. The City Manager stated that this will be an effort to consolidate governments and services and will require joint meetings with the County. Commissioner MacLeod stated that in talking to other representatives this will place a lot of work on the City Manager. All services will be reviewed and paperwork will have to be done. Commissioner MacLeod stated that it will be an enormous amount of bureaucratic work. There will be duplication of services.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he did not think it is fair to place all the workload on the City Manager.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he was at lost to see where this would create a problem. He stated that the City have not seen any particular changes.

The City Manager stated that it will not be as simple as continuing to do the work. Many studies have to be done to figure out how to combine services.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City should echo their feelings to the State Legislators.

Commissioner Plyman offered a motion to send a letter to the Legislators condemning Service Deliveries. Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City is not ready to condemn anything until the City receive all the information on Service Delivery Strategies. There was no second to the motion.

Mayor Wilson stated that if the Legislative Body wants to pass the Growth Strategy bill they need to look at it in depth before approving the bill.

Commissioner Jenning stated that the City should meet with the County to discuss the issue. Commissioner Lawrence stated that the County received the same information and he objected, to the City calling a joint meeting to discuss issues with the County. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he was tired of having to initiate meetings with the County. Commissioner Jennings pointed out that the City need to meet and discuss what services need to be combined before they meet with the County.

Commissioner Plyman withdrew his motion and stated that he will contact his State Legislature about his feelings.

The City Manager stated that he will contact the Georgia Municipal Association to find what recommendation they would offer about these services.

Commissioner MacLeod reported that a pot hole need to be repaired on Albermarle and Egmont Street.

Commissioner Plyman recommended that the City continue to repair windows at City Hall while the weather is good.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City approved the Boone Building for demolition and instructed the contractors to get back with the Commission before the work was started. Commissioner Lawrence stated that no one informed him about having the Boone Building demolished on Sunday. He questioned why the City Commission was not notified in writing concerning the exact date the Boone Building would be torn down.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he thought Mr. Boone was to keep all the bricks from his building, because the City had a place for the bricks to be cleaned.

Commissioner Plyman stated that at the last Commission meeting the City Manager stated that Mr. Boone wanted to keep the cost to a minimum and not add any extra cost to the lien on the property.

The City Manager stated that Mr. Boone did not want the cost added for cleaning the bricks and wanted to go the cheapest route. Mr. Boone did not want the cost increased.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that it was two problems (1) The bids were opened and Mayor Wilson requested that the contractors get back with the City and (2) A letter was not mailed to the owner notifying him about the date the building would be torn down.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he was under the impression that Mr. Boone understood the building would be taken down.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City should make it a policy to notify persons when their property is to be torn down. Commissioner MacLeod stated that he did not want this to happen in the future.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Attorney what legal process will the owner have if a letter was not mailed notifying him of the date the building was scheduled to be torn down.

The City Attorney stated that the City ordinance does not require that a letter be mailed to the owner; however, when the Judge made the order to demolish the building the owner was given a letter from the Judge. The City Attorney stated that he was not aware that the City mailed any letters to property owners.

Commissioner Jennings stated that the City should amend the ordinance to make sure a letter is mailed to the owner when their property is scheduled to be demolished.

Commissioner Lawrence reiterated that something need to be done about the contractor not getting back to the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that something should be done about Police Officers stopping all young African American males for drug searches who drive cars. He stated that it is not anything wrong with stopping these males; however, the drug searches should not continue. He stated that a black male was stopped, searched and cursed out by Metro Drug Agents. Commissioner Lawrence stated that this was brought to his attention by a concerned parent.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that better structure and responsibility is needed for the Metro Drug Squad.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the City Manager send a letter to each employee to remind them that courtesy should be given to citizens at all times especially people who are paying bills.

Mayor Wilson reported that Lillie Sandifer will be buried today and she was one of the oldest citizens in the City of Brunswick.

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

The City Manager reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Hospital Board should be advertised to fill the vacancies.

This met the consensus of the Commission.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk