

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 16, 1998**

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Bradford S. Brown, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence, Harold E. Jennings, Jonathan Williams and Doris A. Davis

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Harold Jennings.

APPROVAL OF JAMES DUNWOODY, JR.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the minutes of Called Meeting of August 28, 1998 and the Regular Meeting of September 2, 1998. The motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF JAMES DUNWOODY, JR.

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to James Dunwoody, Jr. for the courageous and heroic actions shown in saving the life of his cousin Tiffany Ozell. Mayor Brown commended James Dunwoody, Jr. for performing the Heimlich maneuver on his cousin to release a piece of candy lodged in her throat. Mayor Brown commended James Dunwoody, Sr., for teaching his son the Heimlich Maneuver. Mayor Brown presented James Dunwoody, Jr., with a \$50.00 savings bond. Commission Jennings instructed the City Manager to deliver a Key to the City to James Dunwoody, Jr.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Lawrence recommends that a member of the City Commission serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board.

Commissioner Lawrence nominated Commissioner Jonathan Williams to serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board. Commissioner Jennings seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

On nomination duly made and seconded, Commissioner Jonathan Williams was elected by a show of hands to serve the unexpired term of Ray Show on the Downtown Development Authority Board to May 6, 2001.

Commissioner Davis nominated Richard Altman to serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board. Commissioner Jennings seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

On nomination duly made seconded, Richard Altman was elected by a show of hands to serve the unexpired term of Bob Chaney on the Downtown Development Authority Board to May 6, 1999.

Commissioner Lawrence nominated Lynn Warwick to serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board. Commissioner Jennings seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

On nomination duly made and seconded, Lynn Warwick was elected by a show of hands to serve the unexpired term of Bob Henderson on the Downtown Development Authority Board to May 6, 2001.

Mayor Brown instructed the City Clerk to notify each applicant who was not appointed to the Downtown Development Authority Board and thank them for their willingness to serve on the Board.

Mayor Brown instructed the City Clerk to notify each applicant of their appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

Mayor Brown announced that workshops will be held for members of the Downtown Development Authority Board.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

The following 1998 alcoholic beverage licenses was submitted and approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager. On motion of Commissioner Lawrence and seconded by Commissioner Williams the licenses were unanimously granted:

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

Troy Wright, Jr., at the Taurus Sports Bar and Grill, 1311 "G" Street;
Alix M. Kenagy at the Voyager Grill, 1423 Newcastle Street.

REDEMPTION DEEDS

Redemption requested in the name of the present owner Max B. Emery on New Town Lot No. 1629 property acquired by the City at tax sale all taxes interest and costs in the amount of \$86.13 have been paid and account is clear. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting redemption deed of Max B. Emery. The motion carried.

Redemption requested in the name of the present owners Harry and Shirley Murray on S-1/12 of E-1/3 of Town Commons Lot No. 125 between Albany and Amherst Streets, property acquired by the City. at tax sale. All taxes interest and costs in the amount of \$185.31 have been paid and account is clear. Commissioner Davis moved Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting redemption deed in favor of Harry and Shirley Murray. The motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

Petition received from Virginia J. Bryson, attorney for Ophelia J. Killens, for quit claim deed in favor of her client, the present owner, to n-2/3 of E-1/2 of Town Commons Lot No. 152 between Wolfe and Albany Streets to clear title record of tax deed, which was subsequently redeemed, but was lost, misplaced or destroyed without being recorded. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition for quit claim deed. The motion carried.

CEMETERY DEED

Petition received from William H. Ponsell to exchange Section Block 104, Lot 58 for Section Block 105, Lot 72 in Palmetto Cemetery. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion carried.

TIPPING FEE FOR COMPOST PLANT

Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to defer taking action on tipping fee charges at the compost plant until a

determination can be made on the prices that are charged to citizens and contractors for different size trucks. The motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of August were submitted and were filed as information:

- 1) General Fund
- 2) Water and Wastewater fund
- 3) Community Development Fund
- 4) Municipal Court

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion accepting the monthly reports. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

The City Manager reported that House Bill 489 Advisory Committee met to discuss concerns relating to this bill. He stated that an article in the newspaper seem to suggest that Police Chief Cowan was for consolidation. He stated that Chief Cowan and Chief Alexander did an excellent job responding to questions raised during their presentations by the Advisory Board members.

The City Manager reported that he received a letter from U. S. Claims, inc., concerning the fire damage on the City's Vac Con Truck. He stated that he will meet with the City Attorney and Public Works Director and determine what are the City's options.

The City Manager reported that a LARP prioritized list was submitted for the 1999 calendar year for the Department of Transportation.

The City Manager reported that Baptismal by a local church and congregation has been discussed with the City Attorney. He asked the City Attorney to speak about the use of Howard Coffin Pool.

The City Attorney stated that there is no reason why the City cannot let groups use the pool. He recommended that the City adopt a policy if the City runs into any problems.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to allow churches to use the pool at Howard Coffin Park for Baptismals on Sunday. The motion carried.

The City Manager reported that parade application for the 1999 Christmas parade sponsored by the City have been mailed and the response have been great.

The City Manager reported since the last meeting with the Braswell group the City of Brunswick's dock lease option contract was signed and the City received a check in the amount of \$10,000.00. The interest on the funds will be used to repair the docks.

The City Manager reported that a notice of intent is given to hire a Human Resource Director by October 15, 1998. He stated that the position will be filled by Bonnie J. Dvorak.

The Director of Finance submitted the City's surplus equipment list for the City/County auction Saturday October 17, 1998.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the surplus equipment list for the City/County Auction. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jennings reported that letters will be passed out to all funeral

Mrs. Lavertia Johnson appeared before the Commission to discuss Constitution Week, which will be held at Brunswick High School. She pointed out that the Constitution is the oldest living document recorded in history. Mrs. Johnson passed out Constitution booklets and asked the Mayor and Commission to sign a parchment. The parchment will be on display in Philadelphia.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion appointing Commissioner Doris Davis as a Voting Delegate and Mayor Brown as an Alternated Voting Delegate at the Georgia Municipal Association Fall Pre-Legislative Conference on Friday October 2, 1998 at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jennings reported that debris from Hurricane Earl is visible around the City. He questioned whether the City will be able to clean up the debris. He mentioned at the last meeting he requested that 200,000.00 or 300,000.00 be placed in an Emergency fund. He questioned whether Chapman Waste included in their contract to allow residents to bring debris to the waste site without cost to the City. He mentioned that the County already has this in their contract.

Commissioner Jennings mentioned that the road leading to the exercise tract at Howard Coffin Park has not been paved.

Commissioner Davis reported that employees are working hard on picking up garbage in the City.

Commissioner Williams mentioned that the City should get recognition for cleaning up the City. He pointed out that pictures were taken of employees in the City and County cleaning up streets. He reported that a tree located on Albany and Gloucester Street at the site of the old Boone Building needs pruning. He suggested that a tree specialist may need to check the condition of the tree before it is pruned.

Mayor Brown suggested that the Park and Tree Board should look at the tree.

Commissioner Williams commended the City employees for doing a great job in cleaning the streets with the street sweepers. Commissioner Williams stated that employees should know that the Commission is acknowledging the fact that they are doing a great job. He mentioned that the railroad should keep their shrubs trimmed.

The City Manager stated that he met with representatives of the railroad and informed them about the City's clean up efforts. He stated that he asked that the railroad keep their shrubbery trimmed and the area near the tracks cleared.

Commissioner Williams mentioned that a meeting will be held to discuss relocating the Liberty Ship.

The City Manager stated that he spoke with Jerry Spence and was told the Liberty Ship is in storage and a meeting will be held to discuss the relocation of the ship.

Commissioner Lawrence requested that a tree specialist test the tree at the root to see if it is still alive before it blows down so that the City can save funds.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that the turn signals at the intersection of Tara Lane and Alta Avenue should be set to stay on longer.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that he received calls concerning the bathrooms at Mary Ross Waterfront Park. He stated that the bathrooms are locked at 5:00 P.M. and the park closes at 7:00 P.M. He stated that the bathrooms should be locked when everyone leaves at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that a meeting was held by the County Commission in which he attended concerning turning Reynolds Street School into a detention center. He pointed out that the County Commission should have invited the City Commission to the meeting out of respect. He stated that the City Commission should be respected.

Mayor Brown stated that Commissioner Lawrence is absolutely right. The City's concern is that the school is completely surrounded by a residential area.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he was told that the deal was between the County Commission and the Board of Education. He stated that respect should have been given to the City of Brunswick.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the City hold a Public Hearing so that the citizens can give input. He requested that the City Attorney find out the City's legal rights.

Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that the Board of Education should revert the property back to the City or County if they do not have any use for that property.

Mayor Brown questioned whether the City could do anything about this. The City Attorney stated that it is a zoning matter because the Board of Education owns the Property. He stated that he will look into the matter. He pointed out that the Board of Education does not have power to rezone school property they do not have zoning power.

The City Attorney stated that he would like to discuss pending litigation in an Executive Session.

Mayor Brown stated that the City can use the help of the County on a regular basis at the cemetery.

Mayor Brown reported that the Pilot Club requested to dedicate the flag pole and the new fire station building in memory of the late Fire Chief Tom Nichols.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the dedication of the flag pole and the New Fire Station in memory of the late Fire Chief Tom Nichols. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams mentioned that he visited the construction site of the new fire station and the inmates are working well and they are being supervised.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned how far will the construction go without an Architect. The City Manager stated that he is working on hiring an architect.

Commissioner Jennings stated that citizens contacted him concerning dedicating the pavilion at Mary Ross Park in memory of former Mayor Harold Sigman. Mayor Brown stated that it would be appropriate to dedicate an oak tree and

have a plaque placed in the park and having a living memorial. He pointed out that Old Town Brunswick Preservation want to donate two trees in honor of the late Roy Homans and the late former Mayor Paul Warwick, Jr. He stated that a tree may be more appropriate. He stated if the pavilion is dedicated after someone else the City will lose the name Mary Ross.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried.

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest: /s/Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk