

Official Minutes
Commission of the City of Brunswick, Georgia
Regular Meeting
8:30 A.M., November 4, 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 Jennings.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Mayor, Commissioners and everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 1998. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the date, time and place for a Public Hearing for request to rezone Lot 60 in Northside Estates Subdivision from R-9 One Family Residential District to Limited Medical District, 2801 Parkwood Drive owner Dr. Hurley Jones.

Deborah Taylor staff of Glynn County Community Development Planning and Zoning reported that the request is to rezone property located on the northeast corner of Parkwood Drive and Cherokee Road. A single family residence is located on the property, which the applicant proposes to remove. The applicant Dr. Darrin Strickland proposes to construct a new medical building on the property. The construction would be in harmony with the surrounding neighborhood. Mrs. Taylor stated that staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Jennings questioned whether the lot was located in the Hospital Area Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that he has always been opposed to spot rezoning. Commissioner Lawrence recalled that a Land Use Study was to be conducted before anymore rezoning would be considered.

Deborah Taylor mentioned that a meeting was held with Hospital Officials and the former City Manager to discuss a new Land Use Plan for the Hospital. She stated that the City Manager never followed through with creating another Land Use Plan for that area.

Chuck Taylor, Development Director for Glynn County stated that an evaluation of the Hospital area will be submitted.

Mayor Brown directed Mr. Taylor to meet with the City Manager to discuss the Land Use Study.

Ken Plyman pointed out that the Hospital has encroached on the neighborhoods and now they are taking over Parkwood Drive. He stated that he strongly opposes rezoning of that property.

Attorney Rick Strickland, representing Dr. Hurley Jones and Dr. Darrin Strickland, submitted an affidavit of Darrin Strickland, M.D. He stated that Dr. Strickland wishes to construct a new building on the property for the purpose of locating a medical office designed to house a Obstetrics/Gynecology practice.

Attorney Strickland stated that Dr. Strickland has not developed construction plans for the medical office.

Attorney Strickland pointed out that the people in the neighborhood who will be affected approves the rezoning. Attorney Strickland stated that Dr. Strickland visited each resident and spoke to the property owners concerning the rezoning.

Commissioner Davis questioned whether the City had the authority to hold two public hearings.

Mayor Brown stated that the City does have the authority to hold two public hearings.

Commissioner Lawrence recalled that the planning board did not recommend approval for rezoning in that area. Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the Planning Commission and City Manager get together and look at the area and stop picking houses for rezoning.

Margie Borklund stated that for 33 years she lived four doors down from the house that should be condemned at 2801 Parkwood Drive.

H. T. Corbitt stated that his residence is across the street 2712 Parkwood Drive and did not object to the rezoning.

Mayor Brown stated that this is actually the first Public Hearing for the proposed rezoning.

Commissioner Williams recommended completing the study for Land Use for property near the Hospital. He pointed out that the City should have guidelines for practical medical facilities.

The City Manager stated that he is not aware of what has been done by the previous City Manager. He pointed out that he would like to meet with Mr. Taylor and his staff to discuss the future medical needs of the hospital area.

Commissioner Jennings questioned whether the County staff was continually adding houses to be rezoned to limited medical. Mr. Taylor stated that the Planning Commission did conduct a special study for rezoning residential property. He pointed out the area should be expanded for future medical uses. Mr. Taylor stated that the Planning Commission needs to address the future medical needs and update the plan and map for the hospital area. He stated that the staff does not recommend not rezoning property that have been targeted for medical rezoning.

Commissioner Jennings questioned how long will it take for Dr. Strickland to confirm the exact dimensions of the building.

Attorney Strickland stated that the building would be a single story 3600 square feet building.

The City Attorney stated that the rezoning is a policy decision and the Commission will have to decide.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that the City did cross the line and rezone property that was not in the land use study.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the City place a date on the Land Use Plan. Mayor Brown pointed out that the City must have a clearer picture and better guidelines for future Council members.

Commissioner Williams questioned the use of Medical and Limited Medical zonings.

Deborah Taylor stated that Medical use is for hospitals and Limited Medical Use is for office buildings near the hospital.

Ken Plyman stated that this property has been abused and misused. It was rental property for a decade and he cannot blame the neighbors for being upset. He further stated that the neighbors want something better.

Mayor Brown instructed the City Manager to meet with the Planning Commission staff.

ADOPTING 1998 MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion unanimously adopting the following resolution:

It is hereby resolved by the Commission of the City of Brunswick that an ad valorem tax of thirty-two dollars and thirty-five cents (32.35) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation is hereby levied and assessed for the calendar year 1998 upon all tangible property that is subject to taxation within the City. Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 48-8-91, it is further resolved that said millage rate of thirty-two and thirty-five one-hundredths (32.35) mills shall be reduced by twenty-one and thirty-five one-hundredths (21.35) mills, that being the millage rate which, if levied against the tangible property in the City of Brunswick would produce an amount equal to the distribution of local option sales tax received by the City of Brunswick during 1997 leaving a net millage rate of eleven and zero one-hundredths (11.00) mills, which shall be the net millage rate upon which each taxpayer's bill shall be based. It is further resolved that payment of 1998 ad valorem taxes shall be due no later than January 20, 1999.

SO RESOLVED this 4th day of November, 1998, unanimously, by the Mayor and Commission of the City of Brunswick.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion setting January 20, 1999 as the due date for 1998 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes. The motion carried.

CEMETERY DEED

Petition of Raymond S. Baisden for deed to Lot No. 6, Section No. 55 in Greenwood Cemetery in lieu of deed which has been lost, misplaced or destroyed. City records verify ownership.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

The following 1999 alcoholic beverage license renewals were submitted and approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager. On motion of Commissioner Lawrence seconded by Commissioner Williams the license renewals were unanimously granted:

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

Sandra L. Webb at Bamboo Lounge II
2717 Glynn Avenue;

James Bookout, Jr. at Golden Isles Cruise Lines
1 St. Andrews Court;

Robert P. Redden at Pablo's Restaurant
33814 Cypress Mill Road;

J. Elaine McDonald at Hideaway Lounge
1709 ½ Gloucester Street

To retail beer only for consumption on premises:

Keith M. Middleton at Pizza Inn-Brunswick
2803 Cypress Mill Road;

To wholesale beer and wine:

Gary Sheffield at Sheffield Distributing Company, Inc.
2129 Line Street

WASTEWATER OPERATIONAL STUDY

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving Wiedeman and Singleton's Water/Wastewater Operational Study. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS

The City Manager requested an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

The City Manager reported that the HB489 Committee recommended that the City take over the operations of Water and Wastewater in the City and County.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested that the Commission discuss taking over the Water and Wastewater operations.

Mayor Brown recommended holding a work session.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to hold a work session on Monday, November 9, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. The motion carried.

The City Manager reported that plans we resubmitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation for utility relocation for the Southend Martin Luther King Project and bids will be let March, 1999.

Commissioner Williams questioned whether the Southend Martin Luther King project was approved years ago. He pointed out that he received opposition. He stated that the City must carry out their plans.

The City Manager stated that he received two calls concerning opposition.

The City Manager reported that the fire Department received an Operation Life Safety Achievement Award. This award was given to 200 Fire Departments in the country.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and litigation. The motion carried.

Following an Executive Session, the Mayor announced that the Commissioner discussed Real Estate items and continuing litigation. The Commission did not decide what facility to look at for temporary housing for the City of Brunswick.

Commissioner Williams stated that a date will be set to hold a Town Hall meeting for the North Ward.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that the 2200 block of Amherst street needs paving. He pointed out that the City should be responsible for washing the residents' cars in two weeks in the event the City does not get the street paved.

The City Manager stated the continuation of leakage in the area is why the paving is taking so long. He stated that the paving should be done soon.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that merchants are selling cigarettes to minors and were fined for that. He stated that the merchant complained about minors smoking in public, which should be illegal.

The City Attorney stated that there is a State law prohibiting minors from smoking cigarettes.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City draw up some type of proposal for the year 2000 requiring all new department heads to live in the City of Brunswick. He pointed out that most people who do not live in the City do not have the same interest as citizens who live in the City.

Mayor Brown stated that the City can look into it sooner than the year 2000.

Commissioner Jennings pointed out that the City has a lot of employees living outside the City and that should be investigated.

Commissioner Jennings mentioned that he was concerned about the year 2000. He asked that computer manufacturers appear before the Commission to discuss the year 2000.

The City Manager stated that Linda Gordon is looking into the YK 2000 project.

Commissioner Davis reported that police officers were in the Windsor Park area stopping vehicles speeding in the neighborhood. A police officer is needed to control the after-school traffic.

Mayor Brown announced that the Caravan performed at the City docks. He reported that a person pulled out a shotgun and shot at boats four times. He recommended banning the person and shrimp boat from the use of the City Dock for six months. He next reported that Captain Peanut Clark's Shrimp Boat sunk and no attempt has been made to pull the boat up.

The City Manager stated that the boat sank behind Lewis Crab Factory. According to the Coast Guard, no diesel fuel was in the tank.

The City Attorney stated that the vessel will have to be raised with a 70-ton crane.

Mayor Brown asked what the City can legally do to have the boat removed? The City Attorney stated that he would have to look into it.

Mayor Brown reported that the Clipper Cruise Line will be docked at the Mayor Port Terminal in Brunswick. The ship will pay the City \$500.00 per day for docking fees.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all standing.

Meeting Adjourned.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk