

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., JUNE 16, 1999**

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Roosevelt Harris, City Attorney, M. Lynn Frey, III and City Clerk, Georgia Marion.

INVOCATION: Rev. LaRon Bennett, Pastor of Christ's Church for the End Times gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Mayor, Commissioners and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of June 2, 1999. The motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS: Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to Stacy Celeste Beck for representing Brunswick, Georgia in the Georgia Junior Miss Scholarship program July 23-24 in Atlanta, Georgia.

DELEGATION: Brady Turner appeared before the Commission to request that the City of Brunswick Water and Wastewater Department move from the Building located at 1824 Norwich Street to move in new tenants by July 1, 1999. Mr. Turner offered a lease to the City for use of the building located at 720 Bay Street for \$2,800 per month and a ten percent reduction if rent is paid in advance.

Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to relocate the Water and Wastewater plumbing materials and supplies to 720 Bay Street for six months to one year beginning July 1, in the amount of \$2,500.00 per month, rent starting on August 1, with a two months' advance notice when moving out of 720 Bay Street. The motion carried.

The City Manager stated that Mike Anderson, owner of Anderson's Texaco located at 2204 Glynn Avenue submitted in writing a request to close the side road known as Wilson Avenue located next to his service station and the Old Golden Isles Motel for use in his business. He offered to take possession of the property in exchange for paying the City taxes. Mr. Anderson already maintains the property and has placed a privacy fence there to keep U-Haul vehicles and for employees and customer parking.

The City Manager recommended that Wilson Avenue remain open pointing out that a lot of interest has been in the Old Golden Isles Motel. He next recommended that Mr. Anderson be given permission to use the property.

Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to allow Mike Anderson of Anderson Texaco the use of the property on Wilson Avenue and the City will give Mr. Anderson proper notice in 30 days when the property is sold. The motion carried.

Lloyd Smith representing Seacoast Work Force Development Board appeared before the Commission to request that the City of Brunswick approve the Local Elected Official Memorandum of Agreement for the Delivery of Training Employment Programs. Mr. Smith explained the Service Delivery Area.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to defer taking action on the Local Elected Official Agreement until the City Attorney reviews the agreement. The motion carried.

Review of Liability Insurance was not presented at this meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of May were submitted:

1. General Fund
2. Water/Wastewater Fund
3. Community Development
4. Municipal Court

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the monthly reports. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS

The City Manager announced that the City of Brunswick received a total of \$50,000 in Local Assistant Grant funds from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs:

\$10,000.00 to construct a permanent location at the City Dock for area Shrimpers in Brunswick.

\$20,000.00 to replace recreation equipment in Goodyear Park.

\$20,000.00 to replace recreation equipment in College Park.

The City Manager stated that State Representative Steven G. Scarlett and Representative E.C. Tillman assisted in getting funds for these projects.

Commissioner Jennings requested that a letter thanking them for their assistance be forwarded to each State Representative.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion accepting the Local Assistance Grant Funds in the amount of \$50,000.00. The motion carried.

The City Manager submitted copies of the 1997-1998 annual Report to the City Commission. He stated that a lot of good information is listed for the citizens of this community to inform them about what is going on in the City of Brunswick.

Commissioner Jennings congratulated the City Manager for doing a great job and pointed out that this has never been done in the History of Brunswick informing citizens of what has been done and what will be going on in the future.

Mayor Brown stated that he is really impressed with the report. Commissioner Lawrence requested that the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk be included in the next Annual Report.

Mayor Brown stated the City flag will be ready to participate in the Georgia Municipal Association Parade of Flags on Monday, June 28th in Savannah, Georgia. Adia Fields, Georgia's Cover Miss, will carry the flag for the City of Brunswick.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM

The City Attorney submitted amendments to the Alcoholic Beverage License Ordinance, for information only.

The City Attorney submitted a resolution extending Century Cable forty-five days on their franchise agreement.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion unanimously approving the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK

WHEREAS, On November 2, 1984, the City of Brunswick, Georgia (hereafter "City") granted a cable television franchise agreement (hereafter "Agreement") pursuant to the City of Brunswick Code of Ordinances to Rentavision of Brunswick, Inc, now doing business as Century Cable, (hereafter "Company"); and

WHEREAS, prior to the expiration of the term and continuing to date, the Company and the City have proceeded with the franchise renewal process and negotiations; and,

WHEREAS, since expiration of the Agreement, as renewal negotiations have continued, the Company and the City have understood that the Company would continue to provide service, and among other things, pay franchise fees pursuant to the Agreement as if the Agreement had not expired, and the City has from time to time adopted resolutions evidencing such understanding; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt a resolution memorializing the understanding between the City and the Company and to extend the Agreement until a date certain;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the above, that:

1. The Mayor and the City Commission hereby extend the Agreement until the earlier of (a) the date the City and the Company execute a renewal agreement or (b) the date forty-five days from the date of this Resolution.
2. As a result of the adoption of this Resolution, neither the City nor the Company shall be deemed to have waived any rights or obligations under Section 626 of the Federal Cable Act nor any existing rights or obligations, and such adoption shall not be deemed to constitute the renewal of the Agreement or approval of any renewal proposal which may have been previously submitted by the Company.
3. The City hereby authorizes the City Manager, if he deems it necessary, to enter into an agreement with the Company evidencing its agreement to the terms of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Commission, this 15th day of June, 1999.

/s/Bradford S. Brown

The Honorable Bradford S. Brown
Mayor, City of Brunswick

ATTEST:

/s/Georgia E. Marion
Georgia E. Marion, Clerk
City of Brunswick

Dale Brussard, representing Century Cable, requested that the Century Cable be given a waiver for the 30-day written notification to change channel lineups. Century Cable will add WTGS (FOX Savannah) and replace WPIX (Channel 20) with Animal Planet, a 24-hour service providing non-fiction programming about creatures in the wild. Atlanta Falcon games will be covered by WTGS.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion granting the waiver for the 30-day written notification. The motion carried.

QUITCLAIM DEED

Petition received from James D. Benefield, III as Attorney for Clifford Graham for quitclaim deed in favor of his client to the NW-1/4 of Town Commons Lot No. 48 between Albany and Amherst Streets to clear title record of redeemed, but was lost without being recorded.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute the quitclaim deed. The motion carried.

Rev. LaRon Bennett commended the City Attorney for preparing amendments to the Alcoholic Beverage License Ordinance.

Mayor Brown requested that all water bill adjustments be placed on file and the City Manager be apprised of all adjustments. He stated that a conversation was held with the Director of Finance and the City Manager about the adjustments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Following the executive session, Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest:

/s/Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk