

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRNSWICK, GEORGIA
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 29, 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, Jr., City Attorney, M. Lynn Frey, III, and City Clerk, Georgia E. Marion.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Harold E. Jennings gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the minutes of the called meeting of August 27, 1999 and the Regular meeting of September 1, 1999. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: This being the date, time and place for Public Hearing on request to rezone New Town lots 500-505 from Local Commercial to Highway Commercial.

Chuck Taylor, Director of Glynn County Community Development stated that the proposed use for the property is mini-warehouse. The Glynn County Community Development Staff recommended approval of the rezoning to Highway Commercial subject to the following:

- 1) No access allowed from Newcastle Street.
- 2) Access made from "M" Street only. If an entrance gate is constructed as part of the access drive design, then an off-street waiting area, to accommodate vehicles turning into the development, should be provided and
- 3) Provide an adequate buffer and fence along all property lines.

Commissioner Lawrence asked how close the property is to the residents in the area. Mr. Taylor stated that there is a residential area near the proposed mini-warehouses.

Mayor Brown asked if any residents would like to speak about the proposed rezoning. There was no response.

Commissioner Williams pointed out that the business would be a good addition to the City and it will bring in taxes and jobs.

Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the rezoning with recommendation made by staff. The motion carried.

RECOGNITION: Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to the RAPE Crisis Center recognizing September as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Charles A. Wilson representing the Rape Crisis Center presented the Mayor with plans used by the State on Sexual Assault Awareness.

APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Davis asked the City Attorney if she could serve as a member of the Complete Count Committee. The City Attorney stated that the Commission would be involved in the Census process.

Commissioner Davis submitted the following names for appointment to the Census Complete Count Committee:

Rosa E. Dobbs
Doris A. Davis

Commissioner Jennings submitted the following names for appointment to the Census Complete Count Committee:

Glenda Beck
Elliott Foss
Robert Bradley
John Demery

Commissioner Williams stated that people who own property in the City would like to serve on the Census Complete Count Committee.

The City Manager stated that he would like City residents to serve on the Census Complete Count Committee.

Mayor Brown stated that the Commission will continue to work on getting residents to serve on the Census Complete Count committee Board.

APPROVALS: The City Manager submitted a list of Streets for the local Assistance Resurfacing Program for year 2000.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the 2300-2600 Block of Cleburne Street needs paving. He requested a date for the street paving. The City Manager stated that the street paving on Cleburne will begin after the storm sewer repair.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the Local Assistance Resurfacing List for the year 2000. The motion carried.

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

- 1) General
- 2) Water/Wastewater Fund
- 3) Community Development

4) Municipal Court

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the monthly reports. The motion carried.

FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION FIREWORKS: Bryan Thompson, Director of Mainstreet recommended Melrose South for the New Year's Eve Fireworks display.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion accepting the proposal of Melrose South to furnish one (1) fireworks display in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the First Night Celebration. The motion carried.

INFORMATION: The City Manager reported on Coastal Resources Division update on Terry Creek's cleanup. He stated that residents should consume yellow tail fish only once a week.

Coastal Resources posted signs in the area concerning the consumption of fish.

Commissioner Jennings suggested that an ad should be placed in the local newspaper advising residents not to consume more than the suggested amount of yellow tail fish.

The City Attorney stated that the City can not place an article in the newspaper concerning the consumption of fish. The City Attorney stated that the City can not regulate fishing. He pointed out that the recommendation came from the Department of Natural Resources and the City is not in a position to Police the river. The Department of Natural will post advisories in the area.

The City Manager reported that the Golden Isles Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps will host a buffet dinner for the Cadets and would like for the Commission to attend.

PROGRAM ON GOVERNANCE: The City Manager explained the program on Governance and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Governance Program will be good for Department Heads.

STORM RECOVERY UPDATE

The City Manager thanked everyone for cleaning up after the hurricane. He reported that employees logged over 4,018 hours. He met with FEMA to recover these funds which will include food served to Police Officer and equipment.

Commissioner Williams stated that the City should find solutions to the problems that occurred and map out a plan and find ways to improve them.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he spoke with Lt. Governor Taylor and Representative Tommie Williams and they are willing to work with the State and then the cities to find solutions.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that a sign with an "S" identifying shelters like the "H" symbol identifying Hospitals should be placed on Highways and Interstates. He stated that something should be done when hurricane evacuees sleeping in cars in a McDonald's parking lot.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEMS: The City Attorney reported that the amendments to the Water/Wastewater Ordinance and the franchise agreement for Century Communication will be ready at the second Commission meeting in October.

The City Attorney stated that he would like to request an Executive Session in order to give an update on pending litigation.

CITY CLERK'S ITEMS: Appointment of Voting Delegate and Alternative Voting Delegate for the Pre-Legislative Conference on Jekyll Island, Friday October 9, 1999.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion appointing Commissioner Doris A. Davis as voting Delegate and Commissioner Jonathan Williams as Alternate Voting Delegate for the Pre-Legislative Conference on Jekyll Island, Friday, October 9, 1999. The motion carried.

Appointment of Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate for National League of Cities Conference in Los Angeles, California Saturday December 4, 1999.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion appointing Commissioner Doris A. Davis as Voting Delegate and Commissioner Jonathan Williams as Alternate Voting Delegate for the National League of Cities Conference in Los Angeles, California, Saturday December 4, 1999. The motion carried.

CEMETERY DEED PETITIONS: On motion of Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Lawrence the following Cemetery petitions were unanimously granted:

Petition to transfer Section No. 5, Lot No. 6 in Greenwood Cemetery from L. A. Clark to Reverend Michael J. K. Jones. Original deed lost or misplaced, but Cemetery records verify ownership.

Petition to transfer Section No. 46, Lot No. 7 in Greenwood Cemetery from Elouise Pinkney to Reverend Michael J. K. Jones. Original deed lost or misplaced, but City records verify ownership.

MAYOR'S ITEMS: Mayor Brown commended the City of Brunswick's Staff on the Hurricane Evacuations and the citizens for taking heed of the warnings. He pointed out that the hurricane looked as if it was going to hit Brunswick. He

commend Roots Communication for doing a great job by keeping citizens informed about the weather and keeping them calm. Mayor Brown stated that he learned a lot of things from that experience and the next time a lot of things would be done differently.

Mayor Brown announced that the Georgia Pacific Team will travel to Brunswick County in Virginia to reclaim the Brunswick Stew Trophy on October 9, 1999. Mayor Brown stated the Kwanis Club will hold a local stew cook off in Brunswick.

Mayor Brown stated that he would like the auditors to appear before the Commission to discuss the Wastewater Management audit.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City send a plaque or Proclamation to the Counties that helped during the Hurricane Evacuations.

Commissioner Williams stated that shelters should be set up in the City for persons who can not evacuate. He stated that the Federal Emergency Management Association the Red Cross should take care of setting up the shelters.

Commissioner Davis asked for an update on Overlook Park.

The City Manager stated that employees who started working on the Overlook Park Project is out on sick leave and Job Corp agreed to complete the repairs at the Park. The City Manager stated that he will look at a private company to finish the Overlook park project.

Commissioner Williams requested that the City take the Overlook Park sign down and repair it. The City Manager stated that he ordered a new sign.

Commissioner Lawrence requested that the City place identification signs in each City Park.

The City Manager stated that Street Smarts in Atlanta submitted a proposal to place identification signs in the City of Brunswick. The City Manager stated that he will have Staff look at placing signs in the Parks.

COMMISSIONER JENNINGS ITEMS: Commissioner Jennings requested that the City change the date of the Christmas Parade to December 11th due to the attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Los Angeles California.

Mayor Brown stated that several other events tie in with the Christmas Parade and date should not be changed.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City to give Jean Linden from Rich Sea Pak a Resolution and letter of Appreciation and a Plaque for the Musical Playscape that was placed in May Ross Waterfront Park.

Commissioner Jennings reported that the Unity Breakfast was a great success, thirty- seven of the fifty- three members attended the Unity breakfast.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS ITEMS: Commissioner Williams asked for an update on the College Park Storm Sewer Project. The City Manager stated that easements have been addressed and the project will go out for bids soon.

Commissioner Williams recommended that the City hold a meeting with residents in College Park to get input from citizens concerning what they would like in the College Park. He stated that he would like to do this for other parks in the City.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that citizens in the Community would like to paint basketball courts at no cost. Johnny Stoutley and other City residents would like to proceed with painting basketball courts, if the City permit them to paint the basketball courts. Mr. Stoutley did speak with the Recreation Director about Painting the basketball court.

Commissioner Lawrence requested that the City furnish the paint for the basketball courts.

Commissioner Williams recommended that non-skid paint be used to paint the basketball courts.

The City Manager stated that citizens must have some knowledge of lining and painting the three point area. Commissioner Lawrence stated that they completed Orange Park basketball court and used the correct paint.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion authorizing Mr. Stoutley and other residents to paint the basketball courts with paint furnished by the Recreation Director in the City. The motion carried.

The City Manager reported that the City Engineer is working on plans to improve the grades. He stated that information will be provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if the City Commissioners must place on the Agenda exactly what they want to speak about or can the Commissioner just talk about the items they want to.

The City Attorney stated that it is necessary to place the item of discussion on the Agenda. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he felt it was alright to speak on items if there was no vote by the Commission pertaining to the item brought up for discussion. He stated that he had a serious problem with this.

The City Attorney stated that State Legislatures approved the law under open meetings and each item must be placed on the Agenda for discussion. The Commission must follow the law.

Commissioner Jennings stated that citizens call the night before a meeting to discuss problems with him. He asked the City Attorney to get a ruling on items that could be discussed in an open meeting.

The City Attorney stated that the Commission can deal with the problems if necessary. The Commission can place items on an Agenda for a called meeting to be held the next day.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried.

Following the Executive Session Mayor Brown stated that they covered litigation.

Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown

Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion

City Clerk