

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., DECEMBER 15, 1999

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

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 Williams seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 1999. The motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS: Mayor Brown read a joint proclamation honoring the Brunswick High School Pirates Football Team for winning the semi-finals and competing in the State Quad A Championship football game.

Kathy Stratton, Chairperson of the Brunswick Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Commission to ask that the City make a request to the Department of Transportation to name the portion of Highway 17 North of the Sydney Lanier Bridge in honor of the memory of the former Mayor the late Paul Warwick, Jr. Mrs. Stratton stated that Paul Warwick, Jr. served as Mayor of the City of Brunswick January 1987 to January 1990. He was a resident of the City of Brunswick for almost forty years. He also was a past chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. Paul Warwick, Jr. convened the first meeting of community leaders during his term as Mayor to begin the process of gaining State and Federal support and assistance in replacing the Sydney Lanier Bridge. The bridge is well underway to completion.

Mayor Brown stated that the Commission should take action on the naming of the portion North of Highway 17 in form of a Resolution honoring the memory of Paul Warwick, Jr.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion to adopt a resolution naming the north portion of Highway 17 North of the Sydney Lanier Bridge in the memory of Paul Warwick, Jr. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The motion carried.

WHEREAS, Paul Warwick, Jr. was a long time resident of this City who devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to productive community service as a businessman, civic leader and Mayor of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Brunswick has determined to honor the memory of Paul Warwick, Jr. and to express the City's gratitude both for his support for the City itself and for his accomplishments which benefited the surrounding community at large;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved by the City Commission of the City of Brunswick at its regular meeting of December 15, 1999, that the portion of U.S. Highway 17 situated between the northern end of Sidney Lanier Bridge and the intersection of U.S. 17 with the western foot of F.J. Torras Causeway shall hereafter be designated and known as "Paul Warwick, Jr. Memorial Highway."

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST: The Holiday Lighting Committee presented an award to the City of Brunswick for winning first place in the Annual Holiday Lighting Contest.

PUBLIC HEARING: This being the date, time and place for Public Hearing on request to rezone Lot 1 in Northside Estates Subdivision from R-9 One Family Residential District to Limited Medical District.

Charles Taylor representing Glynn County Community Development recommended denial of the rezoning request because the property is not located within the area that is designated for future medical use. The property is located outside of the designated medical zone.

Commissioner Jennings questioned whether Mr. Taylor have drawn up an extended medical zone. Mr. Taylor stated no. He pointed out that a public meeting was held in November to receive public comments and information from residents about future planning of the area.

Commissioner Lawrence expressed his concerns about spot rezoning. He stated that there is a need for a designated area for Medical rezoning and a decision should be made when the new plans are submitted to the Commission.

The City Manager stated that a Public Hearing was held on November 24, 1999 at the Coastal Georgia Community College, Continuing Education Building to receive comments from residents. He stated that this was a beginning and public hearings are needed to receive input. Bert Whittaker, Administrator of the hospital is in favor of meeting.

Bob Nyers resident of 2812 Wildwood Drive stated that his home is adjacent to the proposed property which is approximately sixteen feet. He requested that a buffer be left in place because he did not know how the rezoning would affect his family.

John Kaufman, agent representing Robin Strickland and Nancy Floyd the owners of the property stated that the proposed use of the property is Medical use. The proposed buyers would like to construct a medical office building on the lot. It is difficult to find land that would be sufficient. Mr. Kaufman submitted letters from three property owners across the street from the proposed property stating that they are in favor of the rezoning.

Mayor Brown stated that this is the First Public Hearing and the Second Hearing will be held in January.

DELEGATIONS: Peter Vivenzio returned to the Commission meeting to present a framed copy of the ten commandments to the Mayor and each City

Commissioner. He stated that he continued to see a decline of morals. He stated that he is a part of the problem and not the solution and our forefathers wanted everything done under God such as prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He pointed out that the ten commandments is hung on the walls in the Supreme Court and it can also be hung on walls around the City.

Mr. Vivenzio asked where the City stand on placing the Ten Commandments in City building?

Mayor Brown stated that the Commission would have to go into Executive Session since litigation and is still pending. The City Attorney stated that a decision can not be made in an Executive Session.

BID RECOMMENDATION: The City Manager submitted the following bids for three Police Vehicles:

Vendor	Comments	Total
Southlake Ford Morrow, GA 30260 (800)-821-5151	2000 Models Six Week Delivery Time Not In Stock	\$62,253.00
Brannen Motor Company Unadilla, GA 31091	200 Models In Stock Immediate Delivery	\$62,239.00
King's Colonial Ford Brunswick, GA	2000 Models 90 to 120 Days Not In Stock	\$65,304.30

Commissioner Lawrence asked if these vehicles are really needed. He stated that vehicles are parked at stores and these vehicles should be moving.

Commissioner Jennings recommended contacting King's Colonial Ford to see if they can negotiate a price. He pointed out that Brannen Motor Company do not pay any taxes in the City and if the vehicles are needed he did not want the Police Department to wait.

Commissioner Williams asked if this would be a violation of the bidding process.

The City Attorney stated it would. The City would not like to negotiate after the fact.

Commissioner Jennings questioned why King's Colonial Ford did not have vehicles in stock and Brannen did have them in stock. Commissioner Lawrence questioned whether the vehicles are equipped with the same accessories.

The City Manager stated that all bidders are given specifications to bid on and all of these are state contracts.

The City Attorney stated that State Contracts give persons a feel of what will be bided. He pointed out that five percent over the bids is not a part of the procurement policy for companies located in the City.

Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the City Manager's recommendation of Brannen Motor Company in the amount of \$62,391.00. The motion carried.

The following bids were submitted to purchase one car for Police Administration:

Vendor	Comments	Totals
Dan Vaden Chevrolet Brunswick, GA 31521	Note Delivery (14) days	\$16,877.05
Fuller Chevrolet Rincon, GA 31326		\$21,937.61
Nalley Chevrolet Atlanta, GA 30315		\$17,294.00

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion accepting the low bid of Dan Vaden Chevrolet in the amount of \$16,877.05. The motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS: The following reports were submitted and ordered filed as information:

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

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

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS FOR THE YEAR 2000:

The following year 2000 alcoholic beverage license renewals were submitted and approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager. On motion of Commissioner Lawrence and seconded by Commissioner Williams the license renewals were unanimously granted.

TO RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INCLUDING BEER AND WINE FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES:

Scott Jackmore at Red Carpet Lounge, 300 "F" Street;

Paul Marshall at Veteran of Foreign, 2120 Davis Street;

Janice f. Courson at Cherry Lounge, 2027 Stacy Street;

Leonard Cahoon at Boilermaker Club, 1828 ½ Wolfe Street;

Nelson Hart at Double Eagle, 1621 Albany Street;
Alex Kenagly at Cargo Portside, 1423 Newcastle Street;
Cholas-Tex-Mex, 1942 Glynn Avenue;
John Vara at Club Deep, 1404 Newcastle Street;
Donna Vara at O'Henry's, 211 Monck Street;
Robert Redden at Pablo's 3384 Cypress Mill Road;
Spanky's, 1200 Glynn Ave.;

**TO RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INCLUDING BEER AND WINE
FOR CONSUMPTION OFF PREMISES:**

Phillip Bluestein at Grog Shoppe, 1701 Norwich Street;
Hugh Strayhorn at Jug Package, 1300 London Street;
Jim Gibson at Gibson Beverage, 3304 Glynn Avenue;
Nelson Hart at the Keg, 3101 Johnston Street;
The Fountain, 2300 Norwich Street;
Janet Weston at Jinright Seafood, 2815 Glynn Avenue;
E. Gonzales at Minami Japanese, 3350 Cypress Mill;
R. M. Torras, Sr. at Brunswick Landing, 2429 Newcastle Street;
Brady Turner at Royal Café', 1618 Newcastle Street;

TO RETAIL BEER AND WINE FOR CONSUMPTION OFF PREMISES:

Winn Dixie
Henry Sowell at Biunky's, 2803 Glynn Avenue;
Mary S. Harden at Friendly Express #70, 3319 Glynn Avenue;
Mary Harden at Friendly Express #59, 1409 Gloucester Street;
Mary Harden at Friendly express #54, 2401 Gloucester Street;
Mary Harden at Friendly Express #44, 1008 Bay Street;
Mary Harden at Friendly Express #43, 3001 Altama Avenue;

Mary Harden at Friendly Express #35, 1001 First Street;

Mary Harden at Friendly Express #63,

TO RETAIL BEER FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES:

Henry Fernandes at Brunswick Yacht Club, 1200 Glynn Avenue;l

Nancy Cahoon at Nan's Confectionary, 1828 Wolfe Street;

Henry Fernandes at Brunswick Yacht Club, 1200 Glynn Avenue;

TO RETAIL BEER FOR CONSUMPTION OFF PREMISES:

J. V. Patton at Triton Marketing, Inc., 3879 Altama Avenue;

J. V. Patton at Triton Marketing, Inc., 4528 Altama Avenue;

C & T Bay Station, 3227 Norwich Street;

Joanne Boone at In and Out Mart; 1603 "L" Street;

TO WHOLE SALE BEER AND WINE FOR CONSUMPTION OFF PREMISES:

Gary Sheffield at Sheffield Distributing Co., 2129 Line Street;

Standard Distributing Co., 705 "T" Street'

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWALS:

The Director of Finance submitted Group Health Insurance Renewals from Local Agent Mike Maloy, HRH Insurance in the amount of \$169,634.00 with PPO and \$166,827.00 without PPO for the year 2000.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned whether the hospital Plan would help families with a lower premium.

The Human Resource Director stated that prices are rising for Health Care.

The Director of Finance stated that claims are going up and the City will have to pay one million dollars increasing premiums.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that savings should be passed on to employees.

Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion accepting the Group Health Insurance Renewals in the amount of \$169,634.00 with Hospital PPO. The motion carried.

The Human Resources Director submitted additions and revisions to the Human Resources Standards of Practice.

Commissioner Lawrence lead a discussion about City employees uniforms and who pays for the uniforms and whether City employees should wear uniforms when off duty.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to defer making a decision of the revisions to the Human Resources Standard of Practice until the next meeting. The motion carried.

NEW CAP ON VACATION LEAVE: The Human Resources Director submitted a proposal to place a cap on vacation days in the amount of 50 days that can be carried forward into 2000. This amount will be changed from 40 days to fifty days for 2000.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned why City employees are awarded pay for their vacation days. The City Manager stated that Department Heads will have to work closely with employees because of their concern about abuse.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that in the event that City employees cannot use all their vacation days then they should be awarded pay for unused vacation days for the year 2000. The City Manager stated that this should be discussed during the budget session.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to place cap on vacation days to fifty days to be carried over into 2000 for December 1999. The motion carried.

INFORMATION: The City Manager reported that the Standardized Criteria for the Educational Incentive Program will be brought back for discussion at another meeting. The City Manager stated that he is trying to encourage City employees to receive a GED or High School Diploma and attend college.

CITY CLERK'S ITEMS: Petition received from Dolly Dixon to transfer Section 3, Lot 63-C, Spaces C, D, E, & F in Greenwood Cemetery to Dolly Wright. Original deed surrendered. Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the Cemetery petitions. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM'S ITEMS: Commissioner Williams updated the Commission on their trip to Los Angeles, California National League of Cities Annual Conference. He stated that there were 7000 delegates from all over the United States, and that the purpose of the convention is to get information on how to serve the Cities and keep them out of trouble. He stated that he attended two classes and held discussions about how to get people to understand government. He stated that a youth council is needed and there is a lot to be done.

Commissioner Jennings stated he Commissioner Lawrence and Davis attended Diversity classes. City Officials had all kinds of racial problems and it was amazing how other cities are in turmoil.

Commissioner Williams stated that it is real good and worth while that the City Representatives attended the Conference.

Commissioner Davis stated that she attended a workshop Building on Common Ground and also Women in Municipal Government. Commissioner Davis stated that she will try to organize Youth in Government for the City of Brunswick. Commissioner Davis stated that she attended all General Sessions.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he was concerned with purchases made on the internet without paying taxes and burdens will be placed on the tax payer and common worker. He stated that he was in favor of passing a bill to allow people to pay taxes for purchases made on the Internet.

Commissioner Jennings spoke about the events they attended in Los Angeles including the games show the price is right n which Commissioner Lawrence was a contestant.

Mayor Brown stated that it is encouraging to attend training and bring back information to the City of Brunswick.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to hold and Executive Session to discuss Personnel and pending litigation. The motion carried.

Following the Executive Session Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown

Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion

Georgia E. Marion, City Clerk