

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., FEBRUARY 2, 2000

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

INVOCATION: Commissioner Jonathan Williams gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2000. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: This being the date, time and place for Public Hearing to rezone Town Commons Lot 109 E-38ft of the W-1/2 from General Residential District to General Commercial District.

Deborah Taylor, representing Glynn County Community Development recommended approval of the rezoning request. She pointed out that the only concern is parking, because of the 10 feet front yard setback there can only be one parking space.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that in the General Commercial Zone a Beauty Shop would require at least four parking spaces. He pointed out that parking would be a problem if there were eight people at one time at the Beauty Shop.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested that the property on the corner of "L" and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Be utilized for parkway. He asked if it could be added as a condition.

Commissioner Jennings pointed out the Beauty Shop may schedule appointments so that only four people will be present.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that it was totally unfair to let people invest money without the proper accommodations for parking.

Deborah Taylor pointed out that there is adequate property in the back to add parking.

The City Manager stated that he had an opportunity to speak with Mr. McCloud the owner of the property across the street and it could be used for parking. Mrs. Taylor stated that it would have to be rezoned for parking.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Appointment to the Pilot Commission

Commissioner Lawrence nominated Rev. Tommie Herrington to serve on the Pilot Commission. Commissioner Jennings seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations for the Pilot Committee was closed. On call for the vote Rev. Tommie Herrington was unanimously appointed to serve on the Pilot Commission for seven years.

Appointments to the Park and Tree Board

Commissioner Lawrence nominated Rob Hicks and Victoria Carey-Gould to serve on the Park and Tree Commission. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. On call for the vote Robert Hicks and Victoria Carey-Gould were unanimously appointed to serve on the Park and Tree Commission for five years.

Appointment to the Library Board

Commissioner Lawrence nominated Maureen Arnold, Carol W. Gaither and Alice Collins to serve on the Library Board. Commissioner Williams seconded the nominations. There being no further nominations, the nominations for the Library Board was closed. On call for the vote Maureen Arnold, Carol W. Gaither, and Alice Collins were unanimously appointed to serve on the Library Board for two years.

Appointment to the Structural Fitness Advisory Board

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like to know if Mrs. Morris wants to continue to serve, if not James Brooks would serve on the Structural Fitness Board. The City Clerk was instructed to speak with Mrs. Morris about continuing to serve on the Structural Fitness Board.

Commissioner Lawrence nominated Rev. Tommie Herrington and Mary Morris to serve on the Structural Fitness Advisory Board. Commissioner Williams seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations for the Structural Fitness Advisory Board was closed. On call for the vote Rev Tommie Herrington and Mary Morris was re-appointed to serve on the Structural Fitness Advisory Board for four years.

CITY CLERK'S ITEMS

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the following petitions:

James "J.C." Clayton Griner, Jr. exchanging Section Block 103, Spaces 2 and 3 in Palmetto Cemetery, for Section Block, 104, Spaces 1 and 2. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

Joyce Cash Herrington, replacement deed to Section 98, Lot 11, Spaces E, F, G and H in Greenwood Cemetery in lieu of original deed which has been lost, but City records verify ownership.

George W. (Dub) Horton, Sr., transferring deed to George W. Horton, Jr., Section B-9, Lot 24 in Palmetto Cemetery, Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

James Edwin Griner exchanging Section Block 103, Spaces 6 and 7 in Palmetto Cemetery for Section Block 104, Spaces 3 and 4. Original deed returned.

DELEGATIONS

Dale Smith resident of Union Street appeared before the Commission to address flooding and speeding along Union Street. Mr. Smith stated that there are no sidewalks on Union Street. Mr. Smith asked Commissioner Davis to check on the status of speeding on Union Street.

The City Manager stated that he received a proposal from Street Smart in Atlanta, GA. The City Manager stated that the proposal would be reviewed by the City Manager and Chief of Police.

Mayor Brown stated that the Police Chief recommended not using stop signs because they are not the answer. Mayor Brown pointed out that the Commission should take into consideration the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Mr. Smith questioned when Martin Luther King Blvd. would be completed on the South End of Brunswick. Commissioner Davis stated that the City is working on the Martin Luther King Blvd. Project. Mayor Brown pointed out that the traffic would be taken off of Albany Street and Union Street when the Martin Luther King Blvd. project is completed.

Commissioner Jennings mentioned that the sidewalks near First Baptist Church is in need of repair. He further stated that some delays have been caused by changes in SPLOST projects.

The City Manager pointed out that problems with staff have been addressed and sidewalks are being completed on the North End and South End of Brunswick.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Commission should focus on the entire City when it comes to flooding and sidewalks.

Dale Smith expressed his concerns about the flooding whenever it storms on the South end.

Mayor Brown stated that the drainage issue is being worked on and the speeding on the South End will be handled by the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Elmo Richardson representing Trebble and Richardson explained the work that is being conducted on the South End of Brunswick.

Commissioner Williams mentioned that there are no sidewalks in his area, and children are walking in the middle of the streets. He stated that there are problems and the City have no sidewalks in other areas of the City of Brunswick.

Commissioner Williams stated that speeding is an attitude and can be controlled by issuing speeding tickets. He observed people speeding and until drivers change their attitudes the State Patrol Officers and Police Officers will issue tickets.

Commissioner Williams welcomed citizens to come in and discuss their concerns. He pointed out that there is no need to threaten the Commission because their concern is for the entire City of Brunswick.

MAYOR'S ITEM

Bank Consolidation

The Director of Finance submitted as information a request for a proposal for the City of Brunswick Banking Service. He stated that he reviewed Bank Consolidation for all City Accounts.

Commissioner Jennings stated that the Bank accounts have been working in the past and it is still good according to the information gathered from the Director of Finance. The Director of Finance stated that the current bank accounts have advantages and disadvantages.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if the City Attorney had an opportunity to review the request for proposal. The City Attorney stated that he did not have an opportunity to review the contract.

Mayor Brown explained the consolidation of banking services.

Commissioner Williams suggested that the City use a security company to come in and pick up funds to be deposited in the Bank.

The City Manager explained that City Police officers are responsible for making deposits for the City of Brunswick.

Mayor Brown pointed out that consolidating services would assure that the City get the best interest and this will be an equal opportunity for securing the best price.

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to pursue further guidance. The motion carried.

President's Day Holiday

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving President's Day as a holiday for the City of Brunswick employees. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE'S ITEM

Old Business

Commissioner Lawrence mentioned that a traffic light is needed on Cleburne and "R" Street.

Commissioner Lawrence requested an update for bid recommendations for wrecker services for picking up cars. The City Manager stated that he would bring back a recommendation at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned the procedure that City Police Officers use for sting operation on businesses. He stated that laws are being violated and store owners are being charged for selling to minors. The City Attorney explained that each witness would have to come to court and testify against the person that sold the item.

Mayor Brown recommended that the Chief of Police clarify the procedure at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence requested an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEM

Relocation site for City Hall employees during the renovation of the building.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss the relocation property issue and a Personnel issue. The motion carried.

Following the Executive Session Mayor Brown stated that there are two site locations and the City Manager is handling additional negotiations for monthly rent. The location of the buildings will not be given and a final decision should be made at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that Martin Luther King Blvd. and "J" Street do not have a school crossing guard and requested that a school crossing guard be place in that area.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown

Mayor

Attest: _____
 /s/ Georgia E. Marion
 City Clerk