

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRNSWICK, GEORGIA
CALLED MEETING
3:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 9, 2000

PRESENT: 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.

Mayor Bradford S. Brown arrived at 3:45 P.M.

DRAINAGE FOR COLLEGE PARK: Steve Belcher submitted plans for Drainage of College Park and Osborne Streets. He pointed out that funds for this project was secured by Community Development.

Commissioner Williams stated that the ditch behind the houses on North Palamar Drive tends to flood and homeowners are not satisfied with the flooding.

The City Engineer stated that the drainage plans will benefit the whole subdivision. He mentioned that the subdivision was built in the County and later annexed into the City. The City of Brunswick had no input when the subdivision was built.

Commissioner Williams asked the City Manager to make sure that the drains on the corner next to the park be included in the project.

The City Manager pointed out that the SPLOST funds allocated for this project.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to bid out the drainage project for College Park and Osborne Street. The motion carried by vote of 4 to 0.

FIRE FLOW CONNECTION FOR COLLEGE PARK: The City Manager reported that the City Engineer created a fire flow connection for College Park.

The City Engineer submitted plans for the fire flow connection in College Park to replace old iron pipes.

Commissioner Jennings expressed his concerns about having enough fire hydrants in Magnolia Park.

Commissioner Lawrence expressed his concerns about a fire that occurred in Magnolia Park. He mentioned that the City and County entered into a mutual agreement for fire services. It took thirty minutes for the fire department to get to location of the fire in Magnolia Park.

The City Manager stated that he will discuss the mutual agreement with the fire Chief.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to bid the fire flow connection for College Park. The motion carried by vote of 4 to 0.

DRAINAGE DITCH IN MAGNOLIA PARK: Steve Belcher submitted plans for drainage ditches in Magnolia Park. He explained that the plans for the drainage ditch would suggest that concrete be placed on the bottom and low spots in the ditch. He pointed out the concrete would stop the erosion and that he would have to address all of the problems at one time.

Commissioner Lawrence mentioned that cleaning up one spot and creating another or making it worse would enhance more problems. Many citizens would probably say that they did not have any problems until the project started.

The City Manager recommended bidding all projects and scaling the bids down to meet the City's budget.

Burton Carter explained that all contracts should be put out for bids at the same time.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion bidding the drainage ditch project in Magnolia Park with a proviso to include the four problem areas. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jennings recommended bidding the drainage ditch project and look for more SPLOST money for the completion of the project.

Commissioner Williams suggested that the City Manager bid the project and accept the bids with or without having to hold another meeting.

The City Manager stated that he would bring back the bids to the Commission for review.

PUMP STATION #44: The City Manager stated that \$23,000 was spent to prevent problems with the lift station. The emergency work was needed at pump station #44. He requested that the Commission approve the emergency repairs at pump station #44.

Burton Carter stated that he found two inches of area not conducive to areas of construction and needed to place lines in the lift station.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the emergency repairs at lift station #44 in the amount of \$23,000.00. The motion passed.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion authorizing the City Manager to use his discretion and not having to bring back to the Commission for approval. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Commission discussed ways to prevent problems that may occur in the future.

DISCUSS RELOCATION SITE FOR CITY HALL EMPLOYEES:

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Personnel issues. The motion carried.

Following the Executive Session Mayor Brown announced that it is a tough decision to make and the City Manager was instructed to come up with ideas to lock in figures and the Commission will make a final decision at next Wednesday Commission meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by standing.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown

Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion

City Clerk