

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M., JULY 19, 2000**

**PRESENT:** His Honor 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 Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of July 5, 2000. The motion passed.

**RECOGNITION:** Fire Chief Lee Stewart appeared before the Commission to commend firefighter Charles "CHUCK" Stovall for acts of unselfishness during the Georgia Police and Fire Olympic held June 18-24, 2000 in Columbus, Georgia. Chief Stewart explained that Firefighter Stovall and other teammates rallied the Judges on behalf of another teammate due to faulty equipment, asking the Judges to give him another chance. By doing this Firefighter Stovall was eliminated, he was competing to win a Bronze metal.

Mayor Brown presented to Firefighter Charles "Chuck" Stovall a certificate of recognition for his acts of generosity and good sportsmanship.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The City Manager Presented to the Commission the Fiscal year 2000-2001 Budget for the General Fund, Community Development and Water and Waste Water. Total amount of Fiscal year Budget \$23,944,976.00.

Commissioner Lawrence recalled that the Commission scheduled another Budget Work Session to discuss items in the Budget that the Commission wanted to eliminate. He mentioned that the Commission had questions about the Downtown Development Authority Budget that did not get answered.

The Director of Finance stated that he did the research and presented the information to the City Manager.

Commissioner Lawrence expressed his concerns about the present Fiscal Year Budget. Commissioner Lawrence stated that there were problems with leaving children at the Boys Club. He questioned who was responsible for the children attending the programs at the Club. He asked if the City would be liable for the children if something happened at the Club.

The City Attorney pointed out that the Boy's Club has a degree of immunity and they could be liable.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like for the Commission to discuss the items he mentioned before adoption of the budget.

Commissioner Davis suggested having a Called Meeting.

The City Manager stated that he would take full responsibility for what occurred with the budget.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to postpone adopting the budget and schedule a Called Meeting to discuss the budget on Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. at City Hall Complex, 700 Gloucester Street. The motion passed.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** The City Clerk was instructed to ask the secretary of the Cemetery Trust Fund Board to contact each member who is presently serving on the Board to find out if they want to continue to serve on the Board.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to table the appointments to the Cemetery Trust Fund Board until the Secretary for the Cemetery Trust Fund Board contacts each member to find out if they want to continue to serve on the Board. The motion passed.

**DELEGATIONS:** Dick Newbern, Grants Coordinator for Glynn County Community Development was present to request that the City of Brunswick file a joint application with Glynn County for funding of the Highway 17 Enhancement Project. He stated that the Glynn County Commission Board took action to file a \$400,000.00 request to the Georgia Department of Transportation TEA-21 program to assist with Highway 17 Enhancements.

Mr. Newbern stated that the project is Phase II of a corridor enhancement project that started with Phase I Enhancement Project which was funded by the Department of Transportation and was filed jointly by the City and County.

Spur 25 Phase I project begins at Exit 8 along Highway 17 and Spur 25. Phase II project begins at the end of Spur 25 and continues to the southside of Sidney Lanier Bridge. The Phase II project will include median landscaping, improvements and bike path development.

The cost of the project will be \$500,000.00 with \$400,000.00 from the DOT TEA-21 funding program and \$100,000.00 from local sources. The County is requesting that the City fund 70% of the City/County split with the County's 30% because most of the Highway 17 project is within the City limits.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to jointly submit an application for funding with Glynn County Board of Commissioners for the DOT TEA-21 program to assist with Highway 17 Enhancements. The motion passed.

Don McGlamory, Executive Director of the Brunswick Housing Authority was present to present a check in the amount of \$26,242.98 in lieu of City taxes.

Mr. McGlamory gave a brief update on the programs the Housing Authority have available to assist residents who live in the Housing Authority Complex. He spoke about the STAR FOUNDATION program which assist young people who want to

get out on their own. The Programs that are sponsored by the Housing Authority many of the residents really benefit from them.

**BID RECOMMENDATION:** The following bids were received for renovation of the Ritz Theatre.

Bidder	Base Bid	Bid Bond	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8
Newcastle Construction PO Box 1217 Bwk., GA 31521 912-634-0316	\$347,008	5%	\$12,323	\$3,264	\$2,470-A \$1,953-NA	\$6,758	\$2,112	\$8,630	\$1,033	\$3,674
A&M Builders 1014 Commercial Bwk., GA 31525 912-262-0700		5%								
Collins Construction 229 Price St. Savannah, GA 31401 912-233-2001	\$449,000	5%	\$13,800	\$6,000	\$6,000-A \$5,600-NA	\$4,600	\$7,300	\$10,00	\$11,300	\$3,000
Whaley Construction 2208 Newcastle St. Bwk., GA 31520 912-264-9453	\$342,889	5%	\$12,254	\$3,395	\$2,660-A \$2,137-NA	\$6,737	\$2,091	\$8,545	\$	\$1,705
Lavender & Associates PO Box 1654 Statesboro, GA 30459	\$358,000	5%	\$4,135	\$2,100	\$1,750-A \$1,300-NA	\$975	\$8,800	\$2,150	\$3,800	\$1,800

\*A-#2 not accepted \*NA-#2 accepted

## SCHEDULE OF ALTERNATES

- A. **ALTERNATE NO. 1:** Enclose two existing HVAC platforms by extending sound insulation partitions from platform to roof deck, adding insulation and gypsum board under existing platform framing, adding doors 214A and 215A, and adding an allowance of \$5,000 for ductwork baffles and vibration isolators. Note: If alternate is accepted, contractor shall first enclose only one air handler platform (HVAC 215) and perform a noise demonstration for the Owner and Architect. Any necessary modifications will be made by change order.
- B. **ALTERNATE NO. 2:** Add new partitions and cased openings between Gallery 101 and auditorium 102 as shown on A101.
- C. **ALTERNATE NO. 3:** Delete gypsum board casing and add wood casing at all cased openings:
- a. If Alternate #2 is accepted.
  - b. If Alternate #2 is not accepted.
- D. **ALTERNATE NO. 4:** Reinstall theatre seats in alternate layouts as shown on A101.
- E. **ALTERNATE NO. 5:** Install new awning fabric to existing awning structure. Contractors to field measure existing structure and provide all necessary accessories.
- F. **ALTERNATE NO. 6:** Demolish existing awning structure and add the alternate awning as shown on sheet A200.
- L. **ALTERNATE NO. 7:** Paint exposed concrete portion or floor in Auditorium 102 and Exit Vestibule 104. Existing carpet runners to remain – protect from paint.

M. **ALTERNATE NO. 8:** Add A/V conduit for future projector (front & center of balcony) and two future speaker locations (above cased openings between auditorium and back stage).

The City Manager pointed out that it would cost the City 1.54 million dollars to totally renovate and restore the Ritz Theater. The construction contingency fund has \$29,798.64 which would cover any unforeseen things during renovation.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City would renovate the inside of the Ritz Theatre and the outside will not be included in this project.

Heather Heath, Director of the Golden Isles Arts and Humanities recommended that the City accept the low bid of Whaley Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$342,889. The bid package only provides a handicap toilet in the lobby with no exterior work except for roofing. The building will get full sprinkle systems, a new fire alarm system, new exit doors and hardware.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to accept the low bid of Whaley Construction Company in the amount of \$342,889.00.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the City include 1.5 million dollars in the next SPLOST for repairs to the Ritz Theater.

On call for the vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Brown stated that he has been working with Heather Heath and requested donations to finish the Ritz Theater project. He stated that the Ritz Theater needs about \$63,600.00 to make the theater a state of the art facility.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE:** Petition received from Mary Rogers for Alcoholic beverage license at Triton Marketing, Inc., #622 located at 3879 Altama Avenue to retail beer and wine for consumption off premises.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion granting the alcoholic beverage license to Triton Marketing, Inc. The motion passed.

**CITY MANAGER'S ITEM:** The City Manager gave an update on the following City projects:

#### **Dock Improvements**

The improvements for the City Dock will cost approximately \$670,000.00.

#### **Magnolia Park Drainage**

The cost for Magnolia Park Drainage is approximately \$920,000.00, the SPLOST funds allocated for the Drainage project is \$350,000.00.

#### **Storm Drainage Improvements**

“N” Street Storm Drainage improvements will cost approximately \$1.57 million dollars.

### **Sewer and Drainage Improvements**

Dixville Storm and Drainage improvements will cost approximately 2.45 million dollars.

“K” Street Sewer and Drainage project will cost approximately 1.1 million dollars.

The City Manager stated that the City needs approximately 13 million dollars to address all of the above mentioned projects. He mentioned that the City is pursuing a hazardous mitigation grant for one of the projects.

The City Manager expressed his concerns about the present Commission Board addressing these problems in the near future. He mentioned that if the current Commission do not address these problems someone else would have to address them later.

Commissioner Williams stated that he would hate the idea of someone who would be sitting in his seat as a Commissioner having to deal with the same problems. He stated if the Commission put this off today the cost would double and the problems would get worse.

Mayor Brown recommended that the City Manager proceed with gathering the financial information for the improvements, which would include the amount of funding needed to complete all projects.

Commissioner Davis stated that she would like for the City Manager to get started on the financial package.

This met the consensus of the Commission.

### **CITY CLERK'S ITEM**

Petition received from Ray Keithcart to transfer Section 21, Lot No. 12 in East Palmetto Cemetery to James and Jackie W. Seymour. Original deed surrendered.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the Cemetery petition. The motion passed.

### **MAYOR BROWN'S ITEMS**

Mayor Brown reported that a meeting has been set up with the Public Works Director to discuss next year's sanitation budget. He explained that the Sanitation Department will become an enterprise fund and will have to take care of itself. He pointed out that the Commission should look at the Sanitation Department.

The City Manager mentioned that he would meet with the Public Works Director and discuss Sanitation and bring back a report to the Commission within thirty days.

### **Demolition of Glynn Peyton Building**

Mayor Brown requested a time frame for the demolition of Glynn Peyton Building. He mentioned that residents in the area wanted to know when the demolition would take place.

The City Manager stated that it would take the City ninety-days to sell or dispose of the surplus Christmas decorations that the City no longer need.

### **MAYOR PRO-TEM DAVIS'S ITEMS**

#### **Dumpsters Located behind Friendly Express Stores**

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis reported that dumpsters placed at Friendly Express Stores do not have lids on them and it is a health concern.

The City Attorney stated that he would check the ordinance on buffers.

Paul Woodard, Sanitation Superintendent explained the procedure used by staff when collecting garbage. He recommended that residents drop bleach in the bottom of trash cans to help with the odor.

#### **Palm Trees**

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis reported that palm trees in the City look real nice.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and pending litigation. The motion passed.

After a brief Executive Session, and there being no further business Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted by standing.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

/s/ Bradford S. Brown  
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion  
City Clerk