

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
CALLED MEETING  
3:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 14, 2000**

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Roosevelt Lawrence

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Harold E. Jennings gave the invocation.

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

**Approve Community Development Block Grant-CHIP Application.**

The City Manager stated that a Public Hearing was held and the Director of Community Development began to put together an application and found that the City could do some additional things in addition to housing to help elevate some of the problems the City was having with storm and sewer. When the last small cities application was completed staff noticed that the drainage in the middle of Cleburne Street that normally takes storm sewer from that area all the way across to "N" Street was experiencing blockage. He stated that the City had an opportunity to repair some of the sewer problems not all of it and felt that the City should take advantage of the funding opportunity. This would allow the City to concentrate on other parts of it at a later time, but at least part of it could be done since the City will be working on a housing project in the Town Commons area. He pointed out that the Engineering Staff, Burton Carter and Artie Jones, III have worked diligently in trying to put together some figures to make this application competitive. The Director of Community Development has been in contact with staff at DCA and they seem to like most of what he has done so far. The City Manager stated that he felt good about submitting the application.

The City Manager turned this portion of the meeting over to the Director of Community Development.

The Director of Community Development stated that the City would like to submit an application to apply for a CDBG-CHIP funding in the amount of \$645,000.00.

He stated that the City is trying to purchase ten sites in the Town Commons area. The City is trying to target dilapidated structures in that area and remove them to put up new homes. He stated that the ten sites are not to exceed \$6,500.00. The City is also looking at \$6,500.00 to demolish the buildings on these sites with the total cost being \$15,000.00.

The Director of Community Development stated that the developer would be responsible for the construction of all 10 single-family homes. There will be four (4)-bedroom homes and six (3)-bedroom homes. The City is working with a local bank to provide \$675,000.00 for first mortgages.

The units will cost \$75,000.00 for 3 bedroom homes and \$85,000.00 for 4 bedroom homes with two baths. The local bank will be responsible for providing the first mortgage and handling credit applications. The City will do a lot of marketing and advertising in the newspaper, radio and maybe on television. The City will also work with a number of non-profit organizations.

The Director of Community Development stated that the \$6,500.00 that the City would use to purchase the lots in Town Commons will come from recaptured funds. He pointed out that \$15,000.00 would also come from recaptured funds. The City also has its own home assistance program, which the City provides up to \$3,000.00 in closing costs. The City will provide \$30,000.00 of recaptured funds in addition to what CHIP is going to provide \$11,000.00 for each home for second mortgage financing. The City will be in the third position as far as being paid back, the second mortgage finance CHIP funds will be in second place.

The amount of \$11,000.00 for each year the owner lives in the home twenty percent will be forgiven of the second mortgage financing. After five years one hundred percent of the second mortgage financing would be forgiven that means that the owners would have to pay back \$3,000.00 in second mortgage financing that the City allowed them to borrow. It would cost homeowners \$17.50 per month for over fifteen years and it would not affect the first mortgage financing.

The City Manager pointed out that the whole idea is to make home ownership affordable to moderate and middle-income families. He stated that the forgiveness is something approved by the State Government. The program that the City has in place is the \$3,000.00. The City Manager stated that it was \$11,500.00 and the City was looking at a total of \$14,500.00 for second mortgage funding.

Mayor Brown asked if the City has identified the lots that will be targeted.

The City Manager stated that the area is between Cleburne Street and Lee Street from "L" street over to "N" street to "G" Street.

The Director of Community Development pointed out that there are approximately 35 to 40 dilapidated structures within that area and 30 to 40 vacant lots.

Commissioner Jennings asked how much it would cost the City. The Director of Community Development stated that it will cost the City \$110,000.00 in recaptured funds.

Following a discussion Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Brunswick that it hereby approves the submission of a CDBG/CHIP Grant Application Program for new Construction of (10) new homes, and storm drainage improvements for low to moderate income families in the amount of \$487,750.00 and \$110,000.00 from the City of Brunswick to be used in cooperation with bank funds of up to \$645,000.00.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of Community Development is hereby authorized to file the application for the said program with the Department of Community Affairs.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

/s/Bradford S. Brown  
Mayor

Attest: /s/Georgia E. Marion  
City Clerk