

Commissioner Williams mentioned that the City ask businesses to locate downtown and then handcuff them.

On call for the vote the motion tied by 2 to 2.

No action was taken.

#### **SPLOST IV**

The City Manager stated that a SPLOST priority list has been submitted for review. A decision should be made by the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January of 2001.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the Commission discuss the priority list at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January 2001.

Mayor Brown requested that the SPLOST Priority List be placed on the Agenda for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January 2001.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to table appointments to the following boards: Structural Fitness, Hospital Board, Historic Preservation Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Downtown Development Authority. The motion passed.

Mayor Brown instructed the City Clerk to continue advertising the Zoning Board of Appeals. He requested that applicants submit their home addresses.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S ITEM:**

##### **Employee's Christmas Gift Certificates.**

Commissioner Lawrence recommended a \$25.00 grocery certificate instead of a \$25.00 gift certificate from Wal-Mart.

Mayor Brown stated that there are businesses in the City like Winn Dixie to purchase grocery certificates.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving employee's Christmas grocery certificate in the amount of \$25.00 from Winn Dixie.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM:**

##### **Revisions to Taxicab Ordinance.**

The City Attorney stated that he is still trying to determine the status under the Public Service Commission Operations of Transit Companies.

He stated that he would have a revised Taxi Cab ordinance after the Commission gives their input and changes.

**CITY CLERK'S ITEMS:**

On motion of Commissioner Lawrence seconded by Commissioner Williams the following Cemetery petitions were unanimously granted:

- 1) Juanita Lott exchanging Section 221, Lot 3, Spaces C, D and E in Palmetto Cemetery for Block 105, Lot Spaces 1, 2 and 3 in Palmetto, original deed surrendered.
- 2) Transferring Section 96, Lot 10 in Greenwood Cemetery from John Gallimore to Cleveland J. Gallimore. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.
- 3) Roy T. Helms returning for resale Section 1, Lot 14 in East Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed surrendered.

**COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE'S ITEM:**

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like to discuss the items listed at the next Commission meeting, Solicitations, Citizens' groups and Executive Session.

**MAYOR BROWN'S ITEM:**

Christmas Greetings

Mayor Brown wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to hold an executive Session. The motion passed.

Following the Executive Session Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion adjourning the meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Bradford S. Brown

Mayor

Attest: Georgia E. Marion  
City Clerk

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
CALLED MEETING  
3:30 P.M., DECEMBER 28, 2000**

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Harold E. Jennings.

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Jonathan Williams gave the invocation.

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

**GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN:**

The Human Resources Director recommended approval of TPA Covenant Administrators, Inc. for the Group Health Insurance Renewal. Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the recommendation of staff TPA Covenant Administrators, Inc. in the amount of \$162,756.00. The motion passed.

**ADDITIONAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS:**

The following year 2001 alcoholic beverage licenses were submitted and approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager. On motion of Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence the following license renewals were unanimously granted:

**To retail alcoholic beverages including distilled spirits for consumption on premises:**

Gail I. Miller at Brunswick Yacht Club, 1312 Newcastle Street;

Sean T. Hutchinson at O'Henry's Inc., 211 Monck Street;

**To retail alcoholic beverages including distilled spirits for consumption off premises:**

Paul J. O'Henry, Jr. at Kim- Mar, Inc., d/b/a The Fountain Package Store;

**To retail beer and wine for consumption off premises:**

Melinda L. Grovola Pearce at Winn Dixie, 4402 Altama Avenue;

**To retail beer for consumption off premises:**

Jim Thrope at Five Points, 2806 Altama Avenue.

## **BRUNSWICK HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

Commissioner Davis nominated Jim Miller to serve on the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board. On motion of Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Williams, Jim Miller was appointed to the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board to fill the unexpired term of the late Bernice Palmer. The motion passed.

## **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Commissioner Lawrence nominated Roman Tarver, III to serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board. On motion of Commissioner Lawrence and seconded by Commissioner Davis, Roman Tarver, III was appointed to serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Jaudon. The motion passed.

## **STRUCTURAL FITNESS BOARD**

Commissioner Williams nominated Virgil Ryals to serve on the Structural Fitness Board. On motion of Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Davis, Virgil Ryals was appointed to serve on the Structural Fitness Board to fill the unexpired term of William Slaughter. The motion passed.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Club Cache in reference to Alcoholic Beverage License.**

Mr. McCoy, owner of Club Cache appeared before the Commission to appeal the decision not to renew the alcoholic beverage license for Club Cache for 2001. Mr. McCoy stated that he was surprised when he found out that the 2001 alcoholic beverage license was not granted for his business.

Mr. McCoy apologized for the January 1<sup>st</sup> incident. He recalled that Police Chief Cowan said that no one could be blamed for the July 5<sup>th</sup> incident. Mr. McCoy stated that he would not take responsibility for what happened on October 21<sup>st</sup>. He explained that there was no reason to have security on that night. He recalled leaving his position at the door to change the music upstairs. Mr. McCoy reminded everyone that it was his decision to reduce the age requirements to 21 instead of 25 years old.

Mr. McCoy explained that the door was not locked from the inside and the back gate on the fence was locked. He stated that this would not happen again.

Mr. McCoy explained that since the start of his business probation there were no more problems after July 5<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he often called to check to see if there were any kind of reports filed against his business and was told there were no reports on file.

Mr. McCoy stated that he has already been punished. According to the information received about the last Commission meeting, Club Cache's 2001

alcoholic beverage license was suspended because of the calls that were made to the Police Department for assistance with crowd control.

Mr. McCoy felt that he did a good job in operating his business. He asked what he has been doing that other clubs have not been doing.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if Chief Cowan and Corporal Dickerson gave his club a good record and had no idea that your alcoholic beverage license would not be renewed.

Commissioner Williams asked Mr. McCoy whether or not he had any type of incidents at his business since July. Mr. McCoy stated that there were none at his business.

Mr. McCoy explained the type of door that is installed on the back. A person could go out the door but cannot gain entrance from the outside.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if Police Officers still frequent the club. Mr. McCoy stated that the officers have not been there since the July 5<sup>th</sup> incident.

Mayor Brown asked the City Attorney if the Police Department could rebuttal. The City Attorney stated that they could.

The Chief of Police recalled every incident that happened at Club Cache for the entire year. He stated that it was not like Club Cache was singled out. Suggestions were made and Club Cache agreed to follow them. Club Cache did attract large crowds and they were more difficult to control especially when alcohol was consumed. The owners set the age requirements at 21 years old and underage persons were allowed in the club. The gate on the outside was found locked; there was no security to maintain control. The Chief of Police mentioned how Corporal Dickerson and Captain Stewart met with staff of Club Cache to teach them things and this was still not good enough.

The Chief of Police recalled the July 5<sup>th</sup> incident in which Club Cache was asked not to use bottles and not to shoot firecrackers. He pointed out that Club Cache was given instructions to call the police when there were large crowds that needed to be controlled.

The Chief of Police stated that 104 man-hours were tracked for Club Cache from October 1999- July 2000. He stated they should prepare to spend the same man-hours at other businesses.

Commissioner Lawrence stated based on the man-hours used at Club Cache, it is understood that the City Police does not have any other calls for assistance.

The Chief of Police stated that some conditions were set and should be followed.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that personally Club Cache should have been granted a license renewal with conditions; even if the conditions were stiffer they should have been given the same opportunity.

Mayor Brown pointed out that Club Cache was give a probationary period and they failed at least three times.

Captain Stewart stated that Mr. McCoy was aware that three underage persons were found in his place of business. Mr. McCoy was told that a report would be filed. He stated that the City Manager and the McCoy's received a letter. Captain Stewart stated that he never told Mr. McCoy that he had no violations and their business was doing fine.

Commissioner Williams stated that a seasoned operator would have not made a mistake and left the door. He stated that Mr. McCoy admitted he made a mistake.

Commissioner Williams pointed out that Mr. McCoy was trying to save money that night. He stated that things should be looked at a little deeper. He recalled that the incident started on St. Simons and the Boilermaker closed its doors voluntarily, however the incident did not take place in either club.

The Chief of Police told the Commission that on January 6<sup>th</sup> Club Cache had been cited since someone threw an object at Lt. Holmes patrol car. Mr. McCoy was told that everything would be done to make sure a license would not be issued for his business.

Chief Cowan recommended that Club Cache not be issued a license for next year.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if the owners of Club Cache tried to make an effort to work with the City. The Chief of Police stated that Club Cache did not follow the terms of their probation.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the Chief of Police to give all the violations of Club Cache starting with July 10<sup>th</sup>, not January 1<sup>st</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Chief of Police stated that Club Cache received 29 open container violations.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he could not agree with the open container violations because it was not proven that the alcoholic beverages were purchased from Club Cache. The Chief of Police stated that Club Cache was cited for thirty crowd control calls, and other calls for September 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, October 14 and December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Brown started after July 5<sup>th</sup> Club Cache received three violations for not following the probationary guidelines. He asked what was the reason for placing them on probation. The Commission stated that if they have any violations while on probation that would be a reason for suspension.

The Chief of Police mentioned the following violations:

- 1) Persons admitted in the club who was under the age of 21.
- 2) Had a lock on the door at the Fire Exit.
- 3) No ample security no one at the door.

The City Attorney stated that the Chief of Police could give status reports on the joint Drug Squad.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the merger of the City and County Drug Squad. The motion passed.

**COMMISSIONER DAVIS ITEM:**

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Davis announced that she would like to cancel the Executive Session because of the absence of Commissioner Jennings.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

**Bradford S. Brown**

Mayor

Attest: **Georgia E. Marion**  
City Clerk