

COMMISSION OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK,
GEORGIA REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. MARCH 21, 2001

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

INVOCATION: Commissioner Jennings gave the invocation.

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

MINUTES: Adopt minutes from the March 7, 2001 meeting.

The Commission deferred the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2001.

RECOGNITIONS:

Plaque presentation to Mr. Jesse Steppe in appreciation for his work in cemeteries.

Mayor Brown presented a plaque to Jesse Steppe in appreciation for the work performed in the City Cemeteries.

Arlie McNeill stated that Mr. Steppe performed brickwork in all the cemeteries for no compensation.

Mr. W. Ray Luce with Certified Local Government programs for the State of Georgia to present the Historic Preservation Board with their CLG status.

W. Ray Luce appeared before the Commission to present the City of Brunswick with a certificate from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division granting Certified Local Government status.

DELEGATIONS:

James G. Williams, Attorney at Law to request amending the hospital land use plan for East Parkwood Drive.

Attorney James G. Williams appeared before the Commission on behalf of the residents of Parkwood Drive east of the Hospital. Attorney Williams presented a petition with 16 names of homeowners petitioning the City of Brunswick Commission to amend or cause to be amended the Master Plan Zoning in order to designate a Limited Medical Zoning Classification as an approved use for their properties in addition to the current residential classification.

Attorney Williams stated that twenty-two residential homes are in the area and there was no opposition. Attorney Williams asked the Commission to support by resolution or amendment the Master Plan for Zoning and change the zoning to Limited Medical giving the homeowners the option of selling their property.

Attorney Williams mentioned that a traffic count was done in the area and between the hours of 6:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. approximately 1000 people traveled on Parkwood Drive. Attorney Williams predicted by the year 2020 the hospital will grow. He stated that the residents are not asking to rezone property, but would like the Commission to accept their petition.

Bert Flexer, of Flexer Realty Company, Inc. was present to represent property owners in the area. He pointed out that a sale is under contract for purchasing property on Parkwood and Mimosa Road to build a doctors lab. He stated that Parkwood Drive is a very busy thoroughfare and homeowners have been placed in a situation to sell their home for other purposes. He further stated that Parkwood Drive has become commercial.

Dorman McDonald, resident of Parkwood Drive stated that Parkwood Drive is a wonderful place to live. He did not have any complaints even about traffic. He mentioned that people signed petitions in that neighborhood to make money. Mr. McDonald pointed out that this was spot rezoning and the Hospital would purchase most of the homes. He mentioned that Doctor's are very rich and they purchase property for speculation.

Commissioner Jennings questioned how many homeowners in the area did not want their property rezoned to Limit Medical. Mr. McDonald stated that he did not particularly want to have his property rezoned. Commissioner Jeunings pointed out that the whole parcel would be zoned Limited Medical in the future.

Commissioner Williams stated that the City would have better control if the -- Hospital had more uniformity and consistency.

Commissioner Jennings suggested that Attorney Williams and Mr. Flexer meet with the residents who did not want to sign the petition and try to get them to sign the petition to change the zoning in that area.

Following a brief discussion concerning traffic in the area, the City Attorney stated

that he was willing to work with the new Hospital Administrator and the City Manager to come up with a recommendation.

Attorney Williams stated that the homeowners in the area only requested support from the Commission and they did not want a decision tonight about rezoning the area to Limited Medical.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES:

Consider renewal for Jay Jalaram, Inc., located at 3424 Cypress Mill Road to retail beer and wine, not to be consumed on premises. Owner is Fanil C. Patel.

Petition received from Fanil C. Patel to retail beer and wine for consumption off premises at Jay Jalaram, Inc., 3424 Cypress Mill Road. Having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed.

Consider renewal for Amerimart #1 Store located at 1001 First Avenue, to retail beer and wine, not to be consumed on premises. Owner is Mukesh Patel.

Petition received from Mukesh Patel to retail beer and wine for consumption off premises at Amerimart # 1 Store, 1001 First Avenue. Having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 1. Mayor Brown voting No.

Consider renewal for Amerimart # 2 Store, located at 1008 Bay Street, to retail beer and wine, not to be consumed on premises. Owner is Mukesh Patel.

Petition received from Mukesh Patel to retail beer and wine at Amerimart # 2 Store, 1008 Bay Street, for consumption off premises. Having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 1. Mayor Brown voting No.

APPROVALS:

Bid recommendation for a Combination Catch Basin/Sewer and High Pressure Cleaner for Streets and Drains Division.

The following Bids were received for a combination catch basin/sewer and high pressure cleaner for Public Works/Streets and Drains:

Vendor	Comments	Total
Municipal Equipment Sales* 208 Bell Place Woodstock, GA 30188	Delivery: 60-120 Days	*\$172,969.00
Vac-Con, Inc. 969 Hall Park Dr. Green Cove Springs, FL 32043		\$182,975.00
LJL Truck Center Savannah		\$196,031.17
Super Products 17000 W. Cleveland		\$204,189.00
Consolidated Disposal System 5595 Oakdale Rd SE Smyrna, GA 30082		\$192,542.00

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion accepting the low bid from Municipal Equipment Sales in the amount of

\$172,969.00. The motion passed.

Resolution to adopt a Community Greenspace Trust Fund and the Community Greenspace program.

The Director of Community Development discussed changes in the revised Greenspace Plan.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion unanimously adopting the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK COMMISSIONER:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
COMMUNITY GREENSPACE TRUST FUND AND ADOPTION OF THE
GLYNN COUNTY COMMUNITY GREENSPACE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly enacted legislation creating a Georgia Greenspace Program to promote the permanent protection as greenspace of at least 20 percent of each eligible county's geographic area; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly enacted legislation creating the Georgia Greenspace Trust Fund and provided appropriations to that fund for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible counties as provided for in the Georgia Greenspace Program; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Greenspace Program requires that each county and each municipality that has received approval of its Community Greenspace Program by the Georgia Greenspace Commission shall sign a grant award agreement executed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick City Commission recognizes that the preservation of community greenspace is in the best interest of the citizens of our county; and

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WHEREAS, the Brunswick City Commission desires to participate in the Georgia Greenspace Program; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick City Commission desires to receive grants from the Georgia Greenspace Trust Fund to assist the county in achieving the goal of permanently protecting greenspace; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick City Commission recognizes that the establishment of a Community Greenspace Trust Fund is in the best interest of the citizens of Glynn County.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick has adopted the Community Greenspace Program described in the report attached to this resolution and by reference incorporated herein, and that

said report sets forth Glynn County's and the City of Brunswick's
greenspace
protection goal and the methods and schedule this body intends to use to
achieve
that stated goal; and
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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Brunswick City
Commission directs staff to make any changes to the Greenspace Plan or
provide
additional information as may be needed by the Georgia Greenspace
Commission
for their review and approval of the Glynn County Community Greenspace
Program; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick will diligently pursue the implementation of the Community Greenspace Program as described in the attached report; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick has authorized and shall establish a Community Greenspace Trust Fund to accept grants from the Georgia Greenspace trust Fund and to accept funds from any other sources and that such Community Fund shall be consistent with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Sections 36-22-4, 36-22-7, 36-22-12 and with the Rules of the Georgia department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Greenspace Program; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that Glynn County has described the sources of funding for greenspace that are available to the county other than the funds it will receive from the Georgia Greenspace trust Fund; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick will enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to receive grant funds from the Georgia Greenspace Trust Fund, by authorizing Mr. Brad Brown, Mayor to sign the grant award agreement for the city.

SO RESOLVED, this the 21st day of March 2001.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest:/s/Georgia E. Mariom City Clerk

Resolution adopting amendments and restated Articles of Incorporation for the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion unanimously adopting the following resolution.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Georgia Municipal Association has recommended to the membership approval and adoption of amended and restated articles of incorporation for GMA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick is a member of GMA entitled to vote for approval or disapproval of such amended and restated articles of incorporation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City

of Brunswick, that the City of Brunswick Approves the attached 2001 amended and restated articles of Incorporation for the Georgia Municipal Association, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ballot shall be returned to the Georgia Municipal Association, attention LEGAL DEPARTMENT, by the city clerk on or before April 20, 2001.

RESOLVED this 21st day of March 2001.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

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

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- A) General Fund
- B) Water and Wastewater Fund
- C) Community Development
- D) Municipal Court

The Following reports were received and filed as information:

- A) General Fund
- B) Water and Wastewater Fund
- C) Community Development
- D) Municipal Court

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion accepting the monthly reports.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS:

Update on Stop and Go Light at Talmadge Avenue and Glynn Avenue.

The City Manager reported that he met with Tony Collins of the Department of Transportation and told him that in 1983 a previous administration approved the Stop and Go Light. Mr. Collins stated that the Department of Transportation would look at the approval again.

Permit to do a traffic study at Fourth and Newcastle Street.

The City Manager requested permission to conduct a traffic study at Fourth and Newcastle Street.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jermings seconded the motion approving a traffic study for fourth and Newcastle Street.

CITY CLERK'S ITEM:

Petition received to transfer Section 72, Lot 9, Spaces E and F from Elizabeth C. Smith to Helyn Smith Stiles and Luccornya Smith Coney, original deed lost, but --
City records verify ownership.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion granting the cemetery petition. The motion passed.

MAYOR BROWN'S ITEM:

SPLOST IV Update

Mayor Brown announced that a meeting would be held on March 27th at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the SPLOST IV projects. Mayor Brown mentioned that the County would receive over 70 million dollars. Mayor Brown stated that the City is negotiating for funds.

MAYOR PRO-TEM DAVIS' ITEM:

Southward Issues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis stated that she would not speak on southward issues.
COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE'S ITEMS:

Historic Preservation Guideline Ordinance.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested that the Commission revisit the Historic Preservation ordinance. He stated that what applies to Macon or Atlanta does not apply to Brunswick. He mentioned that residents in the Historic District of Brunswick are having problems with the guidelines set forth by the Commission. Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City does not need to create hardships or make it difficult for them.

Mayor Brown spoke in defense of the Historic Preservation ordinance. He stated in his opinion a decision has not been made. He pointed out that the whole Historic Preservation Board makes the decision. He stated that no one should pass judgment on the Historic Preservation Board. Mayor Brown mentioned that residents who have problems with Historic ordinance guidelines should come before the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence expressed his concerns about a resident's fence that was placed in his yard before the Historic Preservation Ordinance was adopted. Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City Attorney review the Historic Preservation ordinance and make a recommendation.

Storm Drain Covers

Commissioner Lawrence recalled that he discussed having storm drains covered to keep small children and animals from falling in the drains.

The Director of Public Works stated that some covers have been made to keep out leaves and it is a slow process.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City would start making cases against people who place leaves on the street.

The Director of Public Works stated that the City is trying to get citizens to place their leaves on the backside of the curb and not in the gutters. He mentioned that that the drains have collapsed and roots have grown into drains.

Commissioner Williams mentioned that some drains have sharp ends on them and could injure a person. He suggested that the City straighten out the drains so that the City would not be sued.

The Director of Public Works stated that Commissioner Williams's problem could be corrected, but not Commissioner Lawrence's problem.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that some kind of strong screen be placed on the drains.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS' ITEM:

Northward Issues

Commissioner Williams stated that the citizens in College Park have worked with the Recreation Department. He mentioned that citizens drew up the plans for the College Park subdivision. He invited everyone to attend the dedication of the park on March 30th.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams 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