

GEORGIA COMMISSION OFFICIAL OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK,  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 19, 2001

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor 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.

MINUTES: Regular meeting of September 5, 2001.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 2001.  
The motion passed.

RECOGNITIONS:

To present a Proclamation to the Mental Health Association recognizing September 27, 2001 as Yellow Ribbon Card Suicide Prevention Day throughout Brunswick.

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to Mrs. Poppell in recognition of Yellow Ribbon Card Suicide Prevention Day, September 27, 2001.

Mrs. Poppell discussed the Yellow Ribbon card and suicide statistics in the state of Georgia.

DELEGATION (S):

1) Judge William Ligon, Brunswick Municipal Court and Chief T. C. Cowan, Brunswick Police Department, to discuss a Court Solicitor for Municipal Court.

Municipal Court Judge William Ligon appeared before the Commission to discuss hiring a Solicitor for Municipal Court. He asked the Commission to authorize the appointment of a solicitor to help police officers with court cases and sort out cases

that could be negotiated by pleas for clients. The solicitor would work on a part time basis twice a month. Judge Ligon pointed out that the Municipal Court has ,-- approximately \$279,000.00 in the bank, which would cover the salary of a solicitor.

The Commission discussed the amount a solicitor would charge on an hourly basis, how much workload a solicitor would have and how many cities in Georgia have solicitors.

The City Manager was instructed by Commissioner Lawrence to conduct a survey on cities in Georgia to find out how many cities use a solicitor for their Municipal Court.

Mayor Brown pointed out that a solicitor would free up the police officers, which would allow them to continue to work the streets.

Police Chief T. C. Cowan pointed out that the City of Brunswick Municipal Court is the only Court in Brunswick that does not have a solicitor. He mentioned that police officers are really at a disadvantage. It would be a great step in professionalizing Municipal Court.

Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to table the matter of appointing a solicitor until the City Manager brings back information on the number of solicitors in Municipal Courts in Georgia Cities. The motion passed.

- 2) Frank Foster of the Centre for Strategic Management to update on Retreat with Department Heads.

Frank Foster representing the Centre for Strategic Management appeared before the Commission to stress the importance of the City's role in Strategic Planning. Mr. Foster mentioned that Department Heads had a Retreat and they discussed the ten goals set by the Commission. Mr. Foster discussed the top ten key Success Factors established September 8, 2001.

Following a discussion Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Foster for working with the Commission and Department Heads.

#### APPROVALS:

1. Mike Norton requesting a business license to operate a Taxi service within the City.

Corporal Dickerson presented the application for Mike Norton to operate a taxicab business in the City of Brunswick. Corporal Dickerson stated that everything was in order.

Following a discussion Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion tabling the business license request of Mike Norton until Corporal Dickerson discuss all rules and regulations pertaining to the taxicab ordinance with Mike Norton. The motion passed

2. Drainage Ditch Easement granted to the Department of Transportation for New Street (East Parkwood Drive).

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the  
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motion unanimously granting the following agreement:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CONSTRUCTIO AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT

GEORGIA, GLYNN COUNTY

THIS CONVEYANCE made and executed the 19th day of September 2001.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and the County of Glynn, Georgia, desire to construct a road between US 17/SR 25, known as NH-009-2 (60) Glynn County.

NOW, THEREFORE, for value received, I, City of Brunswick, do hereby grant to the Department of Transportation the right to execute certain construction over and upon my land abutting on and adjacent to the right of way in such manner as said Department may deem proper to support or accommodate the improvement of said road, including the right to construct and maintain any required slopes within the easement area shown colored orange on the attached plat, dated the 14th day of October, 1994; revised August 22, 2001.

THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH (IS, IS NOT) APPLICABLE TO THIS TRANSACTION

Grantor, in addition to the above, hereby expressly grants to the Department of Transportation, its successors and assigns, the right to demolish and remove in their entirety all buildings, walls, fences, gates, signs or any other improvements or structures of any nature or description, lying wholly or partially situated within the easement area, and the right to enter upon the adjacent lands not included in said required easement for the purpose of removing or demolishing such improvements.

For the same consideration I hereby convey and relinquish to the Department of Transportation all rights of access between the proposed highway and approaches thereto on the above numbered highway project and my remaining real property, from which said construction easement is taken as shown on the attached plat prepared by the Department of Transportation.

This Agreement is to be construed as a Covenant not to sue as well as a full accord and satisfaction of any and all claims as set out above, and the conveyance hereunder of all claims or rights shall be deemed to be in perpetuity.

I hereby warrant that I have the right to sell and convey said  
land and bind  
myself, my heirs, executors and administrators forever to defend  
by virtue of these  
presents.

IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
the day  
above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
This \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
2001, in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

Witness

Notary Public

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ALSO granted in consideration of the benefit to my property, is the right to enter upon my land for the purpose of constructing a driveway within the easement area shown colored pink on the above-mentioned plat. Said easement will expire upon completion and final acceptance of said project by the Department of Transportation.

3. Bid recommendation for a 30" Sewer Reline and Rehabilitate of Manholes.

Contractor	Addendum No. Y/N	Total Base Bid Amount	Remarks
Insituform Technologies, Inc.	X	\$288,372.50	
Reynolds, Inc.	X	\$347,087.50	
Southeast Pipe	X	\$345,708.00	
All State Power	X	\$386,137.50	

Burton Carter recommended that the City accept the low bid of Insituform Technologies in the amount of \$288,372.50. Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion accepting the recommendation of staff. The motion passed.

4. Monthly Reports:

The following reports were received for the month of August and filed as -- information:

- a) General Fund
- b) Water & Wastewater Fund
- e) Community Development Fund
- d) Municipal Court

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the monthly reports. The motion passed.

CITY MANAGERS ITEM

A) UPDATES:

1. Howard Coffin Park Pool update.

The City Manager stated that he had nothing to report concerning the Howard Coffin Park Pool.

2. SPLOST

The City Manager deferred the SPLOST update so that the Commission could

make their comments.

Mayor Brown thanked all the citizens for voting yes for SPLOST. He stated that citizens would see a lot of infrastructure improvements.

Commissioner Davis agreed with the statement made by Mayor Brown.

Commissioner Jennings announced that every quarter a report should be made about the progress of SPLOST projects. He thanked the citizens for supporting SPLOST IV.

CITY CLERK'S ITEM (S):

A. CEMETERY DEED

1) Petition received to change name on deed of Section No 57, Lot 8 in Greenwood Cemetery, from Ada Mae Backey Williams to Ada Backey Wallace to reflect marriage. Original Deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

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

2) Petition received to transfer Section C-6, South ½ of Lot 2, in Palmetto Cemetery from Paul T. Girtman, Sr., to Stephen W. Girtman. Original Deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENT (S)

1) Zoning Board of Appeals- 2 Appointments

Commissioner Williams nominated Robert Herrington. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nomination was closed. Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion reappointing Robert Herrington to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion passed.

Mayor Brown instructed the City Clerk to advertise the remaining vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MAYOR BROWN'S ITEM (S):

1) Water restrictions.

Mayor Brown informed the Commission that he read information concerning Water Restrictions and moratorium on water hookups. He stated a lot of reasons for drastic measures on water restrictions. He recommended that the City look at water hookup moratorium and irrigation tie-ins and other types of water restrictions needed in the City.

2) Moratorium on water hook-ups.

The Director of Water and Wastewater recommended that the City use alternative measure for growth in the City and County.

Commissioner Jennings suggested that the City Attomey, City Manager and City Engineer consult with the Director of Water and Wastewater to come up with ten suggestions since the City is experiencing salt intrusion.

Commissioner Lawrence recalled three weeks ago the Commission asked for a feasibility study.

Mayor Brown asked the Water and Wastewater Director to continue working on -- the Water restrictions.

3) Local disaster relief efforts.

Mayor Brown stated that the nation is at war and asked the Police and Federal Agencies to give their support. He asked citizens to give support by donating blood to the Red Cross or funds to the Firefighters and victims. He asked everyone to be supportive. Mayor Brown mentioned the drastic drop in tourism and encouraged every citizen go about business as usual.

The Commission discussed measures that have been taken by the local police and FLETC.

COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE'S ITEM

Discuss trimming tree limbs throughout the City.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that limbs are hanging down too low and damaging trucks. He recommended that all dead trees be removed within the City.

Commissioner Davis agreed with Commissioner Lawrence and suggested that all dead trees be removed in her neighborhood.

The Director of Public Works reported that the Park and Tree Board must look at all trees before they are taken down. He recalled that all trees are placed on a list and the Park and Tree Board will determine which trees would come down.

Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that in an emergency situation tree limbs that are dangerous should be removed. Mayor Brown recalled a situation where trees were not being trimmed properly.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS' ITEM (SI:

Cleaning of curbside from "T" To MLK and MLK to "Q" Streets.

Commissioner Williams encouraged the Mayor and Commissioners to get out and walk around the City. He reported that grass is growing around the City. He reported that grass is growing on the curbside from "T" street to Martin Luther King Blvd. and from "Q" Street to Martin Luther King Blvd.

Commissioner Williams suggested that the City use machines to cut the curbs.

The Public Works Director recalled that the City Ordinance stated that citizens are responsible for cutting the grass from the sidewalk to the curb. He stated that the City does not enforce the ordinance.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that there are citizens 80 and 90 years old who cannot get out and cut the grass on the curb.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings 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