

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
CALLED MEETING
3:30 P.M. NOVEMBER 15, 2001

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

INVOCATION: Commissioner Harold E. Jennings gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL (S):

Bond Resolution and Agreement for refinancing the Water and Wastewater Bonds.

The Director of Finance submitted the preliminary information on Bond Resolution and Agreement for refinancing the water and Wastewater Bonds.

Jim Pannell, the Bond Counsel stated that they have been working with other officials of the City on refinancing the series of 1990 Bonds. He pointed out that the interest rates are currently at a forty year low.

He explained the reasons for another resolution.

Commissioner Lawrence recalled that the City floated a bond to build the compost center and questioned when will the City ever pay off the bond.

The City Attorney explained that this procedure would not push back the date the bond will be paid off.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he was not sure there would be a savings if the City extended the bond.

Mayor Brown explained that the City is saving on the interest of the bond.

Following a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the following Bond Resolution. On call for the vote the motion passed by 4 to 1. Commissioner Lawrence voting NO.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Bond Resolution should have been brought before the Commission before presenting it to the Commission to make a decision.

Renewal of Employees' Benefits' Providers.

The Human Resources Director requested that the Commission extend the current contract for one year for the Employees' Benefits' Provider.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the extension of the current employees' Benefits' Provider for one year. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION:

Temporary Business Licenses.

Mayor Brown stated that activities of people who hold a business license were reported to him by Ned Cash. He stated that he asked Mr. Cash to share this information with the Commission.

Ned Cash reported that people are selling furniture out of tractor-trailers in the City. He recalled an experience he had with a seller. Mr. Cash stated that the person appeared in his store when he had three or four customers trying to sell items from his truck. The Person had on a Thomasville T Shirt and announced that he had a deal for the customers inside Mr. Cash's store. They could pay half of what Mr. Cash charged for the same clock in his store.

Mr. Cash did verify that he person had a legal business license to sell the furniture items out of his truck. He did not see on the license the cost to obtain it. Mr. Cash explained that the people are taking away from businesses in the downtown area and the City of Brunswick. He pointed out that business owners in the City pay taxes and support the community. He suggested that these businesses be restricted or eliminated or make it hard for them to get a business license.

Mayor Brown stated that the Commission should take some type of action restricting or eliminating people from coming in the City to sell shoes and clocks on street comers. He further stated this matter needs to be addressed so that it will not hamper businesses in the City.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Commission needs to eliminate this type of selling. She stated that other cities do not allow people to sell greens out the back of their truck. The City has Farmers Market for selling fruit and vegetables.

The City Attorney stated that this type of business license cannot be eliminated completely, but the City could be able to restrict the issuance of licenses.

Following a lengthy discussion in which the License Supervisor explained the procedure for issuance of transients' licenses in the City, the city Attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance for the issuance of temporary business licenses and present it at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted by standing.

UPDATES (S):

Strategic Planning Process - Frank and Allyson Foster.

Not discussed defer until a later date.

/s/Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest:/s/Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk