

COMMISSION OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK,
GEORGIA
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 28, 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.

Mayor Brown announced that Carl Wilson who handled emergency services after hours and also sat at the front desk had been ill and passed today. The City of Brunswick will miss him.

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

MINUTES: Called Meeting of October 25, 2001, Regular Meeting of November 7, 2001 and Called Meeting of November 15, 2001.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Called Commission meeting of October 25, 2001, Regular Meeting of November 7, 2001 and called meeting of November 15, 2001. The motion passed.

REZONING APPLICATION (S):

Consider approval of application to rezone Mary Miller Travel Center Building, located at 2217 Gloucester Street, from Office Commercial to Local Commercial.

William Brown stated that Carol Dumas would like to move her business from St. Simons to Brunswick.

Carol Dumas stated that she is anxious to move into Brunswick. She stated that the Mary Miller Travel building seems to be the best location for their current customers, which are from Sea Island and St. Simons Island. The location is also in good proximity to the Old Town Historic District, Windsor Park subdivision and Urbana subdivision. Mrs. Dumas stated that she has gotten positive feedback

from polling everyone in the neighborhood. Her biggest concern was that the building might remain empty. She asked the Commission to consider the rezoning so that they could open their nice little business and do nice things for the town.

Mayor Brown mentioned that Glynn County Planning staff was present and their recommendation was for approval.

Carolyn Siegers, Glynn County Planner stated that a staff was prepared concerning the proposed rezoning. She mentioned that the staff report did not indicate a recommendation one way or the other. She was instructed just to leave it in the hands of the City Commission.

Mrs. Siegers stated for the record that she was speaking about the Mary Miller Doll House, Inc., the owner of the property. The zoning request is to rezone the property from OC Office Commercial to LC Local Commercial. The frontage is 75 feet located at 2217 Gloucester Street. The adjacent zoning to the north is R6 and to the South R9 AND TO THE east and West is Office Commercial.

Mrs. Siegers stated that the key points the Planning staff consider is as Follows: _

- Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- The proposed use of the property. As described in the rezoning application, is suitable in view of use and development of adjacent and nearby property in the OC Office Commercial and R9 Residential districts.
- Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- The proposed use of the property, as described in the application, would not have an adverse effect on existing use or usability of the adjacent property as currently zoned. The proposed zoning classification of LC Local Commercial allows many uses which could have an adverse effect on existing use or usability of the adjacent property as currently zoned.
- Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.
- Yes
- Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use, which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.
- The proposed use of the property, as described in the rezoning application does not describe a use, which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. While the proposed zoning classification could include a use which would cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, it is unlikely given the limited size of the property.
- Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

- The future land use map identifies this area as commercial.
- Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property, which give supporting grounds for approval or disapproval.
- The proposed renovation and use of the existing historic residence would be beneficial to the immediate area in view of bringing a vacant building into active use and good repair.

Jerry Spencer president of the Old Town Brunswick Preservation Association -- stated that he was representing 150 members most of whom live in the Historic District or in the area. He mentioned that they have gotten very good feedback about this proposal and everyone felt good about the possibilities. They thought it would be a great improvement to the Historic District and fully support their proposal.

Following a discussion Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the rezoning of the Mary Miller Travel

Building located at 2217 Gloucester Street from OC Office Commercial to LC Local Commercial. The motion passed.

DELEGATION(S) :

1. Terry V. Palmer, Chief of the Georgia Forestry Commission, to present Commission with a Certificate from the Georgia Landmark and Historical Association accepting the Sidney Lanier Oak Tree to the Historic Landmark Registry.

Terry V. Palmer stated that it was his pleasure to present to the City of Brunswick Mayor and Commissioner an acceptance letter and a certificate showing that the Sidney Lanier Oak has been placed on the Georgia Urban Forestry Council for the Georgia landmark of the Historic Tree Registry. He pointed out that this is a very well known National Historic Register. A test revealed that the tree deemed to be 250 to 300 years old. Mr. Palmer presented pictures of the Sidney Lanier Oak Tree taken in 1930 and 2001. He mentioned that the pictures show that the tree hasn't changed very much. He congratulated the City of Brunswick on behalf of the Georgia Forestry Commission and the State of Georgia.

2. Dr. Darrin Strickland to discuss flooding problems in Riverside S/D.

Dr. Darin Strickland presented pictures of Riverside subdivision to the Commission. Mr. Strickland stated that he is a former St. Simons resident who moved back to Beautiful Brunswick on Riverside Drive. He stated that his main concern is flooding in the Riverside subdivision.

He stated initially what the residents want to get accomplished is working on the flooding problems between Phase I and Phase III in Riverside Subdivision. He pointed out that there are other drainage issues on streets down the road. He mentioned that they want to get the drainage situation fixed and that is why they came to the meeting tonight. He recalled that the problem was created when the property was developed by Mr. Ellzey. A dike was placed all the way around the

subdivision and the construction of the neighborhood was not completed. In the past several years the dike has broken free and the water during high tide is above 7 foot. The tide would commonly come up and encroach from the road and anytime it is an 8-foot tide the water actually crosses the road.

He stated that DNR would not allow the residents to repair the dike. That is not an option, however upon speaking to Rhonda at DNR who spoke to the head DNR representative he would allow the residents to elevate the road basically as high as it needs to be elevated. There are two options 1) bridge the area, or 2) put culvert pipes in the area.

He pointed out that culvert pipes and asphalt are much more cost effective in this instance. The concern is whose street it is, DNR or the City of Brunswick. The City controls the street, but the land on both sides of it is DNR property and the street cannot be widened, but it can be elevated a foot and a half higher for safety and for drainage. He stated that DNR requested that a small curve be placed on the side of the road to help contain the water so that the water can be collected and then distributed. Culvert pipes must be placed underneath to allow free passage of the water for high tides.

Dr. Strickland stated that other neighborhood members are present at the meeting.

Commissioner Jennings mentioned the two things that Dr. Strickland recommended elevating the road and also putting in culvert pipes. HE asked the City Engineer his recommendation. The City Engineer stated that problems exist that is not absolutely clear. He stated that DNR would not allow the City to increase the foot print of the road and to elevate the road two point seven feet higher to accommodate the tide the City will have to add about two feet of pipe to it with no widening at all. The road cannot be elevated two feet higher and put a curve on it and not widen the road at all.

Dr. Strickland mentioned that one possibility would be to contact DNR and ask to do a mitigation site it has been done on Highway 17. The City could take a little bit of the added footage that is needed to widen the road safely.

Following a discussion Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to authorize a group of citizens to meet with DNR so that they could come together to discuss the problems and solutions for Riverside Subdivision.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Commission should not lose sight that the streets in the City of Brunswick have the same problems. He recalled a group of citizens complaining about water drainage on "L" and Stonewall Streets. He stated that the Commission needs to understand that the other areas in the City should not be forgotten.

Mayor Brown stated that SPLOST IV has funding to take care of the flooding on "L" and Stonewall Streets.

Commissioner Jennings offered an amendment to the motion to adding that the City Manager meet with DNR and notify Dr. Strickland of the process as quickly as possible. Commissioner Davis seconded the amendment to the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVALS:

1. Consider approving attached 2002 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals.

The following 2002 alcoholic beverage license renewals were submitted and approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager. On motion of Commissioner Lawrence and seconded by Commissioner Williams the license renewals were unanimously granted:

To retail package including distilled spirits for consumption off premises:

Peter J. Nermoe at Bottle Time Liquors, Inc., dgo/a The Dept, 1901 First Street;

To retail consumption dealers including distilled spirits for consumption on premises:

Eddie Lee West, Sr., at Club 87 Package Store, 1604 Fourth Street;

Sharon Lynn Stewart at Lighthouse Lounge, 3302 ½ Glynn Avenue;

To retail package dealers beer and wine for consumption off premises:
Patricia Baker at Triton Marketing Inc. d/b/a Triton # 622, 3879 Altama Avenue;

To retail package dealer beer only for consumption off premises:

Patricia Baker at Triton Marketing Inc., d/b/a Triton # 602, 4528 Altama Avenue.

2. Consider abandonment of a 5-foot alleyway, 60 feet long, in the 2100 block of Ellis Street and Ellis Street Lane.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to postpone taking action until someone is present to discuss closing the alleyway. The motion passed.

3. Bid recommendations on the following:

- a) City Dock Contract - Burton Carter, Construction Manager.

Burton Carter, Construction Manager submitted the following bids:

Dock Proposal

Vendor	Bid Amount
Alpha Construction Company	\$191,153.66
Custom Dock Mfg. Co.	\$161,442.00
ELC, Inc.	\$154,1285.00
Myrick Marine Const.	\$116,044.00
Sea Tech Marine	\$217,666.00

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion accepting the bid of Custom Docks in the amount of \$161,442.00. The motion passed.

Mayor Brown pointed out that his was local and with the five percent.

- b) Phase I of Queen's Square Streetscape - Burton Carter, Construction Manager.

Burton Carter, Construction Manager submitted the following bids:

Vendor	Bid Amount
ABBA Construction, Inc.	\$138,414.90
Creech Landscape	\$162,170.00
Scott Peterson Construction	\$150,184.65
Sittle Construction Co.	\$147,177.83

Commissioner Lawrence asked if the ABBA Construction Company the low bidder would use local people to work instead of bringing in people with them.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City look at using local contractors.

Following a discussion Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion accepting the low bid of ABBA Construction Company in the amount of \$138,414.90. The motion passed.

Commissioner Williams recommended that all SPLOST Projects in the City of -- Brunswick have signs identifying the projects.

Mr. Carter stated that he would meet with the Public Works Director and the City Engineer to create the signs.

e) Paving of Wilson Avenue East of [IS I-Iwy 17.

The City Attorney recalled that this property was offered to adjacent property owners to the highest bidder. He stated that the bid did not go through; it was forfeited because of title insurance. HE asked the Commission to make a decision not to abandon Wilson Avenue and open it back up.

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to rescind the abandonment of Wilson Avenue. The motion passed.

Burton Carter, Construction Manager submitted the following bids:

Vendor	Bid Amount
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Seaboard Const. Co.	\$30,127.39
Reynolds Const. Co.	\$31,765.82

Burton Carter recommended that the low bid of Seaboard Construction Company be accepted for curb, gutter and paving.

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion accepting the recommendation of staff to accept the low bid from Seaboard Construction Company in the amount of \$30,127.39. The motion passed.

d) Installation of a new Telephone System for City Itall, Police and Fire Departments - David Manning, IT Director.

David Manning stated that the City's Police Department and Recreation

Department are having problems and the phones need to be replaced. He pointed out that the new phones could be purchased under the Georgia Municipal Association Lease Pool Program.

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Vendor	Comments	Total
Integrated Solutions 3819 Fourth ST. Savannah, GA 31408	Network This System is completely * compatible with the Count's communication system	\$119,632.12
I S P C/O Paul Thorp 102 Monet Dr. Nokomis, FL 34275		\$133,635.00

Hasty's Communications
112 Key Dr.
Bwk., GA 31520

NO BID

Following a discussion Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion accepting the low bid of Integrated Network Solutions in the amount of \$119,632.12. The motion passed.

4. Monthly Reports:

- a) General Fund
- b) Water and Wastewater Fund
- e) Community Development
- d) Municipal Court
- e) Recreation Department

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to accept the monthly reports. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION

1. Establish an amount for Christmas Gift Certificates for employees.

The City Manager recommended that the Commission do as last year and present a gift certificate to City employees in the amount of \$25.00.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving a \$25.00 Christmas Certificate from Wal-Mart for City employees. The motion passed.

2. Consider giving Christmas Eve off as a holiday this year.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving Monday, December 24, 2001, Christmas Eve as a Holiday for City employees since Christmas is on Tuesday December 25th this year. The motion passed.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that City employees who have not scheduled in advance to take off work on Friday December 21st must come in on that day to work.

CITY CLERK'S ITEM (S):

1. November 6, Election Returns.

The City Clerk reported the following Elections returns:

November 6, 2001 General Election

For City Commissioner Southward

James H. Brooks, Sr.	received 477 votes
Doris A. Davis, (Incumbent)	received 1,547 votes

Doris Davis was elected as the City Commissioner of the Southward.

For City Commissioner Northward

Roosevelt Lawrence, (Incumbent) received 1,596 votes
Lawrence had no opposition.

Roosevelt Lawrence was elected as the City Commissioner of the Northward.

For Mayor

Bradford S. Brown, (Incumbent) received 1,023 votes
Otis Herrington received 627 votes
James McLeod received 452 votes

This election resulted in a run-off between Bradford S. Brown and Otis Herrington scheduled for November 27, 2001.

November 27, 2001 Run-Off Election

For Mayor

Bradford S. Brown received 1,104 votes
Otis Herrington received 997 votes

Bradford S. Brown was elected as Mayor of the City of Brunswick.

2. Request two additional members for Recreation Advisory Board.
3. Permission to advertise for unexpired term of Karl Bailey on the Recreation Board.

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The City Clerk reported that a letter was received from the Chairman of the Recreation Advisory Board requesting two additional members and replacing Karl Bailey who resigned from the board.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City Clerk to advertise for three positions for appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board. The motion passed.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM {SJ:

Discuss Peddler's License Ordinance.

The City Attorney stated that the Commission may want to look at the issue on whether to change licensing fees for transients which is currently \$25.00 per day or charging the same as Glynn County, one fee per year.

Mayor Brown questioned whether the City could place a moratorium on issuing transient licenses until the next meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if merchants allows transients to set up business on private property what would change in the ordinance.

Angela Bennett, Business License Supervisor explained the process in which transients obtain a license to operate in the City of Brunswick.

Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion issuing a moratorium on purchasing of business licenses for transients until the next Commission meeting. The motion passed.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS' ITEM (S):

Community Groups.

Commissioner Williams stated that he follows community groups and organizations and these groups help the City improve the neighborhoods. He pointed out when citizens take pride in an area they live in they should be recognized. He stated that the City should encourage different areas in the city to organize groups. He mentioned that these people would not allow other people to tear up their parks. He stated that citizens take pride in their area because it makes the City look beautiful. He recommended that the Commission be available to organizations in the community.

Commissioner Lawrence made a 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