

COMMISSION OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK,
GEORGIA
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
8:30 P.M., DECEMBER 12, 2001

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Jonathan Williams.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Harold E. Jermings gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Brown announced that the swearing in ceremony for the Elected Officials Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence, Doris Davis and himself would be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chamber Room. He invited everyone to attend the ceremony and reception.

MINUTES: Called Meeting of Regular Meeting of November 28, 2001.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jermings seconded the motion approving the minutes of November 28, 2001. The motion passed.

DELEGATION (S):

1. Burnett Fukon in reference to the Brunswick Police Department.

Burnette Fulton appeared before the Commission to speak about a written complaint he submitted to the Police Department on the 28th day of June to Lieutenant Jordan and the City Manager. Mr. Fulton reported that on the night of the 28th day of June around 10:30 p.m. his family was in a vehicle driving down Altama Avenue when officer Duggan stopped the vehicle at the time his son was driving. Mr. Fulton recalled that he asked the officer what was the problem and the officer refused to answer. After the officer refused to answer, he was then asked to call his supervisor. Mr. Fulton stated that the officer told him to call for his supervisor since he had a cell phone. At the time of the events that occurred Mr. Fulton stated that he could not get the officer's name or badge number, but later he found out the identity of the officer.

Mr. Fulton spoke of how officer Duggan gave his son a hard time and how he acted very belligerent. He pointed out that he has not received an answer to the complaint that was filled about six months ago. Mr. Fulton stated that he still do not have a problem concerning the actual stop, but do have a problem with the way officer Duggan handled the stop. Mr. Fulton requested that the Commission Board look into the background of the officer and make some type of determination since it has taken six months for him to reply.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he heard two complaints from Mr. Fulton. One complaint is concerning the Police Officer and the other complaint is not having his original complaint responded to within six months. Commissioner

Lawrence stated that Mr. Fulton is concerned about the way he was treated and the way the complaint was handled.

Mayor Brown suggested that Mr. Fulton meet with the Police Chief after the meeting so that he could be filled in on any information regarding this incident.

Mr. Fulton turned down the offer to speak with the Chief of Police for the reason that he has spoken with the Chief before. He reiterated that he wanted the Commission body to look into the background of this officer and his demeanor and determine how this board would resolve it. He mentioned that it has already been long overdue.

Commissioner Jennings asked the Chief of Police to speak about the situation.

The Police Chief stated that he did not have much to add to what Mr. Fulton had to say except for the fact that he did not get a full explanation on the complaint that was filed. He pointed out that he explained to Mr. Fulton why he did not want to give him any information when he started talking about an Attorney he was consulting on this issue and he felt uncomfortable going into further details with him concerning the complaint. He further stated that Mr. Fulton is trying to present something to this board to consider by passing many other steps in the process. He pointed out that Mr. Fulton should go through Human Resources, and then to the City Manager if the complaint is against him. He stated that the City Manager should be the one to receive the complaint against him. He requested that those routes be taken before coming to the Commission for consideration on a personnel matter.

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Commissioner Lawrence asked the following question:

When an individual files a complaint what is the actual time limit for the response?

The Chief of Police stated that the response time is thirty day unless he extends it further.

The Chief of Police explained that he and Mr. Fulton had a discussion one day at City Hall and Mr. Fulton mentioned an attorney. The Chief of Police told him that he was willing to give him an explanation, but since he mentioned an attorney there was nothing further to say.

Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Jennings suggested that the Chief of Police hire an ombudsman to handle police complaints or adopting an ordinance, which allows supervisors to come when requested by a citizen.

Mr. Fulton recalled that Commissioner Lawrence requested having a Citizens -- Review Board to handle police complaints in August of 2000. He stated that might be a good idea.

2. Hardy Myers to address a ticket he received from the Brunswick Police Department.

Hardy Myers appeared before the Commission to speak about a traffic ticket he received in August 2001 for failure to yield the right of way at an intersection

where he made a left turn. He pointed out that there was a green arrow on one side

and the other side of the traffic light had red lights, green lights and yellow lights.

He stated that the Police Officer was on the other side of the traffic light and told

him that he failed to yield the right of way. He pointed out that the traffic light was

in his favor. He mentioned that a court date was set for September 5* and the

Police Officer did not show up and the Judge bound the case over to September

12th. Mr. Myers explained that he would have ran a red traffic light if he failed to

yield the right of way.

Mr. Myers felt like he was being used as a training tool for Police Officers just for

the thrill of the hunt. He next requested an appeal.

Mayor Brown informed Mr. Myers that the proper process for an appeal has not

been followed.

3. Dale Smith, resident of Union Street, to address flooding, speeding, and sidewalks along the 1100 block of Union Street.

Dale Smith appeared before the Commission to speak about the flooding on the

south end, the speeding of cars and sidewalks that are falling apart.

Mayor Brown stated that SPLOST IV projects funding would cover the drainage projects.

The City Manager was instructed to check with the Public Works Director to find

out about the reconstruction of sidewalks on the south end.

4. Tony Sammons and Ray Acosta, Georgia Power Company, to address Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.

Tony Sammons appeared before the Commission to give an update on Martin

Luther King, Jr. Boulevard project, which started three years ago. He mentioned

all the property that would be affected by the MLK project. Mr. Sarnmons stated

that the project was supposed to be let by December, but was rescheduled for July

of 2002. Mr. Sammons stated that he would gather more information about the July start up date.

APPROVALS:

1. Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for the Year 2002.

Mayor Brown stated that the Commission might have questions about two of the clubs that applied for a license renewal, Level 3 and Club Cache.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the Commission go through the license renewals that they and Corporal Dickerson have questions about.

Corporal Dickerson stated that the Police Department did have several problems with a few businesses from time to time, but did not warrant not issuing a license.

Corporal Dickerson reported when Level 3 first opened they did have problems with under age persons and they changed their method of operation. A case was made against Level 3 and the City did not have any problems since then.

Corporal Dickerson stated that he did not recommend Club Cache to receive a license renewal. He stated that he did have concerns with Double Eagle, but the problems have cleared up. Double Eagle opens only one day a week.

The Chief of Police stated that the rest of the clubs that had problems the Police Department would continue to monitor them.

The Chief of Police pointed out that Club Cache had a few underage violations and recommended not renewing their license for 2002.

Commissioner Lawrence asked why Club Cache was not recommended for a renewal. The Chief of Police stated that Club Cache's license was in the process of being revoked, but the process was never completed. He mentioned that Club Cache had problems with underage persons. The Police Chief read a report concerning the incidents that happened in 2001.

Commissioner Jennings pointed out that the report stated that bottles were being thrown at officers in 2001. The Police Chief stated that the report would be cleared up because some events took place in 2000 not in 2001. Club Cache was not in operation during many months of 2001.

The following 2002 Alcoholic Beverage license renewals were submitted and approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager on motion of Commissioner Jennings and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence the following renewals was granted except for Club Cache:

To retail consumption dealers including distilled spirits:

Scott B. Jackmore at 300 "F" Street Inc., d/b/a Red Carpet Lounge; 300 "F" Street;

Allan W. Knight, III at BPO Elks Lodge #691, 1509 Union Street;

Kathryn Buchanon at Bonvivre, Inc., d/b/a Cargo Portside Grille, 1423 Newcastle Street;

Jason Dunkin at Daddy's Sports Bar and Grill, 1312 Newcastle Street;

Nelson Hart at Double Eagle Sports Center, 1621 Albany Street;

Klm Bush at Level 3 Restaurant and Night Club 1404 - 1406 Newcastle Street;

Jacob Manley at Mr. Jay's Lounge, 1409 "L" Street;

Pablo Cruz at Pablo's Mexican Restaurant, 3384 Cypress Mill Road;

George Warwick at Spanky's 1200 Glynn Avenue;

To retail package dealers including Distilled Spirits for consumption
off
premises:

James L. Gibson, Gibson's Beverage Center, 3304 Glynn Avenue;

Paul Henry, Jr. at Kim-Mar, Inc., d/b/a The Fountain; 2300 Norwich Street;
Jacob Manley at The Beverage Center, 1411 "L" Street;

To retail consumption dealers, beer and wine:

Robert M. Torras, Jr. at Brunswick Landing Marina, Inc., 2429 Newcastle Street;

Rosalynn Chow at Chow Noble House, Inc., d/b/a New China Restaurant, 3202 Glynn Avenue;

Janet F. Watson at Jinwright's Seafood House, Inc., 2815 Glynn Avenue;
To retail package dealer, beer and wine for consumption off remises:
Mukesh Patel at Amerimart #1, 1001 First Avenue;

Kirit Patel at Amerimart #2, 1008 Bay Street;

Vernon Allen at Friendly Express, Inc., #54, 2401 Gloucester Street;

Melissa Kyler at Friendly Express, Inc., 356, 3320 Glynn Avenue;

Katina Flanders at Friendly Express, Inc., #59, 1409 Gloucester Street;
Hersherl Campbell at Friendly Express, Inc., #63, 2722 Norwich Street;
Melissa Murray at Friendly Express, Inc., #63, 1906 Newcastle Street;
Brian Addison at Friendly Express, Inc., #70, 3319 Glynn Avenue;

Mike Whaley at Harvey's Supermarket #72, 4980 Glynn Avenue;

Bill Harbison at J. P.'s Spirits and Wines, 3304 ½ Glynn Avenue;

Henry A. Sowell at Sowell and Sowell d/b/a Bunky's 2803 Glynn Avenue;

To retail consumption dealers, beer only:

Nancy Cahoon at Nan's Confectionary, 1828 Wolfe Street;

Michael T. Hasty at Pizza Inn- Brunswick, 3361 Cypress Mill Road;

To retail package dealer, beer only for consumption off premises:

Suleiman Solomun at Adams Market, Inc., 1700 Norwich Street;

Betty Mullino at In and Out Mart, 1603 "L" Street;

Herbert Dewayne Carroll at Revco Discount Drug Centers - CVS Pharmacy #4246, 1709 Gloucester Street;

Dipesh Patel at Shiv Sunkers, Inc., d/b/a Discount Stop 1, 3001 Altama Avenue;

To Wholesale dealers including Beer and Wine for consumption off premises:

Gary Burrell at National Distributing Co. Inc., d/b/a Standard Distributing, 1725 "T" Street.

2. Consider adopting the Strategic Planning Process.

The City Manager thanked the Commission for allowing Department Heads to have a Strategic Planning Process with Frank and Allison Foster of the Center for Strategic Planning.

The City Manager submitted the following Strategic Plan:

Strategic Plan - Mission and Goals
Established 7/1/00

Mission: To provide effective and efficient City services to support residents, visitors, and business persons in their work and leisure such that Brunswick is the best place to live, work, and visit on the East Coast.

Goals:

1. Improve our system of raising revenue in a creative and efficient manner and effectively plan and police our spending and accounting for assets and expenditures.
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2. Create a growth and development plan for vacant and abandoned properties throughout the City.
3. Support groups and organizations that have demonstrated interest in maintaining the historic quality of the City.
4. Identify re-use possibilities for former City Hall building and finalize long-term location for City Hall.
5. Establish a balanced budget with provisions to amend when necessary and monitor throughout the fiscal year.
6. Complete the engineering and construction of water drainage and wastewater collections system for the entire City.
7. Maintain and improve the appearance of public right-of-ways, parks, and City properties.
8. Create Enterprise Zones to attract new business including a downtown food and entertainment center.
9. Build a marina on the East Side of the City.

10. Develop a Citizen's Advisory Group and Citizens Participation Plan.

Key Success Measures

- 1. Citizens Perspective
 - Increased utilization of amenities
 - } Ritz Theatre usage increased to 188 days of (25%) by the year 2002
 - } Recreational Facility Rentals increased to 33 (25%) by the year 2002
 - } Marina opened by year 2003

Organized Sports attendance increased to 280 (25%) by the year 2002

- Increased citizen involvement:)~ Citizen Satisfaction/Complaints survey (baseline and number to be determined)
-)~ Voter turnout at 2,336 (28%) by the 2005
-)~ Registered voter increased to 8,342 by the year 2005

2. Employee Perspective

- Increased wages by 6 to 8% by the end of year 2002
- Have an employee turnover rate of 15% or lower by the end of 2002
- Increase the number of employees saying they are proud to work for the city (baseline and number to be determined)

3. Business perspective

- Business licenses (baseline and number to be determined)

- Increasing the number of new commercial building permits per year to 24 by 2005
- Increasing the number of commercial addition and remodeling permits per year to 70 by 2005
- Increasing the number of new residential building permits per year to 28 by 2005
- Increasing the number of residential addition and remodeling permits per year to 28 by 2005

4. Financial perspective

- Increase in Assessed value of real Property (baseline and number to be determined)

- Increase Revenues (baseline and number to be determined)

Core Strategy Statements

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to include information from City Strategic Plan, Redevelopment Plan, Short Term Work Program, & City Master Plan.
2. Attract and retain business within the City.
3. Improve City financial position.
4. Attract residents to move to and to stay in the City
5. Encourage unincorporated property owners to want to become a part of the City.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion adopting the Strategic Plan and Goals authorizing the City Manager to continue with the strategic planning. The motion passed.

Commissioner Davis recommended that the Commission meet at least once a month with Department Heads at their meetings.

3. Bond Refinancing Projects

The City Manager reported that the bond refinancing was closed on Thursday and the City received a check for \$750,000.00.

The City Manager stated that the funds would be used for the following projects:

- a) Rebuild Pump Station #49, complete including wet well, valve pit, use pumps and controls that are in stock. Cost \$70,000.00.
- b) Rebuild Pump Station #34, dewatering around wet well, install bypass piping, stabilize and reline wet well, demolish building, install valve pit, install new pumps and controls, erect control bracket. Cost \$85,000.00
- c) Purchase Sewer Line Jet Equipment. Cost \$85,000.00.
- d) Purchase radio read equipment. Cost approximately \$2000,000.00.
- e) Reline 4500 linear feet of Albany Street north of George Street with 8" clay pipe, rehab 9 manholes, and install 2 additional new manholes. Cost \$264,000.00

Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that there are still areas in the city still operating on a septic tank. The City Manager stated that these areas could be identified and given a cost to install sewer lines.

Following a discussion Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the Bond refinancing projects as presented by the City Manager.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEM

Update on pool at Recreation Department.

The City Manager did not give an updated report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM (S):

1. Lynn Frey, City Attorney, with a Resolution changing the name of new Street - running east of Glynn Avenue and ending at Norman Street - to Parkwood Drive.
2. Amendment to Transient Merchants Ordinance.

The City Manager announced that the City Attorney is absent and the Commission may have to schedule a called meeting before the end of the year.

INFORMATION:

Design Charrette for landscaping of US Hwy 17 to the Spur.

The City Manager reported that Downtown Development Authority Director Bryan Thompson would appear Tuesday, December 18m from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at City Hall to show their design.

Commissioner Lawrence made a 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