

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., OCTOBER 2, 2002

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Jonathan Williams.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Jennings gave the invocation.

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

MINUTES:

Minutes of September 18, 2002

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of the September 18, 2002 meeting. The motion passed.

RECOGNITION(S)

Plaque presentation to Rick Drummond, Finance Director, for 20 years of service given to the Brunswick Finance Department.

Mayor Brown presented a plaque to Rick Drummond for 20 years of dedicated service to the Finance Department.

Rick Drummond thanked the Commission for allowing him to serve the City for 20 years.

Plaque presentation to Academy Creek Water Pollution Control Facility Staff for receiving the 2002 Gold Award from the Georgia Water and Pollution Control Association.

Mayor Brown presented a plaque to the staff of Academy Creek Water Pollution Control Center for receiving the 2002 Gold Award.

LICENSE(S)

ALCOHOLIC LICENSE(S)

Lighthouse Lounge, located at dd20 Altama Avenue, to retail Distilled Spirits to be

consumed on premises. Owner is William P. Lane and Manager is Sharon L. Stewart.

Captain Chris Stewart of the Brunswick Police stated that he had no objections for approval of the alcoholic beverage license for Lighthouse Lounge.

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving an alcoholic beverage license to retail distilled spirits for consumption on premises at dd20 Altama Avenue. The motion passed.

TAXI CAB LICENSE(S)

Transfer of license from Jim Gish of 1506 Martin Luther King Blvd., to Elizabeth J. Bohlender of 211 North End Court for City Cab Company.

Captain Chris Stewart of the Brunswick Police recommended the transfer of the taxi cab license from Jim Gish to Elizabeth J. Bohlender.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the transfer of a taxi cab license from Jim Gish to Elizabeth J. Bohlender. The motion passed.

REZONING APPLICATION(S)

Request to rezone property located at 2712 Parkwood Drive, R-9 One Family Residential to Medical, owners Dr. Anna Cabeca and Troy Bivens.

Donna Moody submitted the application to rezone property located at 2712 Parkwood Drive from R-9 One Family Residential to Medical. The property is owned by Dr. Anna Cabeca and Troy Bivens and the property would be used as a home occupation Doctor's office.

Anna Cabeca stated that she practices Obstetrics and Gynecology and needs to have a location near the hospital. She pointed out that 25% of the residence can be used as medical.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone had any comments for or against the rezoning. There were no comments.

Request to rezone property located at 1422 Lee Street, GR-General Residential to Office Commercial, owner is Hazel Shelander.

Donna Moody submitted the application to rezone property located at 1422 Lee Street from GR-General Residential District to Office Commercial District. The property is owned by Hazel Shelander and is currently a vacant lot.

William Ligon, Jr. stated that he plans to build a new office building on the vacant lot and parking.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone had any comments for or against the rezoning. There

were no comments.

Request to rezone property known as Terry Creek, located at Torras Causeway, from GR-General Residential to Mobile Home District, owner is Ben Grantham.

Donna Moody submitted the application to rezone property known as Terry Creek, located off the Torras Causeway from GR-General Residential to Mobile Home District. The property is owned by Ben Grantham.

Donna Moody stated that the owner is requesting to place mobile homes on his vacant lots.

The City Attorney pointed out that it would have to be a non-conforming use that pre-exist.

Commissioner Jennings mentioned that this would open up a Pandora's box on Highway 17.

The City Attorney stated that the zoning could be changed to allow mobile homes in the whole Terry Creek area.

Mayor Brown stated that he did not want this type of image for Brunswick, a mobile home park. He pointed out that the mobile homes would have to be built too high and he could not support it.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone had comments for or against the rezoning.

Phillip Hardee questioned whether a mobile home would take down the value of his home.

Mayor Brown stated that he felt property in Terry Creek would devalue.

DELEGATION(S)

L. E. Lewis in reference to sub-dividing property at the comer of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Amherst Street, between "Q" and "R" Streets.

L. E. Lewis was not present, but was enroute to the Commission meeting.

Sammy Thompson, Contractor, in reference to water and sewer fees.

Sammy Thompson, developer appeared before the Commission to speak about connecting water and sewer lines to residents within the City. Mr. Thompson stated that he was present to support Mr. Lewis. Mr. Thompson stated that the cost of installing water and sewer lines has been a burden on his family. He mentioned that twenty-five new homes were built in the City and brought in almost \$60,000 in revenues. He felt that something should have been done two years ago in regards to the City installing water and sewer lines to residents in the City.

L. E. Lewis appeared before the Commission to receive information on request made to subdivide property on the comer of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Amherst

Street between "Q" and "R" Streets and installation of water and sewer lines on his property.

The City Attorney stated that the current law states that the property owner pays for tap-in fees and extension of water and sewer lines. He mentioned that the City could change the entire utility ordinance for the City and County.

The Water and Wastewater Director stated that it would be a great impact and financial cost at 8 million nine hundred thousand dollars for areas subject to development. He mentioned other cost for development in the City and County.

Mayor Brown asked if a change was made, would the City go back and give reimbursements. The City Attorney pointed out that the financial aspect would be enormous for reimbursement. Commissioner Jennings questioned if there was any

statue of limitations for reimbursements to developers. The City Attorney stated that it was not a statue of limitations. He mentioned that the City could legally turn Mr. Thompson down for reimbursements. Commissioner Lawrence questioned what is wrong with the City starting with December and any prior developments would not be included.

Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Jennings made a motion authorizing the City Attorney to investigate why sewer lines was not placed a number of feet from Federal Housing, the Director of Community Development was instructed to look for grants for water and sewer projects. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL(S)

Professional Service Agreement from Starling Sutton & Associates on the Brunswick Phase II Master Planning.

The City Manager recommended approval of the agreement from Starling Sutton & Associates. He pointed out that the Brunswick Phase II Master Plan would provide community and economic development.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the Brunswick Phase II Professional Service Agreement from Starling Sutton and Associates.

Disaster Recovery Contract with Glynn County-John Butts, Director of Public Works.

The Public Works Director requested approval for Disaster Recovery Contract with Glynn County for \$100.00 per year.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the Disaster Recovery Contract with Glynn County for \$100.00. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION

Changing the time of City Commission Meetings.

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the

motion changing times for all City Commission meetings scheduled on the first and third Wednesday of each month to 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise changed by the Commission. The motion passed.

Docking Fees.

Bryan Thompson, Downtown Development Authority Director submitted the Brunswick City Docks Division Plan. He mentioned that Cruise Ships rates would be raised to \$3.75 per foot per night, plus water. Shrimp boats rates would be raised to \$250.00 per month up to 250 feet and boats over 250 feet, rates would be raised to \$300.00 per month.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the resolution which would include charging \$25.00 per night for private vessels upon submittal of the resolution for the Dock Plan from the City Attorney. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion passed.

Following the Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Attest

City Clerk

Bradford S. Brown,

Mayor