

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P. M., OCTOBER 2, 2003**

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Bradford S. Brown, Commissioners 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 in unison by everyone in attendance.

ADDENUM

Mayor Brown requested to add the Department of Transportation Bridge Replacement to the Agenda. Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the addition to the Agenda. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of September 17, 2003 and the Special Called Meeting of September 24, 2003.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2003 and the Special Called Meeting of September 24, 2003. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

Mayor Brown requested that item number five under approvals be moved to the first item.

APPROVAL(S)

- 5. Bill Francis, Assistant Director of the Water and Wastewater Department, to present approval on continuing the Joint Funding Agreement for the City of Brunswick USGS Water Resources Cooperative Program.**

William Bill Francis, submitted the USGS Joint Funding Agreement for approval to continue the Brunswick Cooperative Water-Resource Program.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion unanimously approving the following agreement:

Mayor Brown requested that Item number three under approvals be moved to the second item.

- 3. Marjorie A. Mathieu, Vice-President of Support Services for SE Georgia Regional Health System, to discuss the abandonment of Starling Street between Hampton Street and**

Kemble Street.

Marjorie A. Mathieu appeared before the Commission to request approval of abandonment of Starling Street between Hampton Street and Kemble Avenue to provide additional patient/visitor parking adjacent to the hospital, and to provide convenient parking for the Ambulatory Care Building. Mrs. Mathieu mentioned that the existing water and sewer lines Would not be interrupted and access would be made available at all times for Fire & Police Personnel.

The City Engineer confirmed emergency vehicles would be able to have access if needed.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the abandonment of Starling Street between Hampton Street and Kemble Avenue, the document to be executed by the Mayor or City Manager. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP:

Harvey's Supermarket, #72, is changing to Food Lion, located at 4980 Altama Avenue, to retail Beer and Wine not to be consumed on premises. Owner is Hare Acquisition Company, Inc., and Manager is Mike Whaley.

Police Captain Larry Bruce stated that the application to change Harvey's Supermarket #72 to Food Lion was in compliance with the City Code.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the application for change of ownership submitted by Mike Whaley to retail beer and wine at Food Lion, 4980 Altama Avenue. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

RENEWALS:

- Bottle Time Liquors, Inc., d/b/a The Depot, located at 1900 First Street to retail Distilled Spirits not to be consumed on premises. Owner/Manager is Peter J. Nermoe.
- Eckerd Drugs, #439, located at 3487 Cypress Mill Road, to retail Beer and Wine not to be consumed on premises. Owner is Eckerd Corporation and Manager is Dale W. Cardwell.
- Eckerd Drugs, #2341, located at 1945 Glynn Avenue, to retail Beer and Wine not to be consumed on premises. Owner is Eckerd Corporation and Manager is Pamela R. Long.
- King & Prince Seafood, Corp., located at One King & Prince Blvd., to retail Beer as a Consumption Dealer to use as an ingredient in batter. Owner is King & Prince Seafood, Corp and Manager is Dennis J. Sullivan.

Police Captain Larry Bruce stated that the above four applications for renewal was in compliance with the City Code.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion unanimously granting the petitions for the following alcoholic beverage licenses:

Peter J. Nermoe at Bottle Time Liquors, Inc., d/b/a The Depot, 1900 First Street to retail distilled spirits for consumption off premises;

Dale W. Cardwell at Eckerd Drugs, #439, 1945 Glynn Avenue to retail beer and wine for consumption off premises;

Pamela R. Long at Eckerd Drugs, #2341, 1945 Glynn Avenue to retail beer and wine for consumption off premises.

Dennis J. Sullivan at King & Prince Seafood, 1 King & Prince Blvd., to retail beer as a consumption dealer to use as an ingredient in batter.

2. Jimmy Bradley, Finance Director, to present Millage Rate for FY 2003/2004.

The Director of Finance submitted a millage rate of 12.0864 mills for 2003 taxes. He pointed out that this was a reduction from last year's rate of 13 mills.

Following a discussion Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion unanimously adopting the following resolution:

**AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION
CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Brunswick, a Georgia Municipal Corporation, that an Ad Valorem Tax of thirty-four dollars and forty-six cents (\$34.46) per one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) of assessed valuation is hereby levied and assessed for the calendar year 2003 upon all tangible property that is subject to taxation within the City. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-91, it is further resolved that said Millage rate of thirty-four and forty-six one hundredths (34.46) mills shall be reduced by twenty-one and five hundred ninety-six one thousandths (21.596) mills, that being the Millage rate which, if levied against the tangible property in the City of Brunswick would produce an amount equal to the distribution of local option sales tax received by the City of Brunswick during 2002, leaving a net Millage rate of twelve and eight hundred sixty-four one thousandths (12.864) mills, which shall be the net Millage rate upon which each taxpayer's bill shall be based.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that payment of 2003 Ad Valorem Taxes shall be due no later than December 20, 2003.

SO RESOLVED this 2nd day of October 2003, upon motion duly made and seconded by the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Brunswick.

Bradford S. Brown, Mayor
City of Brunswick, Georgia

Attest:

Georgia E. Marion, City Clerk
City of Brunswick, Georgia

- 4. A.J. Jones, III, Director of the Economic and Community Development Department, to ask permission to hold Public Hearings to gain citizen input into amending of the City's Comprehensive Plan to include the Blueprint Brunswick Master Plan.**

In absence of the Director of Community and Economic Development the City Manager requested permission to hold Public hearings on October 10, 2003 at 700 Gloucester Street at 7:00 a.m., October 13, 2003 at Jane Macon Middle School at 6:00 p.m. and October 14, 2003 at the Multipurpose Center at 2:00 p.m. to receive input to amend the Comprehensive Plan to add Blue Print Brunswick Master Plan as a part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Following a discussion Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the Public Hearings to be held as requested by the City Manager to gain citizen input to amend the Comprehensive Plan to add Blue Print Brunswick Master Plan as a part of the Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

The Department of Transportation Bridge Replacement.

Mayor Brown stated that the City was looking for a bridge replacement and the Department of Transportation recommended to put in a piped culvert to reduce the cost.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion accepting the agreement from the Department of Transportation to pipe the culvert. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

- 1. Quit Claim Deed of Redemption to clear for sale property located at 729 Egmont Street.**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute the quit claim deed to clear title for property located at 729 Egmont Street. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

2. Policy on Commissioners' Absenteeism.

The City Attorney submitted the policy on the Commissioners' absenteeism.

Following a discussion Mayor Brown instructed the City Attorney to re-draft the Absenteeism Policy to include the provision of notifying the absent Commissioner within three months of the absence and obtaining a written statement from the absent Commissioner's physician to find out whether or not the Commissioner could return to meetings.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion unanimously approving the following absenteeism policy subject to adding the additions mentioned above. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0.

DISCUSSION

Restricting large trucks and semi-trailer trucks from driving through neighborhoods.

Mayor Brown brought up for discussion restricting large trucks and semi-trailer trucks from driving through residential areas within the City.

Following a discussion the City Attorney was instructed to draft a policy restricting large trucks from Traveling on residential streets for the next Commission meeting.

Mayor Brown asked the City Manager to place on the next Agenda the upcoming G-8 Summit Planning.

Commissioner Williams congratulated the men for hosting the Stan Lomax Football Classic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate, Personnel and Litigation. The motion passed by 4 to 0.

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Davis 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

