

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2003, CITY HALL COMPLEX
700 GLOUCESTER STREET, 3RD FLOOR**

PRESENT: Her honor Mayor Pro-tem Doris A. Davis, Commissioners Harold E. Jennings and Jonathan Williams.

ABSENT: Mayor Bradford S. Brown

INVOCATION: Commissioner Harold E. Jennings gave the invocation.

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of October 2, 2003.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2003. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Proclamation presentation to four (4) local citizens, Verna Robinson, Anita Norman, Ian Baker and Andre Mosley, for bravery exhibited in a house fire in the 1000 block of Gordon Street on September 18, 2003.

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis presented proclamations to the following citizens who demonstrated bravery in trying to extinguish a fire at 1010 Gordon street which led to the rescue of an elderly citizen on September 18, 2003: Verna Robinson, Anita Norman, Ian Baker and Andre' Mosley.

DELEGATION

Kay Cowart from the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board, to present a letter proposing a removal of a parcel from the Brunswick Historic Preservation District.

Kay Cowart representing the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board requested to remove a parcel of land (bounded by Bay Street to the west, H Street to the north, G street to the South and the East River to the east) owned by Mr. Bob Torras, Sr., from the Historic Preservation District. She recommended if the property is not developed within eight years of the resolution date upon approval by the Commission the property would convert into inclusion in the

Brunswick Historic Preservation District and would be subject to the current ordinances and guidelines of said district.

Following a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to hold a public hearing set for November 3, 2003 to hear input from citizens on the removal of the parcel of land owned by Mr. Bob Torras, Sr., from the Historic District. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

APPROVAL(S)

1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

RENEWALS FOR YEAR 2004

Sergeant Larry Bruce stated that all of the alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2004 was in compliance with the City Code.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion unanimously granting the following alcoholic beverage license renewals for 2004:

Bobbie L. Lee at Dixville Package Store, 1509-1/2 London Street, to retail package, including distilled spirits for consumption off premises;

Suleiman Solomon at Adams Market, Inc., 1700 Norwich Street, to retail package dealers beer and wine for consumption off premises;

Ana L. Cook at Pablo's Mexican Restaurant, Inc., 3384 Cypress Mill Road to retail consumption dealers including distilled spirits;

Somil M. Patel at Jai Gayatri Mai, Inc., d/b/a R & S Liquors, 1411 L Street to retail package including distilled spirits;

F. s. Drawdy at Sheffield Distributing company, 2129 Line Street to wholesale dealers including beer and wine;

Lenzy D. Melton, Jr. at Winn Dixie, Inc., 41092 Altama Avenue to retail package dealers beer and wine for consumption off premises.

2. Venus Holmes requesting the City to name a walkway.

Venus Holmes appeared before the Commission to request that the City name the street leading to the walking trail on Lanier Boulevard after Commissioner Harold E. Jennings who served as an educator for forty three years. Commissioner Jennings was instrumental in having the area paved leading to walking trail on Lanier Boulevard.

Commissioner Jennings declined having a street named in his honor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis as a Commissioner made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion naming the street leading to the walking trail on Lanier Boulevard as Harold E. Jennings Boulevard. The motion passed by vote of 2 to 0. Commissioner Jennings did not cast a vote he stated that he would like to have the City Attorney

present.

Commissioner Williams announced that the City Commission has plans in the future to honor former Commissioner Roosevelt Lawrence.

3. **A.J. Jones, III, Community and Economic Development Director, requesting permission to file grant application for the FY 2004/2005 Transportation Enhancement Project for the Sidney Lanier Bridge Park Phase II.**

The Director of Community and Economic Development requested to submit to the Georgia Department of Transportation, a Transportation Enhancement application for the FY 2004-2005 funding cycle to complete Phase II of the Sidney Lanier Bridge Park project;

- constructing a connection trail (8 feet wide and 2.4 miles in length) that will link Howard Coffin Park to the new Sidney Lanier Bridge Park
- construction of a multipurpose building (storage area & public restroom facility)
- decorative fountain & playground area
- educational signage & plaques
- playground area, outdoor furniture, & equipment
- additional trees and shrubbery

Total project cost is estimated at \$625,000.00. The City of Brunswick will request from the Department of Transportation \$500,000.00 to complete Phase II of Sidney Lanier Bridge Park and the City will contribute a total of \$125,000.00 in in-kind and cash.

Following a discussion Commissioner Jennings made a motion and commissioner Williams seconded the motion authorizing the Director of Community and Economic Development to submit the application. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

4. **A.J. Jones, III, Community and Economic Development Director, requesting permission to hold Public Hearings to gain citizen input on the new Entitlement Plan from the Housing and Urban Development Department for the City of Brunswick.**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion authorizing the Director of Community and Economic Development to hold public hearings and neighborhood meetings to gather citizen input on the consolidated plan. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

The Director of Community Development gave an overview of the entitlement community plan.

5. **A.J. Jones, III, Community and Economic Development Director, with a Resolution to adopt Blueprint Brunswick's Master Plan as a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan.**

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

CITY of BRUNSWICK

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Bradford S. Brown, Mayor Doris A. Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Commissioners Harold E. Jennings and Jonathan L. Williams

City Attorney M. Lynn Frey, III
City Manager Roosevelt Harris, Jr.

Resolution of Submittal

Whereas, the City of Brunswick has developed text to amend the Comprehensive Plan to include as an appendage, the Blueprint Brunswick Master Plan; and

Whereas, the text amendments have been submitted for formal review, comment and recommendation to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as mandated by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

Whereas, the City of Brunswick wishes to adopt the Blueprint Brunswick Master Plan as an appendage to the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan; and

Be it therefore resolved, that the City of Brunswick Commission does hereby submit the amended Comprehensive Plan to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Regional review, as per the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and to others as appropriate.

Adopted this 15th day of October 2003

Bradford S. Brown, Mayor

Georgia Marion, Clerk

6. **CSX Easement Agreement with Academy Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

The above item was deferred.

7. **Sub-leasing office space on 1st floor of City Hall Complex to Teamwork Services, Inc.**

Greg Bell, owner of Team Work Services requested to sub lease office space on the first floor of City Hall Complex. Mr. Bell stated that he has been in business since 1989 preparing payroll, handling risk management and employment management.

The City Manager stated that Mr. Bell would be renting 1,928 square feet at \$12.00 per square foot which consist of 5 offices on the first floor for 1 year and use of the break room and reservation for the use of the training room. He pointed out that Mr. Bell would be paying his share of the water, power and maintenance fees.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the sub leasing of office space to Greg Bell owner of Team Services upon approval of the final contract by Mr. Bell's Attorney and the City Attorney. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

8. **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- **General Fund**
- **Water and Wastewater**
- **Community Development**
- **Recreation**
- **Sanitation**
- **Municipal Court**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the above monthly reports. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

CITY CLERK'S ITEM(S)

CEMETERY DEEDS

Petition received to transfer Lot No. 1, Space A, Section No. 10-A in Palmetto Cemetery from Johnny Jackson to Brenda Persall. Original Deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

Petition received to transfer Lot No. 1, Space E, Section No. 10-A in Palmetto Cemetery from Johnny Jackson to Gary Houchell. Original Deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

Petition received to transfer Lot No. 1, Spaces F, G, & H, Section No. 10-A in Palmetto Cemetery from Johnny Jackson to Dennis, Pamela and Alvin Marshall. Original Deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the above cemetery petitions. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)

1. **Quit Claim Deed on 2714 Wolfe Street to Maurice Billings for cancellation of City Tax Deed.**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the quit claim deed on 2714 Wolfe Street to Maurice Billings for cancellation of City Tax deed. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

2. **Draft of revisions to Ordinance concerning large trucks traveling on City streets.**

This item was deferred.

3. **Resolution regarding Ground Water Permit Trading.**

The City Manager in the absence of the City Attorney spoke about the resolution regarding Ground Water Permit Trading.

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

**CITY OF BRUNSWICK RESOLUTION CONCERNING
GROUNDWATER PERMIT TRADING**

WHEREAS the State of Georgia has been endowed with abundant, renewable, but not unlimited, natural water resources; and

WHEREAS demand for water for homes, farms, and industries of Georgia is taxing the limit of sustainability of surface and groundwater resources in areas of the State; and

WHEREAS use of such limited natural resources should continue to be a public resource managed in the public interest and in a sustainable manner by the State to protect natural systems and meet human and economic needs, and that water withdrawal permits should not be bought and sold as a commercial commodity; and

WHEREAS effective water management requires regional planning, based on watersheds, river basins, and aquifers, that is tied to implementation through a comprehensive state management process; and

WHEREAS it is not in the best interests of the citizens of Georgia for public water systems to have to purchase water withdrawal rights from private entities; and

WHEREAS the City of Brunswick tries diligently to be a good steward of water resources through responsible planning and operation of water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater facilities in compliance with federal, state and local requirements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Brunswick supports the principles set forth above and urges the General Assembly of Georgia to pass and fund comprehensive statewide water planning; and that the City of Brunswick opposes the marketing or trading of water withdrawal rights or permits and opposes any change of Georgia law which would permit an entity to surrender a water withdrawal permit subject to a stipulation that a permit for any portion of the surrendered volume of water be issued to any specified entity.

SO RESOLVED this 15th day of October, 2003, upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by the City Commission of the City of Brunswick.

Attest: Georgia E. Marion
Georgia Marion, Clerk

Doris A. Davis Mayor Pro Tem
Doris A. Davis, Mayor Pro Tem

DISCUSSION

1. **Potential increase in charges from businesses before the G-8 Summit.**

This item was deferred.

2. **US Hwy 17 Side Streets Project.**

Burton Carter, Construction Manager submitted bids for Warde Street and TBN Street. He stated that staff recommended acceptance of the contract.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract for Warde Street and TBN Street in the amount of \$333,214.26 to Seaboard construction Company. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract with the Department of Transportation for reimbursement in the amount of \$201,263.71. The motion passed by vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Williams congratulated the Committee who traveled to Atlanta to present the problems the City was having to the Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted by standing.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk