

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2004 AT 6:30 P. M.  
CITY HALL COMPLEX  
700 GLOUCESTER STREET, 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR**

**PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Bradford S. Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathan Williams, Doris A. Davis, Cornell Harvey and Mark Spaulding.

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Doris A. Davis gave the invocation.

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

**MINUTES**

Regular meeting of January 21, 2004

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2004. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

**DELEGATION**

Belinda F. Hazzard, 2520 Albany Street, to address an abandoned building located at 2518 Albany Street.

Belinda Hazzard appeared before the Commission to request that the house next door be condemned and torn down because the house is being used as a dumping area that is filled with rats and a place where illegal activity is taking place. She pointed out that the house is hazardous to her family's health.

The City Attorney stated that he had an opportunity to speak with staff about the abandonment of the property at 2510 Albany Street. The Building Official and staff would review the conditions of the property and a determination would be made on the house.

**APPROVAL(S)**

1. Neil Foster requesting consideration of the sale of approximately .09 acres of City owned property located between Lanier Blvd. and Shipyard Drive. This item was not discussed.
2. Don McGlamory, Executive Director Housing Authority, requesting to close a section of "K" Street.

Don McGlamory representing the Housing Authority appeared before the Commission to request fencing in the portion of "K" Street running from Niles Avenue NE to Watkins Street. He mentioned that this would make Whispering Oaks a gated community and would add to the security of all residents mainly the children and elderly of Whispering Oaks apartments.

Mr. McGlamory stated that Whispering Oaks would have 16 two bedroom and 16 three bedroom apartments and a club house.

Mayor Brown asked if staff had an opportunity to review the request to fence in the area.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mayor Brown stated that a decision would be made at the next Commission meeting.

3. Bill piper, City Engineer, with bid recommendation and award of Howe Street Drainage Project.

The City Engineer stated that sealed bids were received on February 3 and opened and reviewed publicly in the City Manager's Office at City Hall and upon examination of bids it was determined that Woodard Construction Company submitted the low bid in the amount of \$1,696,593.00.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion accepting the low bid of Woodard Construction Company in the amount of \$1,696,593.00. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

### **CITY CLERK'S ITEM(S)**

Petition received to transfer Lot No. 9, Spaces A, B, C & D, Section No. 99 in Greenwood Cemetery from Rose Mack Brooks to Hazel Chapman. Original deed lost or misplaced, but Cemetery records verify ownership.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the above cemetery petition. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

- Structural Fitness Advisory Board – 3 positions

Mayor Brown stated that the three vacancies for appointment to the Structural Fitness Advisory Board should be re-advertised for the reason that the Commission did not receive the three applicants needed to fill the positions.

- Community Green space Committee – 3 positions

Mayor Brown stated that the three vacancies for appointment to the Community Greenspace Committee should be re-advertised for the reason that the Commission did not receive the three applicants needed to fill the positions.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Davis

seconded the motion to re-advertise appointments to the Structural Fitness Advisory Board and the Community Greenspace Committee to be considered at the first Commission meeting in March 2004. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

- Brunswick Historic Preservation Board – 1 position

Mayor Brown stated that the following names were submitted for consideration for appointment to the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board:

Mr. Arne Glaeser 905 Union Street Brunswick, GA	Mr. William Pierce Haymond 4118 Riverside Drive Brunswick, GA	Mr. Larry Hulbert 801 Union Street Brunswick, GA
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Mr. John S. Hunter, III 1913 Elm Avenue Brunswick, GA	Mr. Jerry Spencer 707 Dartmouth Street Brunswick, GA
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Commissioner Davis nominated John S. Hunter, III to serve on the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board. Commissioner Harvey seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nomination was closed. On call for the vote John S. Hunter received 5 votes. Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion appointing John S. Hunter, III to serve on the Historic Preservation Board to fill the unexpired term of Louis Keen until June 1, 2005. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

### **COMMISSIONER WILLIAM'S ITEM(S)**

City cleanup.

Commissioner Williams recalled observing groups cleaning up areas in the city. He pointed out that trash bags are still on the side of the street. He stated that groups who take on community projects should be able to make arrangements with the city to pickup trash bags once the trash is collected and placed on the side of the road. Commissioner Williams stated that the City should encourage other organizations to adopt areas in the City.

The Director of Public Works was present to discuss garbage pickup schedules and to update the Commission on user fees.

Commissioner Harvey told the Director of Public Works that he would like to see savings on garbage collections passed on to the citizens of Brunswick.

### **COMMISSIONER SPAULDING'S ITEM(S)**

Discuss an alternative bid process.

Commissioner Spaulding stated the he attended a class at the Georgia Municipal Association Conference in Atlanta and would like the City to consider the use of

alternative bid process. He discussed the program that is used by the Kentucky League of Cities that is on the web. He mentioned that Tifton and Statesboro would be using the alternative bid process. He stated that he wanted to bring this information to the Commission and the citizens.

The City Manager stated that he would stop by Tifton and speak with the Mayor to discuss the date the alternative bid process would be scheduled demonstrated. He also stated that he would have staff contact Statesboro for information on their demonstration.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM(S)**

Discuss burned out structures within the City.

The City Attorney discussed the process to move quickly on having burned out structures cleaned.

Following a discussion, the City attorney was asked to submit changes for the burned out structures at the first meeting in March.

Mrs. Belinda Hazzard was instructed to meet with the City Attorney to discuss the abandoned house located at 2510 Albany Street.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate acquisition, Personnel and pending litigation. The motion passed.

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Brown announced that the issue from the Executive Session is the Memorandum of Understanding with HPG. The organization had thirty days to present a plan to the Commission on how they could provide a City Hall at no expense to the taxpayers. The organization has been unable to provide that plan to the Commission therefore; it maybe appropriate to continue on with the renovations of the building across the street. The Commission plan is to look at focusing on moving City Hall back across the street.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Bradford S. Brown, Mayor

Attest: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Georgia E. Marion, City Clerk