

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2004 AT 6:30 P.M.
OLD CITY HALL
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET**

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Jonathan Williams, Commissioner Doris Davis, Commissioner Cornell Harvey and Commissioner Mark Spaulding

INVOCATION

Commissioner Cornell Harvey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams to approve the Minutes as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Davis and carries with a vote of 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

1. BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)

A motion was made by Commissioner Spaulding to re-appointment Tony Sammons and Kenneth Farrell to a second term on the Board of Governors. Motion seconded by Commission Harvey. Motion carries with a vote of 5-0. (See attached Resolution)

2. Reverend Eddie Turner and James Bradley to discuss naming Dixville Park in the memory of Inez Williams.

Item deferred until further discussions can be held.

3. Marsh Restoration Project – Gary Wainwright, Attorney.

Item tabled. Action taken in Work Session prior to meeting was to address a letter of support.

4. Burton Carter, Construction Manager, to discuss installing a Wet Well at Lift Station No. 5.

Item deferred by City Manager Roosevelt Harris.

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5. Monthly Reports

Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept reports as written. Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion and motion carries with a vote of 5-0.

DISCUSSION

1. Supporting House Bill 1936 – Water Planning.

Bill Francis, Assistant Water and Wastewater Director, provided information on HB 1836, which he states is almost an exact replica of HB 237, which already exists as law and the process is underway. He further explained, that to introduce HB 1836 at this time, when HB 237 is well into the planning stages, it is feared it would interfere with the work process already being done on HB 237.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Commission asked Mr. Francis to contact a person from the State Water Resource Division and the Regional Development Center to have them meet with the Commission in a Work Session to further explain both Bills. No action taken in support at this time.

2. FY 04/05 Budget.

The first item to be addressed on the City's Fiscal Year 2004/2005 Budget was the issue of raises for City employees.

Jimmy Bradley, Finance Director, reported the General Fund currently has a \$1.3 million dollar fund balance. Following a lengthy discussion, in which several ways to give the raises were discussed, Commissioner Spaulding made a motion to give a 3% percent across the board raise to all employees, except employees of the Water and Wastewater Department and directed the Human Resource Manager Bonnie Roberts to use her discretion on increasing employees that fall below the salary market survey by 0-15%, a 4% increase, and all those above, a 5%. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Motion carries by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioner Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Williams opposing.

The practice of continuing the rental of City facilities was the second item to be discussed.

Mayor Brown reported that a new schedule of fees has been written on renting Old City Hall. The new fee schedule reads as follows:

- \$800 flat rental fee;
- \$25 an hour for security
- Cost of chairs and tables will be a direct charge from the rental company to lessee

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Of the \$800 rental fee, \$150 will go to the City to cover janitorial expenses, and \$650 will go to the Downtown Development Association for operational, and management charges, and all other associated costs up to \$45,000, afterwards, all monies accrued from events will then go to the City's General Fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that the new schedule of fees be put into place for the rental of Old City Hall and that it is allowed to remain available to public. Motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Motion carries with a vote of 5-0. Commissioner Spaulding suggested that a Work Session be scheduled with staff in other facilities before any action is taken on remaining facilities. This was agreeable with all the Commission and no further action is required at this time.

3. General G8 Debriefing

City Manager Roosevelt Harris addressed the issue of allowing overtime pay for all exempt employees involved in the G8 Summit and commended each an everyone for a job well done. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to allow for a one-time payment of overtime for all exempt employees involved in the G8 Summit and to include City Attorney Lynn Frey and City Manager Roosevelt Harris. Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Lynn Frey called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Harvey made a motion to convene into an Executive Session. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote.

BACK IN SESSION

Meeting reconvened. There being no action required, or any further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

Brunswick City Commission
Brunswick, Georgia

/s/ _____
Bradford S. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ _____
Gail Mobley, Acting City Clerk