

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2004 AT 6:30 P. M.
OLD CITY HALL
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, COURTROOM, 2ND FLOOR

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Bradford S. Brown gave the invocation.

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

MINUTES

Regular meeting of June 16, 2004

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2004. Commissioner Spaulding stated that the Official minutes should be changed on page 3 paragraph 3 to reflect that all associated costs up to \$45,000.00 not to include the amount for janitorial expenses for the building will go to the Downtown Development Association afterwards, all monies accrued from events will then go to the City's General Fund. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

Special Called Meeting of June 30, 2004

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of June 30, 2004. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

Mayor Brown stated that Agenda items under discussion would be heard first.

DISCUSSION

1. Dedicating Dixville Park to the memory of Inez Williams.

Mr. Robert Bradley stated that Mrs. Williams was known as the Mayor of Dixville. She did a lot for the Dixville she helped to organize the Red Cross at Friendship Baptist Church and many other good things for the Dixville Community. He stated that he would like to see the Park renamed from Dixville Park to Inez Williams Park instead of dedicating the park to Inez Williams.

Following a discussion Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion to rename Dixville Park as Inez Williams Park, On Call for the vote the motion passed by vote of 4 to 1. Mayor Brown voted No.

2. Dedicating "H" Street Center to Roosevelt Lawrence.

Leonard Dawson requested that the Commission honor one of their own who no longer can serve on the Commission. When he was able, former Commissioner Roosevelt Lawrence served with dignity and honesty for many years. Roosevelt Lawrence's service to his City was important to him and he served the citizens of Brunswick well. He was a champion for the poor and the working poor. There were other things important to him one of them was the Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority. He served on the Board of Directors for ten years. Mr. Dawson stated that it was a privilege and honor for him to

request that the H Street Community Center be renamed to the Roosevelt Lawrence Community Center.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to rename the H Street Community Center as the Roosevelt Lawrence Community Center. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

3. Dedicating Howard Coffin Building to James (Sonny) Miller.

Mel Baxter stated that he represented thousands of young people who were able to enjoy a recreation department under the leadership of James (Sonny) Miller. He spoke about how Sonny Miller touched the lives of young people in the Community and changed them in a way that no other person could have. He taught them a little bit of football and little bit of baseball and basketball and because it was Sonny's intention to teach them about life and to make them a good citizen that everyone could be proud of. He requested that the Commission dedicate the building at Howard Coffin Park to Sonny Miller.

He also requested that volunteers be honored with a plaque.

Commissioner Harvey stated that he would like to within the recreation building some type of plaque erected honoring the volunteers who contributed to the overall support of the kids in the Community.

Following a discussion Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion naming the recreation building at Howard Coffin Park to James (Sonny) Miller Recreation Building at Howard Coffin Park. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Acknowledge plaque given to the City of Brunswick and the Brunswick Police Department by the 1st Battalion 108th Armor Division of the Air National Guard for outstanding work performed during the G-8 Summit.

Mayor Brown commended Police Chief Edna Johnson for the outstanding work of the Brunswick Police Department during the G-8 Summit on Sea Island Georgia. The plaque was given to the City of Brunswick and the Brunswick Police Department.

REZONING(S)

Donna Moody, Building Official, to submit application to rezone 59.31 acres located 100 Shipyard Drive, South end, from BI-Basic Industrial to PD-Planned Development. Property is owned by BFTZ (Brunswick Foreign Trade Zone)

The City Manager stated that a request was made to rezone 59.31 acres located at 100 Shipyard Drive from BI to PD.

Mayor Brown asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on the rezoning. There was no response for or against the rezoning. The second public hearing for the rezoning is scheduled for July 21, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Commission meeting.

DELEGATIONS

- Don McGlamory, Executive Director, to present check in lieu of taxes from the Housing Authority.

Don McGlamory, Executive Director, of the Housing Authority presented checks in the amount of \$4,329.62 in lieu of taxes. Mr. McGlamory gave an update on the progress of Whispering Oaks. He pointed out that the completion of some buildings would be in August of 2004.

- Peggy S. Parrish, along with a group of south end residences, to discuss the proposed Asphalt Plant.

Peggy S. Parrish representing a number of residents in the City appeared before the Commission to state that residents of the City of Brunswick do not want an asphalt plant in this community. She pointed out that an asphalt plant was not included in the Blueprint Brunswick plans. She stated that the residents of Brunswick wanted no smoke or dust in their neighborhood. She spoke about the health risks and dangers of living near an asphalt plant.

Mayor Brown announced that an Environmental Protection Division Public Hearing would be held on July 22nd at Historic Old City Hall.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

1. John Tuten, Tuten and Associates, to address bids and bonds for the Ritz Theatre HVAC.

John Tuten reported that he would submit to the City Manager the HVAC performance bond from Elite Services for the Ritz Theatre within the week. No action taken.

2. Victoria Hightower, Director of Manufacturing and Imports, to address changing the street Wilson Avenue, east of Glynn Avenue, to Hightower Place or Avenue.

Mayor Brown stated that Mrs. Victoria Hightower submitted a request to change a duplicate small street name from Wilson Avenue to Hightower Place or Hightower Avenue on the corner of Wilson Avenue and Glynn Avenue between Peaches Convenience Store at the end of the Torras Causeway on the property they are planning to build the Hightower building. He pointed out that it was brought to Mrs. Hightower's attention that there is already a street named Wilson Avenue in the City of Brunswick and Mr. Noel Osteen who is the owner of the adjacent properties connected to Wilson Avenue did not object when asked by the Hightower's of re-naming the street.

Commissioner Spaulding that he initiated the name change by noticing there were two streets named Wilson Avenue near his relative home.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion re-naming Wilson Avenue on the corner of Glynn Avenue and the Torras Causeway to Hightower Avenue.

In a discussion, Commissioner Harvey questioned why the street would be named after the property owner the Hightower's. He stated that someone should contact Mr. Osteen about the renaming of the street to confirm his position on the re-naming of that street.

On call for the vote the motion passed by vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Harvey voting No.

3. Sale of City owned property, 920 Newcastle Street, to Richard Willis.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to accept the single bid of \$47,100.00 submitted by Richard Willis for the sale of 920 Newcastle Street by way of a quit claim deed. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

4. Burton Carter, Construction Manager, with a request to install a Wet Well at Lift Station No. 5.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the projected cost for lift station No. 5 in the amount of \$265,766.29. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

5. Declaring items from the Brunswick Police Department as Surplus.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion declaring a list of items submitted by the Brunswick Police Department as Surplus. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

6. Darlene Wymes, Director of Multipurpose Center, with Aging Services Contract for the Multi-purpose Center.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion approving the contract for the multipurpose center in the amount of \$255,167.26. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

7. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- a. Brunswick Historic Preservation - 2 positions

Commissioner Spaulding nominated Jerry Spencer and Commissioner Davis nominated Sean Kasper. Commissioner Harvey seconded the nominations. There being no further nominations the nominations were closed. Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to appoint Jerry Spencer and Sean Kasper to serve on the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board to fill the un-expired terms of Hattie Coleman and Kay Cowart until June 1, 2005. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

- b. Housing Authority Board –1 position (Mayor’s appointment)

Mayor Brown deferred this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Williams made a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel issue. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

Following the Executive Session Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey 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