

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007 AT 6:30 P. M.
OLD CITY HALL
1229 NEWCASTLE STREET, 2ND FLOOR**

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Bryan Thompson, Commissioners Jonathan Williams, Cornell Harvey, Mark Spaulding and James H. Brooks, Sr.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Williams gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

PUBLIC HEARING – LAND USE

1. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding LED Signs – Arne Glaeser, City Planner.

Arne Glaeser, City Planner stated that a workshop was held on April 19, 2007 at Old City Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed L.E.D. sign regulations. He stated that several business owners and residents attended the workshop and submitted recommendations for the electronic message boards.

Arne Glaeser, City Planner and staff does not recommend any changes be made to the proposed regulations for electronic message boards. Staff does recommend several amendments to the proposed regulations for electronic display screens. The change of a 600' radius to a 300' radius and the 5000' separation requirement between electronic display screens can be changed from a radius measurement calculated along a roadway. Staff also recommended that billboards converted to electronic display screens not be held to the 1250' separation requirement to existing billboards.

Mayor Thompson asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding L.E.D. signs. Speakers were given a limit of 3 minutes to discuss the amendments.

Mark Boozer, owner of all McDonalds in Brunswick	Against proposed LED Amendments
Linda Storey, representing Lamar Outdoor Advertising	Against proposed LED Amendments
Joe Fendig, representing Fendig Daily	Against proposed LED Amendments
Lou Ann Glazier, representing Signature Squares	For proposed LED Amendments
Eric Reagan, resident 1203 Prince Street	Against proposed LED Amendments
Jennifer Tillman, resident of Habersham Street	For proposed LED Amendments
Jody Carter, representing American Quality Printing	Against proposed LED Amendments
Jerry Spencer, resident of the City	For proposed LED Amendments
Troy Rice, resident of Egmont Street	For proposed LED Amendments

Following a discussion, Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to hold another work session and the City Attorney, City Consultant and two Commissioners meet and draft out an amendment for LED signs and bring a final recommendation to the Commission and extend the moratorium on signs until the first Commission meeting in June. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

2. Petition for a Conditional Use to operate a Child Day Care business – Arne Glaeser, City Planner.

Arne Glaeser, City Planner and staff recommended approval with the following conditions:

1. All development shall be in substantial compliance with the development concept plan date stamped 4/17/07.
2. Hours of operation shall be limited from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. any day of the week.
3. Total enrollment shall not exceed 35 children.

Mayor Thompson asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the conditional use petition.

There were no objections.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion to accept recommendation of staff to approve the conditional use petition to operate a day care business at 2334 Woodland Way with conditions as outlined by staff. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

DISCUSSION

3. State of Cemeteries. (M. Spaulding)

Commissioner Spaulding recommended that State of Cemeteries be added to the agenda until issues are addressed.

Commissioner Spaulding instructed the Public Works Director to turn water on today on a limited basis until the well is installed at the cemetery.

The Public Works Director stated the water is back on and leaks have been repaired. The Water would be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and evenings. He mentioned that the workers schedule must be changed for weekend work in cemeteries. Commissioner Spaulding recommended that some employees be assigned to work Tues-Saturday in the cemeteries.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to change the cremation fee back to \$45.00 and on weekends to \$95.00 until the Commission change the rate for cremation. The vote passed by 5 to 0.

ITEM (S) TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL

4. Minutes from the April 18, 2007 meeting. (G. Marion)

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2007. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE (S)

5. Mack’s Bar-B-Que located at 2809 Glynn Avenue to retail distilled spirits—to be consumed on premises. Owner is June Wilson and Manager is Daniel Wilson.

The Chief of Police recommended approval for Mack’s Bar-B-Que to retail distilled spirits on premises at 2809 Glynn Avenue.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion granting an alcoholic beverage as recommended by staff to Mack’s Bar-B-Que. The motion passed by vote of 4 to 0. Mayor Thompson was absent during voting.

6. The new Hong Kong Restaurant located at 4500 Altama Avenue to retail Beer and Wine—to be consumed on premises. Owner and Manager is David Liang.

The Chief of Police recommended approval for the New Hong Kong Restaurant located at 4500 Altama Avenue to retail beer and wine for consumption on premises.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion granting an alcoholic beverage license as recommended by staff to the New Hong Kong Restaurant. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

7. Reserve Officers Program – Chief Edna Johnson, Brunswick Police Department.

The Chief of Police requested that the Commission adopt a resolution of support for the Reserve Officers Program. The Chief of Police discussed the purpose of the Reserve Officers Program that would allow certified Peace Officers in the State of Georgia to Volunteer to supplement the City’s Police staff.

Following a lengthy discussion concerning the uniforms to be worn by the Reserve Officers, Commissioner Brooks made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion unanimously adopting the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR POLICE RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, it is the utmost goal of the City of Brunswick to insure the safety and well being of all residents and business in and visitors to Brunswick, and

WHEREAS, public safety and welfare are advanced by the ability of the Brunswick Police Department to call upon additional manpower at certain times, and

WHEREAS, reserve police officers are a valuable source of additional trained and sworn manpower.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission of the City of Brunswick support the establishment of a Reserve Officer Program by the Brunswick Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of the Brunswick Police Department will have the power to establish rules and regulations governing the Reserve Officer Program and all reserve officers empowered under it, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Brunswick will provide workers compensation coverage for any reserve officer injured while on official duty with the Brunswick Police Department.

SO RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSIN OF BRUNSWICK THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2007.

By: /s/ Bryan Thompson
Bryan Thompson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia Marion
 Georgia Marion, City Clerk

8. Electronic items from the IT Department to declare surplus – David Manning, Director, IT.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion declaring the list of 96 electronic items surplus. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

9. Martha Henley, Finance Director to present the following:

- Financial Reports

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion accepting the financial reports as presented by staff. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

10. Radio Read Water Change Out - Steve Belcher, Stantec Consultant

Steve Belcher submitted the following bids for water meter replacements:

Item No.	Quantity	Unit	Description	Contractor Tommy L. Griffin Heating & Plumbing P.O. Box 2346 Macon, GA 31203	Contractor Southern Champion 133 Airport Park Dr. Savannah, GA 31408	Contractor Universal Watermain 665 Kilcrease Rd. Auburn, GA 30011	Contractor Douglas Elec. & Plumbing 10 Malphus Loop Douglas, GA 31535	Contractor Kemi Construction 2920 Campbellton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30311	Contractor RJ's Underground Utilites 463106 E. State Rd. 200 Yulee, FL 32097
1	6,623	EA	5/8 Water Meter	\$387,455.50 \$58.50 unit price	\$741,776.00 \$112.00 unit price	\$827,875.00 \$125.00 unit price	\$804,694.50 \$121.50 unit price	\$1,159,025.00 \$175.00 unit price	\$1,159,025.00 \$175.00 unit price
2	135	EA	1" Water Meter	\$34,695.00 \$257.00 unit price	\$17,550.00 \$130.00 unit price	\$20,250.00 \$150.00 unit price	\$49,005.00 \$363.00 unit price	\$67,500.00 \$500.00 unit price	\$108,000.00 \$800.00 unit price
3	58	EA	1.5" Water Meter	\$19,140.00 \$330.00 unit price	\$8,120.00 \$140.00 unit price	\$34,800.00 \$600.00 unit price	\$31,378.00 \$541.00 unit price	\$44,950.00 \$775.00 unit price	\$69,600.00 \$1,200.00 unit price
4	36	EA	2" Water Meter	\$21,960.00 \$610.00 unit price	\$5,400.00 \$150.00 unit price	\$25,200.00 \$700.00 unit price	\$38,232.00 \$1,062.00 unit price	\$29,520.00 \$820.00 unit price	\$50,400.00 \$1,400.00 unit price
5	4	EA	3" Water Meter	\$12,000.00 \$3,000.00 unit price	\$20,800.00 \$5,200.00 unit price	\$3,800.00 \$950.00 unit price	\$26,036.00 \$6,509.00 unit price	\$31,200.00 \$7,800.00 unit price	\$28,000.00 \$7,000.00 unit price
6	2	EA	4" Water Meter	\$6,600.00 \$3,300.00 unit price	\$13,000.00 \$6,500.00 unit price	\$2,400.00 \$1,200.00 unit price	\$14,042.00 \$7,021.00 unit price	\$17,600.00 \$8,800.00 unit price	\$14,000.00 \$7,000.00 unit price
7	4	EA	6" Water Meter	\$16,000.00 \$4,000.00 unit price	\$28,000.00 \$7,000.00 unit price	\$7,200.00 \$1,800.00 unit price	\$31,988.00 \$7,997.00 unit price	38,400.00 \$9,600.00 unit price	\$32,000.00 \$8,000.00 unit price
				\$497,840.50	\$834,646.00	\$921,525.00	\$995,375.50	\$1,388,195.00	\$1,461,025.00
				TTL Base Bid	TTL Base Bid	TTL Base Bid	TTL Base Bid	TTL Base Bid	TTL Base Bid

He recommended accepting the bid of Tommy L. Griffin Heating and Plumbing for \$497,840.50.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion accepting the bid of Tommy Griffin in the amount of \$497,840.50. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

Steve Belcher submitted the following bids for water meters:

Type of Unit: Water Meter Job: 176600491
 Client: City of Brunswick Compiled by: CBN
 Date: 04/24/2007

Meter Company	Badger	Delta (Neptune)	Master
Total Cost	\$959,360.50	\$1,235,701.00	\$956,626.12
5/8" Meter	\$133.50	\$171.00	\$144.00
1" Meter	\$186.80	\$268.00	
1.5" Meter	\$289.00	\$398.00	
2" Meter	\$385.00	\$512.00	
3" Meter	\$1,195.00	\$1,725.00	

4" Meter	\$1,895.00	\$2,226.00	
6" Meter	\$2,695.00	\$3,530.00	

<p>Recommend award to: Badger</p> <p>Approved by:</p> <p>Date: 04/24/07</p> <p><u>Reasons for Recommendation:</u> Good performance from Badger products already installed in field. 4-5 weeks delivery and lowest cost. Total quantities to be adjusted based on install bids. Prices good for 90 days from 03/30/07.</p>
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Steve Belcher requested that the Commission authorize the City Manager to execute purchase requisition not to exceed \$900,000.00 for purchase of water meters and accept the bid of Badger for water meters.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion authorizing the City Manger to execute purchase requisition not to exceed \$900,000.00 for purchase of water meters from Badger. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

11. N Street Storm Drain - Steve Belcher, Stantec Consultant

Steve Belcher stated that he would present information at the next Commission meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEM(S)

12. Howard Coffin Aquatic Center.

The Recreation Director updated the Commission on the Aquatic Center and submitted the following bids for landscape and irrigation for the Brunswick Aquatic Center:

PRODUCT OR SERVICE: Landscape & Irrigation for the Brunswick Aquatic Center

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation **DEPT. NUMBER:** 9000-61-1005

BUDGET: \$41,500.00

VENDOR	COMMENTS	TOTAL
London's Lawn Service Brunswick, GA	Seemed Under Estimated	\$19,400.00
Brown Landscape Brunswick, GA		\$32,143.37
Sunrise Property Maintenance Jesup, GA		\$29,026.35

The Recreation Director recommended the bid of Brown Landscape for \$32,143.37.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to accept the bid of Brown Landscape in Brunswick for \$32,143.37. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM (S) (Items 13, 14 discussed under item #15.)

13. Deed of Correction to Neil Foster for property on King and Prince Blvd.

14. Quitclaim Deed to Neil Foster, Western 1/2 of Lot 14 in 33 Acre Tract.

15. Quitclaim Deed to L. Garner and Craig Vaughn, Northern 1/2 of Old Town Lot 114.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute quitclaim deeds for Neil Foster for property on King and Prince Blvd and the Western ½ of Lot 14 in 33-Acre Tract and a quitclaim deed to L. Garner and Craig Vaugh for N-1/2 of Old Town Lot 114. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

COMMISSIONER BROOKS' ITEM(S)

Commissioner Brooks requested that items 16 and 17 be removed from the Agenda.

16. Annexation.

17. Grievance Committee.

Commissioner Spaulding made a motion and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by vote of 5 to 0.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bryan Thompson
Bryan Thompson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia Marion
Georgia Marion, City Clerk