

SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 26th, 1960

8:30 A. M.

PRESENT: Chairman M. A. Knight, James D. Compton, Fred T. Davis, C. J. Dubs, Neal Gale, Cormac McGarvey, W. Wright Parker and R. F. D. Paulk

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Director Robert H. Doyle, City Manager H. Bruce Lovvorn and County Administrator Howard J. Sears

As the first order of business, an outline of agricultural needs and problems in Glynn County was presented to the Commission by County Agent Eston Hardin and certain other local farm leaders. It was brought out in the course of discussion that the County contained some areas which were considered by the University of Georgia to be equal or better than any other farm section in the State.

Most of the agriculturalists who participated, however, saw no special need to reserve any specific locations for agricultural purposes in the Brunswick Urban Area -- if such locations were better suited for industrial, commercial or other land uses. Virtually all of the farmers present agreed that they would cheerfully cease their grazing, dairying or other agricultural activity if an industrialist offered them a good price for their land. There were also many comments as to the problems created through the all-inclusive type of agricultural zoning now enforced in the County which permits juke joints, honky-tonks and other undesirable uses to locate adjacent to good farms.

It was the consensus of those who were present -- both Commission members and agriculturalists -- that another joint meeting would be advisable upon the preparation of an over-all land use plan. At that time, further consideration and review could be given to the problems that arise in those areas where urban and agricultural development adjoin or intermingle.

A motion made by Mr. Compton and seconded by Mr. Paulk was unanimously adopted to approve as read the respective minutes for regular Commission meetings held on March 8th, 1960, and April 12th, 1960.

The Commission next conducted a general policy session concerning the future use of land in Brunswick and Glynn County. Also participating in this discussion were the City and County Administrators, Recreational Directors, the County Farm Agent and School Superintendent, and the Commanding Officer of the Glynco Naval Air Station.

Superintendent of Schools Ralph Hood outlined the probable need for a future trade and high school site in the Altama Avenue area. Mr. Hood indicated that a minimum of 40 acres would be required for such a school.

City Recreation Director George Harris and County Recreation Director Lefty Butler both stressed the modern preference for large, inclusive park and recreation sites as opposed to smaller and more numerous park sites. They joined with Mr. Hood in expressing a desire to mutually use facilities for school and recreation purposes where such a policy is feasible.

Capt. J. T. Moynahan, Glynco Base Commander, pointed out the Navy's desire

to protect existing flight patterns. He also warned of future noise problems that may be expected as the trend to larger and more powerful jet aircraft continues. The increasing size of military planes also will necessitate runway extensions to furnish between 10,000 and 12,000 feet of takeoff space. To provide for these lengthened runways, Capt. Moynahan indicated the probable need for further base expansion to the northwest, north and southwest.

The Commander noted that Glynco has a present complement of some 2,800 men with sufficient land area within the present base limits to permit a potential population of approximately 5,000 men. Capt. Moynahan requested that Commission prepared land use plans be made available to the Navy prior to public release. He concluded with a reiteration of the need for the Commission to be concerned with 1) military flight patterns; 2) future possible noise problems; 3) land expansion requirements of the base; and 4) improved housing conditions for naval personnel.

Upon the Planning Director's recommendation, the following map prices were established by the Commission.

Glynn County Planning Base Map	\$ 2.00
Brunswick Urban Area Base Map	\$ 2.50

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 A. M.