

BRUNSWICK - GLYNN COUNTY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION

MID-MONTH MEETING

FEBRUARY 15th, 1977

9:00 A. M.

Present: Chairman M. S. Poitier
Margaret A. Brown
W. H. Cowman
Harry I. Driggers
Neal Gale
C. Edward Nicholson

Absent: Cormac McGarvey

Also Present: Edward H. Stelle, Executive Director
Wm. Roy Dudark, Coastal Zone Planner

Chairman Poitier called the meeting to order and invocation was given by Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Stelle pointed out that due to the resignation of Wayne E. Floyd, Chairman, from Membership of the Planning Commission and inasmuch as Vice-Chairman Poitier resumes the Chairmanship, it would be in order for the Commission to elect a Vice-Chairman.

At this time Mr. Cowman nominated Mr. Nicholson to serve as Vice-Chairman.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gale and seconded by Mrs. Brown that nominations be closed.

Thereupon, a motion was made by Mr. Gale and seconded by Mr. Cowman that Mr. Nicholson serve as Vice-Chairman.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Cowman, Mr. Driggers and Mr. Gale

Abstaining from Voting: Mr. Nicholson

Resolution commending Mr. Wayne E. Floyd for his services while serving on the Planning Commission

Upon a motion made by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Cowman, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Wayne E. Floyd has faithfully served the Citizens of Brunswick and Glynn County in the field of planning from January, 1973 to February, 1977; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a member and Chairman of the Brunswick - Glynn County Joint Planning Commission he has generously devoted his time and effort towards the orderly growth and development of this community; and

WHEREAS, this Commission feels that an expression of gratitude of itself and the citizens of Brunswick and Glynn County should be extended to Mr. Floyd for his public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the members of the Brunswick - Glynn County Joint Planning Commission in Meeting assembled on this the 15th day of February, 1977, that the gratitude of this Commission be expressed to Mr. Floyd for his unselfish efforts while serving as a member and Chairman of this Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a framed copy of this Resolution be presented to Mr. Floyd.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Nicholson and seconded by Mr. Gale the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5th, 1976, were unanimously approved as corrected.

Mr. Stelle and Mr. Dudark explained to the Planning Commission the various planning activities the staff is currently involved with. In addition, the role of the Planning Commission in the future development of the City and County was reviewed.

After lengthy discussion, the Planning Commission requested the staff to prepare an outline of the activities and cost estimates for a Glynn County development plan and present such information back to the Commission at a later meeting.

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance

Mr. Dudark presented the Planning Commission with a rough draft of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance for their review.

The Planning Commission requested that a final draft be prepared and presented back to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendations.

It was also suggested that a workshop be organized for the various groups effected by this ordinance.

Mr. Cowman stated that he feels that F. J. Torras Causeway should be a toll-free road and should be maintained by the State Highway System.

At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Cowman, seconded by Mr. Gale and unanimously adopted that the following resolution be adopted:

A RESOLUTION

To urge the transfer of the F. J. Torras Causeway to the State Department of Transportation as a non-toll portion of the State Highway System.

WHEREAS, in 1924, the voters of Brunswick and Glynn County approved the issuance of bonds to finance the construction of a toll highway from Brunswick to St. Simons Island, now known as the F. J. Torras Causeway; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement of the bonded indebtedness, said Causeway should be deeded to the State of Georgia to be maintained as a free public road, as required by the Constitution of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, many persons who travel across the said Causeway to their work and to their homes are citizens and taxpayers of Glynn County, who together, with those seeking recreation, are also paying State and Federal gasoline taxes as an incident to the use of said Causeway; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal Funds have been expended in the building and maintenance of public roads on St. Simons and Sea Island; and

WHEREAS, removal of the toll from said Causeway would result in substantial alleviation of traffic delays, particularly during peak hours; and

WHEREAS, the bonded indebtedness on said Causeway will be fully retires in February, 1978, according to schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the concensus of the Joint Planning Commission that, after final payment of the existing bonds in February, 1978, the F. J. Torras Causeway should be maintained as an integral part of the State Highway System and that no further tolls shall be charged;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary be directed, and he hereby is directed to prepare and distribute copies of this Resolution to the Commissioners of the City of Brunswick and to the Commissioners of Glynn County.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 A. M.

Deborah B. Chapman
Secretary