

HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1974 AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Robert E. Owens, Commissioners Roy J. Boyd, Lorraine Dusenbury, Percy F. Harrell and John E. Taylor.

Also Present: Administrator Harold H. Baer and Attorneys James A. Bishop and J. Thomas Whelchel.

Chairman Owens opened the meeting with invocation.

Mr. Jack Ashmore, on behalf of St. Simons Properties and the St. Simons Company asked the Board to reconsider action taken in a former meeting setting the date of January 15, 1975 for a Public Hearing on their request for closing to vehicular traffic to allow construction of a bike and walk way on that portion of Neptune Road extending beachward from Downing Street and restriction of traffic to a one way flow on streets around the King and Prince Hotel. He asked that his petition, as filed in the Commission meeting held December 5, 1974, be heard and acted upon at this time in lieu of the proposed January 15 date. He noted that with the aid of County Engineer, Don McCaskill, one way traffic signs were erected around the Hotel two years ago upon such recommendation by the Department of Transportation, and later removed at the request of then Commissioner Gerald H. Edwards. He repeated that the public has continually been assured that they would retain access to the beach down Neptune Road over the walk way his company desires to construct. Mr. Ashmore then explained that fiscal year 1974 is drawing to a close and in order to continue with expansion of the Hotel a plan will have to be submitted to their lenders in the very near future. He closed by saying that unless the Commission can see their way to grant his request he didn't think he would recommend to their lenders that they proceed with any further development on St. Simons Island in 1975.

Several residents from St. Simons Island protested both the changes requested by the St. Simons Company and the change in date for Public Hearing on said request. A large delegation was also present in support of the petitioner's plans and request.

Commissioner Taylor moved to rescind action taken in November 21st meeting scheduling Public Hearing on this matter for January 15, 1975, and rescheduling said hearing for 7:30 P.M., Friday, December 27, 1974. Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioners Boyd, Dusenbury and Taylor.

Nay: Chairman Owens and Commissioner Harrell

Motion passed.

Mr. Jim Conine, professional engineer, in response to certain remarks from Jim Edwards regarding survey of Neptune Road performed by Mr. Conine, said he felt his professional reputation was at stake and would like to speak in his own behalf. He then agreed to reserve his comments until the date of the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Boyd moved that, for the benefit of the Commission, the King and Prince proposal be heard tonight so everyone will know what they are talking about. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Dahl Cochran explained that according to the plan previously presented they proposed to landscape and build bike and walk ways along the end of Neptune Road from Downing Street and also to restrict traffic to one way flow along Arnold, Downing and Neptune. He added that they would be willing to extend bike and walk way all the way to Beachview Drive.

Chairman Owens stated that such plan represents no change from its former presentation.

Mr. Ralph Smith asked about the status of paving plans for Carteret Road, commenting that several accidents have occurred on the service road between Cypress Mill Road and the F-009 Connector recently, thereby damaging trees and fences on his property.

Commissioner Boyd explained that the paving date for Carteret Road, which is included in the F-009 Connector contract, is unknown at this time, however, the Department of Transportation and the contractor for the project, Ledbetter Bros., will be requested to upgrade the condition of the road.

Discussion was held regarding advertisement for Public Hearing on application of Bennie Gentile for amendment to the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance changing from R-12 One Family Residential to GC General Commercial the following described property: (GC-15-74)

A tract of land containing approx. 1.5 acres, fronting approx. 500 ft. on the west side of Frederica Road with an average depth of 530 ft.; the southeastern corner of said property being located approx. 340 ft. north of the intersection of North Harrington Road and Frederica Road on St. Simons Island.

Several persons objecting to the proposed change stated that advertisement for Public Hearing had been two days short of the 15-day requirement, and Mr. Gentile agreed, adding that he would prefer to have the advertisement repeated in order to conform with all legal requirements.

A question arose regarding the legality of bringing up the application after it was withdrawn by the applicant earlier in the year.

Attorney Whelchel replied that according to provisions of the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance he and Joint Planning Commission Director, Ed Stelle, were of the opinion that the application could not be brought up again for 12 months from the original application which was made on January 22, 1974. He also said it was his opinion that the application, if brought up again, would have to originate with the Joint Planning Commission. Mr. Whelchel then stated that he would like to consult with the applicant's attorney in drawing an opinion and Commissioner Taylor requested that Mr. Whelchel work out a solution and advise Mr. Gentile of his findings in a letter.

Mr. Neptune Whing, spokesman for the opposition, asked that his group also be notified of the attorney's findings and that they receive notice in ample time if the application is to be reconsidered.

Chairman Owens ruled that due to existing technicalities it was unfeasible to do anything on this application at this meeting.

Pursuant to Public Hearing, duly advertised, upon recommendation of denial by the Joint Planning Commission, application was heard for amendment to the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance changing from RR Resort Residential to GC General Commercial the following described property: (GC-54-74; Lillian E. Shaw, applicant).

A tract containing approx. 1 acre fronting approx. 200 ft. on the north side of Demere Road and lying approx. 580 ft. east of the center line of Plumb Brook Drive and approx. 650 ft. west of Market Street in Tabby Plaza; said tract lying across Demere Road approx. 300 ft. west of the First National Bank on St. Simons Island.

Ms. Mary Bryan Fields, agent for the applicant, after explaining that Ray Whittle, Jr. desires to purchase the tract for location of a home furnishings center, made a presentation showing why she considered this site to be well suited for such use. She said that Mrs. Shaw lives out of the state and has been paying taxes on the property which she received from her mother, Rebecca Richards. Mr. Whittle added that he would be willing to deen an eleven-foot barrier to adjoining residents as a buffer zone.

A delegation of Jewtown residents, with Luthenia J. Gibson as spokesman, presented a petition objecting to the proposed change. A Mrs. Reed reported that she owns a portion of this property and resides part of the time in a house located on the site. She said the property belonged to her grandmother, passed to her mother who held it for forty years, and that it now belongs to her. She added that she has receipts to show that she had paid the taxes for many years.

Commissioner Dusenbury noted that she was reluctant to take any action while the legal question of ownership exists and moved to continue action until the meeting scheduled for January 16, 1975 so that ownership can be established by the County Attorney. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Pursuant to advertisement, bids were received from the following firms for furnishing Baseball and Softball Equipment for the Recreation Department:

Athletic House, Reidsville, Georgia

The Sports Shop, Waycross, Georgia

Commissioner Taylor moved to refer bids to the Recreation Director, Purchasing Agent and Chairman Owens for review and award. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously adopted to approve Financial Reports, Operational Reports and List of Vouchers issued for the month of November, 1975.

Motion to adopt the following amendment to an ordinance was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously adopted:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND PRESCRIBING AN ELECTRICAL CODE FOR GLYNN COUNTY, OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK; PRESCRIBING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTRICIANS, INCLUDING THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTRICIANS AND THE CERTIFICATION THEREOF; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners, Glynn County, Georgia, in lawful meeting assembled on the 19th day of December, 1974:

That Section XXII of the Glynn County Electrical Code be deleted in its entirety and a new Section XXII be inserted in lieu thereof to read as follows, to-wit:

"SECTION XXII. BUSINESS LICENSE AND REGISTRATION FEES.

Each person holding a Master Electrician's Certificate of Qualification or Journeyman Electrician's Certificate of Qualification on January First of each calendar year or any firm or corporation employing one or more persons holding a Master Electrician's Certificate of Qualification of Journeyman Electrician's Certificate of Qualification on the said First day of January of any calendar year shall pay to the Commissioners an annual Business License Fee and/or Registration Fee as follows:

For each Master Electrician's Certificate of Qualification
an annual Business License Fee of Fifteen (15) Dollars;

For each Journeyman Electrician's Certificate of Qualification
an annual Registration Fee of Five (5) Dollars."

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and and unanimously adopted to adopt the following amendment to an ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND PRESCRIBING A PLUMBING CODE FOR GLYNN COUNTY, OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK; PRESCRIBING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR PLUMBERS, INCLUDING THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PLUMBERS AND THE CERTIFICATION THEREOF; PROVIDING PENALITES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners, Glynn County, Georgia, in lawful meeting assembled on the 19th day of December, 1974:

That Section XVI of the Plumbing Code for Glynn County be deleted in its entirety and a new Section XVI be inserted in lieu thereof to read as follows, to-wit: :

SECTION XVI. BUSINESS LICENSE AND/OR REGISTRATION FEES.

Each person holding a Master Plumbing Certification on January First of each calendar year or any firm or corporation employing one or more persons holding a Master Plumber Certificate of Qualification or Journeyman Plumber Certificate of Qualification on the said First day of January of any calendar year shall pay to the Commissioners an annual Business License Fee and/or Registration Fee as follows:

For each Master Plumber Certificate of Qualification an annual Business License Fee of Fifteen (15) Dollars;

For each Journeyman Plumber Certificate of Qualification an annual Registration Fee of Five (5) Dollars.

The above shall be subject to the Commissioners an appropriate resolution which may be contained in the code of laws of the State of Georgia.

For each Master Plumber Certificate of Qualification
an annual Business License Fee of Fifteen (15) Dollars;

For each Journeyman Plumber Certificate of Qualification
an annual Registration Fee of Five (5) Dollars.

- (a) There shall be maintained by the Commissioners an appropriate Plumbers' License and Registration Book to contain the names of all persons, firms or corporations actively engaged in the plumbing business in Glynn County.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve execution of contract with the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$28,648.01 covering Project PR 5465 (5), paving of the B & W Grade Road. Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Legal aspects of lease covering facilities utilized by the County for a fire station located on said property having been resolved to the satisfaction of Attorney Bishop, motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to authorize amendment to the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance changing from FA Forest Agricultural to HC Highway Commercial and MH Mobile Home Park the following described property: (GC-53-74; B. F., Sr. and Nonene P. Newkirk, applicant).

Two tracts of contiguous land containing 6.38 acres, fronting a total of 259.65 ft. on the east side of U. S. Highway 341 (New Jesup Highway) in the Sterling Community; but excluding a 50 ft. frontage tract with a depth of 100 ft. lying 175.5 ft. north of the southeast corner of said tracts;

Parcel 1 - approx. 1.7 acres fronting a total of 259.65 ft. on the east side of said highway (exclusive of the above 50 ft. by 100 ft. tract) being requested for rezoning from FA forest - Agricultural to HC Highway Commercial; and

Parcel 2 - approx. 4.68 acres lying immediately east of Parcel 1 described above and immediately south of the Anderson Junk Yard and located approx. 260 ft. east of and parallel to said highway being requested for rezoning from FA Forest Agricultural to MH Mobile Home Park.

Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dusenbury offered her best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Boyd moved to approve expenditure of \$1,295 to the Brunswick - Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce for printing industrial promotion brochures for Glynco. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Attorney Whelchel asked if the Commission desired him to acquire a court order to defer the sale of automobile tags until February 1, 1975, so the new tax evaluation can be used.

Commissioner Harrell expressed the Commission's approval of such action.

Commissioner Harrell moved to approve fiscal year 1975 budget for the St. Simons Island Water and Sewer District. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve budget for the Brunswick - St. Simons Bridge and Causeway for fiscal year 1975. Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Meeting adjourned.


Robert E. Owens, Chairman

Attest:


Harold H. Baer, Clerk