

SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 15th, 1960

9:00 A. M.

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

ABSENT: Neal Gale

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From the City: Mayor M. A. Copeland, Commissioners Hubert W. Lang,  
Harry D. Long and J. R. Tuten  
From the County: Chairman James D. Gould, Commissioners W. G. Moran and  
Clarke Wiggins

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Director Robert H. Doyle, City Manager H. Bruce  
Lovvorn, County Administrator Howard J. Sears, Harry  
Adley of Hill & Adley Associates, County Commissioner-  
Elect Paul Gamble, City Engineer Carl Leavy, County  
Engineer D. C. McGaskill, County Attorney and Legal  
Counsel to the Joint Planning Commission Edward B. Liles,  
Assistant Superintendent of Glynn County Schools Sidney  
Boswell, and Chairman of Board of Education's Building  
Committee George E. Bosserdet

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Chairman Knight opened the meeting by stating that the Joint Planning Commission had invited the assembled City and County officials to attend in order to present a proposed Preliminary Major Thoroughfare Plan for review and consideration.

Mr. Knight then introduced Mr. Harry Adley of Hill & Adley Associates, Consultant to the Planning Commission. Mr. Adley stated that approximately two thirds of all planning work undertaken as part of their contract had been completed. He further indicated that the time had come for elected officials to criticize, modify and make suggestions pertinent to the preliminary circulation plan. City and County Commissioners were urged by Mr. Adley to authorize release of the plan (as modified by this meeting) for public consideration, but he specified that no official endorsement was being requested at this time.

Mr. Adley concluded his opening statement by pointing out that Brunswick and Glynn County would certainly build and have built several miles of roads over the next fifteen to twenty years -- these roads would be much more beneficial to the community if they were located in advance of need and in accordance with an overall land use plan. He added that Georgia's State Highway Department would definitely be more receptive to local road needs if such needs were well documented and were backed up by unified community sentiment.

Planning Director Doyle next reviewed the entire circulation plan and described a series of maps and drawings which depicted both general and specific proposals. (A copy of the illustrated report which was distributed at this meeting is on permanent file at the Joint Planning Commission office, and two individual maps showing the suggested street and highway plan are included as part of these official minutes.)

Following Mr. Doyle's presentation, an open discussion was held to consider at length some of the various aspects of the plan. City Commissioner Long raised a question as to how the proposed Island Loop Causeway would be financed. It was

the consensus of the group that locally issued revenue certificates would be more likely to provide funds in this instance than State or Federal government sources.

City Commissioner Sigman commented that he thought the over-all plan was excellent. County Commissioner Gould concurred, but he questioned the advisability of extending Bay Street through State Port Authority property on Brunswick's South End. City Manager Lovvorn stated that the ultimate use of this land would probably determine the specific kind of access to and through the property in question. It was then suggested that Authority member A. M. Harris, Sr., be consulted to determine the best course of action with respect to this matter.

County Commissioner-Elect Gamble asked about the method contemplated for financing the Newcastle Street project. Planning Director Doyle indicated that both State and Federal aid would be earmarked for this purpose.

Further discussion centered around the location and effect of Interstate Route No. 95 and the possible use of Cochran Avenue as an expressway or controlled access artery. Mr. Bosserdet then stated that he did not think the over-all circulation scheme would conflict to any great extent with Board of Education school expansion plans. He did feel, however, that the proposed Newcastle Street route would have a definite bearing on the use of the Arco School facility for educational purposes.

This portion of the meeting was concluded by a number of general comments concerning the use of Urban Renewal measures to assemble required new street rights of way; the need for a priority schedule of street improvements; and the best location for a community Junior College relative to the over-all circulation plan. Commissioner Gould indicated that he believed the plan was suitable for consideration by the public with certain modifications as previously noted. There was no objection to this course of action and the general meeting was terminated at this point.

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The Joint Planning Commission then continued in executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Compton, seconded by Mr. Parker, final payment of \$750.00 to Hill & Adley for satisfactory completion of the Economy Study was authorized. This study or report is identified under Paragraph 3, Subparagraph i, of the Consultant's contract dated September 28th, 1959.

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A further motion by Mr. Parker to authorize full payment of \$2,500.00 to Hill & Adley Associates for the completion of a Preliminary Major Thoroughfare Plan and Text (as described under Paragraph 3, Subparagraph k, of the aforementioned contract) was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously approved. This authorization was conditioned by the necessity for the Consultant to modify the written text by changing the name 4th Street to 4th Avenue on page 5, as well as 5th Street to 5th Avenue on page 8. Mr. Adley verbally agreed to have these corrections made as soon as possible.

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As the meeting closed, Commission members shared a common belief that Brunswick and Glynn County's elected officials had indicated no objection to public presentations of the modified major thoroughfare plan.