

CALLED MEETING

JUNE 13th, 1967

2:00 P. M.

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PRESENT: Chairman Neal Gale, James D. Compton, Otto Johnson, Jr.,  
and M. A. Knight

ABSENT: Cormac McGarvey, Brantley O'Quinn R. F. D. Paulk and James  
L. Wiggins

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Director James B. Williams, County Administrator  
Howard J. Sears and City Manager J. E. Hulse, Jr.

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The Chairman announced the purpose of the special meeting to be the discussion of the planning program during the forthcoming year. However, he noted that there was not a quorum of the Commission present and no official action could be taken at this time.

The quests of the Commission were introduced. They included Glenn Woodard, Chief of the Local Planning Division of the State Planning Bureau, Jim Leisendahl, Mr. Woodard's assistant, and John P. Kidd, Director of Planning for the consulting firm of Mayes, Sudderth and Etheredge.

After the introductions, the Planning Director briefly outlined previous planning efforts and emphasized the need for greater depth and scope in the future in order to keep pace with community needs and satisfy the more rigorous Federal and State requirements. The Planning Director proposed that the Commission begin a more comprehensive planning program by conducting a thorough inventory and analysis of the land use, the transportation system and the important community facilities. This work would lead to the preparation of plans that would facilitate the planning of future capital improvements and would also provide some of the background work necessary to the State Highway Department in developing a comprehensive local transportation plan.

Mr. Kidd proposed that his firm be employed to provide the Commission with the desired information as described by the Planning Director. His work program would follow all Federal and State Standards and would be closely coordinated with the State Planning Bureau, the State Highway Department and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Such efforts would require about one year to complete and cost between \$20,000 and \$24,000.

Mr. Woodard and Mr. Leisendahl next spoke on the objectives of the State Planning Bureau, their interest in local initiative, and the availability of financial assistance for local planning. It was generally felt that the Brunswick area would receive a high priority in consideration for a financial grant during the 1968 fiscal year. Application for such a grant, however, should be made before July 15th to avoid long administrative delays. If an application was submitted and approved it would provide for two-thirds of the costs of the agreed-upon project with the remainder to be financed locally. It was noted that the Planning Commission had already allocated \$5,000 that could be used as all or part of the local share.

Both the City Manager and the County Administrator felt that the proposed program would be of great value and every effort should be made along these lines to keep local plans up-to-date and in accordance with the increasingly strict Federal and State Standards. The City Manager especially felt that the application of the proposed plans to the Workable Program was of vital importance to the community.

After a discussion of the matter, the members of the Commission who were present voted, subject to official ratification at a future meeting, to recommend that both the City and County Commissions discuss this important matter at the next joint meeting. It was further agreed that the Commission should go on record as stating that this essential work should be done to meet our requirements in economic development and community planning, if it can be financed in part through the Federal "701" Program and the total cost of the work program does not exceed \$20,000. The Commission then thanked the guests for the presentation and for their interest in the Brunswick area.

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Before adjourning the Commission received a report from the Planning Director that a thorough study was made in the Pyles Marsh area with respect to the proposed rezoning to Basic Industrial of about 20 acres along the Atlantic Line Railroad, as requested by Mr. Ralph M. Fairman. It was found that there was no opposition to the rezoning or the proposed use of the land.

The members who were present then voted, subject to official ratification at a future meeting, to recommend approval of the requested rezoning if steps are taken to provide sufficient buffer strips to adequately protect surrounding property owners from noise, smoke and generally unsightly conditions.

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Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 P. M.