

On November 29, 1943, the Greater Miami Port Authority met in regular session in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by Mr. A.B. Curry, Chairman, and upon roll call the following members were found to be present: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman, Montgomery and Price. Absent: None.

NATIONAL AIR LINES

Mr. Ted Baker, President of National Air Lines, was introduced to the Authority, and Mr. Curry addressed Mr. Baker telling him that the Authority would appreciate any suggestions from him as to the immediate development of an airport for Miami, and the possible needs and plans of his organization.

Mr. Baker advised that his organization is at present operating from the 36th Street Airport, which is owned by Pan American Airways, and while they are a bit crowded out there it has its advantages and disadvantages. He said that he favors the Virginia Key, the Northeast location, and the Southwest location, in the order mentioned. He was asked by the Authority if the City developed either the Northeast location, or the Southwest location, would his organization be interested in locating there. He answered that if there was a possibility that Virginia Key would be developed even two years from now, that they would be satisfied to wait because they can continue in their present quarters until Virginia Key would be ready, and they would hesitate to invest thousands of dollars in either one of the mentioned locations if there is a possibility that Virginia Key would be developed.

MR. ROY HAWKINS

Mr. Hawkins, representing the Bessemer Properties, Inc., was present and was asked if the Port Authority would select any site other than the one at North Miami Beach, would the Bessemer Properties consider giving the Authority financial aid. Mr. Hawkins said that he thought they would since his organization is interested in the future of Miami, and they want to do all they can to help in its development. He said they made an offer on the North Miami Beach site was due to the fact that this site had been approved as a Naval Air Base a few years ago, and they thought it would be a good location.

Mr. M.B. Garris, who was present, presented statistics on the development of both sites under consideration for an airport.

Mr. Curry said he believed they should have a comparative cost of both sites, and the comparative time to build, and also an estimated cost of the land. Mr. Garris was requested to prepare same and mail copies to each member of the Authority so they could study it before the next regular meeting.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Montgomery who moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 24

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY BEND EVERY EFFORT TOWARD THE FURTHERANCE AND COMPLETION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VIRGINIA KEY PROJECT AT ONCE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the Port Authority finds in its study that there will undoubtedly be need for additional airport facilities in the Greater Miami area, and that this Authority will bend every effort toward the furtherance and completion of the development of the Virginia Key Project.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Chandler this resolution was unanimously passed and adopted.

APPOINTMENT WITH MR. E.V. RICKENBACKER

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Blake who moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 25

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHAIRMAN TO CONTACT MR. RICKENBACKER IMMEDIATELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM TO MEET WITH THE PORT AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the Chairman be, and he is hereby, requested to contact Mr. Rickenbacker immediately for the purpose of making a stipulated appointment with him to meet with the Port Authority.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Chandler this resolution was passed and adopted by an unanimous vote.

Hon. CLAUDE PEPPER

Mr. Curry was requested to contact Mr. Pepper and invite him to meet with the Port Authority at the earliest possible time.

MR. S.M. FILIPOVICH

Mr. Filipovich appeared before the Authority and advised that he had been connected with Pan American Airways for a number of years, but on account of his age was compelled to retire on pension. He advised that he was thoroughly familiar with all phases of airports and their construction, and that he would be glad to give his services to the Authority at any time without remuneration.

MINUTES

It was decided to hold up approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting until the next regular meeting, and Mr. Montgomery requested that copies of the minutes be mailed to each member prior to the meetings so that they could read them and be ready to approve or disapprove them when they arrived in the meeting.

CONVENTION OF STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. Curry advised the Authority that the State Chamber of Commerce will hold its convention on December 6-7-8 at the Roney Plaza Hotel. He said that he is a member of the convention board and would attend, and Mr. Montgomery advised that he expected to attend. It was decided that whatever members were present at this convention would represent the Port Authority.

SOUTHERN MANUFACTURER

The Secretary presented a communication from the Southern Manufacturer requesting that the Port Authority place a half page ad in their next issue. No action was taken.

FLORIDA EAST COAST TERMINAL

Mr. Curry advised the Authority that the City Commission met with the Greater Miami Traffic Association for the purpose of getting a stipulation from the duPont interests regarding the building of a station and the removal of tracks, and they were informed that the duPont interests indicated that they would agree to the removal of the tracks except for one or two that would be used for special services. They were informed that Mr. Ball is coming to Miami on this same subject on December 6th.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Blake, who moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 26

A RESOLUTION TO ASK THAT THE PORT AUTHORITY BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING BOARD IN THE APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL OF THE SO CALLED DUPONT PLAN TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN TRACKS IN DOWNTOWN MIAMI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the City Commission and the Planning Board be, and they are, hereby requested to consider the Port Authority in the approval and disapproval of the so-called duPont plan to eliminate certain tracks in downtown Miami.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Chandler this resolution was unanimously passed and adopted.

PORT AUTHORITY BUDGET

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a budget for the Port Authority to take the place of the budget for the Department of Port Operations and Development, and have Mr. Curry approve same so it may be presented to the City Commission for its approval.

PLANNING ENGINEER

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Blake who moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 27

A RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING THE SECRETARY TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FROM APPLICANTS QUALIFIED TO DO AN OVER ALL PLANNING JOB FOR THE PORT AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the Secretary be, and he is, hereby instructed to receive applications from applicants who are suitable to do an over all planning job for the Port Authority, and present these applications to the Authority for the purpose of selecting the most suitable person.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Montgomery this resolution was unanimously passed and adopted.

LETTERS FROM COL. METTLER

Mr. Montgomery presented two letters from Col. Mettler and suggested that the Secretary be instructed to have copies made and mail them to the members of the Authority for their study, and then to write Col. Mettler a letter of thanks. The Secretary was so instructed.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Chandler who moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 28

A RESOLUTION GIVING A VOTE OF THANKS TO MR. JOHN MONTGOMERY FOR ENTERTAINING THE PORT AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

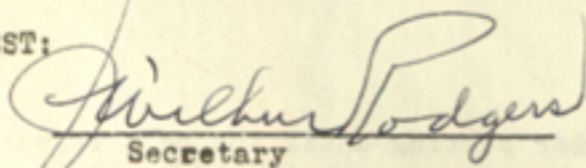
That the Port Authority hereby expresses thanks to Mr. Montgomery for the wonderful evening's entertainment as his guests at a dinner on November 23rd.

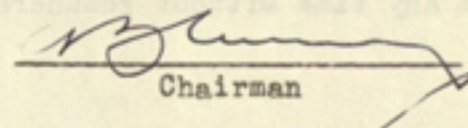
Upon being seconded by Mr. Brooks this resolution was unanimously passed and adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

ATTEST:


Secretary


Chairman