

On January 10, 1944, the Greater Miami Port Authority met in regular session in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman A.B. Curry at 2:30 P.M., and upon roll call the following members were found to be present: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman and Price, and J. Wilbur Rodgers, Secretary. Absent: Mr. Montgomery. NOTE: Mr. Montgomery entered the meeting at 3:15 P.M.

MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 51

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 1944

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 1944, be, and they are hereby, approved.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Chandler this resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman and Price. Noes: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 52

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 1944

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the minutes of the special meeting of January 6, 1944, be, and they are hereby, approved.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Blake this resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman and Price. Noes: None.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee appointed to interview persons interested in employment by the Port Authority presented a written report. (Report on file).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 53

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INTERVIEW PERSONS INTERESTED IN EMPLOYMENT BY THE PORT AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the written report of the committee appointed to interview persons interested in employment by the Port Authority be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Chandler this resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman and Price. Noes: None.

Mr. Chandler, Chairman of the Airborne Traffic and Airports Committee, reported on the progress made toward the possible acquirement by the Port Authority of the 36th Street Airport.

Mr. Chandler advised that his committee met with officials of the Pan American Airways and spent about four hours with them discussing the general airport situation and postwar planning. He said that these officials were very cooperative, and were frank to answer any questions put to them relative to the 36th Street Airport, and its actual possibilities, as well as its advantages and disadvantages. He said that the committee asked them to prepare a detail inventory of all that they owned in the nature of this airport and its facilities, and to give them whatever information they had relative to its relationship with the Government field adjoining. They advised they would give the committee an inventory as soon as it possibly could be prepared, and assured the members that they would hold nothing back, but would give them a complete picture and a detailed report as to its operations. They advised the committee that questions pertaining to Government operations would have to be confidential. Mr. Chandler said that these officials advised that they would go into full details in every way, and would have all the contracts with other air lines brought before the Authority so that they could go into them. They also advised that they would furnish the Authority with various surveys and engineering reports.

Mr. Chandler said that they have invited the Port Authority members to come to the airport tomorrow, January 11, at 1:30 P.M., and be their guests on an airplane ride over the city to view all the airports, and especially the 36th Street Airport. Mr. Chandler said that the meeting was very satisfactory. He further advised that his committee met informally later, and after a discussion of the numerous contracts and other problems they would have to face, his committee finds that it will be necessary to have legal assistance, and he and his committee recommends the employment of legal counsel to assist in the negotiations. Mr. J.W. Watson, Jr., City Attorney, was advised of the necessity for legal counsel, and Mr. Watson advised that while he is willing to render all possible assistance, his present duties preclude him from rendering full legal assistance, but that he will cooperate with any attorneys who might be employed for this purpose. Mr. Chandler suggested that Mr. Watson be considered in an ex-officio capacity, and he and his committee also recommends to the Authority the names of Carl T. Hoffman, James A. Dixon and Thomas C. Mayes, as a staff of attorneys to be employed to handle this negotiation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 54

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MR. CURRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH AND EMPLOY MESSRS. CARL T. HOFFMAN, JAMES A. DIXON AND THOMAS C. MAYES AS A LEGAL STAFF TO HANDLE THE 36TH STREET AIRPORT NEGOTIATION, AND PROVIDING THAT J.W. WATSON, JR. BE NAMED AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THIS STAFF

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

January 10, 1944 (Continued)

That A.B. Curry be, and he hereby is, authorized to negotiate with and employ Messrs. Carl T. Hoffman, James A. Dixon and Thomas C. Mayes as a legal staff to handle the 36th Street Airport negotiations and that J.W. Watson, Jr. be named as an ex-officio member of this staff.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Hoffman this resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman and Price. Noes: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 55

A RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING THE SECRETARY TO WRITE ALL THE AIR LINES DOING BUSINESS AT THE THIRTY SIXTH STREET AIRPORT AND ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE FACT THAT THE PORT AUTHORITY IS NEGOTIATING FOR THE ACQUIREMENT OF THE 36th STREET AIRPORT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to write all the air lines doing business at the 36th Street Airport, and acquaint them with the fact that the Port Authority is negotiating for the acquirement of the aforementioned airport, and advise these lines that their rights will be fully respected by the Port Authority.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Blake this resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman and Price. Noes: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MR. CURRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH AND EMPLOY M.B. GARRIS, ENGINEER, TO ADVISE THE PORT AUTHORITY ON THE ENGINEERING PROBLEMS IN THE THIRTY SIXTH STREET AIRPORT NEGOTIATION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That Mr. Curry be, and he is hereby, authorized to negotiate with and employ M.B. Garris, Engineer, to advise the Port Authority on the engineering problems in connection with the 36th Street Airport negotiation.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Brooks this resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman and Price. Noes: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 57

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INTERVIEW PERSONS, AND RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT, BE EMPOWERED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF OR DISPOSE OF THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the committee appointed to interview persons and receive applications for employment be, and it is hereby, empowered to acknowledge receipt of, or dispose of, the applications received.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Hoffman this resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman, Montgomery and Price. Noes: None.

MR. GIL ROB WILSON

Mr. Montgomery was asked about his contact with Mr. Wilson, and he advised that he had contacted him indirectly and was advised that Mr. Wilson had an engagement in Birmingham and would have to pass up Miami for the time being. He suggested that the Secretary be instructed to write Mr. Wilson and tell him that the Port Authority hopes that in the near future he will find it possible to come to Miami and confer with the Authority. The secretary was so instructed.

THERESA CALLAHAN

Mr. Blake said that he believed that Miss Callahan should be relieved of coming to any further meetings of the Authority to take the minutes since the Authority now has a secretary for that purpose.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING A VOTE OF THANKS TO THERESA CALLAHAN FOR HER ASSISTANCE IN TAKING THE MINUTES OF THE AUTHORITY, AND RELIEVING HER OF ATTENDING ANY FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the members of the Port Authority hereby extend a vote of thanks to Theresa Callahan for her assistance in taking the minutes of the Authority and relieving her of attending any further meetings.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Montgomery this resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman, Montgomery and Price. Absent: None.

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PORT AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR MOVING THE OFFICE
AND MEETING PLACE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY TO THE
CIVIC CENTRE BUILDING

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the office and meeting place of the Port Authority be
moved to the third floor of the Civic Centre Building.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Hoffman this resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman, Montgomery and Price. Noes: None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

J. Wilbur Rodgers
Secretary

A.B. Curry
Chairman

REGULAR MEETING

MIAMI, FLORIDA, JANUARY 17, 1944

On January 17, 1944, the Greater Miami Port Authority met in regular session in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman A.B. Curry at 2:30 P.M., and upon roll call the following members were found to be present: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman, Montgomery and Price, and J. Wilbur Rodgers, Secretary. Absent: None.

MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 1944

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY:

That the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 1944, be and they are hereby, approved.

Upon being seconded by Mr. Montgomery this resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Messrs. Blake, Brooks, Chandler, Curry, Hoffman, Montgomery and Price.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary reported that officials of the Pan American Airways had furnished him the names of air lines which now use facilities at the 36th Street Airport and that he had written each of the lines to acquaint them with the fact that the Port Authority is negotiating for the purchase of the airport, as provided in Resolution No. 55. Mr. Chandler, chairman of the committee on airborne traffic and airports, suggested that these lines now be advised that the committee desires to confer with someone in authority from each of these lines pertaining to their present and future requirements at the airport. The secretary was instructed to invite authorized representatives of these air lines to confer with the committee and to arrange for conferences at the earliest practicable date.

BY-LAWS

A matter of inserting in the by-laws a time of advance notice to members for calling special meetings was deferred until a future meeting.

Mr. Curry reported that pursuant to authorization from the Port Authority, he had contacted Messrs. Carl T. Hoffman, James A. Dixon and Thomas C. Mayes, attorneys, and Mr. M.B. Garris, engineer; that the attorneys are willing to serve as counsel to the Authority in negotiations for the acquisition of the 36th Street Airport from Pan American Airways, Inc., and that the attorneys had stated that their fee will be based or determined on the amount of work involved but that it will be fair and reasonable. Mr. Curry advised that Mr. Garris is willing to advise the Authority on the engineering problems involved and that his compensation will be determined on the actual work done.

INTERROGATIONS AS TO NEGOTIATIONS FOR 36th STREET AIRPORT

Mr. Benton Jacobs, of the Miami Daily News, asked: Does the 36th Street Airport fit in with the over all transportation system for the Greater Miami area? Authority members replied that, in their opinion, it does because of adjacent rail facilities and other factors. Mr. Jacobs also asked: Do not the pending negotiations immediately entail legal, engineering and financial details? Members replied they do and that provisions are already made for two of these items, namely legal and engineering.

Mr. Ernie Hill, of the Miami Herald, asked how far negotiations have progressed. Mr. Curry replied that when the committee receives some definite commitment from Pan American Airways same will be reported to the Authority for action.

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