

JULY 11, 1963

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, July 11, 1963 at 1:30 P. M.

Present were Commissioners W. E. Crist, Vice Chairman  
Dan P. McClure  
Ralph S. Clark  
Deputy Clerk Bruce M. Cox  
(Commissioners E. A. Bibey and Irwin Klemmer and County Attorney  
Kenneth Cleary were absent.)

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Crist.

WEST WIND SHORES (HOLMES BEACH)  
PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION 70TH & 71ST STREETS

Public hearing was opened on petition of Jean Paul St. Laurent, individually and as Trustee for owners of certain properties, to vacate 70th and 71st Streets, West Wind Shores, from Gulf Drive to the Gulf of Mexico.

This request was for the purpose of vacating portions of the streets in order to permit the owners of Blocks 4, 5 and 6 of West Wind Shores to utilize, as one single tract of land, all of the land lying between the south line of Block 6 and the north line of Block 4 as a building site for a hotel and convention center. The petition had been granted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Holmes Beach, and resolution thereon had been submitted to the County Commissioners for further action (City attorney had advised that this Board would advertise and hold a public hearing in regard to the matter.)

Vice Chairman Crist stated that no decision on the petition would be reached until an opinion on question of this nature could be obtained from the Attorney General. (Opinion as to Board's position or authority as relates to streets within municipality had been requested by the County Attorney.)

Individuals appearing on this matter were requested to limit their remarks to five minutes and to avoid getting into personalities.

Robert Marshall, attorney representing residents opposing the petition, questioned the legality of this public hearing and stated that, due to a misunderstanding of the Notice, many residents were not present and could not be heard.

Robert Schultz, attorney for the City of Holmes Beach, stated that in his opinion this hearing was necessary for the vacation of plat-  
ted streets which are a part of the county records.

Mrs. F. A. Riles, of Holmes Beach, spoke in favor of granting the petition so that development of the area could proceed.

Morton L. Clark gave his reasons for endorsing such a project, both orally and written.

Al Robeson spoke in favor of granting the petition so that the convention center could be developed.

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Harry Varley and Walter Elliott appeared in opposition to the petition, stating that they objected to giving away public property for financial gain. Mr. Varley stated he had numerous letters in objection to closing the streets, but did not comply with request from Mr. Robeson to give a list of names to be read into the record.

Telegrams from Joseph P. Ronan and William F. Hahn Jr., co-owners of a parcel on 70th Street, opposing vacation of portions of 70th and 71st Streets, were read and acknowledged.

A letter from Duncan M. Wathen, president of the Manatee Tourist Association, favoring the proposed Resort Center on Anna Maria Island, read in open session July 1, 1963, was inserted into the record as a part of this hearing. (By reference only.)

Robert Schultz presented a copy of agreement between the City of Holmes Beach Board of Aldermen and Jean Paul St. Laurent whereby in the event the construction of the proposed motel complex was not commenced within five years those portions of 70th and 71st Streets vacated would be re-dedicated and reconveyed to the City of Holmes Beach.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED UNTIL AUGUST 19, 1963

Upon motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. McClure, the public hearing was continued until 1:30 P. M., August 19, 1963.

PROJECTS NO. 292, 293, 296

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIEN CERTIFICATES AUTHORIZED

Upon motion by Mr. McClure, seconded by McClure, resolution was adopted approving the final Special Improvement Assessment Rolls on PROJECTS NO. 292, 293 and 296 and authorizing issuance of special improvement lien certificates on properties contained in said Rolls, said liens to become due and payable thirty (30) days after resolution and Assessment Rolls are recorded in the public records. (Liens may be paid in equal installments over a ten year period at six percent interest)

RESOLUTION RECORDED C18-39

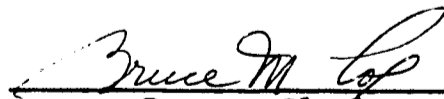
MEETING ADJOURNED

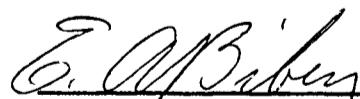
Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

M. T. McInnis, Clerk

APPROVED: 12 August 1963

  
Deputy Clerk

  
Chairman