

NOVEMBER 1, 1994

1:30 P.M.

D.O.T. MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
226 SOUTH WALL STREET

PRESENT: J. BEVERLY LANGFORD, DOT DIRECTOR; CHARLES LAW, DISTRICT ENGINEER; WILLIAM H. MCVEY, PRECONSTRUCTION ENGINEER; DAVID HUFF; JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR; THOMAS BOND, MAYOR PRO-TEM; JOHN SHELTON, COUNCILMAN; PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: CLIFFORD FREE, JOEL OSTUW, AND JIMMY MATHEWS

STAFF: LARRY VICKERY, ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT  
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mayor Meadows opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who was in attendance.
2. Mayor Meadows stated the number one item which he desired to discuss was the status of U.S. Highway 41, North reconstruction beginning at Line Street to the overpass. Charles Law stated State funds had been allocated for the project, that there was a revised concept which came about due to the deletion of the one way pairs, and it was now listed as widening and reconstruction, would be a four lane road with raised medians of 20 ft., basically six inches in depth. He stated a public information meeting would be the next step regarding the project. He stated the project had been moved back, and was now scheduled in two phases, one being 1998 for the section from Line Street to Highway 156, and from 156 to the overpass would be for the year 2000. Mr. Law stated these dates were set primarily from the group headed by John Lively, who is the Director of Pre-Construction. The group reviewed maps showing the construction area for the project.
3. William H. McVey reviewed proposed projects for the Calhoun, Gordon County area. Mr. McVey stated the project for Highway 41, South which would be for four laning the road on existing right-of-way from the 53/41 intersection to the Bartow County line would be in the year 2000. He listed other projects as follows:
  - a. A let date of 1996 for I-75/53 sight improvements;
  - b. A let date of 1996 for I-75/156 sight improvements (15 parcels);
  - c. Let date of 1996 for I-75/225 ramp improvements;
  - d. Let date of 1998 for I-75/136 sight improvements;
  - e. Let date of 1995 for I-75/Oostanaula Bridge improvements;
  - f. Let date of 1997 for improvements of the rest area on the north end of Calhoun;
  - g. Let date of 1995 for rest area improvements South of Calhoun for a sewer line to be installed from Georgia North;
  - h. Let date of 1995 for rest area south of Calhoun for parking;
  - i. Let date of 1997 for a rest area south of Calhoun for

upgrade of bathrooms;

- j. Let date of 1999 for Highway 53 from W.C. Bryant Parkway to Highway 41 for median improvements to coordinate those with the eastern portion of Highway 53.

He also stated there are three miles of road improvements which includes procurement of 80 parcels for Cash Road to Highway 53 on Dews Pond Road. He also stated the City had an approved project for an overpass for 1996, however, preliminary studies showed that Hicks Street and Maple Street could not handle an overpass. Mayor Meadows asked D.O.T. to look at the possibility of an overpass at Metter Street, which would tie into Curtis Parkway. Mr McVey agreed to review that possibility and notify the City. Mr. McVey also stated a lane from Union Grove to Highway 53 was in the long range plans for around the year 2000. This completed a listing of D.O. T. road work primarily in the City of Calhoun area.

4. Mayor Meadows preceded to review several project with the D.O.T. group:
  - a. Mayor Meadows asked about a possibility of lowering the road bed on Piedmont in order to improve the road, and also to improve the lack of road right-of-way in one particular area which had been excavated by private property owners. David Huff stated he had reviewed this, but had considered a cut of six to ten feet at one verticle curve, and had not considered going back as far as the area at the County Courthouse. He stated that even with a cut in the road bed at that particular area, it would still require an expensive retaining wall in that particular area. Mr. Huff stated the project had been sent to Atlanta, and he would get back with the City at the appropriate time when it had been reviewed.
  - b. Mayor Meadows stated Robertson Road, which could be improved to the level of a City Street could be used as an alternate route for traffic coming out of the Walmart area to Highway 41 to alleviate traffic on Highway 53. He stated that present property owners had expressed a willingness to deed the proper right-of-way for the City if a project could be gotten at the state level to share in the cost for base and paving. Mr. Huff stated the road would need to be raised since it was in a wetlands area, and had not been properly based, and had not been a dedicated public street. Mayor Meadows stated this is one area which had been previously discussed with Mr. Shackelford.
  - c. Mayor Meadows stated the current owners of the Walmart property had expressed a willingness to pay the materials cost and to do highway improvements as required by D.O.T. for a traffic signal to be installed, however, the City had recently been notified that Walmart would be forced to relocate an entrance drive for the west property across Highway 53 from the Walmart property. Mr. Law stated that he was not aware of that, and would need to review with his department. Mayor Meadows and Larry Vickery reviewed the proposed project. Mr. Law explained that D.O.T. did not normally do any permitting for traffic signals connected with commercial enterprises, and he stated their normal procedure is to provide traffic signals at intersections. Mr. Law stated he would review the latest development in this situation, and would be back in touch with the City.
  - d. Mayor Meadows stated the State had spent a considerable amount of funds in improvements on Highway 156 and Moss Memorial Parkway, however, he stated truck traffic was still having a problem after it left Moss Memorial Parkway on River Street in making the turn at River and

Court. He stated he had met with several D.O.T. officials, and the four property owners at the intersection of River and Court to discuss the radius needs in order to allow truck traffic to make the proper turns. Mr. Law and Mr. McVey expressed a desire to review the project, and get back to the City at a later date.

- e. Mayor Meadows stated the City had proposed a Barret Road by-pass to May Street which could possibly alleviate a great deal of traffic from the County school system, and divert it from the busy over crowded streets. David Huff stated he had reviewed the proposed project with Kelly Cornwell, and that he had sent it to Atlanta for review at the Atlanta office. He stated he would report back when the Atlanta office had reviewed the proposed project.
  - f. Councilman McEntire stated he would request D.O.T. to review opening Reeves Street into Highway 41. Following discussion, Mr. Law and Mr. McVey stated they would review the possibility of a right turn only with a concrete median at the street to prevent left turns, and would report back to the City at a later date.
5. There was no further discussion, and the meeting was adjourned.



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

