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Board votes to annex portion of north NAS

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The Millington Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously last week to annex the north side of the Naval Air Station that is not now in the city limits.

The board members also voted unanimously to amend the map of the Millington Zoning Ordinance by rezoning the NAS north side from MT (Military District) to M-1 (Light Industrial), and they adopted a resolution describing a plan to provide city services to the area after it is annexed.

A public hearing must be held before the annexation and zoning amendment ordinances become effective, and they must be passed by the board of aldermen on three separate readings. The public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 6 in the board of aldermen chamber

at Millington City Hall.

The Plan of Service states that, once ownership of the annexed area has been relinquished by the U.S. Department of Defense:

—patrolling and other routine police service, using present personnel and equipment, will begin in the area;

—traffic signals, traffic signs, street markings and other traffic control devices will be installed as the need is established;

—fire protection by the present personnel and equipment will begin in the area;

—water for domestic use will be provided at city rates from existing lines, and thereafter from new lines as extended in accordance with the established policies of the city;

—waste-water treatment for domestic use will be provided at

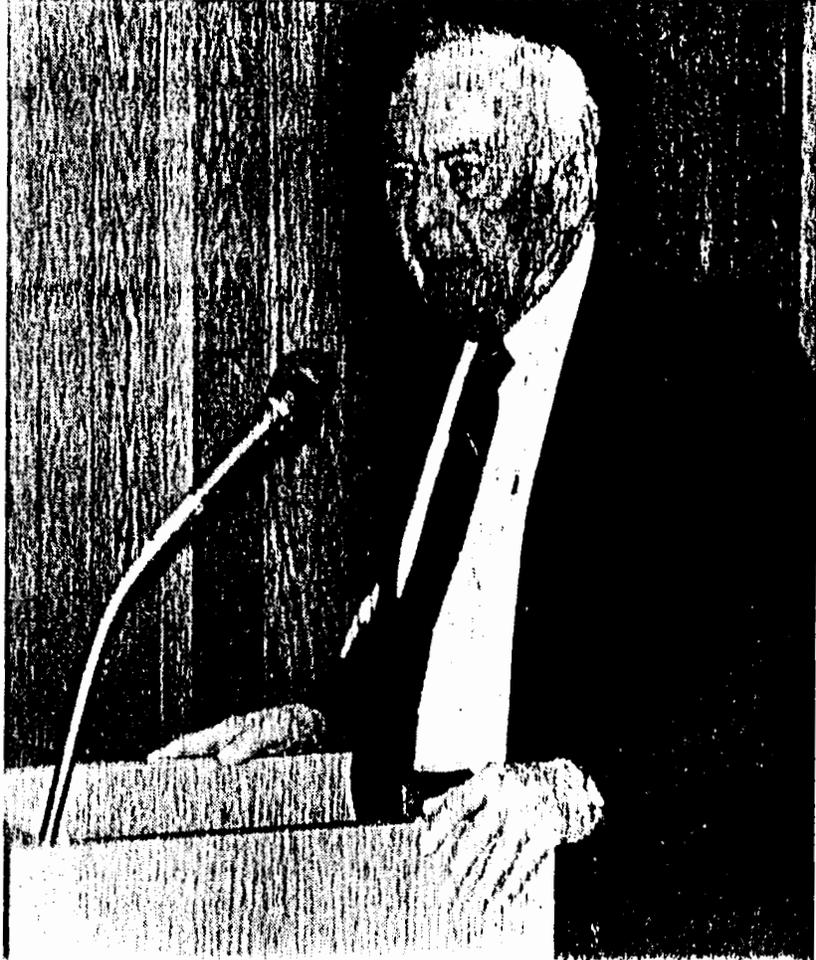
city rates from existing sewer lines, and from lines extended in accordance with the city's established policies;

—emergency maintenance of streets, such as repair of hazardous chuck holes and measures necessary for traffic flow, will begin in the area, as will routine maintenance on the same basis as in the present city limits;

—reconstruction and resurfacing of streets, installation of storm drainage facilities, and other major improvements will be accomplished in the area under the city's current policies, as the need is determined by the board of aldermen;

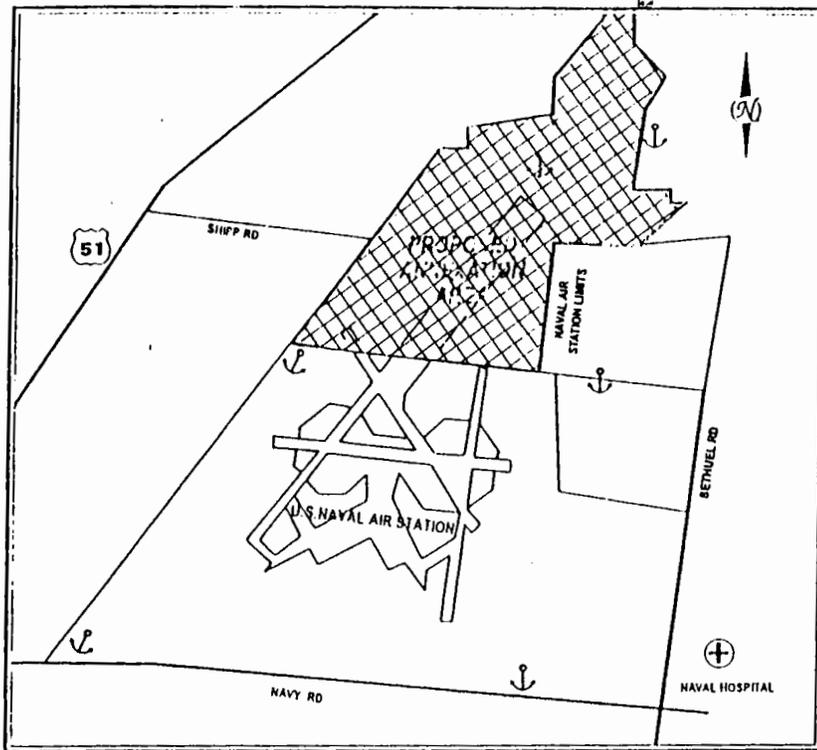
—any inspection services now provided by the city will begin in the annexed area;

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Informing the board

Frank Ryburn, chairman of the Millington Municipal Airport Authority, tells the board of mayor and aldermen that the gates on the north side of the Naval Air Station will continue to be guarded as long as the Navy has planes out there. The board voted unanimously last week to annex the north side of the base that is not now in the city limits.



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—the city's planning and zoning jurisdiction will extend to the area upon the effective date of annexation; city planning will thereafter encompass the annexed area, and the property will be zoned M-1 (Light Industrial);

—there are no plans to install street lighting in the annexed area;

—residents of the annexed area will have access to all existing recreation facilities and parks, while the same standards and policies used within the present city limits will be followed in expanding the recreation program and facilities in the enlarged city.

In response to a question by Alderman Dennis Wages, Frank Ryburn, chairman of the Millington Municipal Airport Authority, said the gates on the north side of the base will continue to be guarded as long as the Navy has planes out there. But he said it is his understanding that the large C-9s are supposed to leave within the next 30 to 45 days.

Asked whether a gate guard would limit access to the portion of the north side of the base that is proposed for annexation, Ryburn said not when the "real property" is turned over to the city. At that point, he said, there will be open access at the first gate to the city's portion of the north side.

But Ryburn noted that business development behind the gate will be slightly hampered during the joint-use period over the next 12 months.

"They have promised that anyone who is employed or has business over there, they'll see to it that they have decals and passes, and so forth," he said. "They're trying to cooperate, but they are going to have guards on the gate for the time being."

In other action, the board voted unanimously to:

—accept a bid of \$33,723.20 by Ideal Chemical & Supply Co. of Memphis on chemicals for the city's water treatment plant; The highest bid was \$36,509.51 by Van Waters & Rogers Inc. of Memphis, and the second highest was \$34,253.50 by Harcros Chemicals Inc. of Memphis.

—reappoint T. L. Bomar to a new five-year term as a member of the Millington Housing Authority; The new term, which began on July 2, will expire on July 1, 1999.