

AIKEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 10, 1994

Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Anaclerio, Clyburn, Papouchado, Price and Radford

Absent: Councilman Perry

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Jim Holly, Roger LeDuc, Carrol Busbee, Ed Evans, Al Cothran, Stanley Quarles, Terry Rhinehart, Sara Ridout, Philip Lord of the Aiken Standard, Michael Lee of the Augusta Chronicle, and 25 citizens.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. Mayor Cavanaugh led in prayer which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 1993, and the special meeting of December 20, 1993, were considered for approval. Councilwoman Papouchado moved that the minutes of both meetings be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

- Annexation
- Washington Circle
- Hamilton, John
- Simmons, Ruby
- Hart, Bertha
- Patterson, Essie

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council would like to recognize the volunteers that helped with the annexation of the Pinecrest/Washington Circle annexation.

Mr. Thompson stated Certificates of Appreciation had been prepared for John Hamilton, Ruby Simmons, Bertha Hart, and Essie Patterson who had helped with an intensive annexation effort and with the circulation of petitions and the contacting of individual property owners throughout the petition process. He said the four volunteers from the Washington Circle area helped to sell the annexation of the area because these individuals were able to demonstrate to the other residents that the neighbors on Washington circle supported annexation. This effort by residents of Washington Circle with the annexation process made the successful conclusion possible. He said the Washington Circle annexation included 75 homes and more than 200 residents. He said this was the culmination of years of work.

Mayor Cavanaugh presented the certificates to Ruby Simmons and Essie Patterson and thanked them for their efforts on behalf of the annexation process. He asked that the certificates be mailed to John Hamilton and Bertha Hart who could not be present.

ZONING ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE 011094

- Amendment
- Adult Day Care
- Assisted Living Facility

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the continued public hearing of an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding adult day care facilities and residential assisted living facilities.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION II.B. OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR A RESIDENTIAL ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, SECTION VI.F.2. TO ALLOW ADULT DAY CARE AND RESIDENTIAL ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AS CONDITIONAL USES IN PROFESSIONAL ZONING DISTRICTS, AND SECTION VII.B. TO ALLOW THE AFORESAID USES AS PERMITTED USES IN NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS AND CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICTS AND AS CONDITIONAL USES IN PROFESSIONAL ZONING DISTRICTS.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received a request from the Aiken Adult Care for use of the old Hitchcock Rehab Center on Richland Avenue for an adult day care use and a residential assisted living facility. The city's Zoning Ordinance does not specifically address adult day care facilities or assisted living facilities. Mr. Thompson stated the only reference in the Zoning Ordinance is for nursing homes, and these type of care facilities don't fit under the needs and demands of a nursing home. To place either of the proposed uses in the Professional zone, the zoning of the old Hitchcock Rehab Center, the Zoning Ordinance would have to be amended.

Mr. Thompson stated the Planning Commission had reviewed the request and is recommending that adult day care and assisted living facilities are appropriate for the Professional, Neighborhood Business and Central Business districts. The Commission has recommended that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to add adult day care and assisted living facilities to the Professional zone as a conditional use which requires that the Planning Commission and Council review each request for use under this zone. The Planning Commission has also recommended allowing these facilities in the Neighborhood Business and Central Business District zones as a permitted use which means that the uses would automatically be allowed in those zones.

Council has also received a request from Ronald Bolton asking Council to allow assisted living care facilities in multi-family, R-2 and R-3 zones, and Planned Unit Development zones. Special notices were placed in the newspaper to notify citizens of proposed changes in the Zoning Ordinance.

The public hearing was held.

Dr. Doris Hammond stated she had directed a graduate program in gerontology in Buffalo, New York, and through this had become aware of the facilities that are available in most locations for the elderly. She stated one of the problems in Aiken is the lack of assisted care facilities. She stated she had served on the Retirement Committee for the city's strategic plan and facilities for the elderly was cited as a need in Aiken. She stated she felt the old Hitchcock Rehabilitation Center would be an ideal location for an assisted care facility for the elderly.

Councilwoman Papouchado pointed out a meeting had been held with the Iversons who are interested in operating an assisted care facility in the old Rehab Center and some of the residents in the Hayne Avenue area. She felt the neighbors now better understand what is being planned for the area and some of the major concerns of the neighbors were addressed. She also pointed out some residents are concerned about amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding to the laundry list. She stated it is proposed that the Zoning Ordinance will be reviewed within the next year. She also pointed out proposed definitions of health care facilities had been prepared to identify the facilities allowed and these definitions would be sent to the Planning Commission for review and approval by Council.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the proposed ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding adult day care and assisted living facilities be amended to include adult day care and assisted living facilities as permitted uses within the R-2, R-3 and PUD zones.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the ordinance allowing adult day care and assisted living facilities as a conditional use in the Professional Zone and as permitted uses in the Neighborhood Business and Central Business District zones, as amended to include adult day care and assisted living facilities as permitted uses in the R-2, R-3 and PUD zones, be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

SIGN ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE 011094A

Amendment
Zoning Ordinance
Free Standing Signs

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to amend the sign ordinance.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.B.68 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF VARIOUS TERMS RELATING TO SIGNS AND AMENDING SECTION III.I. OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO COMPREHENSIVELY REVISE THE PROVISIONS DEALING WITH THE REGULATIONS OF SIGNS.

Mr. Thompson stated that for the past two years Council has been discussing the need to change the present sign ordinance. Council had asked the Planning Commission to review the Sign Ordinance. The Planning Commission has been working with the Sign Ordinance Review Committee to develop a recommendation for City Council. At the December 13, 1993, meeting Council approved amendments on first reading to amend the sign ordinance.

The proposed ordinance changes the requirements for free standing signs in Neighborhood Business zones. The primary area of concern and controversy has been with free standing signs allowed for businesses on two lane and four lane streets. The proposed ordinance would allow a 50 sq. ft. sign 11 feet high on a two lane road, and a 75 sq. ft. sign 18 feet high on a four lane street. Up to 60% of the area of the sign may be a reader board, and each lot is allowed only one sign. Council discussed the need to allow additional space for posting of gasoline prices or other requirements mandated by state law, but decided to include gasoline prices and any other related issues in the overall square footage of the sign. Council agreed to take any specific signage requirements of the state and federal governments into account with the signs at a future date. The proposed ordinance also includes signage for shopping centers in Neighborhood Business zones. One sign standard will be permitted per shopping center unless the shopping center fronts on two major thoroughfares. If it does meet the two thoroughfare requirement, the shopping center could be allowed up to two sign standards. Shopping Center signs shall not exceed 8 feet in height and 60 square feet in area with an additional 10 square feet allowed for each additional store beginning with the third store. The total area of the consolidated sign shall not exceed 120 square feet for a shopping center, and a sign fronting on a four lane street will be allowed up to a height of 12 feet. Other changes include increasing the size of a "For Sale," "For Rent," or "For Lease" sign to 5 square feet. Mobile and portable signs have been prohibited, and a sign for a small office building in the Professional zone is limited to a total of 24 square feet. The present provision requiring approval of shopping center signs by the Planning Commission and City Council will be eliminated, and free standing signs are prohibited in the Central Business District. The entrance identification sign for an area zoned PUD will be determined by the predominate use of the development. If the development is primarily residential, then the entrance sign would comply with any provisions for signs in the residential zone.

Mr. Thompson stated at first reading Council included a request for the Planning Commission to proceed with a comprehensive review of the full sign ordinance with the additional suggestion that the book Street Graphics be considered as a reference in this review.

Mr. Holly reviewed the changes in the ordinance requested by Council as part of first reading. He pointed out that federal or state mandated signs of a specific minimum size are exempt in calculating the maximum sign area limitations allowed by the ordinance.

The public hearing was held.

Mr. Buzz Jackson, President of Jackson Petroleum Company, stated he had been a member of the Sign Ordinance Review Committee. He stated he was present to encourage the progress of a revision to key sections of the Sign Ordinance. He said the proposed ordinance was the result of hundreds of hours of study by the Sign Ordinance Review Committee, discussion by the Planning Commission and the citizens committee. He said the ordinance represents a compromise in the position of both sides of the issue. He said the proposed ordinance reflects the opinion of the majority of the 21 citizens of Aiken from both sides of the issue who worked on the project. He said all aspects had been reviewed, agreed to, rereviewed, discussed, compromised and voted on. He said he felt both sides of the issue would say that the finished product has both positive and negative points. He said, however, both sides believe that the ordinance is something workable and something with which they can live. He asked that Council approve the ordinance as presented.

On behalf of Council Mayor Cavanaugh thanked the Sign Ordinance Review Committee and the Planning Commission for their efforts and hours spent in trying to recommend amendments to the Sign Ordinance.

Mr. Dick Eberhard stated he had a problem with the implementation of the sign ordinance. He said as he understood the proposed ordinance, present signs would be allowed to continue. He asked how soon he would be able to see signs getting smaller and lower. He said he understood from the paper that the proposed ordinance applies to new businesses, but that current signs will be allowed to remain for sometime unless there is an 80% change in the sign.

Mr. Thompson stated that under the proposed ordinance existing signs would not be affected by the ordinance unless the sign is not maintained in a safe and sound condition, is damaged to the extent that the cost to repair exceeds more than 50% of its original cost, is abandoned, is changed by the alteration of 80% or more of the identification area of the face of the sign, is located on a site vacated by the use that the sign identifies, or is required to be removed or changed by a condition in an annexation ordinance adopted by City Council. He said it would take a change in conditions or a change in the condition of the sign before signs are required to be removed. Otherwise the sign ordinance applies to new signs.

Mr. Tom Abbott, Chairman of the Citizens Sign Ordinance Review Committee and owner of Southside Gallery, stated he has a new found appreciation for the process. He said he had learned a lot through working with this issue and he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the committee. He stated he supported passage of the proposed ordinance.

Councilwoman Clyburn stated perhaps some type of sign award or incentive could be offered to a business which would voluntarily replace their sign to meet the new sign regulations.

Councilman Anaclerio discussed a possible change to the ordinance regarding removal of signs on premises vacated by the business. He pointed out the proposed ordinance requires removal of a sign for a vacated business within 90 days after notification by the Building Inspector. He felt this was a long time for a sign to remain on a premises. After discussion Council felt there may be reasons for a sign to remain on a premises for some reasonable length of time.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding signs be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

SIGN MORATORIUM - ORDINANCE

Extension

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to extend the Sign Moratorium ordinance.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that with the passage of the ordinance amending the Sign Ordinance Council may wish to consider tabling the sign moratorium ordinance as it would not be needed now.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the sign moratorium ordinance be tabled.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Community Development Committee on Housing

Jackson, Geraldine

Appointment

Ewing, Anna

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider an appointment to the Community Development Committee on Housing to replace Ms. Geraldine Jackson.

Mr. Thompson stated Ms. Geraldine Jackson has resigned from the Housing Committee due to health problems. Ms. Jackson was appointed to the Housing Committee in 1993, and her term will expire on September 2, 1996. Housing Committee members serve four year terms. Mr. Thompson stated Council

needed to accept the resignation of Ms. Jackson, and then consider an appointment to fill the unexpired term.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council accept with regrets the resignation of Ms. Geraldine Jackson from the Community Development Housing Committee.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council appoint Ms. Anna Ewing to the Community Development Housing Committee to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Jackson, with the term to expire on September 2, 1996.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

Bell, Marsha
127 Silver Bluff Road
Tax Parcel No. 30-057-07-007

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to annex 127 Silver Bluff Road and zone it R-1B Residential.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 0.21 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY MARSHAL BELL LOCATED AT 127 SILVER BLUFF ROAD AND TO ZONE THE SAME R-1B, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mr. Thompson stated a request had been received from Ms. Marsha Bell, of 127 Silver Bluff Road, that her property be annexed and zoned R-1B Residential. Ms. Bell is interested in receiving sewer service and the property is contiguous to the city limits. The city does have a policy of requiring annexation prior to extension of new water or sewer services.

The Planning Commission has reviewed the request and has recommended annexation under the R-1B zone to allow the lot to conform with the zoning ordinance. The lot is about 9,200 square feet which is less than the 10,000 square foot minimum required in the R-1A zone. This does not invoke a spot zoning violation as this is a residential use within residential zones.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to annex 127 Silver Bluff Road and that the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ZONING ORDINANCE

Amendment
Fire Sprinkler System
Sprinkler

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding fire sprinkler systems.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION III, L. OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIRING SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.

Mr. Thompson stated in 1989 the Zoning Ordinance was amended to include a requirement that all new structures exceeding two stories in height, 20,000 square feet in area, or more than four dwelling units have a sprinkler system installed. This has been a tremendous improvement to the city fire service capabilities and helps protect the Class 2 fire rating. Several changes have been recommended to clarify the ordinance and this has been reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is recommending that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to extend the sprinkler requirement to all facilities that have individual rooms that may not be technically dwelling units, including hotels, motels, dormitories, and assisted living facilities. The Planning Commission has also agreed that expansion of existing facilities would require a sprinkler system when buildings are expanded to exceed two stories in height, 15,000 square feet in area, or if there are four or more living or sleeping units with or without cooking facilities.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to amend the fire sprinkler ordinance and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

CONDITIONAL USE

Mental Health

Apartments

547 York Street N.E.

Councilwoman Clyburn left the Council Chamber so as not to participate in the request for a conditional use for the property at 547 York Street because of a possible conflict of interest.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider a request for a conditional use for apartments in a Neighborhood Business Zone.

Mr. Thompson stated the Mental Health Association of Aiken County has plans to construct 20 one-bedroom apartments at 547 York Street N.E. The location is currently zoned Neighborhood Business. Apartments are allowed as a conditional use in Neighborhood Business zones with the approval of City Council.

The apartment units are proposed by the Mental Health Association to be built for individuals with chronic mental illness. The units would include a common area for meetings, a laundry facility, and office space for counseling and administrative services. The project is proposed to be comparable to the one completed on Church Street near Eustis Park.

The conditional use has been recommended by the Planning Commission on the condition that there be a buffer at least 25 feet wide along the rear property line to isolate the apartment development from the single family homes behind the property. A conditional use requires a public hearing.

The public hearing was held.

Ms. Joy Jay, Executive Director of Mental Health Association, stated the project had been a three year planning operation. She stated they had looked at many pieces of property before deciding on the York Street location. She felt the project would be an opportunity not only for people with chronic mental illness but also for the City of Aiken. She felt the project would be a nice apartment complex.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the conditional use for apartments at 547 York Street N.E. be approved with the condition that there be a buffer at least 25 feet wide along the rear property line to separate the apartment development from the single family homes behind the property.

After the vote on the conditional use request Councilwoman Clyburn returned to the Council Room.

LICENSE ORDINANCE

Contractors

Plumbing Contractors

Electrical Contractors

General Contractors

Decals

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to require display of contractor decals.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8 OF THE CITY OF AIKEN BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE SO AS TO REQUIRE ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, AND GENERAL OR SERVICE CONTRACTORS TO PURCHASE AND DISPLAY VEHICLE DECALS AND OTHERWISE CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS THEREOF.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received a letter from Mr. Harris Nix, President of the Aiken Licensed Plumbing Contractors Association, and a follow up letter from John Owens and Debbie Nix again suggesting that the

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city adopt a decal system to require licensed contractors to display a decal on their vehicles showing that they have been licensed by the city.

Council discussed this matter in February, 1993, and Council was concerned that the decal requirement may place an additional and unnecessary regulatory burden on the contractors. The plumbers and electricians involved in this request feel strongly that the contractors that are going to be regulated are the contractors that are supporting the proposal. They would like this additional requirement because this would help to avoid the use of unlicensed contractors taking up business in Aiken.

Under the proposed ordinance contractors would be required to purchase and display vehicle business license decals on each vehicle in use at the job site. Mr. Nix has stated that the cities that have passed similar requirements have been pleased with the results of the program.

Mr. John Owens stated he represented the Aiken Licensed Plumbing Contractors Association. He stated the Association felt the decal program was a good program. He felt this would help upgrade the standards in the industry. He said the decal program had been implemented in other cities and had been very effective. He said the city presently requires licensed people to own or be employed in businesses. He said the decal program would be an effective way for the enforcement officials to be sure that licensed contractors are doing work at a site. He said the homeowner would be protected because the person doing the work has proved that he has the insurance, bonding, and the licensing to do the work. He pointed out the program is in effect in Columbia and Charleston. He said the cost of the program is minimal for the contractors.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the ordinance requiring display of contractor decals be passed on first reading and the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

AIKEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Certificate of Need Resolution Heart Surgery Cardiac Care

Mayor Cavanaugh stated two resolutions had been prepared for Council's consideration in support of the Aiken Regional Medical Centers' applications for open heart surgery and cardiac care.

Mr. Thompson stated the Aiken Community Hospital and the Aiken Regional Medical Centers had submitted a Certificate of Need Application to allow the hospital to develop a full-service open heart surgery program at the hospital. The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) denied the application and the hospital has been appealing this decision to allow either limited or full open heart services in the Aiken community. Members of City Council were concerned that the denial of the cardiac care services will force a dramatic reduction in services available through the hospital that are needed by the citizens of the community. In the two resolutions prepared Council would be agreeing to support the hospital by filing a motion to intervene in the contested cases in support of Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

The open heart and cardiac care questions have been a serious issue for the hospital and for this area as a great deal of the service provided through the hospital presently requires at least some type of limited cardiac care service. The first resolution supports the Certificate of Need for full open heart surgery and cardiac care services at the Aiken Hospital. The second resolution supports the ability to provide limited cardiac care services at the hospital. This limited ability will allow the hospital to continue to provide some of the services required in this area.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that the Health Care and Retirement Committees of the Strategic Plan supported the Certificate of Need for Open Heart Surgery, and the Health Committee recommended that City Council support the hospital in all regulatory efforts concerning the certificate.

Mr. Thompson stated that in the resolutions City Council agrees to serve as an intervenor in the case and to support the request with legal

assistance. He said Council had discussed this support and may wish to consider a motion to pass both resolutions supporting the Aiken Community Hospital and the Aiken Regional Medical Centers with pending applications in the fields of the open heart surgery and cardiac care with the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The second issue is to address the law firm to be used. Mr. Thompson stated Jim Holly, City Attorney, works with the firm of Braithwaite, McCants, & Holly. He stated Mr. Holly has experience with DHEC, and Council may want to engage the services of Mr. Holly to file a motion to intervene in the contested cases before DHEC.

Mr. Thompson stated Aiken County is also considering whether to intervene and the County is considering the use of their County Attorney.

Mr. Holly stated in previous discussions there was discussion of sharing the legal expenses with the County because of the common interest. He said because of the importance of these issues to the citizens of Aiken and the City of Aiken, he and his firm would be willing to handle the case on the part of the City even if the County does not participate and adjust the fee accordingly so the city would pay no more than if the County were participating.

Councilman Anaclerio stated an important part of the city's Strategic Plan was to be sure the city was recognized as a medically alert and sensitive city in all aspects. He said he felt it was very important for the citizens of Aiken that the hospital provide open heart surgery and cardiac care services. Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn that Council approve the two resolutions supporting the Aiken Community Hospital and Aiken Regional Medical Centers in their application for open heart and cardiac care services. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote with Councilwoman Price not participating in the discussion or voting because of a possible conflict of interest.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado, that James M. Holly, with the firm of Braithwaite, McCants & Holly be appointed to represent the City of Aiken as intervenor in the cases of the Aiken Regional Medical Centers. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote with Councilwoman Price not participating in the discussion or voting because of a possible conflict of interest.

STREET LIGHTS

Central Business District

Downtown

Bids

Streetscape

Mayor Cavanaugh stated bids had been received for furnishing downtown street lights.

Mr. Thompson stated City Council had discussed the street light bids. He said some late information had been received and Council would like the staff to discuss the matter with the architects involved before accepting the bids.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved that the matter be considered at the next regular meeting of Council.

BIDS

Street Sweeper

Public Works Department

Mayor Cavanaugh stated bids had been received for the purchase of a vacuum street sweeper.

Mr. Thompson stated a street sweeper is an expensive unit to purchase and expensive to maintain and keep operating. One of the present sweepers is six years old, and we have been experiencing problems with the sweeper. The staff is recommending replacement of this sweeper. Bids were mailed to 14 vendors, but only one bid was received from Amick Equipment Co. in the amount of \$105,000. Each of the companies provided different reasons for not submitting a bid, but on evaluation the staff is satisfied that the bid submitted by Amick Equipment is competitive and a good value for the city.

The equipment bid is the Johnston 600 series sweeper. The city presently uses a Johnston 600 sweeper and has been very pleased with the quality of this equipment.

Mr. Thompson stated the staff is recommending acceptance of the bid submitted by Amick Equipment Company in the amount of \$105,000 for the purchase of a Johnston 600 vacuum street sweeper. Funds are available in the present budget for this replacement.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the bid of Amick Equipment in the amount of \$105,000 be accepted for the purchase of a Johnston 600 vacuum street sweeper.

BIDS

Paver Bricks
Installation
Downtown
Streetscape

Mayor Cavanaugh stated bids had been received for the installation of paver bricks.

Mr. Thompson stated the streetscape plan in the downtown area includes paver bricks along the sidewalk edge and across the intersections. To allow the streetscape plan to proceed on schedule the city has bid the installation of paver bricks. The staff is recommending acceptance of the low bid submitted by Specialty Brickworks at a unit price of \$2.25 per square foot.

Mr. Thompson stated bid invitations were distributed to four vendors, but only one bid was received from Specialty Brickworks. He stated this work is a specialized service, and the staff is satisfied that the bid submitted by Specialty Brickworks is reasonable and in keeping with market prices. The city will provide the bricks, under a separate bid, and prepare the base for the bricks. The contractor will install the paver brick sidewalk.

Under the current schedule Laurens Street is expected to be completed by June, 1994. Unless prices change we would continue with Specialty Brickworks for this work as long as funds remain and within the schedule allowed under the streetscape plan. Funds are available for the 1993-94 phase of the downtown streetscape plan, and future phases will be included in future budgets.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the bid of Specialty Brickworks be accepted for installation of paver bricks in the downtown area for the streetscape plan at \$2.25 per square foot.

BIDS

Paver Bricks
Purchase
Downtown
Streetscape

Mayor Cavanaugh stated bids had been received for the purchase of paver bricks.

Mr. Thompson stated bids had been received for the purchase of paver bricks to be installed along the downtown sidewalks as part of the streetscape plan. The staff is recommending acceptance of the low bid submitted by Paver Systems. The prices quoted include 8 centimeter bricks at a price of \$1.49 per square foot, and 6 centimeter bricks at \$1.29 per square foot.

Mr. Thompson stated the smaller bricks would be used on the sidewalks and the larger bricks in the areas of vehicular traffic including driveways and possible crosswalk areas. It is estimated that the cost of bricks for Laurens Street will cost approximately \$20,000. The staff is recommending that the city proceed with this as long as funds are available and in keeping with the schedule approved through the budget for the streetscape plan. If prices change or conditions change that would require a rebid of these bricks, then this would be brought back to Council.

The bids received were as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>8 CM</u>	<u>6 CM</u>
Paver Systems	\$1.49/sq. ft.	\$1.29/sq. ft.
Metromont Materials	No Bid	1.40/sq. ft.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the bid of Paver Systems at \$1.49/sq.ft for 8 centimeter bricks and \$1.29/sq. ft. for 6 centimeter paver bricks be accepted since they can supply both brick sizes.

SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION

Streets
Dedication

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to accept two streets in the Sandstone Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF PORTIONS OF TWO STREETS IN PHASES I AND II OF SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received a request from Mr. Jerry Waters, of Sandstone Subdivision, asking the city to accept ownership of two streets within Sandstone. Mr. Thompson stated the city accepts streets in subdivisions after reviewing the quality of the workmanship and to make sure that the roads meet the city's specifications. He said the staff is tentatively reviewing these streets to be sure they are acceptable. He said Mr. Waters has a time schedule to meet. He said the staff will complete the review before the second reading of the ordinance and make a recommendation to Council.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to accept dedication of two streets in Phases I and II of Sandstone and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.


Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk