

Aiken City Council Minutes

October 27, 2004

WORKSESSION

Council Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Cunning, Smith, Price, and Vaughters

Council Absent: Councilmember Sprawls and Clyburn

Others Present: Roger LeDuc, Bill Huggins, Gary Smith, Richard Pearce, Ed Evans, Sandra Korbelik, Rachel d'Entremont, Susan Mimmie, and about 4 citizens.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 8:08 A.M. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Old Aiken Master Plan.

OLD AIKEN MASTER PLAN

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that he is still against rezoning citizens' property.

Council discussed the proposed rezoning of the northwest district of the Old Aiken Master Plan at length. They were concerned with how the main entrances to the City of Aiken would look by changing the zoning. They stated it was important to see a thriving community when people enter the city. They were also concerned with property being rezoned and it affecting the citizens negatively.

Mike Anaclerio, Chairman of the Old Aiken Master Plan Committee for the Northwest District, stated that the Old Aiken Master Plan Committee felt that the main thoroughfares should be zoned Residential, but could be zoned Limited Professional so there could be residences as well as businesses and keep the same look. He stated that most people do not want to live on a main street. He stated that the plan was not meant to be changed all at one time. He stated that the plan was for the future.

John Brecht, co-chair of the Old Aiken Master Plan Committee for the Northwest District sub-committee, stated that it was the belief of the committee that a strong residential area was important to improving the City. He stated that there is nothing wrong with having residential areas as the main thoroughfare.

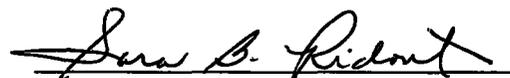
Diane Saunders, co-chair of the Old Aiken Master Plan Committee along with John Brecht, stated that the committee took into consideration the elderly citizens of Aiken. She stated that they do not have transportation, so the committee wanted to be sure they could walk to church and downtown. She stated they also took into consideration college students. She stated they would like to see younger people living in downtown that would possibly spend money in downtown. They also could live in the residential areas downtown.

Council discussed the proposed rezoning map of the northwest district block by block. Council suggested changes to the Old Aiken Master Plan proposed rezoning map as follows:

The eastern half of the block bounded by Hampton Ave., Laurens St., Abbeville Ave. and Pendleton St should be changed to Limited Professional. The western half will remain General Business.

Mr. LeDuc stated the next meeting to discuss the Old Aiken Master Plan would be on November 10, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. He stated that at time Council will finish the discussion of the northwest district and also discuss the next section.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 A.M.


Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk