

Aiken City Council Minutes

September 28, 1992

Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Anaclerio, Clyburn, Papouchado, Perry, and Radford.

Absent: Councilwoman Price

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Frances Thomas, Jim Holly, Roger LeDuc, Anita Lilly, Terry Rhinehart, Carrol Busbee, Ed Evans, Stanley Quarles, Sara Ridout, 17 citizens and 3 news media.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Thompson led in prayer which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 1992, were considered for approval. Councilman Radford moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved.

RECOGNITIONS

St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church  
150 Anniversary  
Proclamation

Mayor Cavanaugh stated St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church celebrated the 150th anniversary of the church on September 5. He stated Council would like to recognize the church on this anniversary.

PROCLAMATION

## CELEBRATION OF 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF

## ST. THADDEUS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WHEREAS, the cornerstone for St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church was laid on September 5, 1842, by the Rev. Edward Phillips, Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina, under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church is the oldest church structure in the City of Aiken; and

WHEREAS, the clergy and parishioners of this Parish Church, including the Rev. John H. Cornish, the Rev. Everett C. Edgerton, Mr. William Gregg, Dr. Amory Coffin, Mr. James Mathewes Legare, Mr. William P. Finley, Rep. George W. Croft, Mr. Henry W. Ravenel, and others, most of whom are buried in the Church's historic cemetery, were instrumental in the early history of the City of Aiken; and

WHEREAS, this Episcopal Church continues its important work within our City including the construction of its new Parish Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Church plans two (2) special days of celebration of its anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred B. Cavanaugh, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Aiken, South Carolina, do acknowledge and proclaim that September 5, 1992, and November 1, 1992, are special days of celebration for the 150th Anniversary of St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church, and are to be observed as days of recognition for the religious, historical, and humanitarian significance of this Church within our City.

Dr. Venaye Reece  
SPCA

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council wished to recognize Dr. Venaye Reece for her service to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and to the community. He stated Dr. Reece has accepted a position with the Clemson Diagnostic Laboratory. He read the letter of recognition.

Youth Advisory Commission

Mayor Cavanaugh also recognized Tonya Hickson and Scott Grotyohann, two members of the Youth Advisory Commission present at this meeting. He thanked the youth for their work and efforts in organizing and getting the Youth Commission started.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONSAppointmentsElection CommitteeJohnson, RichardAirport CommitteeFindley, JamesCoward, IraCommunity Development CommitteeHolston, MarionCagle, JohnWilliams, Gwen

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider several appointments to the boards and commissions of the city.

Mr. Thompson stated that the term of Richard Johnson on the Election Committee had expired August 1, 1992. Terms on the Election Committee are for six years. He said Mr. Johnson was first appointed to the Election Committee in 1977 and would be willing to serve another term if appointed by Council.

Mr. Thompson stated that the terms of James Findley and Ira (Bud) Coward expired in September, 1992, on the Airport Committee. Mr. Findley and Mr. Coward would be willing to continue to serve on the committee. Terms are for three years.

Mr. Thompson stated also that two terms on the Community Development Committee expired in September, 1992. Mr. Marion Holston would like for Council to find a replacement for him, but Mr. John Cagle would be willing to continue to serve on the Community Development Housing Committee. Terms on the Community Development Committee are for four years. He said Ms. Gwen Williams of 1354 Representative Drive had been suggested as someone interested in serving on the Community Development Committee.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Richard Johnson be reappointed to the Election Committee for a six year term to expire August, 1998.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that James Findley and Ira Coward be reappointed to the Airport Committee for three year terms, expiring September, 1995.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that John Cagle be reappointed to the Community Development Committee for a four year term and that Gwen Williams be appointed to the Community Development Committee to replace Marion Holston, with the terms to expire September, 1996.

SEWER - ORDINANCE 092892RatesSewer Rates

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to increase sewer rates by \$.04 per 100 cubic feet.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF AIKEN ORDINANCE NO. 081390 AND ORDINANCE NO. 091991 SO AS TO INCREASE THE SEWER USER CONSUMPTION CHARGE FROM \$1.13 PER 100 CUBIC FEET TO \$1.17 PER 100 CUBIC FEET.

Mr. Thompson stated the City had received notice from Aiken County that the cost for sewage disposal at the Horse Creek Valley Public Service Authority had increased effective July 1, 1992. To meet this increase by Aiken County, the City would need to pass on to the customers a \$.04 per 100 cubic feet increase. In the past increases in the sewer rates have been passed on to the customers to keep the system self-supporting. Discussions with City Council had been to make the new rate effective in September. To allow the city to place this increase on the

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September billing, the increase would need to be effective August 1, 1992. This will require a slight change to the ordinance approved on first reading.

The proposed increase would increase the sewer rates from \$1.13 per 100 cubic feet to \$1.17 per 100 cubic feet. This would mean about a \$.32 per month increase per customer. The possibility of a sewer rate increase was discussed during the budget, but at that time Aiken County had not told the City how much the sewer rate increase would be.

Mr. Thompson stated to place the increase on the September billing requires the ordinance to be effective August 1. The proposed ordinance would need to be changed to reflect the August 1 effective date with the increase to appear on the September 1 billing.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and approved by a majority vote, that the ordinance to increase the sewer rates be amended to make the effective date August 1 with the increase to appear on the September 1, 1992, billing. Councilman Radford voted in opposition to the motion.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado, that the ordinance to increase sewer rates by \$.04 per 100 cubic feet, from \$1.13 to \$1.17 per 100 cubic feet, as amended, be passed on second and final reading to become effective August 1, 1992. The motion was approved by a majority vote, 4 to 2, with Councilmembers Clyburn and Radford voting in opposition to the motion.

#### ZONING ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE 092892A

##### Churches

##### Parking

##### Off-Street Parking

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding off-street parking for churches.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION III.J.4 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PARKING FOR CHURCHES SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE PARKING SPACE FOR EACH FIVE SEATS IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CHURCH AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN OFF-SITE PARKING SPACES TO BE COUNTED IN MEETING SUCH REQUIREMENT.

Mr. Thompson stated that over the past year the city has received comments from several churches and from the Downtown Ministerial Association asking that the city review parking restrictions for churches in the downtown. The present ordinance requires a church to have one parking space for every four seats in the main assembly hall. The Planning Commission reviewed the request from the churches and has recommended amending the Zoning Ordinance to require one parking space for every five seats. The Planning Commission has also encouraged the use of off-site parking spaces from nearby businesses to meet the parking restrictions. The Planning Commission has recommended that use of off-site parking spaces be allowed to meet no more than 50% of the required parking. It was pointed out that most of the church parking spaces are not used during the week and paving parking lots causes more stormwater runoff. It was pointed out that the proposed ordinance would apply to churches which may be expanding the main assembly room and to new church construction.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to require one parking space for every five seats in the main assembly hall of a church and to allow use of off-site parking spaces to meet no more than 50% of the required parking be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION - ORDINANCE 092892B

Whiskey Road  
Aiken Mall  
Waters, Jerry  
Dedication of Streets  
Utilities

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to accept the streets and utilities in Sections 1 and 2 of Phase I and Phase II of Sandstone Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF STREETS AND CERTAIN UTILITIES LOCATED IN SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF PHASE I OF SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION AND PHASE II OF SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Thompson stated that Jerry Waters, President of Sandstone Properties, had requested the city to accept the streets and utilities of Sandstone Subdivision. He said the city does accept the utilities and streets of a subdivision after the city is satisfied that they were properly installed and maintained. The City Engineer has reviewed the streets and utilities in Sandstone and has recommended that the city accept the streets and utilities in Phase I, Section 1 and 2, and Phase 2 of Sandstone Subdivision.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to accept the utilities and streets in Phase I, Sections 1 and 2, and Phase II of Sandstone Subdivision be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS CO. - ORDINANCE 092892C

Industrial Park  
Electric Substation  
Verenes Industrial Park

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to sell some property in the Industrial Park to SCE&G for an electric substation.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF FOUR (4) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT THE VERENES INDUSTRIAL PARK TO SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$28,000 SO AS TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC AND GAS SUBSTATION THEREON.

Mr. Thompson stated the city has received a letter from the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company asking the city to provide a 400' by 400' site in the Industrial Park for a proposed power substation to serve industries in the Industrial Park. After discussions with SCE&G the staff is recommending that the city sell the property to SCE&G at the current rate of \$7,000 per acre for property in the Park. For four acres the cost for the lot would be \$28,000. The lot proposed for the substation is located on Windham Boulevard adjacent to the recreation area in the Park on the back side of the lot. Mr. Thompson stated the city had asked the Federal Aviation Administration to review the request to see if a power generating substation might interfere with signals at the Airport, but had not heard from the FAA at this time.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Perry pointed out he felt the substation should be located at the rear of a lot for aesthetic reasons.

Mr. Holly pointed out that the ordinance should be amended to include the statement that any sale would be contingent upon FAA approval for the location of the electric substation.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be amended to include the statement that "the FAA approve the sale, if required."

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Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to sell 4 acres at \$7,000 per acre to SCE&G for use as a power substation at the Verenes Industrial Park with the stipulation that sale be conditional on review by the Federal Aviation Administration, be passed on second and final reading to become effective on approval of the FAA, if required.

ZONING ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE

Amendment

Public Notice

Variances

Rezoning

Planning Commission

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to require mailing of notices to adjacent property owners for Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission hearings.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated in discussions of the matter Council had stated they would like to postpone action on the ordinance pending further information from the Planning Commission.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that action on the ordinance be continued until sufficient information is received from the Planning Commission to put the matter back on the agenda.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - ORDINANCE

Newberry Street N.W.

Hampton Avenue

Housing

City Property

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to sell a lot owned by the City of Aiken to Habitat.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, BY AND WITH THE ATTEST OF THE CITY CLERK, TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY A LOT OWNED BY THE CITY OF AIKEN LOCATED ON NEWBERRY STREET NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THAT STREET AND HAMPTON AVENUE AND DESIGNATED AS AIKEN COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 30-042-02-012 TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$2,300 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE TO BE THEREAFTER PURCHASED BY A LOW INCOME FAMILY RESIDING IN THE CITY OF AIKEN.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received a request from Mr. Gerald J. Caspary, President of the Aiken County Habitat for Humanity, asking the city to sell a lot owned by the city located on Newberry Street near the intersection of Hampton Avenue for construction of housing for a low income family. He said Council has expressed an interest in working through Habitat for low income housing and homeownership opportunities.

Mr. Thompson stated the lot that Habitat is interested in is located near the intersection of Hampton Avenue and Newberry. The lot was acquired by the city through a condemnation and is appraised at about \$2,300. He said if Council is interested in selling the lot, this would be the third lot sold to Habitat for low income housing.

Councilman Anaclerio stated he felt that previous sales to Habitat had been very worthwhile and moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to sell a lot on Newberry Street to Habitat for Humanity for \$2,300 with the terms for the payment of the lot to be determined by the City Manager and the Finance Director and that the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ZONING ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE

Horse Hospital  
Conditional Use  
Equine Hospital

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to amend Section VII.B of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a horse hospital as a conditional use in the R-1S Zone.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS VI.A.8,e AND VII.B. OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO ALLOW EQUINE HOSPITALS IN R-1S ZONING DISTRICTS AS CONDITIONAL USES.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received a request from Dr. Lisa Handy asking permission to allow a horse hospital on the Early tract along Powderhouse Road. This is the tract in the unincorporated area which has been discussed as a potential site for homes for property owners that would like to stable horses. A commercial stable is allowed in the R-1S zone, but a horse hospital or veterinarian is not allowed by right under the R-1S zone. Several people were present at the Planning Commission meeting to support the request. If Council chooses to allow horse hospitals as a conditional use in the R-1S zone, any requests for locating a horse hospital will require individual approval by City Council. Since the Early property is presently outside the city, Dr. Handy will request the conditional use for this location at the same time that she submits her annexation request. Mr. Thompson pointed out that presently the proposed ordinance only changes the Zoning Ordinance to allow horse hospitals in the R-1S zone and does not approve a request by Dr. Handy. The Planning Commission had recommended that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to allow equine hospitals in R-1S zoning districts as conditional uses.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be approved on first reading to amend Section VII.B of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a horse hospital as a conditional use in the R-1S zone and that the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Palmetto Service Corporation  
Casaba Drive  
Lundee Drive

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to annex 1.03 acres at the southeastern corner of the intersection of Lundee Drive and Casaba Drive.

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 1.03 ACRES OWNED BY PALMETTO SERVICE CORPORATION LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF LUNDEE DRIVE AND CASABA DRIVE AND TO ZONE THE SAME R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received a request from Palmetto Service Corporation for annexation of a vacant lot at the southeastern intersection of Casaba Drive and Lundee Drive. The lot consists of 1.03 acres and is contiguous to an R-1 zone. The Planning Commission has reviewed the request and recommends annexation to Council.

Councilman Anclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance for annexation of 1.03 acres at the intersection of Casaba Drive and Lundee Drive with zoning as R-1 be passed on first reading and the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

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ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Waters, Jerry  
Murrah Drive  
Sandstone Subdivision  
Dougherty Road

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to annex .2 acres on Murrah Drive.

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 .20 ACRES OWNED BY JERRY W. WATERS LOCATED SOUTH OF MURRAH DRIVE AND TO ZONE THE SAME R-2A, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mr. Thompson stated a request had been received from Jerry W. Waters asking the city to annex a .20 acre tract fronting on Murrah Drive to be zoned R-2, Multi-Family. The property is adjacent to Sandstone Subdivision and off Dougherty Road. The Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommended annexation to City Council. The owner plans to develop a duplex on the site and has obtained a work permit for construction from Aiken County since the property is outside the city limits.

Mr. Holly pointed out that the proposed ordinance requires the property to comply with the city's Tree Protection and Landscaping Ordinance.

Councilman Anclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the ordinance for annexation of a .20 acre tract on Murrah Drive owned by Jerry W. Waters be passed on first reading and second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Waters, Jerry  
Murrah Drive  
Dougherty Road  
Sandstone Subdivision

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to annex a .7 acre tract on Murrah Drive.

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 .70 ACRES OWNED BY JERRY W. WATERS LOCATED SOUTH OF MURRAH DRIVE AND TO ZONE THE SAME R-2A, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mr. Thompson stated a request had been received from Jerry W. Waters requesting annexation of a .7 acre tract of land fronting on Murrah Drive to be zoned R-2A, Multi-Family Residential.

The Planning Commission has reviewed the request and recommends approval to City Council with the conditions that the project comply with the Tree Protection and Landscaping Ordinance and that a 10 foot deep buffer strip be installed at the rear of the site adjacent to Sandstone Development.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to annex a .7 acre tract on Murrah Drive and zone it R-2A Multi-Family Residential and that the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

AIRPORT

Grant  
Helipad  
South Carolina Aeronautics Commission

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider acceptance of a grant for construction of a helipad at the Aiken Municipal Airport.

Mr. Thompson stated that for several years the Airport Advisory Committee had been discussing the need for a helipad at the Aiken Airport. Helicopters frequently land at the airport and cause damage to the asphalt surfaces of the apron. The pilots do not like to land in the grassy area as it can be hazardous. The city submitted an application to the S. C. Aeronautics Commission for funding

assistance for the construction of a helipad. The city has received notice that the S. C. Aeronautics Commission has extended a grant offer to the city of up to \$12,470 or 50% of the total project cost of \$24,940, with the city matching the funds.

Mr. Thompson stated that the city has money in a holding fund from the sale of property at the Industrial Park and from the sale of trees on the airport property which must be used for airport related expenses. He said the city's matching funds for the grant could come from these holding funds. He said the Airport Committee and staff recommend acceptance of the grant from the Aeronautics Commission.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the Mayor be authorized to accept the grant from the S.C. Aeronautics Commission for up to \$12,470 for construction of a helipad at the Airport and that the City Manager be authorized to execute the grant documents for the project.

#### BONDS

##### Statement of Intent Stormwater Management

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider a Statement of Official Intent to reimburse Stormwater Management Utility Capital Improvement Program expenditures from future revenue bond proceeds.

Mr. Thompson stated under the city's new Stormwater Management System, the concept is to pay for small projects and maintenance out of present revenues and to finance larger projects through the sale of Revenue Bonds. These bonds would be totally financed out of the Stormwater Management System, and the revenues have been set high enough to recover the payments. He said the staff is recommending that Council adopt a policy, or Statement of Official Intent, to reimburse the Storm Water Capital Improvement Program expenditures from future Revenue Bond proceeds.

Mr. Thompson stated that this year the city will probably complete about \$1 million in improvements to the Stormwater Management System. Next year the city is expecting to do about the same amount of improvements. He said the city plans to pay for these improvements out of a Revenue Bond Issue. He said the bonds for the improvements would be paid for out of the city's monthly stormwater fees. He said a \$1 million bond issue has many of the same administrative costs that a \$3 million bond issue has. He said the staff is proposing that the city not do the bond issue this year but wait until next year. He said to help keep the costs down, it is proposed to sell utility bonds for the Stormwater Management System next year, and to sell enough bonds to pay for both next year's projects and this year's projects. Mr. Thompson stated that under State and Federal guidelines for issuing bonds if the city chooses to issue the bonds later and pick up earlier projects, an Official Statement of Intent needs to be adopted by Council. To allow the city to do this, Council needs to adopt a policy or statement that these present expenses will be paid for out of the future bonds. Mr. Holly has prepared an Official Statement of Intent for Council's consideration.

Mr. Holly read the Statement of Official Intent.

##### STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM EXPENDITURES FROM FUTURE REVENUE BOND PROCEEDS.

WHEREAS, City Council is authorizing a Capital Improvement Program for the purpose of constructing and improving the storm water management utility system for the City of Aiken that will involve the purchase of land, the construction of new storm water drainage facilities, and the rehabilitation and upgrade of existing storm water drainage facilities. Construction and acquisition of these facilities is expected to begin immediately; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures initially made on the Program from the proceeds of future Revenue Bonds not to exceed \$3,000,000 in the original principal amount,

I hereby move that City Council officially enter into the minutes of this meeting a declaration of official intent under Section 1.103-18 of the United States Treasury Regulations that it reasonably expects to reimburse expenditures for the purchase of land, construction of new storm water facilities, and the rehabilitation and upgrade of existing storm water drainage facilities as part of

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its Storm Water Management Utility Capital Improvements Program authorized by Ordinance Number 041392A from the proceeds of Revenue Bonds to be issued hereafter not to exceed \$3,000,000 in principal amount.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Perry and unanimously approved, that the Statement of Official Intent regarding the issuing of revenue bonds be adopted as read by the City Attorney.

#### BIDS

Storm Water  
Drainage  
Sand River  
Dibble Road  
Hitchcock Woods  
Sheriff Construction Co.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider awarding a contract for Sand River and Dibble Road storm drainage improvements.

Mr. Thompson stated the city has accepted bids for storm water improvements in Hitchcock Woods. The city's storm drainage system does send water and sand into the Woods, and the city has been working with the Friends of the Woods to correct the drainage problems. He said the city had received bids for the storm drainage improvements at Sand River and at Dibble Road. He said the staff is recommending acceptance of the low bid of Sheriff Construction Company for a total price of \$509,592.70 which includes \$458,175.70 for the Sand River project and \$51,417.00 for the Dibble Road project.

Mr. Thompson stated this project is one of the major projects identified in the city's Storm Water Management System. The project has been discussed at length with the Hitchcock Woods Foundation Board of Directors. He said the project includes the rock gabion structures along the water course to reduce the rate of flow and to help the areas naturally stabilize.

Mr. LeDuc, Public Works Director, discussed briefly with Council the proposed project and what is proposed to be done. He pointed out that Sheriff Construction Company had worked in the Woods area in the past and was very sensitive to the environment and the Woods area. He stated the project did not include work at the second bridge on Dibble Road as this would be looked at by the technical committee studying Rollingwood Road.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the contract with Sheriff Construction Company, the low bidder, be approved for storm drainage improvements for Sand River at \$458,175.70 and for Dibble Road at \$51,417.00.

#### BIDS

Skid Loader  
Aiken Mile Track  
Recreation Department

Mayor Cavanaugh stated bids had been received for a skid loader.

Mr. Thompson stated the city uses a small tractor at the Aiken Mile Track and on some of the other fields of the city. He said bids had been received for the replacement of the present tractor, and the staff is recommending acceptance of the low bid from Jones-Calhoun at a bid price of \$12,322.80. He said this is a multi-use type tractor. It is felt that the Bob Cat 743 B does meet the city's needs and will be an excellent value for the city. Funds are available in the budget for the purchase.

Six bid invitations were received as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
Jones-Calhoun	\$12,322.80
Fairfield Tractor	13,191.01
Altman Tractor	13,272.00
Construction Equipment Sales	13,381.33
Prime Equipment	14,200.60
Palmer Equipment	14,499.11

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Perry and unanimously approved, that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Jones-Calhoun, in the amount of \$12,322.80 for the purchase of a skid loader.

#### ARCHITECT

Burn Building  
Public Safety  
Alexander & Associates  
Public Works Center

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider an architectural agreement with Alexander & Associates for improvements to the city's burn building.

Mr. Thompson stated the city owns and operates the training grounds next to the Public Works Center and part of the facility is used to simulate high intensity fires. This facility is referred to as the burn building. He said the city is having serious maintenance problems with the burn building, and the staff is recommending that the city execute an agreement with Frank Alexander to design improvements to the structure. He said Mr. Alexander had helped with the building initially and was familiar with the problems and with possible improvements to the structure. The concrete on the walls and ceiling are cracking away from the surface due to high temperatures. He said the city needs to look at design improvements to reduce this problem.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that at this time this is not a budgeted construction project. However, the city needs to have plans for design improvements on hand to consider for future budgets. It is estimated that the burn building design should cost about \$2,500, but the cost will depend on the construction costs.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that an architectural agreement with Alexander & Associates be executed for design improvements to the city's burn building.

#### WEEKS CENTER

Gym  
Recreation Department  
Architect  
Virginia Acres Park

#### WOODWARD TRACT

Master Plan  
Arbor Engineering  
Softball Complex

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council felt that they needed to discuss further the architectural contracts for a new gym at the Weeks Center and for the proposed softball complex on the Woodward tract. He said Council felt they needed to discuss the projects further before awarding any architectural contracts. He asked that Council go into executive session after the regular meeting to discuss contracts for the recreation projects.

Councilman Perry moved that architect agreements for the gym at the Weeks Center and for the softball complex on the Woodward tract be continued to the next regular meeting of Council and that Council go into executive session after this meeting to discuss the contracts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved.

#### SIGNS

United Way

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the city had received a request from the United Way for permission to place their campaign signs in the usual places.

Mr. Thompson stated that for many years the United Way has placed campaign thermometers at four locations in the city, including the Kalmia Shopping Center, Laurens Street across from NationsBank in the park, in front of Palmetto Federal on Whiskey Road south, and in front of Palmetto Federal on Chesterfield Street. He said the United Way is requesting permission again this year to place the signs in the four locations.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that United Way be allowed to place their campaign signs in the four locations requested.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Council go into executive session to discuss architectural contracts for the Weeks Center gym and for the softball complex on the Woodward Tract and also to discuss the Vale Water System purchase.

Council went into executive session at 8:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved that the executive session be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

  
Sara B. Ridout  
City Clerk