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inches depending on the grade. It was pointed out 3 to 4 houses would be built at a time. Mr. LeDuc pointed out the RFP has a \$10,000 cost for the lot. He stated this was before the water impact fee of \$750. He said this could be reduced to \$9,250. He said the city may not recover its cost for the land. He said, however, when the houses are completed there will be a tax value which is not there now.

Council agreed for the staff to go forward with the project.

REGULAR MEETING

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Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Clyburn, Cuning, Price, Smith, Sprawls and Vaughters.

Others Present: Roger LeDuc, Bill Huggins, Gary Smith, Pete Frommer, Larry Morris, Ed Evans, Glenn Parker, Kim Abney, Sara Ridout, Karen Daily of the Aiken Standard, Josh Gelinas of the Augusta Chronicle, and 20 citizens.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. Mayor Cavanaugh led in prayer, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Vaughters stated she would like to make a report on the application to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments for a loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program for the construction of a hotel on Whiskey Road. It was agreed to place this item under Petitions and Requests. Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the agenda be approved as amended.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2002, were considered for approval. Councilman Sprawls moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously approved.

GARBAGE – ORDINANCE 07222002

Recycling Bins

Garbage Cans

Street

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to require removal of garbage cans and recycling bins from the street.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 32-1 AND 32-8, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF AIKEN TO REQUIRE REMOVAL OF REFUSE CONTAINERS AND RECYCLE BINS FROM THE STREET WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

Mr. LeDuc stated current City ordinances require that all recycling bins be set at the street for collection. However, our ordinance does not require that the bins need to be removed in a timely manner. Also, many residents take their garbage cans to the streets even though it is not required. In some instances, the residents do not take the containers back to their house, and they are left at the street. We have talked to many residents about this, and still some of them have not cooperated in taking their containers back to the house but leave them at the street. This ordinance would require that the container (whether for recycling or garbage) not be placed at the street more than twenty-four hours in advance of the collection day and must be removed within twenty-four hours after the

material has been collected. This ordinance will help with the appearance and livability of our neighborhoods and will help the city in enforcing the removal of these containers from the street. He said this would especially be helpful in the Crosland Park area. He said sometimes the cans are left on the street all week. He said the proposed ordinance would allow the city to take the offenders to court. He said the city would write letters first and, if there is no response, the city could take the matter to court.

Mr. LeDuc stated he had heard some comments about other types of trash on the street, and there is no requirement as to when that is to be placed at the street. He said the city may have to change its policies for trash pickup and may allow certain items to be placed for pickup once a month or every three months. He said, however, this is a separate item and this will have to be dealt with later.

The public hearing was held.

Mr. Ernest Hickman, of 207 Dunbarton Circle, stated he called leaving garbage cans and recycling bins at the street littering. He said if people go on vacations they can ask their neighbors to take the cans from the street. Mr. Strickland presented some pictures showing cans left at the street 7 days a week. The pictures also showed big items of trash being put at the street and left for several days. He supported the ordinance as a way to help keep Aiken clean and green.

Ms. Al Payne, 1415 Wyman Street NE, stated she supported the proposed ordinance for removal of garbage cans and bins from the street. She stated, however, a much worse problem is big items of trash such as mattresses and furniture being put at the street. She also presented pictures showing the items being placed at the street. She stated this trash is a problem with people going through it, and dogs and children scattering the trash. She also stated she felt a big part of the problem comes from the rental houses, where the realtors have the houses cleaned and place the trash at the street where it stays for a week. She felt the realtors need to be informed and need to inform their renters of when and where to place trash and garbage. After discussion Ms. Payne stated she would draft a letter to the realtors to inform them of the problem and ask to appear before the Board of Realtors to address the problem with the city.

Mr. Bruce Rienzo, Neighborhood President of Crosland Park, stated there were several residents of Crosland Park present in support of the proposed ordinance and the residents were asking Council to pass the proposed ordinance. He said the residents wanted to continue to improve Crosland Park and other areas of Aiken to make the appearance of the city look better.

Ms. Marlene Leich, of 741 Brucewood Street, stated she was concerned about the garbage cans and trash being put along the street and left. She was concerned about how people will know about the new ordinance and enforcement of the ordinance. She felt some people just did not know the rules and others just don't care. She also had pictures of areas where trash was being put out at the street.

Mayor Cavanaugh read a letter which had been received from Mr. Eugene England, of 836 Oleander Drive, opposed to the ordinance. Mr. England stated he travels and likes to take his garbage and recycling bin to the street before he leaves town.

Councilwoman Price stated she felt the items being discussed were two separate issues. She stated one is trash and she would support whatever Council can do to get trash from neighborhoods. She stated the other issue is recycling bins and garbage cans that are left at the street. She stated she did not support creating a law to ask someone to take their recycling bin from the street. She felt trash being placed at the street was much more of a problem than the recycling bins. Councilwoman Price stated she felt there were more important laws to create rather than Council spending energy to create a law for an empty recycling bin. She stated there were serious criminal problems that need to be addressed rather than spending time on empty recycling bins.

Ms. Payne pointed out that when she rode Crosland Park a few weeks ago there were 62 garbage cans left on the street for a week.

Councilman Sprawls stated he agreed with Councilwoman Price, and he did not support another law to remove the cans and bins. He stated, however, trash is another issue. He pointed out the recycling program is a volunteer program, and the city had a hard time getting people use to recycling. Now it is proposed to pass a law for something they don't have to do.

Councilman Cunning stated presently some people are leaving the recycling bins at the street and are carrying the material to the street as well as carrying garbage to the street. He said he did not like to have more laws, but people are not following common courtesy.

Councilwoman Vaughters stated the city encourages neighborhoods to improve their properties. She said neighborhoods have come to the city and said they have a problem in their area with garbage cans and recycling bins being left at the street, but the city has no ordinance to enforce them to be removed from the street. She said for people to leave their cans and bins at the street for neighbors to have to look at is not a very neighborly attitude.

Councilwoman Clyburn pointed out the recycling materials can stay in a bin in a garage for a while without hurting anything and would be out of view of the neighbors. She felt these bins should not be put at the street if a person is going out of town. She stated when going out of town the garbage can be put in the can in the back yard to be picked up by the city and would not be offensive to neighbors.

Ms. Machela Knox, of 1282 Crosland Drive NE, stated she was concerned about trash being left on the street and making the neighborhood look bad. She said she was trying to sell her home and was concerned about the matter. She encouraged Council to do something to help the neighborhoods.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he supported the proposed ordinance and felt the citizens should remove the bins and cans from the street so they are not offensive to their neighbors. He also pointed out the bins and cans are being left on city property and the city has the right to try to make it look as nice as possible. He stated he could not understand why this would be a problem for any one to take their recycle bin and garbage can from the street. He said this is not just a problem in Crosland Park, but is a problem in other areas of the city. He felt the city should do something to try to help the problem.

Councilwoman Vaughters moved, seconded by Councilman Cunning, that the ordinance be passed on second and final reading to require the removal of garbage cans and recycling bins from the street. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor and 2 opposed. Opposed were Councilmembers Price and Sprawls.

It was pointed out the city needs to be sure citizens are aware of the new law regarding removal of bins and cans from the street. It was also pointed out that some people may not want to recycle any more and the bins should be picked up.

LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS -- ORDINANCE 07222002A

Streets

Width of Streets

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to amend the Land Development Regulations concerning the width of paved streets.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN TO REDUCE THE WIDTH OF PAVED STREETS IN APPROVED SUBDIVISIONS.

Mr. LeDuc stated the Planning Commission has considered a proposed amendment to the Land Development Regulations regarding the width of streets and the accompanying pavement width. Currently all local streets require a minimum right of way of 50 feet and a pavement of 30 feet. However, there are many streets in the City of Aiken that are less than 30 feet wide, and the Planning Commission at their June 11 meeting discussed the possibility of allowing narrower roads. He stated at the last City Council meeting Council amended the ordinance so that the right of way can be narrowed to 42 feet, however, the right of way may be increased up to 50 feet if the Director of Engineering and Public Works deems it necessary to allow for a more attractive development with a larger right of way area. Also the pavement width was reduced from 30 ft. to 22 ft. The 22 feet of roadway would allow for a foot and one-half curb and gutter on either side.

Mr. LeDuc stated a question had come up regarding allowing narrower streets and cars to park along both sides of the street. It was felt by some that emergency vehicles may not be able to get through the street, and possibly there should be parking restrictions on those streets. He said allowing narrower streets in developments is a way to save more trees, and it has worked successfully in some areas. He said, however, the city did need to be sure that the street may not be too narrow that emergency vehicles can't get through. He said from an engineering standpoint Larry Morris feels comfortable with a 42-foot right of way, which may be increased up to 50 feet if the Director of Engineering and Public Works deems it necessary, with a pavement width of 22 feet.

Chief Frommer stated he did not recall any problems with emergency vehicles trying to get through narrow streets with cars parked along the street. He said in areas that do have narrow streets when Public Safety is notified of a big event or party officers are in the area and restrict the parking to one side of the street.

Council discussed the matter at length as to whether there may be a problem from a safety standpoint with emergency vehicles on narrow streets and parked cars along the street.

The public hearing was held.

Mr. Henry Krippner, 144 Crane Court, stated he was concerned about the problem. He stated his street is narrow and is a cul-de-sac, so if cars are parked on both sides an emergency vehicle could not get through the street. He said he was concerned about future streets being narrow and creating the problem that he has on his street.

Councilwoman Price pointed out that Aiken has been known for its charm and wide streets. She asked if Aiken wanted to continue that standard.

Councilwoman Vaughters pointed out information in the agenda that narrower streets are safer than wide ones and as the street width widens accidents per mile increase. The safest streets were 24 feet wide and had an accident injury rate per mile about one-fourth the injury of the 36-foot wide streets. She pointed out the ordinance does not require all streets only be 22 feet wide; it is an option.

Councilwoman Vaughters moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price that the ordinance to amend the Land Development Regulations to allow the required pavement width for streets to be 22 feet and the right of way 42 feet with the Public Works Director allowed to require a 50 foot right of way where he deems necessary be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

Councilman Cuning expressed concern about 22 feet being the right number for the width of a street. He felt the width of streets could be narrower than 30 feet, but was concerned whether 22 feet was the right number.

Councilman Smith stated, in looking at the information in the packet, when the streets are 22 feet wide very often there is only one side parking or no parking. He said he felt 24 feet was a better measurement for allowing parking on both sides of the street. He proposed that the ordinance be amended to require a 24 foot pavement width.

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Councilwoman Vaughters moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price that the motion be amended to allow the required pavement width for streets to be 24 feet wide which would be 27 feet back of curb to back of curb with the right of way 42 feet, but may be increased up to 50 feet if the Director of Public Works deems it necessary to allow more attractive development of a particular right of way area, and that the amended ordinance be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately. The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNEXATION – ORDINANCE

Seminole Street 918
Martin, Robert and Juanita
Richland Avenue W
TPN 30-017.0-01-017

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to annex 918 Seminole Street.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF .41 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY ROBERT AND JUANITA MARTIN AND LOCATED AT 918 SEMINOLE STREET AND TO ZONE THE SAME RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY (RS-15).

Mr. LeDuc stated Robert and Juanita Martin at 918 Seminole Street would like to annex their .41 acre lot into the city. This property is surrounded by other single family homes and is compatible with an RS-15 zone. The applicant is interested in having their home connected on to the sanitary sewer, which is available.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve this annexation at their July meeting.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to annex 918 Seminole Street to be zoned RS-15 and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council.

ANNEXATION – ORDINANCE

Willow Run Business Park
Beaufort Street
By-Pass
Hampton Avenue
Willow Run Road
TPN 00-155.0-01-056

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared to annex 6.6 acres in Willow Run Business Park located off Beaufort Street.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 6.6 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY THE AIKEN CORPORATION AND TO ZONE THE SAME LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI).

Mr. LeDuc stated the Aiken Corporation, as part of their developer's agreement, agreed to annex any of their property not currently inside the City of Aiken. They are asking City Council to approve the annexation of the vacant 6.6 acre lot off of Willow Run Road. This lot is contiguous to the City of Aiken on the western portion of its boundary.

The proposed property is to be developed by Aiken Corporation for light industrial and distribution and is proposed to be zoned Light Industrial.

The Planning Commission unanimously approved this annexation at their July meeting as Light Industrial.

Councilman Sprawls moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to annex 6.6 acres in Willow Run Park to be zoned Light Industrial, and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ANNEXATION – ORDINANCE

Pine Log Road East
East Pine Log Road
Oswalt, J E
Douglas Drive
TPN 30-077.0-04-015

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared to annex .4 acres off East Pine Log Road.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON EAST PINE LOG ROAD, CONSISTING OF .4 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY J. E. OSWALT HOUSE MOVING CO., INC. AND TO ZONE THE SAME LIMITED BUSINESS (LB).

Mr. LeDuc stated J. E. Oswalt would like to annex a 0.4 acre property on East Pine Log Road adjacent to the city well site. They would like to have it zoned as Limited Business (LB). Under the proposed zoning of Limited Business the property which is adjacent to residential areas will help act as a buffer for those areas. Thus, the zoning of Limited Business will allow the transition of property from residential to commercial zones.

The Planning Commission at their July meeting voted unanimously to approve annexation of this property.

Councilwoman Vaughters expressed concern about Limited Business zone when all other areas on the north side of East Pine Log are zoned residential. She was concerned what might be built on the property. She felt if an office was to be built on the property the zoning should be Office or Limited Professional, as they were better transitional zones for residential neighborhoods than Limited Business. She was concerned about how this area might fit in the Comprehensive Plan. It was pointed out that other properties in the area are in the County and not zoned residential. It was also pointed out that the proposed building would be 20% of the site, with no on-street parking in front of the building, and there would be landscaping.

Councilman Smith moved, seconded by Councilman Cunning, that Council pass on first reading an ordinance to annex .4 acres of land on East Pine Log Road as Limited Business and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor and 2 opposed. Councilmembers Price and Vaughters opposed the motion.

ANNEXATION – ORDINANCE

Gregg Avenue 217
Seventh-Day Adventists
Howell, Vincent
Carolina Conference Association
TPN 30-006.0-03-009
Hudson Road

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to annex 217 Gregg Avenue.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 217 GREGG AVENUE, CONSISTING OF 1.932 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY THE CAROLINA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, AND TO ZONE THE SAME RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY (RS-15).

Mr. LeDuc stated the Carolina Conference Association of the Seventh-Day Adventists would like to annex 1.9 acres at 217 Gregg Avenue. This property is located on Gregg Avenue near Hudson Road and is contiguous to the city by the property zoned PUD for Kalmia Landing. The church wishes to locate a radio transmitter within a proposed steeple on the church building. Since this is a church property, and we currently do not have a zoning for churches the proposed zoning would be Residential Single Family (RS-15), which is compatible for this area. Churches are permitted by special exception approval in all residential districts. Because the church is existing, it would be considered a legal, non-conforming use and for any expansion would need approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Planning Commission at their July meeting voted unanimously to recommend approval of this annexation.

Council discussed the proposed steeple and stated they would like to see the design of the proposed steeple, i.e. how big or tall it would be.

Councilman Cuning moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to annex 1.9 acres of property at 217 Gregg Avenue for the Seventh-Day Adventists Church as Residential Single Family (RS-15) and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MONTMORENCI-COUGHTON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT - ORDINANCE

Agreement
Water District
Sewer District

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to amend the Montmorenci-Coughton Water and Sewer District agreement.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE CITY OF AIKEN TO AMEND ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE MONTMORENCI-COUGHTON WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, INC. REGARDING THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES.

Mr. LeDuc stated City Council recently annexed Deodar Plantation off of Pine Log Road. This annexation was with the understanding that the Montmorenci-Coughton Water and Sewer District would serve the residents with water service. In 1997 the City and the Montmorenci-Coughton District approved an agreement stating which areas would be served by each of the water and sewer providers. The amendment, which is before

Council, modifies this agreement and allows the City to serve sewer to this development. In the agreement, Montmorenci-Couchton agrees to provide the City with a copy of the monthly water meter readings to enable the City to charge their customers for sewer service. This amendment further clarifies the previous ordinance as to this particular area, detailing the terms and conditions for the Deodar Plantation.

Councilman Sprawls moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council pass on first reading an ordinance amending the agreement with the Montmorenci-Couchton Water and Sewer District regarding water and sewer services and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

AIKEN COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE – ORDINANCE

Lease

Agreement

Playhouse

Washington Building

Newberry Street

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to approve a lease agreement with Aiken Community Playhouse for use of the building on Newberry Street.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AIKEN TO ENTER A NON-EXCLUSIVE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AIKEN COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE, INC.

Mr. LeDuc stated at the last City Council work session Council discussed the lease agreement which has been developed with the Aiken Community Playhouse for the city's Performing Arts Theater. This agreement allows the Playhouse to use the facility on dates which will be indicated on their yearly calendar as red or yellow dates. It gives the City the ability to use the entire facility on the green days, and the front portion of the stage on yellow dates. During the first year the Playhouse is starting their season six weeks later than usual. This has compressed their play schedule and therefore less green dates will be available during this first year's period. They are also using a three week stage set up time during the first year and feel that in the future they can reduce this to two weeks. Both the City and the Playhouse staff feel that in the future several additional green days will be available for the City to use for the rental of this facility. These dates will be adjusted on a year-to-year basis, and after the first year both parties should have a better understanding of when the building would be available to the two parties.

The green and yellow dates give the City, the Washington Group, and the community the ability to use the theater during a major portion of the calendar year. They also give the City the ability to receive rental income to offset its expenses.

Article VIII in the proposed agreement has been revised concerning the ticket fees. It states for the first season this fee shall apply only to non-season ticket sales. After the initial year the \$1 fee shall apply to both season ticket sales and other tickets. After the initial 10 year term of this lease, the lessor can increase these fees up to 10% of the price of the ticket, or a minimum of \$1 per ticket.

Councilman Cuning moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council pass on first reading an ordinance to approve a lease agreement between the City of Aiken and Aiken Community Playhouse and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

COUNCIL MEETINGScheduleCity CouncilComprehensive PlanFairfield InnMarriott-Fairfield InnColony Parkway

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to decide whether to have the second Council meeting in August, 2002.

Mr. LeDuc stated typically City Council does not meet a second time during the month of July and August. This year due to the Comprehensive Plan and all the work involved with it, Council decided to have a second meeting in July, hoping to have first or second reading of the Comprehensive Plan. As you are aware Council is still working towards completing the review of this Plan, and in fact will have a meeting Monday, July 29, 2002, at 7 A.M. to discuss it.

Council needs to decide whether or not to hold a second meeting in August with the primary intention to review the Comprehensive Plan. It is hoped to have first reading of the Comprehensive Plan on August 12, 2002, and on August 26, 2002, second reading on the Plan. If Council decides not to have a meeting, a vote will need to be taken to cancel the second meeting in August and have only one meeting on August 12, 2002.

Mr. LeDuc pointed out today an issue came up regarding the building of the Fairfield Inn & Suites adjacent to the Holiday Inn Express. He pointed out over the last six years Council has extended the ability for them to build the motel by allowing conditional use or rezoning for a motel. He stated the last extension expired on December 31, 2001, so they cannot get a permit to build a motel on the property without going through a full rezoning and the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission felt the matter was important and will have a special meeting of the Planning Commission on August 20, 2002, to consider the rezoning request. He said if City Council wants to assist the owners of the Fairfield Inn in being able to get their building permit, Council could have first reading on an ordinance to rezone the property if a Councilmember at the August 12, 2002, meeting would ask for rezoning for the motel. Then the Planning Commission would meet on August 20, 2002. If Council had a second meeting in August, Council could have second reading in August.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he felt Council needed to have the second meeting in August so they could continue with the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilwoman Vaughters stated she would like for the second reading on the Comprehensive Plan to be in September so it is not in the summer when people may be on vacation.

Councilman Cuning stated if Council has issues that need attention, then Council needs to meet. He said, however, Council may not be ready to have public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan in August as there are still some issues to resolve. He said the public hearing may be in September.

After discussion Council decided to have their regular meetings in August on the second and fourth Mondays.

HOTEL

Whiskey Road
Patel, Bansi
Conference Center
Loan
Farmers Home Administration
Lower Savannah Council of Governments
Hunters Glen

Councilwoman Vaughters stated she had made a call to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments regarding a proposed loan to Mr. Patel for a proposed hotel and conference center on Whiskey Road near Hunters Glen which had come to Council several months ago and Council had denied water service to the development. She noted that a lot of people in the area are opposed to the proposed development.

She stated Council had heard that Mr. Patel had made application to the U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program for a loan to help with construction of the hotel. She said Mr. Eric Thompson stated the city had received notification about the loan and that there was still time to make comments about the loan if the city wished to make comments.

After discussion staff was asked to write a letter for the Mayor's signature expressing Council's position of opposing supplying water to the hotel project on Whiskey Road.

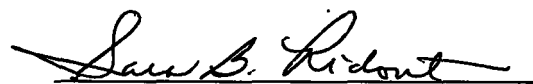
DEDICATION

Crosland Park
Carpenter, Jessica
Tree Planting

Mr. LeDuc reminded Council that the Crosland Park Association is having a dedication on August 4, 2002, at 3 P.M. with a tree planting in memory of Jessica Carpenter, a teenager, who was murdered in Crosland Park. Council discussed several months ago whether to name the playground park after Ms. Carpenter. The final decision was to plant a memorial tree.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.


Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk