

Aiken City Council Minutes

September 13, 1993

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

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Jim Holly, Frances Thomas, Roger LeDuc, Carrol Busbee, Ed Evans, Terry Rhinehart, Stanley Quarles, Sara Ridout, Philip Lord of the Aiken Standard, Alice Daniels, of the Augusta Chronicle, and 20 citizens.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 9, 1993, were considered for approval. Councilman Perry moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Certificate of Service
West, Ronnie
Planning Commission

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that Ronnie West had resigned from the Planning Commission.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that a Certificate of Service had been prepared for Mr. West for his service to the community. He stated Mr. West had served on the Planning Commission from February 13, 1993, to September 13, 1993.

Council thanked Mr. West for his service to the community and accepted his resignation with regrets. The Certificate of Service will be mailed to Mr. West since he was not present at the meeting.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appointments
Planning Commission
Phoenix, Betty

Mr. Thompson pointed out that Council had accepted the resignation of Ronnie West from the Planning Commission, and Council needs to replace Mr. West. The appointment would fill the unexpired term of Mr. West and would expire November 30, 1994.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Betty Phoenix, of 607 Oriole Street, be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Ronnie West on the Planning Commission, with the term expiring November 30, 1994.

Appointments
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Spezialetti, Jon
Ogletree, Lawrence
Five Member Board

Mr. Thompson stated that the Zoning Board of Adjustment had operated with five members. However, Council had accepted the resignations of two members of the ZBA at the last meeting of Council. Mr. Thompson stated Council had considered an ordinance expanding the ZBA to a total of seven members. With the expansion Council would have four vacancies to fill on the ZBA.

Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment serve three year terms. The terms of the two replacements for Richard Herring and Ryndie Brusco would expire November 30, 1993. The staff is recommending that the terms be extended for a full term since there are only a few months left on the unexpired terms, with the terms expiring November 30, 1996.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider first whether they wished to expand the ZBA to seven members.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved that Council leave the Zoning Board of Adjustment at five members, with a four vote majority, at this time and try to appoint members who will be able to attend the ZBA meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Perry and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Papouchado suggested that Jon Spezialetti be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Councilwoman Price suggested that Lawrence Ogletree be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Jon Spezialetti and Lawrence Ogletree be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment with the terms expiring November 30, 1996, extending the terms for the full three years since there are only a few months left on the unexpired terms.

ARTS Citizens Advisory Committee
Augusta Regional Transportation System
Croll, Phil
Bell, Willie
Feller, Ron

Mr. Thompson stated Council needed to consider three appointments to the newly formed Citizens Advisory Committee of the ARTS Policy Committee of the Augusta Regional Transportation System. This committee would be a part of the Augusta Regional Transportation System which considers transportation needs of this district. The new committee would be made up of a membership of citizens from all parts of the CSRA area interested in the overall transportation needs of this district. Membership on the committee would require a commitment of time, with meetings at least once a quarter, and interest in all modes of travel on a regional level. The ARTS group would like to have at least three representatives from each jurisdiction of the ARTS area, including Aiken, Aiken County, North Augusta, and the cities and counties of Georgia that are represented in the ARTS.

Councilwoman Price suggested that Phil Croll be appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the ARTS.

Councilwoman Clyburn suggested that Willie Bell be appointed to the Advisory Committee.

Mayor Cavanaugh suggested that Ron Feller be appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mayor Cavanaugh moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Phil Croll, Willie Bell, and Ron Feller be appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Augusta Regional Transportation System to represent the City of Aiken.

HISTORIC SITE - ORDINANCE 091393

St. Mary's Church
Catholic Church
Park Avenue
York Street
Landmark
Historic Register

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to designate a portion of St. Mary's Church to the Aiken Historic Register.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE LOT AND STRUCTURES COMPRISING THE ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH SITE LOCATED ON PARK AVENUE IN THE CITY OF AIKEN, EXCLUDING THE STRUCTURES KNOWN AS THE PARISH HALL, GARAGE AND LEAN-TO, TO THE AIKEN HISTORIC REGISTER AS A LANDMARK.

Mr. Thompson stated the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission had recommended that a portion of the St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church be designated to the Aiken Historic Register. This has been discussed at length with representatives of the church, and the church has agreed to designation of all the land and all structures on the site except for the

Parish Hall, the garage, and the lean-to. The designation will include the church, the chapel, and the rectory.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that Council pass on second and final reading the ordinance designating the land and church, chapel and rectory of St. Mary Help of Christians Church to the Aiken Historic Register as a landmark to become effective immediately.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE 091393A

506 Chatham Street
Alsup, Albert J. and Maria K.
East Pine Log Road
Virginia Acres Subdivision
Tax Parcel No. 30-077-01-011

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to annex 506 Chatham Street.

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 0.29 ACRES OWNED BY ALBERT J. AND MARIA K. ALSUP LOCATED AT 506 CHATHAM STREET AND TO ZONE THE SAME R-1A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mr. Thompson stated this was an ordinance to annex the property of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Alsup, of 506 Chatham Street. The Alsups are requesting annexation to allow them to tie into the city's sewer system. The property is contiguous to the city limits and annexation is required. The annexation request has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and the Commission has recommended annexation under the R-1A zone.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council pass on second and final reading an ordinance to annex 0.29 acres owned by Albert and Maria Alsup located at 506 Chatham Street to become effective immediately.

WOODWINDS SUBDIVISION - ORDINANCE 091393B

Streets
Utilities
Water
Sewer
Dedication
Hitchcock Parkway
Aberdeen Drive
Country Home Builders

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to accept the streets and utilities of Woodwinds Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF UTILITIES AND DETENTION POND AT WOODWINDS SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Thompson stated the city accepts ownership of the streets and utilities in subdivisions if constructed to city specifications and after at least a year of operation. He said Country Home Builders had requested the city to accept the streets and utilities in Woodwinds Subdivision located off Hitchcock Parkway and Aberdeen Drive. He said the Engineering Division had reviewed the streets and utilities of Woodwinds and had recommended acceptance of the streets, sanitary sewer lines, storm sewer lines, water lines, streets and a detention pond for the subdivision.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on second and final reading to accept the

streets, utilities and detention pond of Woodwinds Subdivision to become effective immediately.

SIGNS

Sign Ordinance Review Committee Report

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the Sign Ordinance Review Committee appointed by Council in July, 1993, had completed their work and had made a report to Council in a work session.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had appointed the Sign Ordinance Review Committee to advise Council on possible amendments to the Sign Ordinance. The Chairman of the Committee, Tom Abbott, was prepared to make a recommendation to Council at this meeting, but in the work session attended by Council, the Planning Commission and members of the Sign Ordinance Review Committee, Council suggested sending the proposed ordinance back to a joint work group of the Planning Commission and the Sign Ordinance Review Committee to iron out some of the differences between the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the Sign Review Committee. In discussion Mr. Abbott suggested the Study Committee needed to clarify the recommendation and that it was better not to make a recommendation to Council until the Study Committee had a better understanding of what that recommendation would be. City Council has considered extension of the moratorium on sign construction. The Planning Commission has suggested that if Council does extend the sign moratorium that it be extended for 90 days as they felt it would take 60 to 90 days for the Planning Commission and the Sign Review Committee to work out a compromise between the two groups to recommend to Council.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council had a very good work session between Council, the Planning Commission and the Sign Review Committee. The consensus was that the Planning Commission and the Sign Review Committee meet and work out a compromise recommendation to Council on signs.

SIGN MORATORIUM - ORDINANCE

Extension

Mayor Cavanaugh stated since the Planning Commission and the Sign Review Committee would be meeting to work out a compromise on the sign ordinance to recommend to Council, Council needs to consider extending the sign moratorium to give the two groups time to work on the proposed ordinance.

It was pointed out the Planning Commission felt three months was needed to work out a compromise recommendation to Council on signs. Councilman Anaclerio stated he would not want to delay any businesses from erecting signs and suggested that Council extend the sign moratorium for 90 days, but ask the groups to try to make a recommendation in 60 days.

It was pointed out the Planning Commission had suggested that a member of Council attend the study meetings of the Sign Committee and the Planning Commission. Councilmembers stated they would like to know the meeting times for review of the sign ordinance so they could meet with the committees if possible.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that Councilwoman Papouchado be appointed as the official representative from City Council to attend the sign review meetings of the Planning Commission and the Sign Review Committee.

Council commended the citizens committee for the tremendous amount of work they put into study of the sign ordinance and commended the Planning Commission for their willingness to meet with the Review Committee to try to work out differences before making a recommendation to Council.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council pass on first reading an ordinance to extend the present sign moratorium, retroactive to September 13, 1993, for 90 days and ask the Planning Commission and the Study Committee to try to have a recommendation for Council on signs within 60 days if possible, and that the second reading and public hearing on the ordinance be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

HIDDEN HAVEN - ORDINANCE

Streets
Dedication
Silver Bluff Road
Woodside Plantation

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared to accept ownership of the streets and rights of way in Hidden Haven Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF HIDDEN HAVEN SUBDIVISION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS THEREFOR.

Mr. Thompson stated that in August Council passed an ordinance accepting ownership of the utilities serving Hidden Haven. At that time there were some unanswered questions concerning the streets and acceptance of the streets was removed from the ordinance at that time.

A resident of Hidden Haven spoke at the August 9 meeting stating that residents of Hidden Haven were unaware that Polaris Drive was to become a through street, serving the property of Mr. Tom Beak immediately behind Hidden Haven. The restrictive covenants of Hidden Haven do give Mr. Beak right of access through Polaris Drive. The present residents of Hidden Haven do not have the ability to restrict Mr. Beak's access, and the property owners' association has requested that the streets in Hidden Haven become public streets and that the city accept ownership.

Mr. Thompson stated the proposed ordinance would accept ownership of the streets and rights-of-way by the City of Aiken.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the ordinance accepting ownership of the streets and rights-of-way in Hidden Haven by the City of Aiken be passed on first reading and the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - ORDINANCE

Membership
Seven Members
Zoning Ordinance

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to increase the size of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to seven members.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION X OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AIKEN DEALING WITH THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO CLARIFY THAT IT IS CREATED, ORGANIZED, AND OPERATES PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 6-7-740, AS AMENDED, AND TO ENLARGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FROM FIVE MEMBERS TO SEVEN MEMBERS.

Mr. Thompson stated the present Zoning Ordinance requires five members for the Zoning Board of Adjustment and requires four members of the present Board to vote in favor of a variance. Absences on the ZBA can create a problem for consideration of an issue. Council has discussed possibly increasing the size of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to seven members. Under this proposal, the four vote requirement for approval of a variance would remain.

Mr. Holly has prepared an ordinance for Council's consideration increasing the number of members on the ZBA from five to seven.

Councilman Anaclerio pointed out Council had voted earlier to retain five members on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and try to make appointments of citizens who will attend the meetings rather than expand the ZBA at this time.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to expand the Zoning Board of Adjustment to seven members be removed from the agenda.

ZONING ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE

Amendment
Accessory Uses
Accessory Buildings
Industrial Zones
Planned Unit Development Zone

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to allow accessory uses in the Industrial and PUD zones.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION II.B.1. AND SECTION VII.B. OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW ACCESSORY BUILDINGS OR USES IN THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, AND SUBURBAN INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE SETBACK THEREFOR BEYOND SEVEN FEET IN THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND SUBURBAN INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received a letter from Mr. Michael J. Kramer, of the Kramer Feed Company, who has a warehouse on Marlboro Street within the Light Industrial Zone. Mr. Kramer would like to add a storage shed for a truck, trailer and tractor storage. Although accessory buildings are allowed in most zones in the city, the laundry list for the Light Industrial zone does not include accessory buildings. The Planning Commission has reviewed this and is recommending that the city amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow accessory building and accessory uses in the Light Industrial, Suburban Industrial and Planned Unit Development zones.

Mr. Thompson stated an accessory building or use is a building limited to no more than two stories, and the building must be located at least seven feet from the side and rear lot lines. The Planning Commission has recommended that in the Light Industrial and Suburban Industrial zones that accessory buildings may be allowed with the stipulation that the Building Inspector may increase the setback to more than seven feet if he feels that a greater setback is necessary. The Planning Commission has also recommended that accessory buildings be allowed in the Planned Unit Development Zone.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to allow accessory buildings and uses in the Light Industrial, Suburban Industrial and Planned Unit Development zones with the second reading and public hearing set for the next regular meeting of Council.

TREE PROTECTION AND LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

Amendment
Tree Ordinance
Landscape Ordinance

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to amend the Tree Protection and Landscaping Ordinance.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF AIKEN TREE PROTECTION AND LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 060892) ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AIKEN ON JUNE 8, 1992, TO DECREASE THE DEPTH OF THE REQUIRED PLANTING STRIP, DECREASE THE SIZE OF LARGE TREES REQUIRED TO BE PLANTED, REQUIRE PLANTING AREAS ALONG THE SIDE AND REAR PROPERTY LINES, ENLARGE THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY HORTICULTURIST, CHANGE THE LANDSCAPED AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICULAR USE AREAS, PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPEALS, CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE TO EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS, PROVIDE FOR EXPIRATION OF LANDSCAPE PLAN APPROVALS, AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES THERETO FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHERING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND PRACTICABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE.

Mr. Thompson stated the Planning Commission had extensively reviewed the current Tree Protection and Landscape Ordinance passed in June, 1992, and had recommended several amendments to the ordinance. Council had asked the Planning Commission to review the ordinance after six months of operation and make any recommendations for changes.

Mr. Thompson stated the amendments will decrease the depth of the planting strip, will allow property owners to use three inch trees instead of four inch trees, will require a planting strip along the side and rear property lines, will give

the City Horticulturist authority to approve landscaping in the planting strips and the islands, and will allow landscaped areas adjacent to parking areas to be counted to meet the landscape requirements.

Mr. Thompson stated the Planning Commission discussed at length landscaped islands. The Planning Commission has recommended that an island of 600 square feet be at least 10 feet wide and that islands at the end of a row of parking spaces be at least 5 feet wide. The Commission also recommended that any landscape plan approved more than two years before the date of Council's approval of the proposed amendments which has not been implemented would have to be reapproved under the revised ordinance.

Mr. Thompson stated members of Council had expressed an interest in limiting the number of parking spaces for approved shopping centers. To some degree the proposed ordinance does limit parking spaces. Section 3.2.2.b limits the number of excess parking spaces, if the developer will need more trees in order to comply with the Landscape Ordinance. If the extra parking spaces requested by the developer reduce the amount of tree space, and if the developer is unable to meet the city's landscape requirement, then the city would restrict the number of extra spaces to no more than 10% of those required under the ordinance.

Mr. Thompson stated the proposed ordinance does make substantial changes to the Tree Protection and Landscape Ordinance. He said, however, from comments of developers and others that have been reviewing the ordinance, it is felt the amendments will be a tremendous improvement and will help eliminate some of the problems the city has experienced in the past.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council pass the ordinance amending the Tree Protection and Landscaping Ordinance on first reading and the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEERS - ORDINANCE

Handicapped Parking
Volunteers
Public Safety Department

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to authorize the appointment of volunteer enforcement officers for special duties.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-72 OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO APPOINT VOLUNTEER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH LIMITED DUTIES UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Mr. Thompson stated there had been several suggestions that senior citizens be appointed to serve as volunteers to police handicapped parking spaces. He said North Augusta and Aiken County work with senior citizens to issue parking violations in areas that are under police jurisdiction.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had reviewed this and there are some potential problems with the program. However, it is also felt that the program could be very positive and does give the city another tool to work with volunteers and to eliminate any problem for disabled citizens.

Mr. Thompson stated the City Attorney had suggested that through ordinance City Council could allow the Director of Public Safety to designate volunteers to serve with this program. The proposed ordinance would approve limited police powers for the volunteers. The volunteers would write parking citations for vehicles and individuals that violate the handicapped parking space laws.

Council asked if the volunteers would have uniforms or be dressed so others would know that they are designated to give citations for violations of the handicapped parking. Chief Busbee stated the City of Aiken would use a special vest, marked appropriately, and the volunteers would have a picture ID.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to authorize the Director of Public Safety to appoint volunteer enforcement officers for special duties and that the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

Councilwoman Price expressed some concern about safety of the volunteers that may challenge someone for parking in handicapped parking spaces. Council also expressed concern about the handicapped parking spaces being clearly marked so citizens would know they are handicapped parking spaces. They pointed out sometimes the markings have faded and are hard to recognize.

BIDS

Tennis Courts
Smith-Hazel Center
Recreation Department

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider the bids that had been received for construction of new tennis courts at the Smith-Hazel Recreation Center.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had been having a problem for many years with the tennis courts at the Smith-Hazel Activities Center. The staff has accepted bids for construction of new tennis courts at Smith-Hazel and is recommending acceptance of the low and only bid of Carlton Edwards & Associates in the amount of \$28,894.

Mr. Thompson stated the tennis courts at Smith-Hazel were built over the foundation of an old school. The foundation continues to collapse, creating holes in the tennis courts. The old tennis courts have been removed, and the city has accepted bids to construct new tennis courts at a different site that has been graded. Seven bid invitations were mailed out, but only one response was received for the construction of the tennis courts. The bid received was from Carlton Edwards & Associates of Columbia for \$28,894. The staff feels this is a reasonable price for this project.

Mr. Rhinehart, Recreation Director, stated the city was requiring the contractor to perform borings to be sure the proposed tennis courts would be built in an area that would not have problems with the area collapsing.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the bid of Carlton Edwards & Associates in the amount of \$28,894 be accepted for construction of tennis courts at the Smith-Hazel Activities Center.

AIRPORT - ORDINANCE

Land Acquisition
Southeastern Clay Company
Aiken Municipal Airport

Mr. Thompson stated the city has been required by the Federal Aviation Administration to maintain an obstruction-free zone going into the runways at the Aiken Airport. Over the years the city has struggled to keep trees out of the obstruction-free zones. The FAA is also continuously changing their regulations and expanding the free zone. About five years ago the free zone was expanded into an area that the city had no control over as the city did not own the property. The FAA has offered the city a grant of \$57,150 to purchase property near the airport to help protect the clear zone. The City of Aiken has negotiated with the property owners and the staff is recommending that the city purchase 1.8 acres from Southeastern Clay Company at a price of \$55,980. A copy of a map showing the location of the property was given to Council for information. The property is just north of the entrance into the Aiken Industrial Park.

Mr. Thompson stated that Tom and Stu Maurice have worked with the city on purchase of the property from Southeastern Clay Company. Under the FAA guidelines, the city has obtained appraisals on the property to obtain a fair estimate for everyone. The purchase offer for the property is \$55,980. The city has spent about \$7,000 in other expenses including appraisals, plat preparation, etc. which will make the expenditure the amount of the grant plus the 10% match which the city has to provide.

The recommendation of the staff is that Council accept the grant from FAA in the amount of \$57,150 for purchase of the property from Southeastern Clay Company. The second recommendation is that Council accept on first reading an ordinance authorizing the purchase of 1.8 acres from Southeastern Clay to protect the flight zones of the Aiken Municipal Airport.

Federal Aviation Administration
Grant
Land Purchase

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that Council accept the grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$57,150 for purchase of property near the Aiken Municipal Airport to protect the flight zones of the Airport.

Purchase of Land
Southeastern Clay Company

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 1.8 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE AIKEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FROM SOUTHEASTERN CLAY COMPANY SO AS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION RUNWAY PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, BY AND WITH THE ATTEST OF THE CITY CLERK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE PURCHASE.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council pass on first reading an ordinance authorizing the purchase of 1.8 acres for \$55,980 from Southeastern Clay Company, and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

UNITED WAY

Signs
Proclamation

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the United Way had requested approval to place United Way campaign signs in their usual locations.

Mr. Thompson stated the United Way had asked permission to place campaign thermometers at several different locations, including the parkway on Park Avenue across from NationsBank, in front of Kalmia Plaza on Richland Avenue, in front of Palmetto Federal southside on Whiskey Road, and in front of Palmetto Federal on Richland Avenue. The United Way is asking for permission to display these signs between September 8 and November 1 during their campaign.

The United Way also asked that Council proclaim the week of September 5 - 12 as United Way Week to help publicize the campaign kickoff celebration. Mayor Cavanaugh signed the proclamation, and it was presented at the kickoff luncheon on September 9.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that United Way be given permission to place campaign signs in the locations requested.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Funds

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the city had received a request from the Downtown Development Corporation for a funding advance.

Mr. Thompson stated the city has received a request from the Downtown Development Corporation requesting an advance on funding to assist the Corporation through the slow membership collections. City Council has assisted with this in the past.

Mr. Thompson stated the city allocates \$20,000 for annual operations of the Downtown Development Corporation and maintains a separate account with a present balance of \$14,290 to be used for the plans to develop the downtown streetscape plan. During the last fiscal year the city advanced \$11,000 to the Corporation out of the capital equipment (streetscape) account. With the start of this fiscal year the loan was repaid, effectively leaving the Corporation with only \$9,000 for the year's operations. This amount has been exhausted, and Bill Cullum, the director for the Corporation, has requested the transfer of \$11,000 again this year. The Corporation operates without reserves, except for this capital account, and the delay between billings and the actual receipt of funds does pose a serious hardship for the Corporation. Mr. Thompson pointed out, however, that we are just into the new fiscal year and at this rate, unless fund raising improves, the Corporation will not be able to work out of this negative position.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that Council approve the transfer of \$11,000 to operations from the capital

account for the Downtown Development Corporation. This is to be a loan and the monies are to be repaid out of next year's appropriations.

STREET NAMES

Charleston Row Subdivision
Silver Bluff Road
Keeneland Drive
King Edward Way
Clairborne Court
Charleston Row Boulevard
Swaps Court
Queens Court
Tax Parcel No. 00-134-01-261

Mayor Cavanaugh stated a request had been received to change the street names in Charleston Row Subdivision formerly known as Keeneland Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson stated that in 1991 the Planning Commission approved a request from West Shore, Ltd. to change the road names in Charleston Row Subdivision, formerly known as Keeneland, located on Silver Bluff Road.

The owners asked that the following name changes be made:

1. Keeneland Drive to King Edward Way
2. Clairborne Court to Charleston Row Boulevard
3. Swaps Court to Queens Court

Mr. Thompson stated street name changes do require the approval of City Council. The name changes have been reviewed under the 911 system and the names do not conflict with other street names in Aiken. The developers would like to proceed with the project, and are asking for Council's approval of the street name changes.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the street name changes in Charleston Row Subdivision located off Silver Bluff Road be approved as requested by the owners.

HALLOWEEN

Mr. Thompson pointed out that this year Halloween falls on Sunday. In the past City Council has designated an alternate day for trick or treat activities and events. Mr. Thompson stated city Halloween activities are scheduled for Friday and Saturday. He said Council may wish to consider designating Saturday, October 30, 1993, as the day of celebration for Halloween.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Saturday, October 30, 1993, be designated as the day for trick or treat and celebration of Halloween activities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.


 Sara B. Ridout
 City Clerk