

efforts being made within our community and possibly receive Council's endorsement of their efforts.

Mr. Michael Williamson, President of the United Way, reviewed for Council the process that the United Way is going through, which they think will change ways they do their business in Aiken County—the business of caring for people. He pointed out that Dr. Bob Botsch from the University of South Carolina-Aiken, and Laura Shick, Consultant from the University of SC, had been working with United Way on the project. He said he felt, since it was such an important effort, they wanted to let Council know about the process and their plans and what they have done to date, in hopes that they could get Council's input in the future. He said United Way has begun to look at a process that allows them to look at things differently and more from a standpoint of impact and less from a standpoint of looking at simply agency needs. He said he was before Council with this project because it needed to be a community agenda; and it can't just be United Way's goal and objective to address community priorities. He said the community agenda has to be created and effective partnerships established to carry out the work. He said the project will be a living and breathing document. He said they will keep Council apprised as they move forward on the project. He said they would be back to share the report with Council.

#### Aiken City Council Minutes

#### REGULAR MEETING

December 8, 2003

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

Others Present: Roger LeDuc, Gary Smith, Bill Huggins, Richard Pearce, Anita Lilly, Ed Evans, Pete Frommer, Larry Morris, Glenn Parker, Sara Ridout, Philip Lord of the Aiken Standard, Josh Gelinas of the Augusta Chronicle and about 56 citizens.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Mayor Cavanaugh stated one item needed to be added to the agenda. He said Council needed to consider under New Business the purchase of a trolley car to be used for the Aiken Tours. Mr. LeDuc stated Council needed to delete Item 2 under Old Business. He said the Houndslake Corporation had asked that second reading and public hearing on the ordinance for rezoning 8.9 acres of property off Houndslake Drive be continued to the January 12, 2004 meeting, depending on the action of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance. Mr. LeDuc also stated that Jerry Waters had asked that Item 5, a Resolution accepting Shaws Creek property, be removed from the agenda. Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Cuning and unanimously approved, that the agenda be approved with the changes as requested.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2003, were considered for approval. Councilman Sprawls moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously approved.

## RECOGNITIONS

### Weeks Tennis Team

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council would like to recognize the Weeks City Tennis Team.

Mr. LeDuc stated at a recent United States Tennis Association (USTA) State Combo League Championship in Myrtle Beach, the City of Aiken entered three teams. They were coached by the Weeks Center professional Mark Calvert, and two of the ladies teams were able to finish first and second in their division. The ladies 5.5 team won the tournament with a 5 win no loss record. To our knowledge, this is the first time that any Aiken team has won a state title with USTA. This team will represent South Carolina in the regional competition to be held January 10 – 12, 2004 at Rome, Georgia. The ladies 7.5 team finished second in their division with a 4 win 1 loss record and lost in the finals with a tie breaker.

Members of both teams are present, and Council would like to present a plaque to the state championship ladies team and to recognize the other ladies team. The plaque will be displayed at the Weeks Tennis Center. Hopefully this will be the first of many other successful tennis teams from the Weeks Center.

Mr. Mark Calvert introduced the ladies 5.5 team members: Linda Danker, Judy Thomas, Kathy Jones, Commie Peebles, Robin McCarthy, Ann Dee Ryan, Kirsten Chandler, Nina Maxwell, and Lisa Rowland.

Mayor Cavanaugh read the plaque which had been prepared for the team.

Mr. Calvert also introduced the ladies 7.5 team members: Julie Luther, Carrie Dunn, Lisa Loudermilk, Eda Morelli, Jamie Welsch, Ann Dee Ryan, Lori Thatcher, Janice Lawson, Lisa Perfrey, and Dottie West.

Council congratulated both teams for their efforts.

### Hitchcock Woods Volunteers Signs

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council would like to recognize the volunteers who placed new directional signs in Hitchcock Woods.

Mr. Richard Pearce stated he was before Council to celebrate Aiken's biggest asset, its volunteers. He stated there were over 80 locations where directional signs were needed to show the way through the 2,000 acre Hitchcock Woods. These signs had deteriorated over the years and needed to be replaced. He said Sandy Tucker had been given the project of getting 80 signs for Hitchcock Woods. He said his daughter Melissa pointed out that each student in Mac Hanna's government class has to perform 35 hours of community service and can spend up to 10 hours on any one project. She suggested that class members could help with the signs in Hitchcock Woods. Mr. Pearce stated there were 10 students present at the Council meeting who volunteered to provide signs for Hitchcock Woods.

Mr. Pearce stated during the last several months a number of students and adult helpers have installed brand new signs through the Woods. This involved not only the installation of these signs, but the routing, stenciling, and painting of each of these signs. Several students volunteered for this project as part of their requirement for their government class, and several students volunteered beyond the number of hours needed for Mr. Hanna's class because they wanted to see the project to its finish.

Mr. Pearce stated the students volunteered for the job, but they could not have done it without the help of adult volunteers. He pointed out the signs were installed before the blessing of the hounds.

Mr. Peter Gray, Chairman of the Hitchcock Foundation, also appeared before Council and stated he was so thrilled that the young people were willing to do the project. He thanked Mac Hanna and the students in the government class who replaced the signs in the Woods. He thanked the students and the adult volunteers who helped with the work of making the signs for the Woods.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he had a certificate for each of the young people who had worked on the sign project for the Woods. He said a character trait had been placed on each certificate which was characteristic of each volunteer for the project.

Mayor Cavanaugh read the names and character trait for each volunteer: Melissa Pearce, Katie Jarriel, Beth Hinson, Laura Porter, Barrie Fogle, Jennifer Jasmin, Maggie Blair, Rea Cauthen, Carl Hall, Daryl Coleman, and adult volunteers Greg Hall, Jim and Lorraine Kelley, Bruce Eberhard, Cindy Pearce, and Kim Bundrick. He presented the certificates to each of the volunteers.

#### BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

##### Park Commission Poe, Lee

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider an appointment to the various boards and commissions of the city.

Mr. LeDuc stated there are 6 pending appointments to boards and committees of the city and 1 appointment is presented for Council's consideration.

Councilman Smith has recommended reappointment of Lee Poe to the Park Commission. If reappointed his term would expire December 1, 2005.

Councilman Smith moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn, and unanimously approved, that Council reappoint Lee Poe to the Park Commission with the term to expire December 1, 2005.

Councilman Smith said he had stated often that he believes in term limits. He stated he still believes in term limits. He said Lee Poe had been on the Park Commission for 7 years. He said everyone says Mr. Poe does a great job, and he recommended reappointment for that reason.

Councilwoman Vaughters stated she would like to recommend appointment of Dr. Gene Eidson to the Environmental Committee. She pointed out that her current appointment, Tim McKinsey, had done a great job but had served since 1991. She said she believed in term limits, so she was recommending a new appointment. She gave Councilmembers information on Dr. Eidson's background.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he would like to recommend reappointment of Joan Bristol to the Park Commission.

#### REZONING - ORDINANCE

##### Houndslake Corporation Houndslake Drive Hitchcock Parkway TPN 00-133.8-17-001

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to rezone 8.9 acres of property owned by Houndslake Corporation. He pointed out that Council had deleted this item from the agenda at the request of the Houndslake Corporation. Ms. Penland had asked that Council continue the rezoning request to the January 12, 2004, Council meeting to see what action the Board of Zoning Appeals would take on their variance request at their December 26, 2003 meeting.

ANNEXATION – ORDINANCE 12082003

Northwest Development Co. Inc.  
University Parkway  
TPN 00-130.0-01-021

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to annex 70.36 acres off University Parkway.

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 70.36 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CO., INC. AND TO ZONE THE SAME LIMITED BUSINESS (LB), MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RMH), SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS-6).

Mr. LeDuc stated Northwest Development Company, Inc. has requested the annexation of a 70.36 acre tract of land north of University Parkway which stretches northeasterly to S.C. 19. The property is contiguous to the city limits by the rights of way of University Parkway, and both the Public Safety and Public Works Departments do not object to serving this area with city services. Currently the property is zoned in the county as Urban Development and has the proposed zoning of Limited Business for 10.7 acres along University Parkway, 5.3 acres of Multi-family High Density and 54.36 acres of Single Family Residential (RS-6) which is more compatible than currently zoned. This property is currently not in our Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission reviewed this project at their November meeting and unanimously approved this annexation with the following conditions:

1. There would only be one curb cut on University Parkway and one on S.C. 19.
2. No commercial property would face University Parkway.
3. A heavily planted landscaped buffer at a minimum of 25 feet deep would be adjacent to University Parkway.
4. Proof of recording at the RMC Office of the subdivision plat creating property lines to correspond with the proposed zoning boundaries would be submitted prior to the annexation becoming effective.
5. Any conditions of approval would also be recorded with the RMC Office prior to the annexation becoming effective.

At this meeting no one spoke in opposition to this annexation.

The public hearing was held.

Mr. Tony Sealy, 2875 Martingale Lane, stated he felt the proposed project was a great opportunity for Aiken to grow on the northside, and it looked like an ideal location for a new community. He said his purpose in speaking was that he would like to suggest that the City and County work together on the northside of town to try to eliminate some of the problems that were caused on the southside by not planning connector roads and connectivity between roads. He said he had a list of some possible ideas that may help. He said none would directly involve the new subdivision. He said one suggestion for a connector was to tie Croft Mill Road over to the by-pass. This would give connectivity. Another possibility would be to extend Weaver Road. That would allow connectivity between the 118 By-Pass and Highway 19 without creating any new intersections. He felt this would enhance traffic around the new subdivision and provide connectivity for the subdivision. Another item he pointed out was that the maps he had looked at for the proposed subdivision showed a cemetery inside the subdivision. He said he assumed that the developer was aware of this and would make provisions.

Mayor Cavanaugh thanked Mr. Sealy for his comments and suggestions and said Council would discuss the suggestions. He said certainly the city needed to plan ahead for connectors.

Mr. LeDuc pointed out that Croft Mill Road and University Parkway do parallel each other. He stated presently there is a signal at the intersection of Croft Mill Road and S.C. 19, and it would be very natural to use that and come down at some point to University Parkway. He suggested that Council will be discussing the 1 cent Sales Tax at Horizons, and the city may want to use some of that money to do a study in that area. He said even if a road is not built, a road could be designated so as developers want to develop in the area the road could be lined up. Mr. LeDuc also pointed out that University Parkway was meant to be a limited access roadway. He said the number of curb cuts on University Parkway need to be limited.

Mr. Henry Shaffer, 4837 Vacluse Road, stated he is the pastor at the Vacluse Road Church of God. He stated the church will be relocating to University Parkway in 2004. He said he felt they had picked the right place for their new church. He said his concerns were the restrictions that apply to the church in the curve of the road, such as signage restrictions. He said he understands the builder is applying for annexation of the church property. He said he was concerned that the sign meet city regulations if the property is annexed. He pointed out the sign has already been ordered, and his concern was whether the sign would meet city regulations if the property was annexed. Council suggested that Mr. Shaffer present his concerns to Mr. Ed Evans of the Planning Department and Mr. Morris, Public Works Director. Mr. Shaffer said he was very excited about the new subdivision being built adjacent to the church property and felt this would be good for the church.

Council pointed out his concerns are a separate issue from the matter before Council at this time. Mr. LeDuc pointed out the church property does not have to annex, but can if they desire.

Mr. Tilden Hilderbrand, Haas and Hilderbrand, stated he represented Northwest Development Company in requesting annexation of the property. He said he was present to answer any questions Council may have. Mr. Hilderbrand stated that Balltown Road comes off Highway 19 into the proposed development and accesses Weaver Park. He said that may have appeared to be a cemetery on the tax maps. He pointed out that they do not know of a cemetery on the proposed subdivision property. He said the County had been contacted regarding the portion of Balltown Road that accesses Weaver Park being closed. Mr. Hildebrand presented a slide showing the concept plan for the entire property, which is in four phases of development. He reviewed the phases for Council's information. He also discussed the proposed gates and stated the gates would be similar in operation to the gates at Kalmia Landing. He pointed out the businesses along University Parkway would not access directly on University Parkway, but would access on a road in the subdivision. Mr. Hilderbrand stated the intention of the developer was to fence the property in phases as the property is developed, with some fencing being screen fencing. Some may be vinyl coated chain link fence with landscape buffers in other areas.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Sprawls and unanimously approved, that Council pass on second and final reading an ordinance to annex 70.36 acres consisting of 10.7 acres of Limited Business, 5.3 acres of Multi-Family RMH and 54.36 acres of Single Family Residential RS-6 with the conditions listed.

Council agreed that they would like to discuss and work with Aiken County to see if some connecting roads could be accomplished on the northside near the proposed subdivision.

#### AIKEN COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE – ORDINANCE 12082003A

Grant  
Playhouse  
Community Playhouse  
Newberry Street  
Blue House Funds

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to grant funds to the Aiken Community Playhouse.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AIKEN COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE TO RECEIVE \$67,500.00 FROM THE CITY OF AIKEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING ITS CONSTRUCTION LOAN OBLIGATION.

Mr. LeDuc stated that at a previous Council meeting the Aiken Community Playhouse and Aiken Corporation jointly discussed the \$135,000 funds received from the sale of the Blue House on Chesterfield Street. Council decided at that meeting to loan \$67,500 to Aiken Corporation for the renewal and building of new homes in the Chesterfield area.

Further, based on the fact that the Aiken Community Playhouse owes the city approximately \$400,000, it was decided at the November 10 meeting to grant the remaining funds to the Community Playhouse to reduce their debt. They estimate that approximately \$60,000 remains on pledges from their capital campaign. The debt is also being reduced by about \$10,000 each month based on the loan differential we currently have with Aiken Corporation. It is the desire of both the City and the Playhouse to have this loan eliminated within the next three years. This objective should be met with the purchase of the current playhouse, the grant of \$67,500, the remaining pledges, and the reduction of about \$10,000 per month from the Aiken Corporation Loan.

The public hearing was held.

Mr. Ray Glinski, 164 Governors Lane, expressed objection to the City granting \$67,500 to the Aiken Community Playhouse to pay towards their loan from the City of Aiken. He expressed objection to the construction of the building for the Washington Group Building and the Playhouse and stated he did not feel that the general taxpayers were aware of how the building construction was funded. He asked that Council table the ordinance for 90 days so he could have the opportunity to get a petition signed by citizens who object to the grant to the Playhouse. He said he felt that public funds were not to be used to benefit just a few people.

Councilwoman Vaughters pointed out that she was not on Council when the Washington Group Building was approved. She stated the original project was to encourage the Playhouse to locate downtown. However, with the Washington Group in part of the building the building use and cost increased, and the city has a much nicer building than was anticipated at first. She said she felt the Playhouse provided a worthwhile activity for a lot of people of the community. She said she felt this was a project that needed to be addressed. She said the building is there, and the budget in the end was not what was anticipated at the beginning. She said she did not think that anything had been hidden, as this had been talked about for hours. She said she was supporting the grant to the Playhouse because she knew the people in the Playhouse worked hard to raise money for the building. She said she felt the Playhouse was a good thing for the community and she felt the city needed to help them get the loan paid off.

Councilman Cunning pointed out the City of Aiken owns the Washington Group Building, and that private funds of \$1.5 million went into the building that the City of Aiken owns.

Councilwoman Price pointed out that playhouses normally do not make money, but are built because they are good for the community. She said she felt the building was a nice thing for the community. She said it has had some good uses and had brought some people to the City.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he supported the grant to the Playhouse and the building that was built. He said the Playhouse is essential for downtown Aiken. He said it will help keep the downtown vibrant. He felt the Playhouse helps bring people downtown to eat at the restaurants and shop downtown. He said the City owns the building and some private money helped build it. He felt the building was a wonderful partnership for the community.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council pass on second and final reading an ordinance granting \$67,500 to the Aiken Community Playhouse to reduce their loan to the City of Aiken.

#### AUDIT - ORDINANCE

2002-03

Fiscal Year 2002-03

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider an ordinance to approve the Audit Report for fiscal year 2002-03.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

#### AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE VARIANCES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 BUDGET ORDINANCE.

Mr. LeDuc stated every year City Council approves the authorization of changes to the original budget. This is to reflect the spending needs during the fiscal year, which may vary per each individual line item. The audit presented by Cherry Bekaert & Holland at the work session showed all the changes to the 2002-2003 budget with respect to the proposed and actual revenue and expenditures. In essence, the audit is a reconciliation of what was approved by Council in June of 2002 and what was actually spent during that fiscal year.

Councilman Cuning moved, seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously approved, that Council pass on first reading an ordinance approving the fiscal year 2002-2003 audit and the variances to the 2002-2003 budget ordinance, and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### GOVERNOR AIKEN PARK

Resolution

GAP

TNP 30-101-04-008

Community Development & Improvement Corporation

CDIC

Donation

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider a resolution to accept property in the Governor Aiken Park.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the resolution.

#### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF AIKEN.

Mr. LeDuc stated the Governor Aiken Park Neighborhood Association, through a donation by John Wade, has accepted a parcel of property within their subdivision. They would like to donate this property to the City as a neighborhood park.

At a recent neighborhood meeting, we asked the association to donate the property to the City as a potential detention pond site. They have agreed that the stormwater improvements within the subdivision are critical and would allow the property to be used for detention if necessary. However, if used as a detention pond, they would like the City to match the size of this property with other property within the development for a future park.

Councilwoman Beverly Clyburn was present at the meeting and stated that she would discuss their proposal with City Council, and hopefully in the near future, a park can be developed within their neighborhood. This is probably one of the most active neighborhood associations we have, and they have made great strides in improving not only the condition of the neighborhood, but in reducing crime throughout the entire area.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilman Sprawls and unanimously approved, that Council approve the resolution to accept a piece of property located in the Governor Aiken Park neighborhood to be used for park and recreation purposes, unless needed for a stormwater detention pond.

#### INSURANCE

Deductible

Resolution

Workers' Compensation

General Liability

Auto Liability

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider a resolution to increase the city's insurance deductible.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the resolutions.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF AIKEN TO ASSUME A CLAIM DEDUCTIBLE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF AIKEN TO ASSUME A CLAIM DEDUCTIBLE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE AND RISK FINANCING FUND.

Mr. LeDuc stated for several years, our Safety Committee has concentrated on improving our safety record in the City of Aiken. In 2002, we were selected as the safest City in South Carolina. Over the last 3 to 5 years, we have experienced a decrease in our automobile accidents, general liability claims, and workers compensation claims. Our Safety Committee feels we are now in a position to recommend changes to our plan which should have significant savings to the City over the next several years.

Currently the City has a \$1,000 deductible for all their insurance plans. Based on the information gathered, we are recommending increasing our deductible to \$50,000 a year. This will place more emphasis on the employees and the departments to maintain the excellent safety record that we have had over the last several years. With the new deductible, the City should experience a savings of over \$100,000 per year, based on the last three to five years experience rating.

Based on this data, we recommend City Council's approval of resolutions to raise our insurance deductible from \$1,000 to \$50,000, starting in the year 2004. Any savings we experience based on this change will be set aside to offset any major problems that could occur until we reach at least \$100,000 in our escrow funds. After that level is reached, we would then apply the money to the General Fund as an overall savings to the City.

Mr. LeDuc stated going to the \$50,000 deductible should save the city about \$100,000 per year. He said there were risks involved, but based on experience from the last 3 to 5 years the city could save on the auto liability, the general liability and the Workers' Compensation. He asked that Council consider approving the proposed \$50,000 deductible on the city's insurance. He stated the city could save even more if they went to a \$100,000 deductible, but the staff was not recommending it at this time. He said if the city continues with the same type of savings that the city is seeing now, and the employees do a good job, the staff may recommend in the future asking Council to approve a \$100,000 deductible. He pointed out a higher deductible requires the employee and the department to do a safer job. He said the staff would be asking the department heads and employees to help the city save money by being safer.

Council discussed the request briefly and asked questions regarding the city's present policies and the recommended deductible.



Councilwoman Vaughters stated that she hoped City Council would contact the legislators and encourage some tort reform in the South Carolina General Assembly so something can be done about insurance costs. It was suggested that Council could meet with the Delegation in January and discuss this matter and other matters with them.

Councilman Cuning moved, seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously approved, that Council approve the resolution approving a deductible of \$50,000 for Automobile and General Liability Insurance.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that Council approve the resolution approving a deductible of \$50,000 for Workers' Compensation insurance.

#### SHAWS CREEK

##### Resolution

##### Donation

##### Waters, Jerry

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the next item was consideration of a resolution accepting donation of some Shaws Creek property from Jerry Waters.

Mr. LeDuc stated that Jerry Waters would like to donate a 36 acre tract of wetlands along Shaws Creek to the City of Aiken. Mr. LeDuc pointed out that someone was supposed to be present regarding the matter and discuss whether the matter should be deleted or continued. He said since no one was present to represent the request Council may want to delete the item from the agenda.

Councilman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council delete the item from the agenda regarding donation of a 36 acre tract of wetlands along Shaws Creek to the City of Aiken since no one was present to represent the matter.

#### TROLLEY CAR

##### Purchase

##### Recreation Department

##### Tourism

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the staff had requested the purchase of a trolley car for use in the Recreation Department for tourism.

Mr. LeDuc stated a couple of months ago Glenn Parker discussed with City Council our tourism role. At that time we discussed the possibility of buying a trolley for our weekly historic tours and other special events in Aiken. During the past six months, we have used a trolley on several occasions when our bus was not available due to necessary repairs. The visitors and tour guides gave the trolley rave reviews. City Council at that time indicated they preferred a trolley which would be handicapped accessible if at all possible. The average cost for a new trolley is \$120,000, and we have found a refurbished 1996 vehicle for \$32,500. We asked Councilmember Sprawls to test drive this trolley to make sure that the vehicle was in good operating condition, which he did last week. Our current bus is a 1991 model, and we will continue to use it for our day camp program, trips for seniors, and Christmas in Hopelands. Funding is available in our budget from the city's Accommodations taxes, if approved by the S. C. Accommodations Tax Review Committee. If the committee does not approve this request, we would void this approval.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council approve the purchase of a 1996 trolley refurbished by Lewis Bus Lines in Augusta for \$32,500 with funding for this purchase from the Local Accommodations Taxes, subject to approval by the S.C. Accommodations Tax Review Committee.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to go into executive session to talk about a personnel matter.

Councilman Sprawls moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Council went into executive session at 9:05 P.M. After discussion Councilman Cuning moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the executive session end. The executive session ended at 9:40 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

  
Sara B. Ridout  
City Clerk