

Aiken City Council Minutes

May 10, 1993

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

Absent: Councilman Radford.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council go into executive session at 6 P.M. to discuss personnel matters. Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that Council adjourn the executive session. The executive session adjourned at 7 P.M. Council then held a pre-Council session and briefly reviewed with Frank Alexander, Architect, the proposed plans for the addition to the Weeks Center.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Absent: Councilman Radford.

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Jim Holly, Frances Thomas, Larry Morris, Carrol Busbee, Stanley Quarles, Philip Lord of the Aiken Standard, and 3 citizens.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 April 26, 1993, were considered for approval. Councilwoman Papouchado moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

- Certificates of Appreciation
- Corey, Patricia E.
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Johnson, Carrie J.
- Accommodations Tax Committee

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that Pat Corey had submitted a letter of resignation from the Historic Preservation Commission, and that Carrie Johnson had resigned from the Accommodations Tax Committee. Mayor Cavanaugh pointed out that neither Ms. Corey nor Ms. Johnson were present at the meeting to receive the Certificate of Appreciation which had been prepared for them. He stated that Ms. Corey had served on the Historic Preservation Commission from July 9, 1990 to April 26, 1993. Ms. Johnson had served on the Accommodations Tax Committee from August 12, 1991 to May 10, 1993.

Council thanked Ms. Corey for her work on the Historic Preservation Commission pointing out that she was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Council also thanked Ms. Johnson for her service on the Accommodations Tax Committee.

Mayor Cavanaugh moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the resignation of Pat Corey from the Historic Preservation Commission and the resignation of Carrie Johnson from the Accommodations Tax Committee be accepted with regret.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Appointments
- Accommodations Tax Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee
- Dicks, Tanesha
- Majzlik, Anna

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that Council needed to consider appointments to the Accommodations Tax Committee and the Youth Advisory Committee.

Mr. Thompson stated that Council needed to consider an appointment to replace Ms. Carrie Johnson on the Accommodations Tax Committee. Terms are for three years and an appointment would be through March 25, 1996. He said under the guidelines establishing the Accommodations Tax Funds the city is required to maintain a majority on the committee from the tourism industry. He said the staff did not have a recommendation at this time.

Mr. Thompson stated Council also needs to consider six appointments to the Youth Advisory Commission as six positions will be open due to graduations. Mr. Thompson stated the appointees on the Youth Committee serve until graduation and the members are students from the area schools. He said the staff does not have any recommendations at this time.

Council briefly discussed the appointment process and stated they would like for the Youth Committee to suggest some names of students who might be interested in serving on the committee. Councilwoman Price suggested Tanesha Dicks to serve on the Youth Committee. Councilwoman Papouchado also suggested that Anna Majzlik be appointed to the Youth Committee.

Councilman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Tanesha Dicks and Anna Majzlik be appointed to the Youth Advisory Commission.

Council asked that the Accommodations Tax Committee and the Youth Advisory Commission suggest some names of persons to fill the vacancies on the two committees and that appointment to the Accommodations Tax Committee be placed on the next agenda.

WOODSIDE PLANTATION - ORDINANCE 051093

Dedication of Streets
East Gate Drive
Bedford Place
Street
Utilities
Whiskey Road
Aiken Mall

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to accept dedication of East Gate Drive and Bedford Place.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF CERTAIN STREETS AND CERTAIN UTILITIES SERVICING WOODSIDE PLANTATION FROM D AND W, A SOUTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP.

Mr. Thompson stated the city accepts public streets and utilities that have been installed to city standards after they have been installed at least a year. He said a petition had been received from the owners asking the city to accept a portion of East Gate Drive and Bedford Place and the utilities. He said the staff recommends acceptance of the streets and utilities as requested.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on second and final reading to accept dedication of a portion of East Gate Drive and Bedford Place and certain utilities servicing Woodside Plantation to become effective immediately.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Washington Trip
Department of Energy
Report
Savannah River Site

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he had made a trip on April 26 - 28, 1993, with about 20 members of the Chamber of Commerce to visit Department of Energy Officials and to visit with the Senators and Congressmen from our area to express concern and support for the Savannah River Site.

Mayor Cavanaugh reported the group included Chambers of Commerce from the Third Congressional District. He said Butler Derrick was the host for the meeting. Mayor Cavanaugh stated the group talked with three people in the Department of Energy but did not get to talk with Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary. He said the

group talked with Dr. Everett Beckner, Acting Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, as well as Mr. Clyde Franks and Mr. Roger Lewis. Mayor Cavanaugh stated the group from Aiken made presentations to the Department of Energy and felt that they were well received.

Mayor Cavanaugh also stated he had met briefly at the SRS site with the persons who had been at the Savannah River Site to evaluate the Tritium activities at SRS. He said officials from the community met briefly with the group and expressed support for the site and community support for SRS.

STORMWATER PROGRAM - ORDINANCE

Funds

General Fund

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to borrow funds from the General Fund for the Stormwater Program.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE STORMWATER UTILITY TO BORROW UP TO TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING STORMWATER PROJECTS AND AMENDING SECTION 25-116 OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH THE STORMWATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE FUND.

Mr. Thompson stated that with the development of the Stormwater Management System last year, the city had anticipated borrowing up to \$2,000,000 for some large capital projects. The projects include the stormwater system in Hitchcock Woods, and other improvements on Rollingwood Road and Wise Hollow. The stormwater fees have been set at a level to allow the city to make the debt service for this loan. He stated the staff had been working with the bond counsel on different alternatives. He stated the staff is recommending that Council consider borrowing the funds from the General Fund Equipment Replacement Fund instead of issuing bonds.

Mr. Thompson stated the General Fund has money available in the Equipment Replacement Account for replacement of existing trucks and equipment. It is estimated that by borrowing from the General Fund on a short term basis instead of issuing bonds, the city would save approximately \$30,000 in bond issue costs. The loan would be paid back over a ten year period, starting with the first payment on June 30, 1995. It is proposed to borrow \$2,000,000 and do so as funds are needed. The first amount borrowed would total \$500,000, and it is proposed to transfer the funds on June 1, 1993. A third company would need to be established to handle the funds. He said the General Fund would charge the Stormwater Account interest on the funds as well as 1% interest over the investment rate for the funds.

Mr. Thompson stated the staff had extensively reviewed this and interfund borrowing is recognized as valid and legitimate by the National Council on Governmental Accounting. To meet the legal requirements for this transfer, the city would need to create a third accounting fund. The third fund would be to treat the income and expenses of the Stormwater System separately from the water and sewer system to protect the revenue stream of each fund. He said the staff is recommending that Council consider the ordinance to borrow the funds from the General Fund for capital improvements for Company 3.

Councilman Anaclerio stated he felt it was commendable that the City Manager and staff had worked up the proposal which would save the city money.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading authorizing the Stormwater Utility Fund to borrow up to \$2,000,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of funding stormwater projects and creating a third fund in the city's accounting system and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk