

Aiken City Council Minutes

May 13, 1996

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

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Gary Smith, Frances Thomas, Roger LeDuc, Carrol Busbee, Anita Lilly, Stanley Quarles, Ed Evans, Terry Rhinehart, Andy Anderson, Angela Grantham, Sara Ridout, Chasiti Kirkland of the Aiken Standard, Chandra McLean of the Augusta Chronicle and 28 citizens.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. Mayor Cavanaugh led in prayer which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the meeting of April 22, 1996, were considered for approval. Councilwoman Papouchado moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved.

TAXICABS - ORDINANCE 051396Fares  
Rates

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to repeal the portion of the City Code regulating fares for taxicabs.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 24-27 OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE WHICH SETS THE MAXIMUM RATE OF FARE FOR TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF AIKEN.

Mr. Thompson stated under the City Code, Council establishes the maximum fares for taxicabs in the City of Aiken. Council has received a request from Yellow Cab, asking the city to consider an increase in rates. Council discussed this at length and has suggested that the ordinance be changed to remove Council from this rate setting process.

Under the proposed ordinance prepared by Gary Smith the city would not regulate the maximum rate of fare for services by taxicabs but instead the fare would be established by market rates and competition. It would remove Council from the rate setting process for taxicabs.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance repealing the section of the Aiken City Code that requires Council to set fares for taxicabs be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

ANNEXATION- ORDINANCE 051396ADogwood Road  
Sherry Street

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to annex 10 lots along Dogwood Road and Sherry 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 TEN (10) LOTS AND 4.77 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY SEVERAL OWNERS AND LOCATED ON DOGWOOD ROAD AND SHERRY STREET, BEING KNOWN AS TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS 30-056.0-01-018, 30-056.0-01-017, 30-056.0-01-016, 30-055.0-06-004, 30-055.0-06-001, 30-055.0-05-003, 30-055.0-05-004, 30-055.0-06-003, 30-055.0-06-002, AND 30-055.0-06-010 AND TO ZONE THE SAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (R-1).

Mr. Thompson stated the Annexation Study Committee has been working with the residents of the Dogwood Road area for several months on annexation of the area. Property owners in the area have petitioned Council for annexation of

ten lots and zoning as R-1 Residential which is consistent with the zoning and land use of neighboring property in the city.

The Planning Commission considered the annexation request for the ten lots along Dogwood Road and Sherry Street which are developed as single family residential. The request was made under Section 5-3-150 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina which provides for a defined area to be annexed if a petition is signed by at least 75% of the owners of the property representing at least 75% of the assessed value of the area. In this petition 87% of the landowners who own 80% of the assessed value of the area have signed the petition. After review the Planning Commission recommended approval of annexation. The Public Works Department has recommended that the annexed area include portions of the Dogwood Road right-of-way which adjoin the subject properties.

Mr. Thompson pointed out Mr. Smith, City Attorney, had suggested that the ordinance be amended to include wording that the annexation includes properties fronting on both Dogwood Road and Sherry Street as the lots being annexed were located along Dogwood Road and Sherry Street.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be amended to include wording that the annexation includes lots located along Sherry Street.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to annex ten lots along Dogwood Road and Sherry Street, as amended, be approved on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE 051396B

146 East Pine Log Road

Woltz, Ed

Two Notch Road

Virginia Acres Park

Tax Map Parcel No. 30-058-04-003

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to annex property at 146 East Pine Log Road.

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 0.24 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY EDWARD K. WOLTZ AND DR. HOLLY H. WOLTZ, LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF EAST PINE LOG ROAD AND TWO NOTCH ROAD, 146 EAST PINE LOG ROAD, AND TO ZONE THE SAME NB, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had received a petition from Mr. Ed Woltz, asking that the city accept annexation of a .24 acre parcel at the northwest corner of the intersection of East Pine Log Road and Two Notch Roads. Mr. Woltz is requesting annexation under the Neighborhood Business zone. The Planning Commission has reviewed the request and recommended approval for annexation.

Council approved the ordinance on first reading at the meeting of March 11, 1996. Prior to second reading Mr. Woltz asked that Council delay second reading pending approval of his request for variances through the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Zoning Board has approved Mr. Woltz' request for variances to the landscaping and Zoning Ordinance for this site.

Mr. Woltz would like to develop the business at this intersection for an automobile tune up business. This site was formerly occupied by the restaurant known as Pat's Subshop. The lot is too small to include the building and parking lot. Mr. Woltz requested and received approval from Council to lease the city-owned property adjacent to this lot for parking. As part of the lease requirement, Council required that Mr. Woltz annex into the city. Mr. Woltz is meeting this requirement.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to annex and zone as Neighborhood

Business the property at 146 East Pine Log Road owned by Edward Woltz be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

ZONING ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE 051396C

Permitted Use List

Laundry List

Signs

Sign Lettering

Sign Manufacturing

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing on an ordinance amending the Permitted Use List of the Zoning Ordinance regarding signs.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION VII.B OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD "SIGN LETTERING, QUICK SIGNS" AS A PERMITTED USE IN AREAS ZONED NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS (NB), PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER (PSC), CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD), LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI), AND SUBURBAN INDUSTRIAL (SI); AND TO ADD "SIGN MANUFACTURING" AS A PERMITTED USE IN AREAS ZONED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI), AND SUBURBAN INDUSTRIAL (SI).

Mr. Thompson stated the Planning Commission had reviewed a request from the Building Inspection Division that two uses be added to the Permitted Use List, referred to as the "Laundry List." Pete Frommer, Building Inspector, had suggested that the Laundry List be amended to include a greater definition on sign businesses. Sign lettering and quick sign businesses work within buildings and do not require a great deal of outside storage. Captain Frommer has recommended that sign lettering be allowed in the Neighborhood Business, Planned Shopping Center, Central Business District and Light and Suburban Industrial zoning districts.

Sign manufacturing is a different type business. Generally sign manufacturers require welding, molding, and shaping of plastic and metal to produce signs. A sign manufacturing business, under the proposed ordinance would be limited to Light and Suburban Industrial zones of the city.

The Planning Commission has reviewed the request and has recommended approval of amending the Laundry List.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding two uses to the Permitted Use List to allow sign lettering and sign manufacturing operations within different zones of the city be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

PATHWAYS

Recommendation

Pathway Committee

Banks Mill Road

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the Pathway Committee had made a recommendation regarding the proposed pathway along Banks Mill Road.

Mr. Thompson stated the Pathway Committee has been considering different alternatives to allow cross-city pathways. The present concept is to provide pathways along the bypass, or parkways, circling Aiken, and also to provide a framework within the city that will allow quiet neighborhoods to have on-street, or shared, pathways leading to separated pathways that are on some of the busier thoroughfares in Aiken.

One of the areas that the Pathway Committee has considered as a major thoroughfare is the route along Banks Mill Road. These busier streets, including Banks Mill Road, are difficult for on-street walking, jogging, or riding, and the Pathway Committee has suggested that a separated pathway be placed along Banks Mill Road to provide access to Citizens park, the parkway, and into the downtown. The neighbors objected to this alternative, and the Pathway Committee has reviewed this issue. The Committee is recommending that Council consider a different alternative. The Pathway Committee is recommending that the city proceed with the pathway up Banks Mill Road from

Citizens park, then turn onto the Aiken Mile Track paralleling the back yard of the residents of Gilbert Street. These residents currently have an eight foot high chain link fence separating them from the Mile Track. The city would install an eight foot pathway on the other side of this fence, and build a wooden fence separating the pathway from the stables and horse area.

The Pathway Committee held a public meeting to review these alternatives. Overall the discussions and comments that the Committee received were very positive on the alternative. At least one of the residents along Gilbert Street would prefer not to have visitors moving behind his property. Council has received a letter from Mr. Becker regarding this matter. Every resident along Gilbert Street that backs up to the Aiken Mile Track has been contacted to let them know of this pending issue before Council.

The proposed project would be funded through the ISTEA funding available through the South Carolina Department of Transportation. If Council approves the proposal, the city will move into construction this summer or fall. This portion of the project plays a major role in the development of the pathway system, and the alternative recommended by the Committee seems to be a compromise over the different routes that would take the pathway through the front yards of homes. This alternative would be placed almost entirely on city-owned property, with the exception of the portion in the street right-of-way of the few homes between Citizens Park Complex and Monetta Street on Banks Mill Road.

Mr. Roger LeDuc, Public Works Director, summarized the recommendations of the Pathway Committee. He said about three weeks ago the city had a meeting with the Pathway Committee and about 20 citizens from the Banks Mill Road area. Six pathway alternatives were reviewed at the meeting to try to determine which ones would meet the needs of the greater Aiken area and the people that would like to see pathways and also meet the needs in the neighborhood. Concern was expressed about trees being cut down, safety with the pathway in front yards with cars going in and out of driveways, and part of the front yard being taken by the pathway which is really road right of way. After hearing the concerns the Pathway Committee decided to recommend to Council that a pathway be installed behind the houses that face on Gilbert Street and actually on city property of the Aiken Mile Track. The pathway as proposed would go from the recreational center up Banks Mill Road and at the northern end of Aiken Mile Track it would turn and parallel the back yards of those residents facing Gilbert Street. A letter has been sent to all residents in the area informing them of the recommendation that an 8 foot wide asphalt pathway run from the recreational complex to the northern edge of the Mile Track, paralleling Banks Mill Road, and then following on city property on the northwestern boundary of the Mile Track to South Boundary. Once the pathway gets to the South Boundary area, it will either continue up Timberlane and Colleton or go down South Boundary to East Boundary up to Colleton and would be on the roadway. Mr. LeDuc stated the letter explained to the citizens what the improvements would be and that there would be a three rail fence placed between the pathway and the Track itself. He said the matter had been discussed with the owners of the horses in the area. He said a concern expressed by the citizens is whether there would be any vehicles on the pathway. He said the city had assured them the city would put whatever device would be necessary to make sure that no motorized vehicles would get in the area. There was some concern about safety of the horses with bicycles in the area and concern about people getting into the backyards of the residents.

Mr. LeDuc stated a letter had been received from Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, 520 Gilbert Street, stating that they were concerned that people may climb over the fence. He said they had a motor home and other pieces of equipment in the yard which they were concerned about as well as the horses in the area.

Mayor Cavanaugh pointed out most of the Councilmembers took a tour of the area and looked at the alternatives several weeks ago.

Councilman Anaclerio stated he understood from the newspaper that the citizens of Banks Mill were pleased with the alternative route proposed.

Mr. Tim McKinsey stated at the committee meeting where the six alternatives were reviewed it did seem that all the residents that were present at the meeting were in agreement that the proposed route was an acceptable compromise for the residents along Banks Mill Road. Mr. McKinsey pointed out the alternative is completely on city property. There is no direct impact to any residents along Banks Mill or along Gilbert Street. He said of all the

alternatives considered, if this alternative is not acceptable then a more fundamental issue is whether the city should proceed with the pathway program. He said the Committee had heard from many of the trainers at the Mile Track who had said they do not see a problem between the pathway and the horses that are training there. In answer to a question from Councilman Anaclerio, Mr. McKinsey stated motorcycles will be prohibited from the pathway.

Councilman Perry pointed out there is a law on the books which states that bicycles cannot be ridden on the sidewalks in the CBD. He said perhaps it is time to reexamine this law. He said it seems that when people realize the bike pathway is going in their front yard or back yard they have second thoughts about it.

Mr. McKinsey reviewed the policy of establishing pathways either on separated pathways or on roads. He said safety is the consideration in determining whether the pathway is a separate pathway or along the side of the road depending on the auto traffic along the road. He pointed out the car traffic is too heavy on Banks Mill to allow a share-the-road pathway and safety would be a problem. Mr. McKinsey stated he does believe in the pathway system, and the alternative proposed would not impact residents and would not be in their backyards anymore than the Mile Track is in their backyard. He said there is currently activity on the property and certainly this will not greatly increase impact to the residents along Gilbert Street.

Mr. Douglas Becker, 424 Gilbert Street, spoke in opposition to the pathway. Mr. Becker was concerned that a pathway behind his house would not give him the privacy that he has enjoyed with the Mile Track backing up to his property. He felt the pathway would be an invasion of the privacy of his backyard and would leave unrestricted access to the backyards along Gilbert Street. He said his assessment of a pathway is that it is not needed and the bicycles could use the roadways in residential areas. He suggested other alternate streets that could be used with no separated pathways. He said the pathways he had seen were along highways but not in residential areas. Mr. Becker felt that walking and jogging could not mix with bicycles on the pathway. He said the horse trainers he had talked with were concerned about a proposed pathway behind the Mile Track. Mr. Becker suggested that Council consider not putting bicycle paths in residential areas, but possibly along the perimeter routes.

Mr. Riley Hammond, 1560 Highland Park, spoke in favor of the bike pathway. He said bicycle riding is a family event and can be shared by families.

Mr. Jackson Bowman, 739 Banks Mill Road, stated he had no problem with the pathway and felt it was good. However, he did have a concern about possibly some trees being removed. Council members assured Mr. Bowman that they had talked about removal of trees and had been assured that trees would not be removed.

Mr. Bill Ward, 1433 Canterbury Court, stated he felt the Pathway Committee had done a good job in making proposals. However, there are people who do not want the pathway, and he could not see spending \$54,000 for a program that may not go anywhere else. He suggested if the city wanted a pathway that it should be started on the perimeter routes and then come into residential areas and use the roadways. He said he was concerned that if the pathway is built that there is no money to maintain the pathway.

Councilman Perry stated he agreed with Mr. Ward that if a pathway is needed then start on the perimeter routes.

Mr. Joe Odom, 567 Banks Mill Road, stated he and his sons ride bikes. He said he did not feel it is feasible to have a pathway system that does not involve residential neighborhoods as families like to ride bikes. He said he is in favor of the pathway.

Mr. Wade Brodie, 422 York Street SE, spoke in favor of the pathway. He said he served on the Pathway Committee and felt the alternative presented to Council was the best of all alternatives. He felt a pathway would be safer for riding bikes than riding in the roadways of major traffic areas.

Mr. Johnny Burris, 500 Gilbert Street, stated he agreed with Mr. Becker and was opposed to the pathway. He felt sidewalks were needed more than a pathway. He suggested that if the pathway is approved that a top be added to the existing fence that would lean in so people could not go over the fence.

Ms. Peggy All, 309 Surrey Circle, spoke in favor of the bike pathway stating it was a good family recreation. She also felt a pathway would be good for tourists and for family recreation and for exercise.

Councilwoman Papouchado thanked Mr. McKinsey and the Pathway Committee for their work in looking at the issues. She felt the pathway would be very good for the city. She pointed out a concern of hers was a "Banana Republic." She stated "Banana" stands for build absolutely nothing anywhere near anybody. She pointed out that every decision to move the city forward or make any changes results in this kind of situation. She felt the city had to work harder on education and communication and to build trust between the residents and the city.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he was in favor of the bike pathways and felt they would be safer for families and children riding bikes. He said he understood that the real bikers will not use a pathway but use the roadways so for this reason he was in favor of pathways in the residential areas first for the families. He pointed out other cities have bike pathways in residential areas also.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio, that Council approve this section of the bike pathway as recommended by the Pathway Committee. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 1 opposed. Councilman Perry voted in opposition to the motion.

#### AIKEN 20/20 CORPORATION

##### Appointments

##### City Representatives

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needs to consider appointments to the Aiken 20/20 Corporation to represent the City of Aiken.

Mr. Thompson stated the City of Aiken, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Aiken Downtown Development Association (ADDA) joined together to sponsor the Aiken 20/20 fundraiser. The fundraiser was completed last January, and the Steering Committee for the fundraiser evolved into a permanent Board of Directors. The city, as a sponsor, has two appointments to the Board and Council needs to consider appointments to the Board of Directors for a two year period.

The Board is made up of nine elected members, chosen from the different businesses participating in the fundraiser, and six appointed members, representing the three sponsoring organizations. There is also an individual appointed as a community at large representative. The representatives of the three sponsoring organizations are appointed directly by their organization. The initial concept was that the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer from each organization would serve as these representatives. Mr. Thompson pointed out presently that he and the Mayor represent the City of Aiken. The Chamber and the Downtown Association have selected Board members to serve on the Aiken 20/20 Board of Directors.

Mr. Thompson stated that at the conclusion of the first year of operations, some of the elected members of the Board of Directors will be rotated off the Board and replaced by new members. The Aiken 20/20 Corporation Board has asked that the sponsoring organizations decide who will be appointed for the next term, and the Board voted to emphasize the intent of the board is to periodically change members. Mr. Thompson stated Council needs to decide who they would like to be involved in this Board, and make two appointments to the Board.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the City Manager and Councilwoman Papouchado be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for Aiken 20/20 for two year periods.

#### BIDS

##### Radio Equipment

##### Public Safety Department

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needs to consider bids received for the purchase of radio equipment.

Mr. Thompson stated the current budget includes funds to upgrade communications equipment in the Department of Public Safety. Bids have been received for the purchase of portable radios and mobile units. After review

of the bids the staff is recommending acceptance of the low bid of Bailey's Communications with a total bid of \$32,347. The bids received were as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
Bailey's Communications	Aiken and Augusta	\$32,347.00
Communications Unlimited	Augusta	33,806.00
Dial Call	Columbia	34,361.52
Communications Services of Augusta	Augusta	34,429.40

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the low bid of Bailey's Communications in the amount of \$32,347 be accepted for radio equipment in the Public Safety Department.

#### BIDS

##### GIS Workstation Public Works Department

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needs to consider bids for the purchase of a GIS workstation.

Mr. Thompson stated Council accepted a grant of \$20,000 from Aiken County, funded through federal ISTEAF funds, to allow the purchase of a computer workstation for the GIS system.

Three bids were received for the purchase of this equipment, and all the bids were submitted by local vendors. EISA submitted an incomplete bid. Their prices were competitive, but they did not bid on assistance to install and configure the hardware and software. The staff needs assistance with this computer equipment, and felt that this service is a critical component on this program. The other bids submitted include the bid of Computer Works of Aiken with a total bid price of \$29,460 and the bid of McCall Thomas Computers with a total bid of \$27,049. The staff did modify the system slightly in negotiations with McCall Thomas, changing the amount of memory in the base computer and the presentation software. The staff recommends that the total bid submitted by McCall Thomas be accepted at a total of \$27,188. Funds are available for this through the grant of \$20,000 and from \$7,188 to be provided by the city.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the low bid of McCall Thomas Computers at a total bid price of \$27,188 for the purchase of a GIS work station be accepted.

#### ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Bellotti, Alexander and Donna  
807 Woodward Street  
Whiskey Road  
Tax Map Parcel No. 30-055-08-004

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to correct the acreage for the annexation of 807 Woodward Street.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 031196D OF THE CITY OF AIKEN TO CORRECT  
ACREAGE FOR ANNEXATION TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN  
PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 0.733 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY ALEXANDER P. AND  
DONNA D. BELLOTTI, LOCATED AT 807 WOODWARD STREET AND TO ZONE THE SAME R-1,  
SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had approved the annexation of 807 Woodward Street on March 11, 1996. The acreage in the previous ordinance was listed as 1.11 acres. With the requirement for annexation that the portion of the Hickory Street right-of-way which adjoins the property also be annexed, a new plat combining the properties was prepared and recorded at the Aiken County Office of Registrar of Mesne Conveyance. In preparing the new plat, it was discovered that the correct acreage including the Hickory Street right of way was 0.733 acres. The proposed ordinance amends the original annexation ordinance to include the correct acreage for the annexation of 807 Woodward Street.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to correct the acreage for annexation of 807 Woodward Street be passed on first reading and second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

#### CRIME STOPPERS

##### Funding Request

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needs to consider a request for funding from Crime Stoppers.

Mr. Thompson stated Council has received a request from Mr. Steven Hunt, Vice Chairman of the CSRA Crime Stoppers of Aiken County, asking that the city contribute to funding of the Crime Stoppers program.

The Crime Stoppers organization pays for information that leads to a criminal's arrest. Mr. Hunt is present to make a presentation to Council.

Mr. Steve Hunt, a member of the 1995-96 Leadership Aiken County Class, appeared before Council to ask Council's support for establishment of a Crime Stoppers program. He said this was a way that his class wanted to give something back to the County and the City of Aiken. He said the Crime Stoppers Program allowed people to remain anonymous when they report information leading to the solving of a crime. The person is awarded with a financial reward. He said the class was asking for Council's support and a contribution to get the program established. He said the organization would be established as a non-profit organization.

Mr. Gary Best, Chairman of the Class, explained that the group was soliciting funds from organizations and from individuals for the Crime Stoppers program. He said normally the class chooses one class project per year but his class had chosen three class projects--Junior Leadership Aiken County, assisting Habitat for Humanity and forming Crime Stoppers. He said the organization was legally formed as a non-profit corporation under the laws of South Carolina. There is a 15 person board of directors, and an interim board of directors to administer the operation. There is an interim coordinator with the Aiken County Sheriff's Department to help facilitate the information. He said the class does not expect continual funding for the program. He said this was a request to help get the program organized. He pointed out the City of Aiken had already benefitted from Crime Stoppers. He related an incident in which a City of Aiken vehicle was stolen by inmates. Information was given to Crime Stoppers about the stolen vehicle and the vehicle was reclaimed when it arrived in Charleston. Mr. Best stated his class was asking for funds to help get the program organized only; they were not asking for permanent funding.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he was totally supportive of Crime Stoppers, but he had a problem with giving money for the program from the City of Aiken. He pointed out the City gets requests for funds from many organizations, and it is difficult to fund some and not others. He said the city's policy had been to not fund these programs.

City Council discussed the program and felt that the program was a very worthy cause.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the request be received as information.

#### NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

##### Funding Request

##### Schofield School

Mayor Cavanaugh stated a request had been received from Schofield Middle School for funding to assist with sending students to the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland in June, 1996.

Mr. Thompson stated a letter had been received from Mr. Mark Roberts and Ms. Alecia Wagoner, of Schofield Middle School, asking Council to assist with funding to send students to the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland in June. A specific amount of funding was not requested, but they are asking the city to help defray the travel costs for eleven students and their families.

Ms. Laura Cantwell, an eighth grade student at Schofield Middle School, appeared before Council and presented an eloquent request for funds to help students with travel for the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland. She pointed out the State of S.C. nor the Aiken County School District contribute to travel for participation in the competition.

Council discussed the request and was very moved with the presentation of Laura Cantwell. However, Council felt that they could not contribute funds as they had so many requests for funds. Council suggested that Laura make the presentation to the Aiken County School Board. Council also suggested that the request be made to GALEF to see if they could help in some way.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Council accept the request as information.

#### COUNCIL MEETING

##### Summer Schedule

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needs to set the summer meeting schedule for Council.

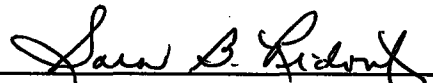
Mr. Thompson stated Council usually meets only once during the months of July and August to allow members of Council and other employees and residents to work their vacation times around the Council meetings.

Mr. Thompson stated the other committees and boards of the city submit information and schedule meetings around City Council's schedule and need to know Council's schedule for the summer.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council set the meeting dates of July 8 and August 12, 1996, as the meeting dates for Council's summer schedule.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9 P.M.



Sara B. Ridout  
City Clerk