

Aiken City Council Minutes

October 25, 1993

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

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Jim Holly, Roger LeDuc, Carrol Busbee, Ed Evans, Stanley Quarles, Anita Lilly, Sara Ridout, Philip Lord of the Aiken Standard, Michael Lee of the Augusta Chronicle, and 25 citizens.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 1993, were considered for approval. Councilwoman Papouchado moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved.

DOWNTOWN

Presentation

Up Your Alley

Bijas, Janny

Shipman, Bruce

Central Business District

Mayor Cavanaugh stated with development of the new streetscape plan, Council had been recognizing individuals that have contributed to improvements in the downtown area.

Mayor Cavanaugh pointed out that Janny Bijas and Bruce Shipman were founders of the Up Your Alley restaurant, and Council felt they should be commended for their improvements and support of the downtown. Up Your Alley restaurant opened April 15, 1982, and has served as one of the anchors for improvements in The Alley area. Mr. Bijas and Mr. Shipman have also opened the Olive Oils restaurant on Chesterfield Street, and this is a second location in the downtown that helps support dining and shopping activities.

Mayor Cavanaugh presented a plaque to Mr. Bruce Shipman who was present representing Up Your Alley restaurant.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Aiken County Transit Commission

Bus Service

Appointment

Ashe, Ruth

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider an appointment to the Aiken County Transit Commission.

Mr. Thompson stated with the resignation of Mrs. Rosalee Johnson from the Aiken County Transit Commission, Council needed to appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term. He said Mrs. Johnson's term would expire June 30, 1995. He said Mrs. Johnson was one of three representatives from the city on the Aiken County Transit Commission.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilman Perry and unanimously approved, that Ms. Ruth Ashe be appointed to the Aiken County Transit Commission as a representative from the City of Aiken to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Rosalee Johnson, with the term to expire June 30, 1995.

Planning Commission

Hammond, Reilly

Knowles, Lucy

Mr. Thompson stated the terms of Reilly Hammond and Lucy Knowles expire on December 1, 1993, on the Planning Commission. He stated Council needed to consider two appointments to the Planning Commission. Terms on the Planning Commission are for three years. Mr. Hammond and Ms. Knowles are interested in reappointment if Council so chooses.

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Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that Reilly Hammond and Lucy Knowles be reappointed to the Planning Commission for three year terms with the terms to expire December 1, 1996.

WATER - ORDINANCE 102593

Discontinue Service
Sewer Service
Retail Providers

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing on an ordinance concerning the discontinuance of water service for non-payment of sewer fees to retail sewer providers.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-10 OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE DEALING WITH DISCONTINUANCE OF UTILITY SERVICE SO AS TO ADD A PROVISION ALLOWING THE CITY OF AIKEN TO DISCONTINUE WATER SERVICE FOR THE FAILURE OF THE CUSTOMER TO PAY FOR SEWER SERVICE FROM A RETAIL SEWER PROVIDER TO WHICH THE CITY SUPPLIES SEWER CAPACITY ON A WHOLESALE BASIS.

Mr. Thompson stated typically the city enforces payments for either water or sewer service by disconnecting water service. He stated the City of Aiken supplies water service to some businesses on Richland Avenue which are in the Valley Public Service Authority's district. He said the City of Aiken wholesales sewer service to the VPSA and the VPSA in turn retails the sewer service to the customers in this area. This is a result of a negotiated agreement between the city and the Valley Public Service Authority several years ago. The VPSA as the retailer for the City of Aiken service does not have the capability of turning off the sewer or the water service for non-payment. Since the City of Aiken provides water the VPSA is unable to disconnect water and force payment for overdue sewer bills. The City of Aiken has been asked by the VPSA to amend its ordinance to allow the City of Aiken to discontinue water service for non-payment of sewer service to the VPSA or other retail providers.

Mr. Holly, City Attorney, has been working with the Public Works Director and members of the VPSA and has prepared an ordinance which would allow the City of Aiken to discontinue water service for the failure of a customer to pay for sewer service from a retail sewer provider, to which the city supplies sewer capacity on a wholesale basis.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on second reading and public hearing amending the City Code adding a provision allowing the discontinuance of city water service for the failure of the customer to pay for sewer service from a retail sewer provider to which the city supplies sewer capacity on a wholesale basis and that the ordinance become effective immediately.

SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION - ORDINANCE 102593A

Delinquent Bills
Tax Refund
Municipal Association of S.C.
State Tax Commission

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to amend the City Code to include an article implementing the South Carolina Setoff Debt Collection Act.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER TWO OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE SO AS TO ADD AN ARTICLE IMPLEMENTING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had adopted the agreement with the State Tax Commission and the Municipal Association of S.C. to participate in the Setoff Debt Collection Program. He said the City Code needed to be amended to include the Setoff Debt Collection System.

Mr. Thompson stated the Setoff Debt Collection System is the Act adopted by the State Legislature in 1992, authorizing the cities, through the Municipal Association and the Tax Commission, to recover any outstanding debts due the city

through an individual's income tax refund. The Tax Commission is able to add the \$25 administrative fee for the Commission on to the debt. The Municipal Association and the city will have administrative expenses involved in the collection. It is estimated these expenses would be about \$25 per entity. In discussing this with the attorneys for the Municipal Association, it is believed that the city will not be able to add this fee on to the total debt, but instead will take these costs out of the amount recovered. This is an area the city is still reviewing. The proposed ordinance includes a section outlining that the city will be able to set and assess the charge for the costs involved to the extent allowed by law. If the city is able to add the collection costs on to the debt, then it will do so, but otherwise the city will have to pay the costs through the debt recovered. Most of the outstanding debts to the city will be much less than \$100, and with the Municipal Association receiving \$25 of the refund and with the city's costs involved, most of the debts to the city probably will not be collected through this system. However, it is felt that there are certain circumstances that would make this system attractive to the city, and the staff is recommending adoption of the ordinance.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado that the ordinance amending the Code to include the Setoff Debt Collection Act be passed on second reading and that the ordinance become effective immediately. The motion passed by a majority vote with Councilwoman Price abstaining from voting.

GARBAGE - ORDINANCE

Commercial Rates

Industrial Rates

Garbage Rates

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration increasing fees for commercial and industrial garbage collection.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 052791 OF THE CITY OF AIKEN SO AS TO INCREASE THE USER RATE FOR REGULAR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONTAINER REFUSE AND GARBAGE COLLECTION FROM \$1.54 TO \$1.65 PER CUBIC YARD DUE TO INCREASES IN LANDFILL CHARGES ADOPTED BY AIKEN COUNTY.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received notification from Aiken County that the rates for use of the landfill will be increased for disposal of commercial and industrial wastes. The city has tried to keep commercial collection self supporting. During the budget discussions the possibility of raising commercial fees to pay for the service was discussed. The proposed ordinance would increase commercial garbage collection fees from \$1.54 to \$1.65 per cubic yard.

Mr. Thompson stated garbage fees are user fees, and the city does separate the costs between commercial and residential collection. The residential system pays for itself, and the commercial system is also self supporting. With the increase in landfill charges by Aiken County, the city needs to increase the rates for commercial services to keep the service self supporting. The proposed increase will not affect collection fees for residential customers or for any business locations that do not require more than residential service. The city also charges a rate of \$.66 per cubic yard for the collection of recyclable refuse for commercial customers and this rate will not be affected by the proposed increase. It is proposed that the increased rate be effective for the bills that will be distributed on or after December 1, 1993.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to increase user fees for commercial and industrial garbage collection from \$1.54 to \$1.65 per cubic yard be passed on first reading and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

FINES - ORDINANCE

Municipal Court

Criminal Penalties

Civil Penalties

Violations

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration changing all criminal and some civil fines.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING ALL CRIMINAL PENALTY PROVISIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY OF AIKEN ORDINANCES FROM A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR THIRTY DAYS TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR THIRTY DAYS, OR BOTH, CHANGING SOME CIVIL PENALTY PROVISIONS TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 PER VIOLATION, AND OTHERWISE CLARIFYING THOSE PROVISIONS.

Mr. Thompson stated that since 1978 the maximum fine for a city violation has been \$200. He stated during 1993 the State Legislature amended the statutes increasing the maximum allowable municipal fine for violations of ordinances from a fine of not more than \$200 to a fine of not more than \$500, plus up to 30 days in prison. Other cities in South Carolina have amended their ordinances to allow the maximum fine. The State has also taken steps that will eventually increase the workload in City Court by sending violations of State law for certain offenses to the city courts. Presently the county magistrates system has taken a great deal of this potential increased workload to avoid loss of this revenue, but in time this will increase the number of cases in City Court. The proposed increase in fines will help the city to recover a portion of the actual cost of the court system. The proposed ordinance increases the penalty for violation of several different types of criminal and civil laws.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to increase the maximum fine for city violations to \$500 be passed on first reading and the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

SOLICITING - ORDINANCE

Peddlers Streets

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to regulate streetside soliciting.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE ENTITLED PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS SO AS TO REVISE COMPREHENSIVELY THE CHAPTER AND PROVIDE A REGISTRATION PROCESS IN PLACE OF THE PERMIT PROCESS THEREFOR, TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION AND PERMITS FOR SOLICITATIONS FROM VEHICLES, AND TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS ON SUCH SOLICITATIONS.

Mr. Thompson stated in the past the city has required individuals and companies soliciting on the streets of Aiken to register with the Department of Public Safety to regulate the soliciting. Carrol Busbee, Director of Public Safety, and Jim Holly, City Attorney, have discussed the need to change the present ordinance regulating streetside vendors to meet the present laws governing interstate commerce and to adopt a regulatory ordinance that was the intent of City Council in the early 1970's to restrict soliciting from motorists.

The proposed ordinance requires vendors to register with the Department of Public Safety and restricts soliciting for private for-profit corporations and for non-profit organizations. The proposed changes will bring the city's ordinances in line with existing interstate commerce laws and will adopt the regulatory ordinance that restricts soliciting from motorists. Problems have been encountered recently, and it is felt the ordinance should be clarified for solicitors and for the city's enforcement officers.

Mr. Holly stated the proposed ordinance would simplify and clarify the permitting procedures of Chapter 16 of the City Code to make them conform with existing law providing persons in interstate commerce with certain rights and privileges. The second purpose is to adopt provisions regulating persons soliciting from motorists. Mr. Holly pointed out that the S.C. Code makes it unlawful to solicit contributions from the occupants of vehicles, unless such activities are authorized pursuant to procedures and regulations adopted by a municipality. The statute authorizes such solicitations with a permit issued by the municipality. However, permits may impose limitations upon such solicitations related to protecting the health and safety of motorists, pedestrians, and solicitors. In a City Council meeting in 1971, Council expressed its dislike of blocking city roads and streets for soliciting, but no regulatory ordinance was adopted. Chief Busbee has requested that such an ordinance be adopted because of activity of this nature which has caused problems at various intersections and locations in the city.

Mr. Holly stated the proposed ordinance would apply to anyone that is basically a non-resident business. If a person does not have a permanent location in the city, they would have to go through the registration process and get a business license to solicit in Aiken. The proposed ordinance also restricts charitable solicitations and sets up a process for regulation. The proposed ordinance also restricts solicitations on a door to door basis to only the hours between 9 A.M. and sundown Monday through Saturday. He said based on review the hours for solicitation may have to be changed to allow solicitation after sundown.

Councilman Perry asked what effect the proposed ordinance would have on solicitations by the schools selling fruit and the Girl Scouts selling cookies, etc.

Mr. Holly stated if the solicitation is for an institution in town it would be allowed. He said the proposed ordinance is designed to cover the out of town solicitations, charitable or for profit.

Councilwoman Clyburn asked if the proposed ordinance would affect peddlers parked on street corners selling fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Holly stated peddlers would have to have permission from a property owner to park on private property, and they would have to have a business license. The proposed ordinance would not apply to peddlers not going door to door nor soliciting on public streets as long as the persons are on private property, have a business license, the use complies with the zoning for the area and the business does not create a health problem.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the ordinance regulating streetside soliciting be passed on first reading and the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

HANDICAPPED PARKING - ORDINANCE

Uniform Parking Ticket Parking Ticket

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration establishing city handicapped parking violations and development of a uniform City of Aiken parking ticket.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE SO AS TO ADD A SECTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER, TO DEVELOP A UNIFORM CITY OF AIKEN PARKING TICKET AND AMENDING SECTION 22-55 OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE ESTABLISHING HANDICAPPED PARKING VIOLATIONS.

Mr. Thompson stated the proposed ordinance would authorize the Department of Public Safety to develop a city uniform parking ticket to be used in charging persons with violations of parking ordinances of the city. The ticket could not be used for the arrest of persons for any offense.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had adopted a system allowing senior citizens and other volunteers to assist with the policing of handicapped parking regulations. This system was adopted under the State's laws governing handicapped parking. The City Attorney and Public Safety Director have been working to develop regulations that would restrict parking in handicapped spaces under the city's Code. Policing of the city's handicapped parking violations would be with the uniform parking ticket to place judicial authority with the city's municipal court. The Public Safety Department would prepare a uniform parking ticket that would apply to all types of parking violations, but the ticket would not authorize the arrest of persons under these offenses. This would help clarify the role of volunteers as they assist the city with parking violations.

The proposed ordinance also regulates the parking of vehicles in a parking space clearly designated for handicapped persons. The ordinance also notes that any person who is not handicapped is not able to use a handicapped parking place whether or not the vehicle is so designated.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to establish city

handicapped parking violation regulations and that the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

REZONING - ORDINANCE

Richland Avenue
Gregg Avenue
Royal, Celeste
U.S. 1 South
Tax Parcel No. 30-002-02-004

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to rezone the northeast corner of Richland and Gregg Avenues from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 Multi-Family Residential.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE REZONING OF A 4.1064 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF RICHLAND AVENUE AND GREGG AVENUE FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had received a petition from Ms. Celeste S. Royal requesting rezoning of 4.1 acres located at the northeast corner of Richland Avenue and Gregg Avenue. The property is currently zoned R-1 Single Family Residential. Ms. Royal is requesting rezoning to R-2 Multi-Family Residential, to allow a congregate care/assisted living facility for senior citizens.

Mr. Thompson stated the Planning Commission had reviewed the request, and the Planning Commission had voted 6 to 1 to recommend denial of the rezoning request. Since this is a rezoning issue, the request automatically comes to Council for final action. Mr. Thompson pointed out the city had received several letters regarding the proposed rezoning with six opposing the rezoning and two supporting it.

Mr. Holly stated he had prepared a proposed ordinance if Council wished to consider the request for first reading. The ordinance contains conditions that were recommended at the Planning Commission by staff. He stated the conditions require a 75 foot buffer along Richland and Gregg and 25 feet along the northern and eastern property boundaries. Evergreen planting is required in addition where necessary to complete screening. No curb cuts are to be allowed on Richland Avenue and only one curb cut on Gregg with the location to be approved by the Director of Public Safety and the Director of Planning. One additional emergency access may be allowed at the discretion of the Director of Public Safety if needed. Use of the site shall be restricted to a residential care retirement facility. The proposed conditions shall be included in the covenants and deeds to run with the land. He stated the conditions were recommended by staff.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilman Radford, that the request for rezoning 4.10 acres owned by Celeste Royal located at the intersection of Richland Avenue and Gregg Avenue be denied.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he would like to see the request passed on first reading so Council could hold a public hearing for citizens to express their opinions on the request. He stated he felt there was a need for this type facility in Aiken, but not necessarily at this location.

Councilwoman Papouchado stated she did not doubt the value of a public hearing, however, she felt it would be more valuable if Council had a more viable project to consider.

Mayor Cavanaugh called for a vote on the motion to deny the request for rezoning. The motion passed by a majority vote with Councilmembers Anaclerio, Clyburn, Papouchado, Perry and Radford voting in favor of the motion. Opposed to the motion were Mayor Cavanaugh and Councilwoman Price. The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 2 opposed.

HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

Community Development
Down Payments
Closing Costs

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the Housing Committee had made a recommendation to Council to expand the Homeownership Program.

Mr. Thompson stated that in October, 1992, Council had approved the use of program income funds for a Homeownership Program. The Housing Committee has reviewed the program and has recommended additional funding for this program in the amount of \$50,000.

Mr. Thompson stated the Community Development program is funded by grants from the Federal Government for the rehabilitation of homes in Aiken. The city loans a great deal of this money for homeowners to repair their property. As the money comes back to the city in the form of payments, the money is set aside in a program income account that is in turned loaned out to other low to moderate income homeowners in Aiken.

Mr. Thompson stated the program income account had accumulated about \$318,000 in funds, and in October Council approved the use of a maximum of \$150,000 to fund the new Homeownership Program. Under this program, the city assists low and moderate income residents with a down payment and closing costs for the purchase of a home. Under the guidance of the Housing Committee for Community Development, the city has closed on 23 homes for a total of \$93,288. The city also has commitments pending for the remaining \$56,712. This has paid an average of \$1,701 for closing costs, and \$2,354 for down payments. The Housing Committee is recommending the use of an additional \$50,000 of program income monies for the Homeownership Program. The present balance in the Program Income Account fluctuates with the different projects. The present balance is \$113,967.

Mr. Thompson stated the original concept for the program was to limit the total expense for this program to some reasonable amount and try to preserve the balance of the program income fund for other projects, including rehabilitation of homes and other programs for which the system was designed. He stated the staff would recommend that a balance of \$100,000 be maintained in the program income account.

Mr. Thompson stated Ed Evans, Planning Director, had reviewed the program. Mr. Thompson stated the program had been very successful, but he did feel the city needed to limit the annual expense to keep from depleting the account. He stated the staff recommendation is that the city restrict any further use of the program income fund and that the city set aside an annual amount from the new Entitlement Fund for this program. He suggested the city may wish to continue the program at a maximum annual amount of about \$35,000, allowing the city to continue to meet the needs of several potential homeowners each year and to phase in additional properties over time.

Councilman Anaclerio stated he felt the program had been a very good program for the city to help citizens of the City of Aiken achieve their goal as far as owning a home. He felt the city should continue the program, however, he felt use of the program income funds should be limited.

Councilman Anaclerio stated he felt Council should consider keeping a minimum of a \$100,000 balance in the program income account. Then each year as money becomes available from the Entitlement Funds Council could review the use of Entitlement Funds and allocate some Entitlement Funds for the Homeownership Program. He felt Council should consider the amount to allocate from Entitlement Funds each year and not set an amount at this time.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh, that Council approve the use of funds above \$100,000 in the Program Income Account for use in the Homeownership Program and also that Council review funding of Entitlement Funds each year to determine an amount to be designated for the Homeownership Program.

Councilman Anaclerio stated he would like for the city to keep the balance in the Program Income Account at \$100,000 and funds above that minimum balance could be used for the Homeownership Program. He stated he was also suggesting that Council consider additional funds for the Homeownership Program from the Entitlement Funds each year. He said the amount to be allocated from the Entitlement Funds would be considered by Council each year. He said he did not want to set a definite amount to come from the Entitlement Funds at this time.

Council discussed the program at length.

Mr. Thompson pointed out the basic intent of the monies received under the Community Development Program was to rehabilitate housing. As houses are rehabilitated and the owners make payments paying back the loan for the rehabilitation the money goes into the Program Income Account. Last year Council allocated \$150,000 from the Program Income Account to use for the Homeownership Program. He pointed out if all the monies are depleted from the Program Income

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Account there will be no monies to loan for rehabilitation and there will be no monies being paid back into the account, therefore, there will be no monies available to use for the Homeownership Program. By requiring a \$100,000 balance in the Program Income Account there will be monies available for rehabilitation loans. In turn these loans will be paid back putting money into the Program Income Account. The Homeownership Program is a grant so it takes monies out of the account with no return of money.

Councilwoman Price stated the rehabilitation of housing program was not working. She pointed out low income people lived in the homes that needed rehabilitation but they did not own the homes. She stated the Homeownership Program had worked successfully in terms of homeownership. She felt the city should devote more effort to something that is working.

Councilman Anclerio pointed out if Council opted to spend more of the Program Income Account money, the account could be depleted and there would be no money for rehabilitation or for the Homeownership Program. He pointed out loans for rehabilitation of houses bring in income for the account whereas the Homeownership Program monies is a grant and depletes the account. He felt keeping the balance in the account at \$100,000 would be a good way to keep some funds for rehabilitation and provide funds for the Homeownership Program.

Mayor Cavanaugh called for a vote on the motion to use funds over \$100,000 from the Program Income Account for the Homeownership Program and that Council consider each year an amount to use from Entitlement Funds for the Homeownership Program. The motion passed by a majority vote with Councilwoman Clyburn opposing the motion.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Bids

Laurens Street

Headquarters Building

Addition - Renovations

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider the bids received for the addition and renovations to the headquarters Public Safety Building.

Mr. Thompson stated for the past six months the city had been working on expansions to the Public Safety Headquarters Building. Bids have been accepted on the project, and the staff is recommending acceptance of the low bid of Miles Enterprises for a total of \$250,200.

Mr. Thompson stated the staff had been working with the architect on the project, and two separate bids had been received for the work. The first bid came back very high and the architect was asked to revise the plans to try to keep the project within a budget of about \$250,000. Some items have been taken out of the proposed additions to keep the project within the budget without dramatically changing the project. The additions for the building include offices for the Building Inspectors, some of the Detectives and a conference room that can double as an emergency operations center.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had looked at possible changes in the design to bring more of a historical flavor to the building, however, the building was originally constructed with a contemporary design. The architect felt that with the resources available we could not dramatically change the outside to reflect more of a historic facade but a project to change the outside to match the historic district could be brought back to Council as a separate project at some later date.

Mr. Thompson stated six bids were received on the project ranging from \$261,082 to \$327,737. After working with the low bidder and making some changes the bid recommended to Council is the low bid of Miles Enterprises, of Williston, SC, in the amount of \$250,200 for additions and renovations to the Public Safety Headquarters Building.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the low bid of Miles Enterprises in the amount of \$250,200 be accepted for additions and renovations to the Public Safety Headquarters Building.

SCHOFIELD SCHOOL

Agreement
Wetlands Project
Drainage
Recreation Area
Aiken County School District

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider a proposed agreement with the Aiken County School District for a wetlands project in the area of the Schofield Middle School.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had been involved in developing an agreement between the City and the Aiken County School District to develop a wetlands project and recreation area at Schofield Middle School to help with storm drainage problems.

Mr. Thompson stated Schofield Middle School has experienced drainage problems due in part to the initial construction of the school. A portion of the school property also sits on a former pond site, and this area constantly has a high water table which results in flooding of the school and basements of area homes. Mr. Thompson stated the staff of the Public Works, Public Safety and Recreation Departments had been working with the School District to develop a cooperative arrangement to allow the city to install a new wetlands demonstration project necessary to resolve some of the drainage problems. In addition to the wetlands project, the city would install a baseball and playing fields for recreation in the area. This would solve some of the drainage problems and expand services to residents in the Schofield area.

The staff is recommending that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the School District for use of the property for the development of a wetlands demonstration and recreational park for use by the School District and the residents of Aiken.

Council complimented the staff for being innovative and for working with the School District for the betterment of the community.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the School District for use of property in the Schofield School area for the development of a wetlands demonstration and a recreational park for use by the School District and the residents of Aiken.

PAVING PROGRAM

Slurry Seal
Resurfacing
Streets

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider the 1994 slurry seal and resurfacing street lists.

Mr. Thompson stated each year the city staff prepares a priority listing for resurfacing for the city and state streets. The Public Works Department has completed a survey of the streets in the city and has submitted their recommendations for resurfacing to Council for review and approval.

Mr. Thompson pointed out the proposed list includes 3.7 miles of city maintained streets and 7.57 miles of state maintained streets to be slurry sealed. This would be a total of 11.27 miles of streets for slurry treatment, a thin layer of liquid asphalt applied across the street to reduce the rate of deterioration.

Mr. Thompson stated the recommendation also includes resurfacing of streets in the state system to be funded under the "C" fund program. The proposed listing includes 3.59 miles, listed in order of priority.

Council reviewed the proposed lists.

Mr. Thompson pointed out the city hopes to get \$95,000 from the "C" funds for resurfacing. He stated Council has approved money in the budget for the slurry seal program and about \$100,000 to \$150,000 is available for the slurry seal program.

CITY MAINTAINED STREETSSLURRY TREATMENT
1994

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL MILES</u>
Bordeaux Place	.09
Buckhead Ct.	.11
Calhoun Place	.25
Carriage Drive	.19
Cherbourg Place	.08
Deerwood Drive (Troon Way to Pine Log)	.35
Doral	.13
E. Boundary Ave. (Thorpe to Colleton)	.05
Engelwood (Glencoe to end)	.08
Fawnwood East	.08
Hills Woodland Lane	.04
Inverness East	.17
Inverness West	.21
Minikahda Ct.	.08
Oakmont Lane	.11
Oleander Drive	.27
Quaker Ridge Road	.11
Round Hill Ct.	.17
Sandhurst Place	.09
Varden Drive	.57
Whitemarsh Drive	.40
Winisk Drive	.07
TOTAL MILES	3.70

STATE MAINTAINED CITY STREETSSLURRY TREATMENT
1994

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL MILES</u>
Aiken Ln.	0.08
Aldrich St.	1.12
Audubon (Powderhouse to Banks Mill)	0.45
Bissell	0.09
Chesterfield (S. Boundary to Chesterfield)	0.10
Church St.	0.42
Croft Ave.	0.06
Davis Ter.	0.08
DuPont Dr. (Gayle to Teague)	0.19
Fairfield St. (Richland to S. Boundary N.B. & S.B.)	0.79
Hampton (Marlboro to Beaufort)	0.16
Jefferson Ter.	0.13
Knowles Ter.	0.11
Lancaster (Highland Pk. to Hayne - S.B. Only)	0.15
Laurel Dr. (Laurel Dr. to W. Rollingwood)	0.20
Lee Ln. (Richland to Linden)	0.17
Linden (Vaucluse to Richland)	0.08
Marion St. (Richland to end N.B. & S.B.- - Park to Richland S.B.)	0.45
McCormick (Barnwill to Edgefield)	0.13
Orangeburg (Richland to Barnwell N.B. & S.B.- - Richland to Park S.B.)	0.45
Osbon Dr.	0.05
Rhone (plus patching)	0.33
Shady Ln. (Pickens to Hilltop)	0.13
Sherry (Boardman to end)	0.05
Sommer Ave.	0.36
Sundy (Kershaw to Horry)	0.15
Tennessee (Hampton to Redd)	0.28
Vincent Ave.	0.28
Whiskey Rd. (Hitchcock Pkwy. to Whiskey; Frontage)	0.11
Wyman	0.32
TOTAL MILES	7.47

PROPOSED STREET RESURFACING LIST


1993 -1994

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL MILES</u>
Newberry (New Lane to end)	0.26
Coker Springs (Whiskey to Dirt)	0.10
Marion St. (Hampton to Camelia)	0.04
Palmetto Ln. (Pendleton to Laurens)	0.05
Highland Park (Dibble to E. Rollingwood)	0.35
Berrie Rd. (Fermata Pl. East)	0.19
Park Ave. (Frontage) (Marion to Williamsburg)	0.09
(Orangeburg to Locke)	0.43
Pine Drive (Cherry to Maple)	0.12
Williamsburg (Hampton to Richland)	0.98
Lincoln	0.55
Harold	0.21
Chesterfield (Richland to Park, N.B.&S.B.)	<u>0.22</u>
TOTAL MILES	3.59

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the lists for slurry seal and resurfacing be approved as submitted by the staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.


Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk