

Aiken City Council Minutes

August 9, 1993
Executive Meeting

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

Others Present: Steve Thompson and Frances Thomas

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 5:20 P.M. Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

After discussion, Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council adjourn the executive session. The executive session adjourned at 6:50 P.M. Council then held a pre-Council discussion on agenda items.

Regular Meeting

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

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Jim Holly, Frances Thomas, Roger LeDuc, Carrol Busbee, Anita Lilly, Ed Evans, Terry Rhinehart, Philip Lord of the Aiken Standard, Alice Daniels of the Augusta Chronicle, TV Channel 6 and 13 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 regular meeting of July 12, 1993, and the special meeting of July 27, 1993, were considered for approval. Councilman Radford moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Certificates of Service
Herring, Richard
Brusco, Ryndie
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that Richard Herring and Ryndie Brusco had resigned from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Thompson stated Certificates of Service had been prepared for Mr. Herring and Ms. Brusco for their service to the community. He stated Mr. Herring had served from July 13, 1987, to August 9, 1993, and Ms. Brusco had served from June 13, 1988, to August 9, 1993, on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Council thanked Mr. Herring and Ms. Brusco for their service to the community and accepted their resignations from the Zoning Board of Adjustment with regrets. Council asked that the Certificates of Service be delivered to Ms. Brusco and Mr. Herring since they could not be present at the meeting.

Downtown Development
Riviere, Marilyn

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council wanted to recognize Ms. Marilyn Riviere for her contribution to the revitalization of the downtown area. He stated Ms. Riviere was a leader in helping to improve the city and had made a tremendous contribution to the downtown revitalization with development of The Alley shops. Mayor Cavanaugh presented a plaque to Ms. Riviere for her contribution to the revitalization of the downtown area.

Councilmembers thanked Ms. Riviere for her vision, contribution and efforts in revitalization of The Alley area of downtown. It was pointed out that her contribution to the downtown had helped all the other businesses in the downtown area and there are efforts to continue revitalization of the downtown.

HIDDEN HAVEN - ORDINANCE 080993UtilitiesStreetsWaterSewerDedicationSilver Bluff RoadWoodside Plantation

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance accepting ownership of the utilities in Hidden Haven Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE WATER SYSTEM, SEWER SYSTEM, STREETS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND UTILITY EASEMENTS OF HIDDEN HAVEN SUBDIVISION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS THEREFOR.

Mr. Thompson stated at the request of the homeowners in Hidden Haven the subdivision had been annexed to the city. The city has been negotiating with the owners of the water system, sewer system and streets for acceptance by the city. The city has notified the property owners that the city will be serving the property with city services since the property has been annexed. In order for the city to provide city services the city needs to own the water and sewer systems. Transfer of the systems must be done by an ordinance accepting ownership of the streets and through an agreement between the city and the Hidden Haven Community Association, Inc. transferring the utilities to the city.

Mr. Thompson pointed out the Homeowners Association had asked the city to accept the streets in Hidden Haven as public streets. He said a request for annexation of some property behind Hidden Haven has been submitted to the Planning Commission, and Polaris Street which runs through Hidden Haven is proposed to serve as access to the property. He said Council had asked if the residents of Hidden Haven were aware that Polaris Street will be serving as public access to property behind Hidden Haven.

Ms. Beverly Payne, of 626 Sirius Drive, was present and stated that residents of the area did have questions about several things. She stated she did know about Polaris Street but residents of Hidden Haven had not been asked about the street becoming a public access to adjacent property.

Council briefly discussed the matter stating they wanted to be sure residents of Hidden Haven understood what was happening as far as the streets and the water and sewer system. Mr. Thompson suggested that Council may wish to delay acceptance of the streets until after the city meets with the Hidden Haven residents to be sure all residents are aware of what has been proposed for the streets. He pointed out there was an urgency as far as the water system as the Department of Health and Environmental Control had placed a moratorium on any expansion until improvements were made to the water system.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Council amend the ordinance accepting dedication of the water and sewer system, and the streets in Hidden Haven to delete acceptance of the streets from the ordinance at this time and only accept the water and sewer systems.

The public hearing was held.

Ms. Beverly Payne, of 626 Sirius Drive, pointed out the Homeowners Association of Hidden Haven owns the water system but does not own the sewer system.

Mr. Holly pointed out the city was aware of the ownership of the sewer system, but Hidden Haven was dedicating any interest it may have in the system to the city.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance accepting dedication of the utilities in Hidden Haven as amended, deleting reference to streets and rights-of-way, be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement for transfer of the systems.

BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE 080993AVideo Poker
Coin-Operated Machines
Amusement Machines
License Ordinance

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the Business License Ordinance regarding coin-operated amusement machines and video poker machines.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19 OF THE CITY OF AIKEN BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AIKEN JULY 1, 1979, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 062893F ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AIKEN ON JUNE 28, 1993, TO CLARIFY THE MACHINE AND BUSINESS LICENSE FEE RATES FOR COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT AND OTHER MACHINES.

Mr. Thompson stated City Council had adopted an ordinance setting the rate structure for video machines of all types in June, 1993. Municipalities across South Carolina had adopted similar ordinances. The Municipal Association had suggested changes to the municipal ordinances concerning video poker and other coin-operated amusement machines to clarify the ordinances.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had adopted a fee structure in June, 1993, and this proposed ordinance clarifies that there is a two-part structure for the licensing of video machines. One fee is the machine license fee that the owner will pay on each machine. Under the new license structure, the owner or operator will also pay a business license fee on the gross revenues from the machines under the total revenues for the business. In prior years, the machine fee was paid, but the question on gross revenues was unclear. The machine fee is set at 10% of the state license fee per machine but not less than \$15 per machine plus the license fee on gross revenues from the machine. The license for regular coin-operated amusement machines would cost \$15. However, video poker is licensed through the state for \$1,500 so the city would receive a fee of \$150 per machine.

Council had asked the staff to see what fees other cities in South Carolina are charging on gross revenues for the machines. It was found that Aiken's rate of \$35 per \$1,000 for the first \$2,000 of gross revenue is about mid-range state-wide. Mr. Thompson reviewed the rates from several cities and stated if Council would like to increase the fees the ordinance could be amended. He pointed out that Orangeburg charges \$50 per \$1,000 for the first \$5,000 in gross revenues and \$2 per thousand over \$5,000. This would mean the fee would be \$252 for a machine in Orangeburg generating \$6,000 in income with Aiken's fee being \$74 for \$6,000 in revenue.

Mr. Thompson also pointed out that the state will be requiring all video poker machines to be metered by July 1, 1995, which will help in checking the revenue generated by the machines.

Council briefly discussed the difference in rates for Aiken and Orangeburg. Council discussed setting the fee at \$50 for each \$1,000 up to \$5,000 and then \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction over \$5,000. Councilwoman Price felt the fee for each \$1,000 over \$5,000 should be set at \$2 like the Orangeburg fee.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Section 1.B. of the proposed ordinance be amended to raise Aiken's fee for video poker machines from \$35 for the first \$1,000 and \$1 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction to \$50 for each \$1,000 up to \$5,000 and then \$2 for each \$1,000 over \$5,000.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the ordinance clarifying the Business License fee system for amusement machines and video poker machines be passed on second and final reading as amended to become effective July 1, 1993.

PLANTATION SOUTH SUBDIVISION - ORDINANCE 080993B

Streets

Utilities

Water

Sewer

Dedication

Whiskey Road

Chukker Creek Road

Woodside Plantation

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

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF STREETS AND UTILITIES LOCATED IN PHASES I AND II OF PLANTATION SOUTH SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Thompson stated the city accepts ownership of utilities and streets in subdivisions if constructed to city specifications and after at least a year of operation. At the end of the year the Engineering Division evaluates the utilities and streets before recommending acceptance by the city.

Mr. Thompson stated the owners of Plantation South had asked the city to accept the streets and utilities. Plantation South is located off Whiskey Road and Chukker Creek Road near Woodside Plantation. The Engineering Division has reviewed the streets and utilities of Phases I and II and has recommended acceptance by the city.

Mr. Thompson stated that at the last meeting Council questioned the length of the cul-de-sacs and whether they met the Subdivision Regulations. He stated Mr. Evans had reviewed this and noted that the length of Archdale Drive was measured from Broughton Drive, the closest outlet point. Using that method of measurement the length of the street is a little over 800 feet. If Broughton Drive were not to be built, the length of Archdale would be measured from Ashpoo Drive, the closest outlet, resulting in a length of 1500 feet. He stated that provision was made for Drayton Hall Boulevard to be extended to the edge of the property and that extension of the roads to the north was not possible since the site is bounded on the north by Woodside Plantation Drive, a private drive.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on second and final reading to accept the streets and utilities of Phases I and II of Plantation South to become effective immediately.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE - ORDINANCE 080993C

City Business

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to require all official city business to be conducted in English.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL CITY OF AIKEN BUSINESS AND MATTERS TO BE CONDUCTED AND COMMUNICATED ORALLY AND IN WRITTEN FORM IN ENGLISH WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

Mr. Thompson stated that Councilman Anaclerio had suggested that the city adopt an ordinance requiring all business of the city to be conducted and communicated orally and in written form in English.

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 require that all business of the city be conducted orally and in writing in English to become effective immediately.

BUDGET - ORDINANCE 080993DAmendment
1992-93 Budget

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to amend the 1992-93 budget.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF AIKEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1992 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1993.

Mr. Thompson stated Council needed to consider amending the 1992-93 budget to include several sizeable expenses at the end of the fiscal year in the Utilities System. The expenses which need to be included in the 1992-93 Utilities Budget amount to \$265,080. The expenses were for ongoing projects and included \$21,820 for construction of the northwest water tank, \$174,920 for improvements to the treatment of raw water at Shaws Creek and \$68,340 for the unfunded pension liability in the Utilities System.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the ordinance amending the 1992-93 budget be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTStreetscape
Downtown Development Corporation
Laurens Street
Richland Avenue

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider approval of the streetscape plan for the downtown area.

Mr. Thompson stated that on July 27, 1993, the Downtown Development Corporation had reviewed the details of the downtown streetscape plan for members of City Council, the Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and the Park Commission. The Downtown Development Corporation has put a great deal of time into development of the streetscape plan, and Council has approved the overall concept of the plan. Now Council needs to consider approval of the details of the plan to allow construction to move forward. He said Council also needs to consider obligating financing for the plan to allow the plan to be staged as necessary.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that Bill Cullum of the Downtown Development Corporation had reviewed details of the streetscape plan, including the use of paver bricks on the sidewalks and parking areas, lighting fixtures, and the overall layout of the plan.

Council discussed the plan with Bill Cullum answering questions. Councilman Radford stated he had thought the plan would first be implemented on the more heavily traveled areas such as Richland Avenue rather than starting at Barnwell Avenue.

Mr. Cullum stated Richland Avenue is more visible but the schedule proposed was for several reasons. Phase I, the block of Laurens Street from Barnwell to Richland Avenue, has been one of the more neglected blocks of the CBD. Two blocks on Richland from Pendleton Street to Newberry Street will require extensive review because lane changes are involved and will require approval of the S.C. Department of Transportation which will take time for approval. Putting Richland Avenue in Phase III, which will probably be the fall of 1994, will give time to get permit approval from the S.C. Highway Department. He said the phases had been scheduled so the most results could be seen and so construction could be handled most effectively and be the least disruptive to the businesses in the downtown.

Council then discussed the lighting poles proposed to be used. It was stated the aluminum pole looks nice. However, it had been stated that a fiberglass pole could be made to look like the aluminum pole at a much cheaper price than the aluminum pole.

Mr. Cullum stated the recommendation to Council is the cast iron pole almost identical to the original poles but which is very expensive. The other

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recommendation is the aluminum pole with a smaller base than the sample pole on the street. He pointed out the review on July 27 was not specifically testing poles but a test of the lighting and fixtures. He said in talking with the City of Charleston he had been informed that in the historic district the lighting poles were with a cast aluminum and cast iron base. He said fiberglass poles may be used in other areas of the city but they were using the aluminum poles in the historic district to maintain the historic character. He did point out that cast iron and aluminum do require ongoing maintenance with painting.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had been doing some research on the fiberglass poles and had discussed the poles with the City of Charleston and with the Shakespeare plant. He said the fiberglass pole does have some options. He said there are disadvantages and advantages with any of the poles, and Council needs to decide what they like. He said if Council wants something made of material that is historically accurate, then cast iron would be the pole, but it is almost prohibitive in cost. The aluminum does offer some compromises. Also the fiberglass pole does offer some advantages as far as cost, durability and appearance.

Ms. Frances Thomas stated she had talked with the City of Charleston about the fiberglass and the aluminum poles. Basically Charleston does use the aluminum poles, but they are experimenting with fiberglass poles using a mold from the cast iron poles on the Battery. Recently there have been some problems with breakage of the aluminum poles.

Mr. LeDuc stated he had talked with some people in Charleston, and they do seem to be experiencing some problems with the aluminum poles. He said the fiberglass poles could be made to be smoother and shinier. The fiberglass pole is about half the cost of the aluminum poles and almost maintenance free.

Mr. Thompson stated the city could proceed with the bid process for poles and in the meantime set up a visit to the Shakespeare plant to see the fiberglass fixtures. He pointed out the cost is substantially lower for the fiberglass poles, but he felt Council should get the poles they felt the city should have because the poles will be there for many years.

Mr. Cullum stated in the bid process there may be other suppliers with poles that can be used, but consideration will have to be given to the use of boom arms for the traffic signals. He pointed out the two poles recommended will meet the requirement and will be in keeping with the historic character of Aiken.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had set aside some money in the current budget for paving of streets, the sidewalk program and the traffic signal program. He said there was about \$140,000 in the current budget for work in the downtown. He said the city has been able to generate some additional revenues through the General Fund through license fees. He said Council could use any additional revenues generated over the next five years towards the downtown project. He felt the major portion of the project could be completed in five years with the additional revenues which may come in with the city employees doing a lot of the work in-house.

Councilman Anaclerio pointed out Council would have to prioritize this project with other projects of the city in future years and work would have to be programmed during the budget process each year.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council approve the details of the downtown streetscape plan as presented with funding to be through the annual budget and any additional revenues that may be generated through additional revenues from licenses and other fees of the city. Also, that as much as possible the SCE&G lighting fixtures and bulbs be used to keep the cost down and that the poles be put out for bids.

SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Adopt City

Mayor Cavanaugh stated he had received some information on the Sister Cities program and Council may wish to consider entering the program.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that many cities across the United States have adopted other cities in different parts of the world as part of the Sister Cities Program. Under the program, a group of residents of the Aiken area would be responsible for the program. He said he had been contacted by an Aiken organization interested in the program. Mayor Cavanaugh stated the annual dues

for the program would be \$280, and the city would have to show support for the program and work through a local organization to sponsor a sister city. The city would need to complete a profile form to be sent out to potential partner cities. He said there are some 1900 U.S. cities linked up with 1500 foreign cities in 110 countries. He pointed out Augusta has two sister cities and there are about five cities in South Carolina with a sister cities program. Mayor Cavanaugh stated goals and objectives need to be set as far as what the city and the sponsoring organization would like to get from the program.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that Council authorize the city to enter the Sister Cities Program.

HISTORIC SITE - ORDINANCE

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

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to designate a portion of St. Mary's Church to the Aiken Historic Register.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

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

Mr. Thompson stated the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission had recommended designation of St. Mary's Church property to the Historic Register. This has been discussed at length with representatives from the church and the church has agreed to designation of all the land and all structures on the site except for the Parish Hall, the garage and the lean-to. The designation will include the church, the chapel and the rectory.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Perry and unanimously approved, that Council approve on first reading the ordinance designating property of St. Mary Help of Christians Church to the Aiken Historic Register as a landmark and that the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

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

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to annex 506 Chatham Street.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 0.29 ACRES OWNED BY ALBERT J. AND MARIA K. ALSUP LOCATED AT 506 CHATHAM STREET AND TO ZONE THE SAME R-1A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mr. Thompson stated the city has received a request from Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Alsup asking the city to annex their property at 506 Chatham Street and to zone the property R-1A Single Family Residential to allow them to tie into the city's sewer system. The property is contiguous to the city limits. The Planning Commission has reviewed the request and has recommended annexation to the city.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that Council pass on first reading an ordinance to annex 0.29 acres owned by Albert and Maria Alsup located at 506 Chatham Street and that the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

WOODWINDS SUBDIVISION - ORDINANCE

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

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to accept the streets and utilities of Woodwinds Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading to accept the streets, utilities and detention pond of Woodwinds Subdivision and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appointments
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Thompson stated Richard Herring and Ryndie Brusco had asked to be replaced on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He said both appointments expire on December 1, 1993, and Council may wish to make appointments through 1993 or extend the appointment to December, 1996. Zoning Board of Adjustment terms are for three years. He said Council had a list of persons interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council had discussed increasing the number of persons on the Zoning Board of Adjustment from five to seven members at a future meeting.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment be postponed until the next meeting of Council.

ARTS Citizens Advisory Committee
Augusta Regional Transportation System

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

Councilman Perry asked whether the appointees should be residents of the City of Aiken, and Mr. Holly, City Attorney, stated if the committee members would have

the power to make recommendations that are followed by the ARTS group then the appointments should be residents of the city.

Councilmembers expressed the desire to delay appointments to the committee until the next meeting to make some contacts to be sure the persons asked would make a commitment to the committee.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that appointments to the ARTS Advisory Committee be postponed until the next regular meeting of Council.

Housing Committee
Community Development
Brown, Lawrine
Airport Committee
Tyler, Al

Mr. Thompson stated the term of Lawrine Brown on the Community Development Committee on Housing would expire on September 2, 1993, and Council needed to consider an appointment for this committee. He stated Mr. Brown is interested in continuing to serve on the Community Development Housing Committee. Terms on the committee are for four years.

Mr. Thompson stated that Allison Tyler's term on the Airport Committee expires on September 1, 1993, and Council needs to consider an appointment. Mr. Tyler is interested in continuing to serve on the Airport Committee. Terms on the Airport Committee are for three years.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that Lawrine Brown be reappointed to a four year term on the Community Development Housing Committee with the term to expire September 2, 1997, and that Allison Tyler be reappointed to the Airport Committee for a three year term with the term to expire September 1, 1996.

ANNUAL REPORT

1992-93

Mr. Thompson stated the Annual Report for fiscal year 1992-93 had been presented to Council as a report on the operations of the city for the year. He said the report is prepared by the departments and includes a brief review of the many services offered within the departments and the accomplishments for the year. He said this was presented for Council's information.

Councilman Analcerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1992-93 be accepted as information.

BIDS

Water Chemicals
Alum
Peridot Company

Mayor Cavanaugh stated bids had been received for the purchase of alum.

Mr. Thompson stated the city uses alum in the water production process and annually receives bids for the purchase of alum. He said bids had been received as follows:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL CONTRACT</u>
Kemira	\$5.90/cwt	\$23,600
Peridot	5.98/cwt	23,920
General Chemical	6.915/cwt	27,660
Southchem Corp.	7.52/cwt	30,120

Mr. Thompson stated the Public Works staff had reviewed the bids and recommended acceptance of the second low bid from Peridot at \$5.98/cwt. The low bidder Kemira cannot meet the city's delivery schedule and does not want to ship partial loads. Mr. Thompson stated the city uses chemicals in the water production process and does need a reasonable delivery schedule. He said the city tries not to store a great amount of chemicals at the water plant and relies on the manufacturers and distributors to store the chemicals and to accept the liability. Due to fluctuating demand for water the city may need more or less alum than a full truck

load. The Kemira Company submitted the low bid of \$5.90/cwt, but they are not willing to ship partial loads based on the city's needs. The Public Works staff has discussed this with the company representatives of both Kemira and Peridot. The staff is recommending acceptance of the bid of Peridot Company based on the price and delivery schedules submitted.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the bid for alum be awarded to Peridot Company at a bid price of \$5.98/cwt based on the price and delivery schedule needed by the city.

BIDS

Garbage Truck
Sanitation Division
Public Works Department

Mayor Cavanaugh stated bids had been received for the purchase of a truck cab and chassis.

Mr. Thompson stated the 1994 budget includes the purchase of a commercial garbage truck, and Council has already approved the bids for the purchase of the truck body. He said the cab and chassis was bid separately, and the staff is recommending acceptance of the low and only bid response from Peterbilt at \$67,184.

Mr. Thompson stated the city has had excellent experience with the previously purchased Peterbilt trucks, and the city has documented a decrease of \$27,000 annually for operating expenses for commercial garbage trucks with the Peterbilt unit. The staff is recommending acceptance of the bid of Peterbilt of Florence, Inc. at a price of \$67,184.

Councilman Analcerio moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that Council accept the bid of Peterbilt of Florence, Inc. for purchase of a cab and chassis at a price of \$67,184 as recommended by the staff.

BIDS

Multi-Field Complex
Recreation Department
Woodward Tract
Banks Mill Road
Pine Log Road

Mayor Cavanaugh stated bids had been received for construction of the multi-field recreation complex.

Mr. Thompson stated that for the past several months the city had been working to prepare bids for the construction of the multi-field complex to be located on the former Woodward tract at the intersection of Banks Mill and Pine Log Roads. He said the staff had been working closely with Arbor Engineering to develop and evaluate the bids. The staff is recommending acceptance of the lowest bids, based on evaluation of the different strengths of the contractors. He said the staff is recommending acceptance of the bid of Stewart Builders for a total of \$601,136, and Burdette Grading for a total of \$508,214, for a total project price for this phase of the project of \$1,109,350.

Mr. Thompson stated the city staff will serve as the general contractor on the project, and the group is satisfied that both of these contractors can fulfill the construction schedules and standards for this complex. By breaking the project up into two separate components, the city was able to separate out utilities and road construction from the actual construction of the fields and save a total of \$141,762. The low bid for a single contractor, Stewart Builders, would have been \$1,251,121.

Mr. Thompson stated the city expects to meet the requirements of the new landscape ordinance under review by City Council. The new ordinance allows the use of 3" trees, instead of 4" trees in the landscape plan.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that Council approve the award of the contract for the multi-field complex to Stewart Builders for \$601,136 and to Burdett Grading for \$501,214, for a total project price for this phase of the project of \$1,109,350.

WATER REQUEST

350 University Parkway
Hatcher, Jerry

Mayor Cavanaugh stated a request had been received for the extension of water service to 350 University Parkway.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received a request from Jerry Hatcher asking the city to consider extending water service to his property at 350 University Parkway. He said under the city's policy any one receiving new water or sewer service must submit an annexation request. Mr. Hatcher asked for annexation so he would be allowed to receive water service to his property. Mr. Hatcher's property is contiguous to the city limit lines by the Parkway but not by any other adjacent city property and the property would be about 3,000 feet away from the nearest service address in the city. This would mean the city would have to provide patrol service and garbage service to a parcel a good distance from other city property. The Planning Commission is recommending that instead of annexation that the city extend water services to Mr. Hatcher's property and require that he proceed with the execution of an annexation agreement without annexing the property at this time.

Mr. Thompson stated Council has the ability to accept or deny the annexation agreement or to delay accepting the actual annexation of the property in the city's best interest. Other than the highway right-of-way the property is almost 3,000 feet away from the nearest actual development in Aiken. It would be very difficult for the city to provide police and garbage services to this property and would set a difficult precedent with future similar properties. The Planning Commission's recommendation is that Council require the property owner to execute an annexation agreement but that the property not be annexed at this time. Mr. Thompson stated Council may wish to require the property to comply with the city's landscape and signage ordinances now or within a certain number of years.

Councilman Anaclerio stated he attended the Planning Commission when this matter was discussed. He pointed out Mr. Hatcher proposes to use the property as a warehouse which is more compatible with light industrial. He pointed out it seems that the surrounding area will be developing as neighborhood business.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that Council approve extension of water service to Mr. Jerry Hatcher's property at 350 University Parkway with the condition that Mr. Hatcher execute an annexation agreement now for annexation of the property at some time in the future and that at the time of annexation that the property be required to meet all city regulations regarding landscaping, signage and other applicable codes.

CREEKSIDE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Utility Request
Water
Glenwood Development Company
Silver Bluff Road
Parkman, J.P.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the city had received a request for water service for Creekside Meadows Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had received a request from Mr. J. P. Parkman and Glenwood Development, asking for water service for Section IV of Creekside Meadows Subdivision located off Silver Bluff Road and Glenwood Drive near Beaver Creek Subdivision. Creekside Meadows is a section of the 200 acre tract of Creekside. The entire tract was approved for water service before Council adopted the policy requiring annexation agreements.

The developers are asking for a waiver from the subdivision requirements based on the length of the main street. Timberchase Lane is proposed to be about 2,200 feet long. Under the Subdivision Regulations deadend streets and cul de sacs are allowed to be a maximum of about 1,000 feet. As the other sections of Creekside are developed the lengthy entranceway would be reduced to meet the Subdivision Regulations.

Although no annexation agreement was originally required of Creekside Subdivision, the variance from the Subdivision Regulations does give Council some ability to work with the developer. The Planning Commission has recommended that Council approve the request for water conditioned on the proposed road to the southwest that will connect with Glenwood Drive being completed within five years of the

date of approval by City Council. He said Council may also wish to consider a second condition in granting a variance from the Subdivision Regulations for the length of the street that the developer execute an annexation agreement for Section IV of Creekside. The owner of the property is not in favor of the annexation agreement.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had approved water to other sections of Creekside without an annexation agreement, but the developer did not request a variance from the Subdivision Regulations at that time but complied with all regulations. He pointed out requesting a variance opens the door for Council to make special conditions.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Council approve water to Section IV of Creekside Subdivision and that a variance be granted for the length of Timberchase Lane with the condition that the proposed road to the southwest that will connect with Glenwood Drive be completed within five years of the date of approval by City Council, and that the developer execute an annexation agreement for Section IV of Creekside Subdivision.

Mr. Mark Graham, representing Glenwood Development, pointed out Mr. Parkman had purchased some additional property outside of Creekside in order to make the lengthy road be able to eventually tie into Glenwood Drive. Mr. Graham pointed out the additional purchased property is not in the original agreement for the 200 acre subdivision and the city had not obligated itself to furnish water to the additional land. He asked if it would be possible for the City to obligate itself to furnish water to the new property which Mr. Parkman had purchased in order to make the extension to the street so it would not be too long but would meet the Subdivision Regulations. Mr. Graham pointed out Mr. Parkman has been asked to build a street for 3,000 feet in order to get back to Glenwood Drive. He stated Mr. Parkman had purchased property so he could extend the road to meet regulations. Mr. Graham pointed out the city is not obligated at this time to furnish water to the newly purchased property. He asked if Council would obligate the city to furnish water to the newly purchased property after review of plans which may be submitted in the future. Mr. Graham stated the additional land is not within the city's fire district, and he was concerned that city water be furnished to the property in the future when the area is developed.

Council agreed that the City Manager could write a letter to Mr. Parkman expressing the intent of Council at this time to furnish water to the additional land purchased by Mr. Parkman in order to be able to extend the street to Glenwood Drive but which was not included in the original 200 acre site with the understanding that details would have to be worked out at a later date, and that the subdivision comply with city requirements in effect at that time.

AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL

Trees

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the city had received a request from Aiken High School for assistance with tree trimming at the school.

Mr. Thompson stated Mr. William Gassman, Principal at Aiken High School, had asked the city to assist the high school with trimming of the live oaks surrounding the driveway on the school property. Brian Woodward has met with representatives at Aiken High and discussed the possibility of the city helping with tree trimming. Brian feels the city crews could help with the trimming and that this really would not require a great deal of time from present operations. Mr. Gassman is asking that the city trim the trees now and commit to trimming the trees again in the future.

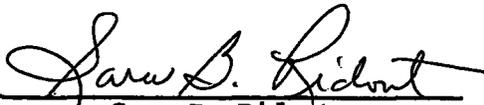
Council discussed the request. Mayor Cavanaugh stated he would like to help the high school if possible, but in doing so the city may receive requests for other services in the future and from other schools also. He said if the city did help he would not like for the city to make a long term commitment.

Councilwoman Price stated she felt if the city does help the school it should be on individual requests and not a long term commitment. She pointed out Aiken High School is on a primary street and many people see the area as they pass through Aiken. She felt it was important that the area be attractive.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Council approve the city assisting Aiken High School with trimming of the live oaks surrounding the driveway on school property for one time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.



Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk