

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 14, 1970

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall this day convening at 8:15 P.M. EST.

Members in attendance were Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen: L. C. Cable, B. G. Lee, Roberto R. Prado, C. J. Sahlmann, Loretta Simmons, Joseph H. Thornton and Wilbert G. Walter.

Not present were Alderman Gordon W. Brock, Jr. and Attorney Michael J. Burkett.

An opening invocation was delivered by Dr. Boone Bowen, retired professor of theology at Emory University and a resident of the Isle of Palms.

Howard Taylor, Charleston County Clerk of Court administered the oaths of office to the following:

MAYOR

JOSEPH H. HAMER

ALDERMEN:

L. C. CABLE  
B. G. LEE  
ROBERTO R. PRADO  
C. J. SAHLMANN  
LORETTA SIMMONS  
JOSEPH H. THORNTON  
WILBERT G. WALTER

POLICE CHIEF:

J. BLAIR WHITE

CLERK-TREASURER:

MARIE S. PASSAILAIGUE

Mayor Hamer announced the formation of the following committees and their chairman.

POLICE AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY  
CHAIRMAN

C. J. SAHLMANN  
L. C. CABLE  
B. G. LEE

PUBLIC WORKS, SANITATION &  
STREET & LIGHTS  
CHAIRMAN

JOSEPH H. THORNTON  
ROBERTO R. PRADO  
LORETTA SIMMONS

BOARD OF FIREMASTERS  
CHAIRMAN

ROBERTO R. PRADO

*Howe Hession*  
*John Simpson*  
*Henry Shaffer*  
*Wm Connolly*

WAYS & MEANS, & ENGROSSED BILLS,  
BONDS, ORDINANCE & RULES &  
ADMINISTRATION  
CHAIRMAN

W. G. WALTER  
GORDON W. BROCK, JR.  
L. C. CABLE

PARKS & PLAYGROUND  
CHAIRMAN

B. G. LEE  
JOSEPH H. THORNTON

Mayor Hamer moved that the following appointments be made:

CIVIL DEFENSE:  
CHAIRMAN

W. M. CONNELLEY

RECORDER

S. E. WALLERSTEDT

BUILDING OFFICIAL

HARRY SCHAD

CHIEF OF POLICE  
PATROLMAN

J. BLAIR WHITE  
JOHN ROBINSON

FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF

SECRETARY-TREASURER

W. M. CONNELLEY  
HERMAN LAMKIN  
THOMAS SIMPSON  
THEO HOLMAN

ATTORNEY

MICHAEL BURKETT

All appointments were approved by council.

Alderman Lee submitted 14 names for approval as members of the Playground Commission. After some discussion between Aldermen Lee, Thornton and Walter, Alderman Thornton moved that Russell Friar be added to the Commission. Seconded by Alderman Cable. Approved by council.

JACKYE JOHNSON (MRS. HORACE W.)  
NELL McDUFFIE (MRS. CLAYTON)  
THELMA SPEARS (MRS. E. L.)  
CAROLYN WALTERS (MRS. HARVEY)  
KENNETH F. WRIXON  
OTTO MARTENS  
LEONARD W. MILLS, JR. (JIM)  
FRANCIS WILLIAMS (BILL)

DAVID P. LOWERY  
MACK FORE  
DAVID W. WARD  
LUTHER AVANT, JR.  
LESTER L. WEED, JR.  
BILL DUDLEY  
RUSSELL FRIAR

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The following names were submitted and approved by council as members of the Playground Building Committee:

OTTO MARTENS, CHAIRMAN  
LUTHER AVANT, JR.  
LESTER L. WEED, JR.

SAMUEL H. KIRBY  
CHARLES W. JERNIGAN  
JACQUELINE JOHNSON (MRS. HORACE W.)

Mayor Hamer informed the council that the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month are set aside for council meetings, but that after the new council becomes more experienced a monthly meeting is usually sufficient.

Mayor Hamer announced the next council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28th at 8:00 P.M. and requested that each committee have its budget prepared and ready to be adopted. He emphasized the need for the Ways and Means Committee to meet prior to the next council meeting. He also, stated his personal flexibility as to who serves on a committee, but stipulated that he is to be informed if any changes are made and also, that he wants to be informed as to the time which committee meetings are to be held.

Mayor Hamer said that he plans to meet with the committees and suggested the chairman see the Clerk-Treasurer to determine anticipated expenditures.

Mayor Hamer announced that any salary revisions that are to be made shall be retroactive.

Mayor Hamer pointed out the need for a copy machine in the office of City Hall and suggested the present one be fixed if it can be done at a nominal cost. Alderman Lee suggested that the cost of a new one be investigated.

Mayor Hamer told the council that any expenditure above \$25.00 needs council approval and Marie Passailaigue, Clerk-Treasurer, reminded the members that a purchase order obtained from her is required before the expenditure.

Mayor Hamer pointed out the need for a zoning and planning board and asked for a recommendation at the next meeting.

Mayor Hamer announced that the next meeting will be limited to budgets.

Mayor Hamer thanked the newspaper reporter, Hoke McClung, for his cooperation and extended his appreciation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Marie S. Passailaigue  
Clerk-Treasurer

PARKS & PLAYGROUND  
CHAIRMAN

BILLY G. LEE 22 22nd AVE. 886-6760

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

|                                                 |                     |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| KENNETH F. WRIXON                               | 250 FOREST TRAIL    | 886-6125 |
| MACK FORE                                       | 229 FOREST TRAIL    | 886-6086 |
| LESTER L. WEED, JR.<br>(Buzzy)                  | 3-B 27th AVE.       | 886-6022 |
| DAVID W. WARD                                   | 29 29th AVE.        | 886-6621 |
| LUTHER AVANT, JR.<br>(Red)                      | 214 FOREST TRAIL    | 886-6010 |
| BILL DUDLEY                                     | 3503 CAMERON BLVD.  | 886-8127 |
| DAVID P. LOWERY                                 | 3-A 27th AVE.       | 886-6527 |
| JACQUELINE JOHNSON<br>(Jackye) (Mrs. Horace W.) | 2304 WATERWAY BLVD. | 886-6207 |
| NELL McDUFFIE<br>(Mrs. Clayton)                 | 2605 HARTNETT BLVD. | 886-6216 |
| THELMA SPEARS<br>(Mrs. E. Leonard)              | 27 23rd AVE.        | 886-6689 |
| CAROLYN WALTERS<br>(Mrs. Harvey H.)             | 3 24th AVE.         | 886-8102 |
| OTTO MARTENS                                    | 9 26th AVE.         | 886-6294 |
| LEONARD W. MILLS, JR.<br>(Jim)                  | 3503 HARTNETT BLVD. | 886-6018 |
| FRANCIS WILLIAMS<br>(Bill)                      | 3500 HARTNETT BLVD. | 886-6208 |
| RUSSELL FRIAR                                   | 4 CHAPMAN           | 886-8392 |

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POLICE AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY

C. J. SAHLMANN, CHAIRMAN  
L. C. CABLE  
B. G. LEE

PUBLIC WORKS, SANITATION  
AND STREET AND LIGHTS

JOSEPH H. THORNTON, CHAIRMAN  
LORETTA SIMMONS  
ROBERTO PRADO

WAYS AND MEANS, AND ENGROSSED  
BILLS, BONDS, ORDINANCE AND  
RULES

W. G. WALTER, CHAIRMAN  
GORDON BROCK  
L. C. CABLE

BOARD OF FIREMASTERS

ROBERTO PRADO, CHAIRMAN

PARKS AND PLAYGROUND

B. G. LEE, CHAIRMAN  
JOSEPH H. THORNTON

*CS.  
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PLAYGROUND BUILDING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

|                                        |                     |          |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| OTTO MARTENS                           | 9 26th AVE.         | 886-6294 |
| SAMUEL H. KIRBY                        | 502 CAROLINA AVE.   | 886-6429 |
| LUTHER AVANT, JR.                      | 214 FOREST TRAIL    | 886-6010 |
| LESTER L. WEED, JR.                    | 3-B 27th AVE.       | 886-6022 |
| CHARLES JERNIGAN                       | 3502 HARTNETT BLVD. | 886-6459 |
| JACQUELINE JOHNSON<br>(MRS. HORACE W.) | 2304 WATERWAY BLVD. | 886-6207 |

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 7, 1970

A special meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall this day convening at 7:30 p.m. EST. The purpose of this meeting was to familiarize the new Council members with the procedures of a regular meeting.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Honorable Joseph H. Hamer, Mayor.

Members in attendance were Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen Max V. Capper, B. G. Lee, Stuart Preston, L. C. Cable, D. E. Mahaffey, C. J. Sahlmann, and Walter L. Shaffer, Jr.

Not attending were Alderman J. E. Boswell and Attorney Michael J. Burkett.

Also present were the following newly elected members: Roberto R. Prado, Joseph H. Thornton, Loretta Simmons and W. G. Walter.

Not Present was Gordon W. Brock, Jr.

Mayor Hamer read the following correspondence:

1. A copy of a letter dated December 4, 1969 from Charles W. Sublett, President of the Michie City Publications Co., Charlottesville, Va., to Mayor Hamer containing a progress report on the new Code of Ordinances for the Isle of Palms which stated the new Code is ready for publication.

2. A copy of a letter dated December 16, 1969 from John D. Ohlandt, Division of Environmental Health of the Charleston County Health Department, to Mayor Hamer concerning sanitation inspection.

Mayor Hamer said that he answered the above correspondence on December 29, 1969 with an invitation to Mr. Ohlandt to attend a Council Meeting in an advisory capacity, after the new Council members are sworn in and settled down to work. Mr. Ohlandt telephoned that he would be glad to attend a meeting.

3. A copy of a letter dated December 22, 1969, from Don Couch, General Contractors, Charleston Heights, S.C. to Mayor Hamer requesting a copy of the plans for the Playground Building.
4. A copy of a letter to Mayor Hamer dated December 16, 1969 from Isaac Ryba, Vice-President Charleston Disposal Service, Inc., Charleston, S. C. concerning waste disposal problems of the Isle of Palms, with an enclosure of literature on a refuse transfer system they are in hopes might meet the present needs of the City.

Mayor Hamer announced the above correspondence will be referred to the Chairman of the Sanitation Department Committee.

5. A copy of a letter to Mayor Hamer, dated December 16, 1969, from George E. Campsen, Jr. Attorney at Law, Charleston, S. C., extending his congratulations to Mayor and each newly elected Councilman on the Republican Victory in the recent election of December 13, 1969.
6. A copy of a letter to Marie S. Passailaigue, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Isle of Palms, S. C., from Michael Branham, Attorney for the Government Emplouees Insurance Co., Washington, D. C. , concerning a Municipal License Tax for Isle of Palms. Mr. Branham contends that inasmuch as the Government Employees Insurance Co. maintains no office and has no agents, resident or non-resident, operating in the City of Isle of Palms, they are, therefore, of the opinion that General Employees Insurance Co. is not liable for the Municipal License Tax.

Mayor Hamer stated that he does not concur with this opinion and recommended that it be referred to the new Council.

Mayor Hamer extended his thanks and appreciation to the former Council members and his regrets that they will not be on the Council this term. He expressed his wish to utilize the services of the outgoing Councilmen in the capacity of a Planning and Advisory Committee. Mayor Hamer indicated a great need for this Planning and Advisory Committee and stated that he will depend on them and call on them. He suggested that this Committee appoint their own Chairman.

Old Business was asked for by Mayor Hamer.

Alderman Walter Shaffer referred to the letter from Mr. Ohlanta regarding the sanitation problem and asked if "J. C. Long had not made an offer to supply a place to put the garbage."

Mayor Hamer briefed those in attendance on the subject of the letter and explained that the trench we are presently using for garbage disposal is unsuitable at high tide because it pollutes the water.

Alderman Shaffer said that he feels that J. C. Long, as the largest real property tax owner on the Island would bear the brunt of a millege increase and that it would "behoove" him to work with us.

Alderman Capper said he had previously spoken to the Mr. Pleasant officials regarding our sanitation problems, hoping that a 3-way community solution would prevail.

Discussion was held regarding the amount of the disposal of raw garbage.

Mayor Hamer read a copy of a letter, written by him on January 5, 1970, to J. C. Long concerning his wish to meet with J. C. Long about pertinent matters concerning the Isle of Palms and the proposed abandoment of Highway 703. This letter was in reply to Mr. Long's registered letter to Mayor Hamer and Paul Hollen, dated December 2, 1969, in which Mr. Long stated his intention to seek the abandoment of Highway 703 from 41st Avenue to 45th Avenue, with the consent of the property owners situated between 41st Avenue and Dewees Inlet, or if unable to secure the consent of these property owners, the abandoment of Highway 703 from 53rd Avenue to Dewees Inlet.

Mayor Hamer asked Alderman Shaffer to distribute the Service Appreciation Award plaques to all Councilmen who served through 1969.

Those present who received plaques were as follows: Mayor Hamer, Alderman Lee, Capper, Cable, Mahaffey, Preston, Sahlman and Shaffer.

Mayor Hamer again extended his thanks and appreciation to the out-going Councilmen who served with him.

Alderman Capper personally congratulated the new Council and said he feels they are a good group of public spirited people. He also, thanked Mayor Hamer for the recognition shown by his suggestion that the former council members remain active by serving on an advisory committee. He said the past term had been a pleasure.

Mayor Hamer announced that he plans to ask some of the opposition party to serve on the Advisory Committee "for the Sake of Progress".

Alderman Cable said the out-going Councilmen will be missed and that it had been a pleasure to serve with them.

Alderman Shaffer said that inasmuch as there had been "two false starts on the budget this year he did not prepare it.

Mayor Hamer stated that the new Council will prepare the budget with the help and the experience of the old Council.

Mayor Hamer mentioned that he is in opes of a new source of income for the City from parking lot facilities on the front beach, if J. C. Long will make the space available.

Mayor Hamer brought out that in the past there was some laxity in the working of some of the committees and that this must not happen again. He said that the new Councilmen must attend the meetings and work on their committees, and that should the Councilmen not attend their committee and/or Council meetings he will request said members to resign in "fairness to the residents who elected them."

Mayor Hamer again extended his appreciation of help from the old Council.

Alderman Walters inquired about rules of procedure followed during Council meetings and requested a copy of the procedure. A discussion followed in which Mayor Hamer informed Alderman Walters that Robert's Rules of Order were followed. Alderman Shaffer elaborated and referred to a set of Council Meeting procedures that were drawn by the Council eight years ago. Alderman Capper said he will check to see if he has extra copies and if so will distribute them. Mayor Hamer stated that the Clerk-Treasurer will have copies

made for the new Council.

Mayor Hamer announced that the new Council will be sworn in at the next Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 14, 1970 at 8:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Passailaigue*  
Marie S. Passailaigue  
Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 28, 1970

The regular Council Meeting convened on this date at 8:00 P.M. E.S.T. at the Isle of Palms City Hall.

Members in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen B. G. Lee, R. R. Prado, C. J. Sahlmann, ~~Mrs.~~ Loretta Simmons, J. H. Thornton and W. G. Walter.

Not present were Aldermen G. W. Brock, Jr. and C. L. Cable and Attorney Michael J. Burkett.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Mayor Hamer.

Mayor Hamer announced that Alderman Cable was hospitalized with a gallbladder operation pending January 29th.

The following correspondence was read by Mayor Hamer to Council:

(1) Letter dated January 20, 1970 from Charles W. Aiken, President and Founder, Boy's Home of the South, Belton, S. C. to Mayor Hamer requesting a new listing of civic and fraternal clubs and organizations and the mailing addresses of the local churches. He offered a speaker for a program on child care to any interested group.

(2) Letter dated January 13, 1970 from Michael J. Burkett, Attorney, Charleston, S. C. to D. A. Brockinton, Esquire, Messrs. Brockinton, Brockinton & Brockinton, Attorney & Counselors at Law, Charleston, S. C. , re their letter of December 19, 1969 addressed to Joseph H. Hamer, Mayor, Isle of Palms, S. C. concerning a building permit issued to Mr. Burgis for expansion of the Palms Restaurant, Isle of Palms, S. C., which is being contested, in which Mr. Burkett informed the Messrs. Brockinton that the expansion is permissible under the Isle of Palms City Zoning Ordinance and that he does not think it wise for the City to take any action on this matter since private restrictions require a judicial interpretation when there is an attempted enforcement.

(3) Letter dated January 20, 1970 from Charles F. Dawley, Chief of Police, Town of Mt. Pleasant, S. C., requesting Council to endorse a Bill regarding arrest authority of a Law Enforcement Officer employed by an Incorporated Municipality, copy of Bill enclosed. Chief Dawley also asked that a Resolution or letter of endorsement be sent to the Charleston County Delegation and he urged City Council to request the passage of a local Bill having the same effect, should Senator Garrett's Bill fail to pass.

(4) Letter dated January 27, 1970 from Mayor Joseph H. Hamer to the Honorable Robert B. Scarborough, South Carolina State Legislature, Columbia, S.C., endorsing Senator Garrett's Bill. Mayor Hamer urged the Charleston County Delegation to introduce a local Bill that would accomplish the purpose of Senator Garrett's Bill should it fail to pass.

The bill was read and given to the Aldermen to read.

(5) Letter from the Charleston Jaycee's re the value of Information Center participation.

A motion was made by Mayor Hamer to receive the letter as information and refer it to the Ways and Means Committee for review. If found financially feasible request was made by Mayor Hamer for the authority to act.

Discussion followed among Aldermen Walter, Lee and Mayor Hamer re the Island's past participation with a Tourist Information Center. The current available facilities list sent by the City of Isle of Palms in answer to inquiries directed to the Isle of Palms Chamber of Commerce was shown to Council. Mayor Hamer recommended that in the future a brochure depicting the Island's facilities should be considered.

(6) Letter dated January 19, 1970 from J. C. Long to Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, agreeing to an appointment, as requested by Mayor, to discuss "keeping the Isle of Palms the place to live that we all desire it to be".

Prior to reading the above correspondence Mayor Hamer reviewed previous correspondence between J. C. Long and himself re the abandonment of Highway 703, as recorded in the minutes of January 14, 1970.

Mayor Hamer explained the phrase used by J. C. Long and himself "keeping the Isle of Palms the place to live that we all desire it to be" to mean a residential rather than commercial community.

Alderman Walter asked why Mr. Long wants to close Highway 703. Discussion and explanation followed. Mayor Hamer stated he prefers to have the road left open, but that in order for the residents and visitors to continue to enjoy the life of the Island with its present atmosphere, it appears necessary for the welfare of the community to have certain limitations set. Examples of these limitations were given, as follows: (1) where one can park, (2) disposal of litter, (3) prevention of woods fires, and (4) protection of J. C. Long's goats at that end of the Island.

Mayor Hamer announced his intention of asking Mr. James Berry and Mr. Francis Meeks to head a Beautification Committee that would endeavor to make the undeveloped end of the Island a scenic tour.

Mayor Hamer proclaimed the week of February 8-14 as National Beauty Salon Week.

Mayor Hamer requested Alderman Sahlmann, as Police Commissioner, to enforce the Dog Ordinance.

Alderman Lee announced that his Parks and Playground Committee should be able to present plans, specifications and bids for the new playground building within "45 days at the latest".

Alderman Lee also asked Council to consider and express it's feelings at the next Council Meeting about the prevailing situation peculiar to our playground which might exclude our active participation in an athletic program with Mt. Pleasant and Sullivan's Island, this year.

Mayor Hamer announced that salary increases would be retroactive to January 2, 1970 and that reference to increases particularly included the salary of the Clerk-Treasurer and those of the garbage men.

Alderman Lee expressed his wish to give an increase of \$5.00 per week to the Playground Director. He asked if there were any objection by Council. None followed.

Alderman Prado requested that a letter be written by the City to Mayor Gilliard of Charleston, S. C. re a 1942 Chevrolet fire truck that is to be given to the Isle of Palms by the City of Charleston. He also expressed his readiness to pick up the truck on Saturday January 31, if available to him by that time.

Mayor Hamer commended the Council on its efforts as tentative budget proposals were submitted, calling for expenditures of \$130,272 for 1970. Mayor Hamer said that this amounts to an increase of nearly \$28,000 over last years actual expenditures. He then requested the committees to continue to work with the Ways and Means Committee, endeavoring to pare the budget until it is ready for adoption. He mentioned the challenge of both accomplishing the goals of the Island and at the same time staying within the budget. He specifically referred to the proposed playground building and the police and fire departments. Mayor Hamer offered his personal counseling on the budget.

Alderman Thornton asked how the anticipated income compared with the anticipated budgets.

Alderman Walter distributed prepared copies of the budgets from 1966 to 1970.

Alderman Walter suggested the following measures be considered to increase the revenue of the Island. (1) Rigid enforcement of the Business and Professional License Ordinances to obtain all fees due the City. (2) Investigation of Municipal Waterworks ownership.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 11, 1970 at City Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M. E.S.T.

Respectfully submitted:

*Marie Passailaigue*  
Marie S. Passailaigue  
Clerk/Treasurer

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 1970

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall this day convening at 9:00 P.M. EST.

Members in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen Gordon W. Brock, Jr., Roberto R. Prado, Loretta Simmons, Joseph H. Thornton, Wilbert G. Walter and Attorney Michael J. Burkett.

Not present were: Aldermen L. C. Cable, B. G. Lee and C. J. Sahlmann.

Mayor Hamer administered the oath of office to Gordon W. Brock, Jr., Alderman.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mayor Hamer.

Mayor Hamer made the following announcements:

1. Representative Alan Watson will hold a press conference at Hawthorn Airport, Charleston, S. C. at 4:15 P.M. on Friday February 13, 1970, to announce his candidacy for Governor of South Carolina.
2. An invitation from the South Carolina Power Co. to attend a covered dish supper during an in-depth Republican reorganizational meeting to be held on Friday February 12, at 7:00 P.M.
3. There will be a reorganizational meeting of the Republican Party on the Isle of Palms on Tuesday, February 24, 1970 at 7:30 P.M.

The following correspondence was read by Mayor Hamer:

1. Letter from Mrs. Robert D. Fralick, 2203 Palm Blvd. to Mayor Hamer requesting a street light between 22nd Avenue and 24th Avenue on Palm Blvd.
2. Letter from Wilbert G. Walter, 1 46th Avenue to Mayor Hamer and Council requesting a street light at the end of 46th Avenue.

Motion was made by Mayor Hamer to refer the above letters to Alderman Thornton, Chairman of Public Works, Sanitation and Street and Lights Committee to act upon these requests. Seconded by Alderman Brock. Approved by Council.

3. Letter from Mr. Frank Burroughs Birthright, 3202 Palm Blvd. to Mayor Hamer re relief from student vandalism occurring on the above property and requesting a change in the school bus stop.

Motion was made by Mayor Hamer to refer the above letter to Alderman C. J. Sahlmann, Police and Public Safety Chairman. Seconded by Alderman Thornton. Approved by Council.

Mayor Hamer announced that a meeting was held with J. C. Long, during which the following subjects were discussed: (1) Playground Property, (2) Disposition of Refuse, (3) Municipal Parking Lot.

Relative to the above the following discussion and decisions ensued:

1. Playground Property:

Council decided that Attorney Burkett will meet again with Mr. Long.

2. Disposition of Refuse:

Alderman Thornton, Public Works, Sanitation & Street & Lights Chairman said that he had met three times with Mr. John D. Ohlandt, Division of Environmental Health, Charleston County Health Dept. He announced another meeting to be held on Monday, February 16, 1970 with Mr. Ohlandt, Attorney Burkett, Mayor Hamer and the Sanitation Committee.

3. Municipal Parking Lot:

Mayor Hamer said that property will be made available by Mr. J. C. Long for the purpose of a front beach parking lot, thus enabling the City to increase its revenue. Mr. Long stipulated that he not be charged for taxes on this property. This stipulation was deemed reasonable and agreed to by Council.

Alderman Thornton made a motion that parking lot expenditures come under General Government (Ways and Means) Budget.

Mayor Hamer suggested that the City will underwrite the project. He further suggested that the facility be treated as a "special project" with a separate bank account. He anticipates that the project will be self-liquidating and stated that should any monies be left over they will be brought into the general fund.

Motion was made by Alderman Walter that Mayor Hamer be given the right to obtain bids and costs for the parking lot. Seconded by Alderman Brock. Approved by Council.

Alderman Walters reported that the proposed budget is reasonably well balanced with anticipated expenditures approximately \$126,000 and Anticipated income approximately \$126,000. He said the budget was reduced by \$3,000 under insurance by virtue of its being "spread around into commissions" (departments) He further stated that the budget for lifeguards might be reduced and that the playground building is not included in the budget. He anticipated a total of \$30,000 will be available for the playground building and that this figure includes the \$15,000 on hand that has been set aside for this purpose.

Alderman Thornton stated the need for a truck at the disposal of Mr. Parrish, Public Works Supervisor, in which he can carry tools. Mayor Hamer said, if necessary a secondhand truck will be made available to the Sanitation Department. Meanwhile Mr. Parrish can utilize the Dog Catcher's truck.

Alderman Walters moved that Council adopt and approve salary and wage increases for the following new personnel and present personnel: Clerk-Treasurer, Fire Department employees, Policemen, Sanitation Department employees and the Playground Director. Seconded by Alderman Thornton. Approved by Council.

Alderman Prado inquired about the large amount billed to the Fire Department by Suburban Gas & Appliance Co., Charleston, S. C. He stated his intention of only paying his department's fair share of the bill.

Alderman Prado asked Mayor Hamer about the fire truck the City of Charleston offered to the Isle of Palms. Mayor Hamer said that he had personally telephoned the Charleston Fire Chief and was informed the Fire Department had voted to dispose of it. Mayor Hamer then talked with Charleston Mayor Gailliard who said the Isle of Palms may have it.

Alderman Prado called attention to an error in the January 14, 1970 minutes which read as follows:

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BOARD OF FIREMASTERS  
CHAIRMAN

ROBERT PRADO

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FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF  
SECRETARY- TREASURER

W. M. CONNELLY  
HERMAN LAMKIN  
THOMAS SIMPSON  
THEO HOLMAN

To be amended as follows:

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BOARD OF FIREMASTERS  
CHAIRMAN

ROBERTO R. PRADO  
THEO HOLMAN  
THOMAS SIMPSON  
HENRY SHAFFER  
WILLIAM CONNELLY

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FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF  
SECRETARY- TREASURER

W. M. CONNELLY  
HERMAN LAMKIN

The need for a Zoning Board was discussed by Mayor Hamer and Alderman Prado.

Mayor Hamer inquired as to whether the No Parking signs had been ordered. Alderman Thornton said that he had ordered them. The Clerk-Treasurer said that they were ordered from the State.

Alderman Thornton inquired as to whom is responsible for the signs. Mayor Hamer said the financial responsibility falls under the jurisdiction of the Police Department and the maintenance under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department.

Mayor Hamer said that he will breakdown any conflicting or overlapping responsibilities and delegate them to the proper committee.

Mayor Hamer mentioned the need for a tractor and grass cutter to be used by the City.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 1970 at 8:00 P.M.

Alderman Thornton made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Alderman Walter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Marie S. Passalacqua*  
Marie S. Passalacqua  
*Ellen*

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 1970

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall this day, convening at 8:10 P.M. EST.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Honorable Joseph H. Hamer, Mayor.

Members in attendance were: The Honorable Joseph H. Hamer, Mayor

Aldermen: B. G. Lee, R. R. Prado, C. J. Sahlmann,  
Loretta Simmons, J. H. Thornton and  
W. G. Walter.

Not present were: Aldermen: G. W. Brock and L. C. Cable and Attorney M. J. Burkett.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Alderman Thornton and Walter discussed an entry in the minutes of January 11, 1970. Alderman Walter requested that his objection be recorded and said "I feel the financial responsibility falls under the Public Works Department.

Alderman Thornton objected to the above and went on record as to his opinion that the maintenance of the signs falls under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department and the financial responsibility under the jurisdiction of the Police Department.

The following correspondence was read by Mayor Hamer:

1. A note from Alderman Cable to the City Employees, expressing his thanks for the flowers sent during his convalescence.
2. A note from the family of Patrolman Robert E. Robinson, expressing their appreciation of the flowers sent by the City, during their recent bereavement.

Mayor Hamer recognized Mr. Herman Lamkin who introduced Mr. Mike Fallon, Chairman Advisor Demolay for Boys.

Mr. Fallon explained that the Demolay's are willing to undertake a beautification project on the Isle of Palms at 8th and Palm Blvd. The young men have offered to clean-up and landscape this area on Saturday, March 21. Mr. Fallon said that most of the boys are residents of the Island and want to have this their personal project. Mr. Fallon said that it is the boys suggestion and that he wanted to inform Council. He also said that he had spoken with Mayor Hamer regarding the Demolay's assuming Honorary Stations on the Island on the same Saturday.

Mayor Hamer thanked Mr. Fallon for coming to Council and informed him the above offer will be a matter of information and referred to the Beautification Committee. He said that in addition to the above the City would be glad for the Demolay's to help maintain the picnic area and that he would be "delighted if the Demolay's would take the picnic area on as a project and fix it up".

Alderman Simmons extended an invitation to Mr. Fallon to meet with the Garden Club

Representatives at City Hall on February 26, 1970 at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Fallon accepted the invitation.

Mayor Hamer requested that Alderman Simmons invite Mr. Francis Meeks and Mr. James Berry to attend the above meeting.

Mr. Lamkin and Mr. Fallon asked to be excused from the rest of the Council Meeting, and were thanked by Mayor Hamer for their attendance and the offer presented.

Mayor Hamer gave a letter of invitation concerning the Sanitation Department to Alderman Thornton.

Discussion was opened regarding the Council's interest in accepting Federal Aid from the Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration and Juvenile Delinquency, State of South Carolina. It was decided that it was too late to make a decision as the deadline was January 26, 1970.

Alderman Thornton asked Mayor Hamer if it were not true that new business presented to Council does not have to be voted on that night. Mayor Hamer confirmed this.

Alderman Thornton made a motion that the presentation of the application for grant of Federal Aid to the Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration and Juvenile Delinquency, State of South Carolina, be tabled until the next meeting. Seconded by Alderman Sahlmann. Unanimously carried by voice vote.

Old business was asked for by Mayor Hamer.

Alderman Prado brought up the following:

1. Request that Mayor Hamer help with obtaining information from the Fireman's Insurance Association, as to whom is covered and the benefits for participating and non-participating members. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked, by Mayor Hamer, to obtain this information.
2. Inquiry to Mayor Hamer regarding the fire truck. (See minutes, January 28) Mayor Hamer reviewed the status and told Alderman Prado that the Charleston Fire Chief had telephoned him to recommend that the City get the Cannon Street fire truck, rather than the Wentworth Street truck. Mayor Hamer said that he will telephone the Charleston Fire Chief on February 26, to clarify this matter.
3. Inquiry to Alderman Thornton as to whom is responsible for starting the Island's fire truck, and whether Mr. Parrish can be relied upon to do it.

Alderman Thornton said that Mr. Parrish can be relied upon to crank the fire truck Monday through Friday.

3. Inquiry to Mayor Hamer re bids obtained on the parking lot and the number of cars it will accommodate.

Mayor Hamer reported that he had obtained bids from Sears, Roebuck & Co., in the amount of \$3,000 to fence the area, and that he has requested a bid from Colonel Dieter, and that he has contacted the man who runs the Chattanooga, Tenn. airport parking lot, who has offered to come to the Isle of Palms to advise and help with the parking lot, in about 15 days.

Mayor Hamer showed Council an area sketch of the proposed parking lot.

Discussion followed regarding the foundation of the ground. It was pointed out by Mayor Hamer that from a financial standpoint the front beach is a liability to the city due to the necessity of extra policemen and the cleaning up of litter.

He, also, said that the front beach merchant's are due the courtesy of talking with them about the installation of parking meters. A request has been made by one merchant to stamp and refund the parking tickets. Alderman Walter and Sahlmann concurred that if one merchant is due a rebate, this courtesy should be extended to all the front beach merchants.

Alderman Prado inquired as to how much the City is planning to spend on the parking lot. Mayor Hamer said at this time it depends on the cost of the meter system and fencing. Alderman Walter said the cost will run over \$6,000, including paving.

Mayor Hamer informed Council that a financial statement was left at First National Bank of Charleston with Mr. R. Rickson and that Mr. Rickson was impressed with the statement, asked the anticipated income of the parking lot and said that if it were equal to \$5,000 annually, he offered to lend \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Mayor Hamer said that Mr. Reagan, County Board of Assesment Control, said the Island's assesments might be doubled in 1971, and that tax notices will not be available until the middle or end of September.

Alderman Walter asked if the lease for the parking lot had been drawn and requested that it be presented. Mayor Hamer assured him that it will be no problem.

Alderman Thornton said that the parking lot discussion was premature and that it is a committee problem. Mayor Hamer said that any new business regarding the parking lot should be referred to the Committee. He, then, appointed Aldermen Prado, Sahlmann and Walter to serve on the Parking Lot Committee.

Alderman Sahlmann reported that the City should hire a new policeman within the next week or so. He has 4 applications for the job opening and as soon as he can meet with Alderman Cable one will be selected.

Alderman Walter reported that he talked with the Municipal Association of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C. re increase of beer and wine tax and that an increase of between 12 and 18 percent is expected. He said the City can "expect greater revenue back" and will probably "reap the profit in July."

Alderman Prado reported that he is receiving complaints indicating that some of the residents want a full time fireman.

Mayor Hamer asked Council to act and give authority to Alderman Prado to hire the firemen, as long as he stays within his budget. Alderman Prado said that he will wait until "we recognize the money situation".

Alderman Lee made a motion that the Board of Firemen meet and come up with a specific plan for hiring firemen, to be voted upon at the next meeting, Wednesday, March 11, 1970. Seconded by Alderman Prado. Approved by Council.

Explanation of Mr. Parrish's duties and the purpose for which he was hired - to assist where needed - was given by Mayor Hamer.

Alderman Lee submitted the name of Minge Thornton (Mrs. Joseph H.) to be added to those appointed to serve on the Playground Commission. Approved by Council.

Alderman Sahlmann inquired as to whether the City has a dog catcher, and was informed not at present.

Mayor Hamer asked as to which Department will pay for the dog catcher. Alderman Sahlmann reported that his budget allots \$600.00 for the salary and no amount for the truck.

Alderman Thornton suggested and inquired about the feasibility of private citizens patrolling the beach. Mayor Hamer suggested that Alderman Thornton discuss this with the Chief of Police, Blair White.

Alderman Sahlmann said that there is a future plan that might satisfy the need for beach patrol and that it will be revealed at a later date.

Alderman Lee motioned the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Alderman Prado.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

  
MARIE S. PASSAILAIGUE  
Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 11, 1970

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall this day, convening at 8:15 P.M. EST.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Honorable Joseph H. Hamer.

Present

Mayor Joseph H. Hamer  
Aldermen Gordon W. Brock, Jr.  
Billy G. Lee  
Roberto R. Prado  
Carson J. Sahlmann  
Loretta Simmons  
Joseph H. Thornton

Not Present

Aldermen C. L. Cable  
Wilbert G. Walter  
Attorney Michael J. Burkett

Guests in attendance were Messrs. Paul Maschelin and Stephen B. Olmsted, WESTAVACO Representatives.

Mayor Hamer introduced Mr. Masschelin, who in turn introduced Mr. Olmsted.

Mr. Olmsted gave a talk about the advantages of his company's product - a disposal paper canbag. Afterwards a film made by the National Refuse Sack Council was shown depicting the advantages of this system.

The following correspondence was read by Mayor Hamer

1. Letter to Mayor Hamer from James B. Bagwell, Jr., Chairman, Board of Directors, Charleston Area Comprehensive Health Planning, Charleston, S.C., in which was enclosed the monthly newsletter "Trident Health News". Mr. Bagwell requested that the newsletter be circulated among the Aldermen and offered to place the Alderman on their mailing list.
2. Letter to Dr. W. G. Walter from Charles W. Sublett, President, Michie City Publications Co., Charlottesville, Va., enclosing a photostatic copy of his letter of February 10th to Attorney Charles S. Way, Jr., Charleston, S. C., which stated that the Michie City Publications Co. is in the manufacturing stage of the work on the Isle of Palms Code, and that it will be around the 15th or 20th of March before it will be completed and ready for delivery.
3. Letter to Marie S. Passailaigue, Clerk-Treasurer from South Carolina State Firemen's Association in which insurance coverage for participating and non-participating firemen was explained.

Alderman Thornton announced that the Boy Scouts of Troop 34 are willing to erect No Parking Signs on the Island as a service project. They will do it the first Saturday they are free, provided the City supplies someone to supervise the job. He announced Mr. Parrish and Chief White will stake out where the signs are to be placed.

Discussion was held about the generator and the cost of an electric line run to City Hall in case of an emergency. Alderman Thornton asked permission for Mr. Parrish to obtain figures to present to Mr. Connelly, Civil Defense.

Alderman Prado asked Council to give authority to buy two 1½ inch nozzels at the cost of \$210.00, so that Fire Chief Connelly can order them to up-date the fire truck.

Alderman Lee moved that the Fire Chief be given authority to order the necessary equipment to bring the fire truck up to-date. Seconded by Alderman Brock. Unanimously carried by acclamation.

Alderman Prado inquired as to whether the City has a Parade Ordinance. Mayor Hamer informed him that it does not and requested the Clerk-Treasurer to obtain a copy of the City of Charleston's Parade Ordinance. He suggested that the most practical way to handle the issuance of a local permit would be to have the Chief of Police give authority to the Mayor to issue said permit.

Alderman Sahlmann announced that a third policeman will be added to the force effective Monday March 16, 1970.

Mayor Hamer announced that a Rabies Clinic will be held at City Hall on March 28th between 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The next Council Meeting will be held on April 8, 1970.

Alderman Lee moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Alderman Brock.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

  
MARIE S. PASSAILAIGUE  
Clerk-Treasurer

4. Letter to Mayor Hamer and the citizens of Isle of Palms from Oswald K. Furtick, Mayor, Springfield, S. C., extending an invitation to attend The Town of Springfield's "Governor's Annual Frog Jumping Contest" on Saturday, March 28, 1970.
5. A thank you card to the Mayor and Aldermen from the family of William S. Cook, acknowledging the expression of sympathy extended to them.

Mayor Hamer announced that the Clerk-Treasurer is attending a course on Budgetary Method and Fiscal Administration, sponsored by the Bureau of Governmental Research, University of South Carolina.

The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that liquor stores should not have a business license.

Refund of payment for business license to the Isle of Palms Liquor Store was approved by Council.

Parking Lot proposals were submitted by Mayor Hamer.

Alderman Thornton made a motion that the Committee on Parking Lots be empowered to study the present bids and act at their discretion. Seconded by Alderman Lee. Unanimously approved by acclamation.

Mayor Hamer stated that it must be decided how the parking lot will be operated and whether there will be a building for an attendant.

A discussion on parking meters was held. Mayor Hamer informed Council that parking meters can be installed and paid for by the money taken out of them. He said that it would take approximately 180 meters; the money being collected daily and the meters being maintained by the City.

Alderman Prado suggested that the area be fenced and a sign erected saying "Municipal Parking Lot - Open Soon."

Alderman Prado inquired about merchant passes. Mayor Hamer said something will be worked out.

Alderman Thornton reported that he met with the Demolays on Monday March 9, 1970 at City Hall and that final plans were made for the Demolays to assume operation of the City on Saturday, March 21, 1970, beginning at 8:00 A.M. with a flag ceremony and ending at 4:30 P.M. He announced that each Demolay will contact the person he will represent.

Alderman Thornton announced that the Garden Club has agreed to let the Demolays landscape the area at 8th and Palm Blvd. (Refer to Minutes of February 25, 1970).

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 8, 1970

The regular Council Meeting convened on this date, at 8:00 P.M. E.S.T. at the Isle of Palms City Hall.

Members in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen: B. G. Lee, R. R. Prado, C. J. Sahlmann, Loretta Simmons, J. H. Thornton, W. G. Walter, G. W. Brock, L. C. Cable and Attorney Michael Burkett.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by The Honorable Joseph H. Hamer.

The minutes of March 11th were approved as written.

Mayor Hamer introduced two young men from our City, Robert Cannon and Austin Turner, who asked that they have permission to hold a surfing contest in front of the Pavillion. Their surfing group is known as the East Cooper Surfing Club. They would like to hold it Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., May the 9th and 10th. It was later decided to let the police handle at their discretion. Alderman Lee made motion. Mayor Hamer said the Council will deliberate on this tonight and will let them know, and he will hold them responsible for what goes on.

Mayor Hamer then introduced Mr. Chanson who installs the parking meters in Charleston and Mr. Lloyd Parker of Duncan Meter Corp. Mr. Duncan and Mr. Chanson demonstrated several meters, which they had brought into the Council Chambers, and explained how they work and the cost of each meter and the cost of the installation. It would be approximately \$75.00 per meter to have them in working condition or \$13,500. for 180 meters.

Mayor Hamer then told Council we have the lease drawn on the parking lot.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from Mr. Paul Trescott, dated March 15, 1970, in regards for special privileges for Island residents to park their cars along Palm and Highway 703, so they might have access to beach.

Mayor Hamer said we would surely make some arrangements so as not to handicap Island residents on privileges to park their car where the signs are posted on Palm Blvd.

Mrs. Keith wrote a letter as did Mr. Paul Trescott on drainage problems in their area. This was handed over to Alderman Thornton, Chairman of Sanitation.

Our forth coming Parade Permit Ordinance was handed over to Attorney Michael Burkett to read. We received one from City of Charleston to go by. Alderman Lee made the motion that Mr. Burkett write us an ordinance, which was seconded by Alderman Walter.

An ordinance to prohibit the "dead storage" of automobiles upon the public streets and to define the "dead storage" of automobiles. A discussion was held on this and referred to the Ways and Means Committee, which a motion was made by Alderman Sahlmann and seconded by Alderman Cable to leave ordinance as written. This ordinance was given to Attorney Burkett for approval.

A discussion was held on Group Life Insurance with the S. C. Municipality Association for further study.

The Clerk-Treasurer was informed by a motion of Alderman Thornton and seconded by Alderman Cable to contract with the Municipal Association to hire the Atlanta firm to collect back license on Insurance Companies.

Alderman Lee made a motion that he had a bid from Mt. Pleasant Electric Company for \$4,807.79 to replace or relocate the lights on the Playground ball field. The poles will be to the height of 40 feet. The Playground Commission has \$1,000. toward this project; \$2,000. has already been budgeted for this purpose and would like to go on with this project. Seconded by Alderman Cable.

Alderman Walter said that he would like to see a breakdown on that bid - all it had was the total amount. After quite a bit of discussion on the way the expenditure was presented to council, he questioned the bid. So Alderman Lee said he would see that he would get a breakdown, Monday.

Alderman Thornton said he had looked at and priced quite a few lawn mowers, and he went into great detail to explain the "Industrial Mower", who in turn will demonstrate the tractor over on the Island for the City. Alderman Cable made a motion and Alderman Walter seconded for Alderman Thornton to get bids on tractors. Mayor Hamer amended that the tractor should also be able to be used on the beach.

Alderman Cable said that the Streets and Lights Committee should work on getting the streets that is not in the State system to be put in the system.

Alderman Cable said that the Beach Co. has not lived up to their agreement on the paving condition of Forest Trail section.

Alderman Thornton requested when we have a drainage problem contact him first, not the Public Works Supervisor.

Alderman Cable has requested that two more street lights be placed on 24th Avenue. Will let us know the exact location. Alderman Prado made motion. Alderman Lee seconded.

Mr. Young from Playland requested Council that they reduce his amusement rides business license from \$200. to \$25.00 per ride. There was a lot of discussion on this subject. Mayor Hamer suggested that we give this request to the proper committee. Alderman Sahlmann made a motion that we leave business license at the ordinance rate. Seconded by Alderman Cable.

Mayor Hamer requested that Alderman Simmons go to Columbia to a meeting on "Beautification of South Carolina", Monday, April 13, 1970.

Alderman Sahlmann requested that Crystal Communication install a base station, antenna and 3 radios in the police cars for \$850.00. Alderman Prado seconded this request. We will still have same frequency with county. Alderman Lee then made a motion and Alderman Prado seconded it.

Alderman Walter asked for a clarification on the above.

Alderman Sahlmann said it was time to think about another police cruiser through the State for about \$800.00.

Alderman Lee made a motion that the Police Commissioner and Police Chief make a trip to Columbia to see about purchasing vehicle.

Alderman Prado said he is hiring 2 fireman, to be used as dispatcher and firemen for \$5,000. They will have 1 week vacation after 1 year. If someone wants a day off, the person they have replacing them will get the days pay and the firemen will be deducted that amount. Alderman Lee made motion. Alderman Cable seconded.

Alderman Prado discussed quite a bit about the pros and cons on the parking lot, and stated The Charleston Awning Co. will start putting up the fence the next day. The lights will be relocated on the lot.

There was quite a discussion led by Alderman Walter on the duties of the Ways and Means Committee, who he thinks has such little control on what is spent. He suggested on bills over \$50.00 should require 3 signatures. Mayor Hamer said we should let the Clerk-Treasurer pay the standard bills.

Alderman Walter suggested that all meetings be taped. Also, that we have an agenda.

Alderman Cable moved that we use only one tape at the meeting. Mayor Hamer suggested to have the agenda ready before meetings and if the agenda is ready one tape should be sufficient.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

*Marie S. Passailaigue*  
Marie S. Passailaigue  
Clerk-Treasurer

COUNCIL MEETING MAY 13, 1970

The regular Council Meeting convened on this date, at 8:00 P. M. EDT at City Hall on the Isle of Palms.

Members in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen L. C. Cable, B. G. Lee, C. J. Sahlmann, Roberto Prado, Joseph H. Thornton, Loretta Simmons, W. G. Walter, Gordon Brock, and attorney Michael Burkett.

Mayor Hamer asked Council if there were any corrections to April's Council Meeting minutes. Alderman Walter said he felt that they should not be accepted, there was too much left out to be accepted.

Mayor Hamer asked Alderman Walter if he could specify anything that was left out. Alderman Walter said he had asked the Clerk-Treasurer to add a few things to the minutes; and that he did not know if a new set of minutes had been typed or not.

The Clerk-Treasurer said that she had not retyped the minutes. Alderman Walter said one was on Mr. Lee's comments and on his own comments. Mayor Hamer asked Alderman Walter to be a little more specific on the comments, on any one particular instance. Alderman Walter said that he had failed to put his minutes with notations on it in his folder. He asked Council to hold open on the reading until next Council Meeting.

Alderman Cable second the proposal. Mayor Hamer asked Council to hold open the above minutes until next Council Meeting. This was approved.

Mayor Hamer said he had some letters to read, but would take the first one as priority over the others. It was a letter from Mrs. Judy A. Richmond dated 3-13-70 requesting that a light be placed at Waterway Blvd. and Oakview Lane.

Alderman Prado made the comment that Chief White had said that lights that are placed on corners or intersections help serve the security of the residents. Alderman Prado then explained Chief White's reasons for this.

Mayor Hamer explained to Council that the City requested the Power Co. to draw up some plans as to where they felt they should be placed to give us the best lighting on the Island, and when they were finished if someone asked for one it would be placed where the Power Co. tells us. The best answer would be for the resident to write a letter requesting the light and this be turned over to the Street and Lights Committee.

Alderman Simmons reported on her trip to Columbia to attend the conference on "Annual Government Beautification Program". She said that she enjoyed the trip and found it helpful even though it was more a County wide thing.

Mayor Hamer read a copy of a letter to Mr. J. C. Long from Kenneth Wrixon dated April 2, 1970, thanking him for the donation of \$20.00. Mayor Hamer explained that Mr. Long always donates the money he receives from the City to the Playground for leases paid by the city.

Mayor Hamer read a copy of a letter dated April 3, 1970 from Attorney M. J. Burkett to Mr. Jim Caldwell asking him for material relating to parades and unlawful assemblies so that he may draft an ordinance for this City. This letter was in answer to a letter from Attorney Burkett to the Honorable G. M. Darby dated 4-9-70 on the above subject.

Mayor Hamer said he had received a letter from Malcolm DeHaven complimenting the City on the No Parking signs.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from Dr. Durst of Sullivan's Island to the Honorable R. E. Seabrook, Jr. dated April 28, 1970. This letter was in regards to the meetings with the State Board of Health and the Army Engineers to study methods on meeting requirements for disposal of solid waste. Mayor Hamer stated that we had just found out, after 30 years, that a permit was needed for diking and dumping in that area. He said an application for a permit has been made and to meet their requirements, a fence has been built to retain flying papers. Alderman Thornton said that he could not elaborate at this time, but that a joint effort on the part of Sullivan's Island, Mr. Pleasant and the Isle of Palms was in the offing. Alderman Walter asked if this would effect our present fenced in area. Alderman Thornton said that we will still have to dump our trash in this area. Alderman Walter then asked if papers could be burned there to which Alderman Thornton said no.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from the State Board of Health, on a study made in March 1969, dated April 23, 1970, by the Bureau of Water Hygiene. The U. S. Public Health Service made a report on this City's supply. Mr. Connelley said Mr. Long is putting down some new wells so we can have better pressure. Alderman Walter asked when they contemplate giving us better water pressure. Mayor Hamer responded by saying that they are trying to do this now, but it might take at least a year. Alderman Walter suggested we send a strong letter to Mr. S. Sottile with a copy to Mr. J. C. Long. Alderman Cable seconded this. Mayor Hamer will draft the letter so we may have a response by the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from Mr. J. C. Long on the tragic drowning of a young girl at the end of 25th Avenue. Mr. Long would like to help equip the City with rescue equipment. Alderman Prado stated that 25th Ave. and 41st Ave. should be permanently maintained for emergencies, and also that we do need another annihilator and all contributions will be accepted. Mayor Hamer said to have Sgt. Parrish have Laco help clean the area. Mayor Hamer put the above into a motion. Alderman Walter seconded the motion. Motion approved. Alderman Cable moved that we write Mr. Long of our plans.

Mayor Hamer read a Bill to make it unlawful to hunt, trap, or molest ducks or geese in certain areas around the Isle Of Palms.

Mayor Hamer read a copy of a Bill that Attorney Burkett asked Mrs. Passailaigue to write to Attorney General on the legality of No Parking signs. He also read a Bill on Junked automobiles and an ordinance that Greer, S. C. uses. Attorney Burkett drew up a proposed ordinance for this City. Alderman Thornton made a motion that the ordinance be read. Seconded by Alderman Walter. First reading on the above. Mayor Hamer made a motion to refer this to Alderman Walter's committee.

Letter of complaint about weeded lot at 617 Ocean Blvd. Alderman Thornton will determine if complaint is justified. Alderman Lee made a motion that Alderman Thornton will head above under Health Dept. Alderman Prado seconded. Approved.

The following were elected to review the new Code of Ordinance: Mr. Max Capper, Mr. Walter Shaffer, Mr. David Mahaffey, Aldermen Walter, Simmons and Brock.

Alderman Brock said he would like to discuss Business Licenses being down. Alderman Lee clarified his bid from Mr. Pleasant Electric Co. by reading out the breakdown. The City will pay \$3,807.79 and the Commission will pay \$1,007.79. Alderman Prado made motion that we accept bid, seconded by Alderman Thornton.

Alderman Walter said he thought that we should not accept any bids until it is brought in and Council approves, with at least three bids shown.

Alderman Lee said that no one else would even bid under \$1,000.00. Now it has been passed, I would like a roll call vote. Alderman Thornton said Alderman Lee has brought forth the best bid. Alderman Lee said that this same company with the help of John Robinson will clean and rework the lights that are coming down. Alderman Walter felt we should have more lighting all around the playground area and not just the area where ball is played. This was approved by Council. Alderman Walter did not approve.

Alderman Lee made a motion that the contents of the playground building be insured for \$3,000.00. Alderman Cable seconded the motion. Approved.

Mayor Hamer said that the money for the playground is available if not to high. He asked Council for authority to make a loan of \$60,000.00 instead of a bond issue. He then explained why saying that \$35,000 was for the playground. He explained how it would be paid back. Then he showed Council Income and Disbursements we have spent this year against our proposed budget.

Alderman Walter said he did approve of borrowing money for expences of City, but not for the playground building. He said the only reason he was not for the playground building was because he would like to see a deed and it recorded in court.

Mayor Hamer said that we have a 99 year lease, and if he wants to give it to us well and good, but that he wanted to have that playground building built.

Alderman Walter wanted to know if we had approached Mr. Long on buying this property. Attorney Burkett said it was not for sale.

Alderman Lee made a motion that we borrow only up to \$60,000.00, any or above excess operating expense be approved by Council. Alderman Cable seconded the motion. Approved

Alderman Walter requested that Attorney Burkett get the deed for the playground.

Alderman Thornton went into great detail as to how he was trying to get bids for tractors. He has several bids, but there are still others to be heard from. After Council had discussed all makes of tractors, Alderman Cable asked if he had inquired through the State for purchasing one.

Alderman Walter made a motion for Alderman Thornton to check the State on new tractor, mower and rake, then get bids. A limit of \$3500.00. Alderman Brock seconded the motion. Approved. Mayor Hamer reminded Council that this money had not been allocated in the budget.

Alderman Walter wants free parking signs at parking area. Mayor Hamer reported the signs are on the way.

Alderman Lee asked for an adjournment. Approved.

Respectively submitted.

*Marie S. Passailaigue*  
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Clerk-Treasurer

COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 10, 1970

The regular Council Meeting convened on this date, at 8: P. M. DST at City Hall on the Isle of Palms.

Mayor Hamer opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen L. C. Cable, B. G. Lee, Roberto Prado, Loretta Simmons, Joseph H. Thornton, W. G. Walter, Aldermen Gordon Brock and C. J. Sahlman, and Attorney Michael Burkett were absent.

Mayor Hamer asked Council if there were any corrections to May's Council Meeting minutes. Approved as read.

Mayor Hamer explained to Council how the minutes were recorded on tape, and if members of Council wanted something special recorded in the written minutes, let the Clerk know and she will insert it in the minutes.

Mayor Hamer read his answer to Mr. J. C. Long's letter relating to the tragic drowning of the young girl, and Mr. Long's answer to his letter.

Mayor Hamer also read the answer from Mr. J. C. Long regarding the Isle of Palms Water Company.

Mayor Hamer read a copy of a letter addressed to Mrs. Flower from Mr. Malcolm DeHaven that was sent to Mrs. J. H. Cutchin concerning the No Parking signs.

Alderman Thornton read a letter requesting a street light be placed on <sup>Oak</sup> ~~Shady~~ ~~Place~~. The residents were called and they all agreed that they needed a light.

Alderman Thornton said they were exceeding their budget where lights were concerned. He said that the cost of each light averaged \$140.00 per year.

Alderman Lee made the motion and Alderman Cable second to have lights installed in the three cul-de-sacs. Approved.

Alderman Lee had nothing to report on his committee.

Alderman Prado said that we need an access to the beach between 8th and 10th Avenues for emergencies. Mayor Hamer suggested that the Public Works Supt. check and see what he could come up with.

Alderman Prado said an annilator cost about \$600.00 so this information could be passed on to Mr. Long. He also said that both the Police and the Firemen have been trained to use the machine.

Alderman Prado stated that it was approved to allocate \$200.00 for nozzles, but that it would cost \$500.00 to equip fire trucks to meet basic requirements.

Mayor Hamer said we have gone this far to reduce fire insurance, that \$700.00 should be spent to have it ready for inspection. Alderman Prado said he would be ready within 30 days for the South Carolina Fire Insurance inspection. Alderman Cable made a motion that the necessary work be done. Alderman Lee second. Approved.

Alderman Walter said he had a meeting with members reviewing our new Code of Ordinance. There were some things that needed amending but overall approved.

Alderman Walter said the Ways and Means Committee met and that they had a stimulating discussion. He said that spending should be kept down as much as possible because of the tax books being late.

Alderman Walter wants the Playground to keep a record of all spending of their petty cash fund.

The second reading of the proposed ordinance on junk automobiles was read. Alderman Cable made a motion that we let our City Attorney Michael Burkett draw up the ordinance and have it ready for passing at the next City Council meeting. Alderman Thornton second motion and this was approved.

It was approved by Council to let young Mr. Jim Wallace sell live shrimp at the regular fee, no reduction.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted.

*Marie S. Passailaigue*  
Marie S. Passailaigue  
Clerk-Treasurer

COUNCIL MEETING JULY 15, 1970

The regular Council Meeting convened on this date, at 8 P. M. DST at City Hall on the Isle of Palms.

Mayor Hamer opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen L. C. Cable, B. G. Lee, Roberto Prado, Loretta Simmons, Joseph H. Thornton, W. G. Walter. Aldermen Gordon Brock, C. J. Sahlmann, and Attorney Michael Burkett were absent.

Visitors: Mrs. Phillip Diaddigo, Mrs. Thomas Buckhannon, Mrs. Frances Clark and Mrs. R. A. Friar

Mayor Hamer introduced the following guest: Mr. George T. Palmer, C. Michael Pugh and Steve Hsieh with the Federal Program Administration, Berkeley and Charleston County Regional Planning Commission and Charleston County Planning Board.

Mr. Pugh explained exactly how and how much money we could obtain from the Federal Government through the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. Mayor Hamer said the Council would take it as information, but that a decision would be made at a later date.

Alderman Walter wanted to know the deadline for applying for this program. Mr. Pugh said the deadline was October 1, but that applications should be in by September 15.

Mayor Hamer then introduced Mr. George H. Leyden, Chairman, Flood Control Insurance Program, who in turn introduced Mr. Jay Straight to help answer Council's questions on Flood Insurance. Mayor Hamer also introduced our Flood Insurance Committee, Mr. Henry Shaffer and Mr. Wayne Martin.

Mr. Leyden explained the mechanics of the bill, and the cost of the Insurance as 40¢ per \$100.00 up to \$17,500. He said it should be \$70.00 per annum.

Alderman Walter asked if everyone should chose this program but we did not, what would happen? Mr. Leyden said in order to get this insurance everyone must have it. He passed out literature explaining fully the Flood Control Bill. He said that it was just a matter of time before Insurance Companies will not lend money to areas where people do not have flood control.

Mr. Martin and his committee feel the program has merit and that serious thought should be given toward adoption.

Mr. Martin asked if Council would like for their committee to continue. Mayor Hamer asked that they write a short letter with their recommendations. There will be a meeting next Wednesday at 8 P. M. with the Commission.

Mr. Henry Shaffer asked for a meeting with the Firemasters and Police Commission to discuss firemen working as part time policemen.

Mayor Hamer turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-tempore Clay Cable.

Mrs. Passailaigue asked if someone could be hired to collect car taxes on a half of the cost fee basis. Alderman Thornton said that in the fall Mr. Parrish will have plenty of time to do this. Alderman Walter made a motion that Sgt. Parrish be asked to do the collecting. Second by Alderman Thornton. Passed.

Alderman Thornton made a motion requesting four (4) lights for Chapman and Lauden. Second by Alderman Lee. Passed.

Alderman Thornton said that the path accesses to the beach have been cleared except the one between 26th and 27th Avenue. Mr. Mathews, from Mr. J. C. Long's office, said a letter about access roads has been written to the City.

Alderman Thornton stated that they had been meeting with Sullivan's Island and Mt. Pleasant on the Sanitary Land Fill Problem. There is to be a meeting on the 16th which will have Mayor Hamer and Mrs. Simmons in attendance. A report will be made back to Council.

Alderman Lee had nothing to report.

Alderman Walter asked Alderman Lee what was going on at the playground this summer. Alderman Lee said that there was baseball, softball and the usual activities. Alderman Walter asked about the trip to Atlanta. Alderman Lee said the Playground Commission was raising the funds, that it would be a well chaperoned trip, and that they would not spend the night.

Alderman Thornton asked about the playground building. Alderman Lee said he expected the third bid the next day and that he would report at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Hamer said he was delighted with the way the money was running.

Mayor Hamer discussed a Copy Machine for the office. A motion was made that several companies demonstrate their machines and Mrs. Passailaigue decide which machine to purchase.

Alderman Walter asked if the Charleston County Planning Board was the official Planning Board representing us. Mayor Hamer explained how the Charleston County Planning Board was appointed when he was an Alderman. Mr. Pugh suggested a new application be made.

Alderman Prado asked about the plumbing bill for \$323.00. He asked if there was a break-down on the bill. Mrs. Passailaigue said there was not.

Alderman Simmons said she felt strongly that we should not be burning at the dump. Alderman Thornton said it was not suppose to be done but it was difficult to stop.

Alderman Walter asked what was being done about the drug problem on the front beach. Mayor Hamer said the law agencies were working together and had made arrests over the week-end.

Alderman Walter asked if we have appointed a Zoning Board for the Isle of Palms or if we are going to. Alderman Cable said we requested this

at the last meeting and our Attorney is not present tonight, and if he is not going to get us the facts then I suggest we get someone else to do it so we can have a legal Zoning Board Commission.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING JULY 22, 1970

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Alderman Thornton moved that Council accept the Flood Control Insurance Program as recommended by the Committee and that Council make application for approval. Alderman Brock seconded the motion. Approved.

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COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 12, 1970

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Mayor Pro-tem L. C. Cable opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen L. C. Cable, B. G. Lee, Roberto Prado, Loretta Simmons, Joseph H. Thornton, W. G. Walter, and Attorney Michael Burkett.

Members absent were: Aldermen C. J. Sahlmann and Gordon Brock, Jr.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Mayor Hamer made a motion that Alderman Prado's additions be added to the minutes. Seconded by Alderman Simmons. Passed.

Mayor Pro-tem Cable read a letter from the Coast Guard commending all who helped in the search and recovery of the Coast Guardsman who drowned at Breach Inlet.

There was a request from the Charleston County Public Library for a copy of the Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances. It was agreed that they be given one.

Alderman Thornton had nothing to report.

Alderman Lee passed out copies of the three bids on the playground building. He explained that they varied very little in price, and that he did not know enough about construction to know which would be best.

Alderman Prado suggested that Alderman Lee look at several buildings constructed by each of the companies turning in bids.

Alderman Lee said that perhaps Mr. Harry Schad, Isle of Palms Building Inspector, would go along to inspect these buildings. It was agreed that he be asked.

Alderman Lee asked that the bids be studied by members of Council and Council meet again in two weeks to decide.

Mayor Hamer said that Rep. Clyde Dangerfield had called and asked if, after the new playground building is finished, a group from Remley's Point could come over, disassemble the old building, and move it to Remley's Point to be used as a recreation building there. It was agreed that this would be a nice gesture on the part of the Isle of Palms.

Alderman Walter asked if the playground building was being built on the present site or on the adjacent property as was discussed at one time. He also asked if, due to the restrictive clause, would competitive sports be allowed on the field.

Attorney Burkett said that the real reason we were not playing Mt. Pleasant was because they did not want to play us and not because of the clause in the deed.

Alderman Lee said that plans were in offing for a league with Sullivan' Island and Hobcaw.

Alderman Walter said that he was concerned about putting an expensive building on property that the City did not hold title to.

Mayor Hamer said it was either there or there could be no building. He said there was no other land available. He went on to say that he was going to talk with Mr. Long about signing an agreement whereby if the property was ever, for any reason, reclaimed, Mr. Long would give back the money invested less depreciation.

Alderman Walter asked if rather than "live with" the situation had a definite decision ever been made.

Alderman Thornton said the decision had been made long ago and also during the election by both parties. He said that the people of the Isle of Palms wanted the building.

Alderman Walters had nothing to report.

Alderman Prado had nothing to report.

Mayor Hamer said the Charleston County Safety Council had been after him about warning signs at Breach Inlet. He had investigated and a large sign, requiring three poles, would cost around \$150.00.

Alderman Cable felt the sign discussed would be too large. Motion was made that a sign be purchased. Seconded by Alderman Walter. Passed.

Alderman Simmons had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro-tem Cable commented on the dissatisfaction among Island residents over the water situation.

Attorney Burkett said it was the worst rain situation ever but that a new tank and a deep well were in the works.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted.

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

TO: Mayor J. Hamer, Aldermen Thornton, Cable, Simmons, Lee,  
Proto, Brock, Sahlman, Mr. K. Wrixon, Playground Director,  
Mrs. K. Carroll, Playground Supervisor

FROM: Alderman Walter

October 7, 1970

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The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers denying a permit to build a dike on sanitary land fill site.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from the Mayor of Ravenel, S. C. asking assistance in preventing Charleston County from extending its boundries. Mayor Hamer said that he told the Mayor that he could not speak for Council, but that he, personally, would help in any way he could.

Mayor Hamer also read a letter from Mr. J. C. Long commending the Policeman who stopped by his daughter's house to check out a possible distress signal.

Alderman Lee acknowledged receipt of Alderman Walter's letter. He expressed his disappointment. He noted the many dedicated people who had worked long and hard for the playground. He gave facts and figures on children registered and monies allotted over the past years. In answer to Alderman Walter's letter, Alderman Lee pointed out that it was impossible for an Alderman to really do justice to the job and work for a living at the same time. He said that there was always a group of appointed citizens to work with the playground. Alderman Lee said that as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee Alderman Walter should know that money is not available for the suggested swimming pool and new tennis court.

Alderman Walter said his letter was to point out the need for unorganized not organized sports. That the basketball nets should be up at all times, and if they are pulled down they should be constantly replaced. He said that the season has nothing to do with the thing he is talking about, that the playground should be a place where the entire family can go and have something available for each member. He said that if money is needed to accomplish this, then it should be brought before City Council. He said the condidtions of the grounds were bad and if necessary more money should be asked for maintenance.

Alderman Simmons stated that her husband had had to cut the grass around the tennis court himself and that the condition of the court bothered him when he used it.

Alderman Prado said that he agreed with the letter and was surprised that offense was taken. He felt that it was only meant to help.

Alderman Walter again stated that if something is needed it should be asked for; that the budget is not restricted it is proposed.

Alderman Thornton said that all of this was academic at this point and not to "muddy the water" in the middle of the building committee's efforts.

Mayor Hamer said that next year things should be better. He asked Alderman Walter to make recommendations to the Playground Commission.

Mayor Hamer asked the members of Council to start working on their budgets for next year.

Alderman Walter wanted to know what the rules and regulations regarding the playground were. He used Mrs. Carroll as an example and said it was only fair to her for her responsibilities to be in writing.

Alderman Lee said that seven months ago the Rules Committee appointed two to draw up a rough draft for the Playground Commission which will be presented to Council in November.

Alderman Lee said the Building Committee had spent long hours on the new building. The bids ranged from \$47,156.00 to \$70,000.00. He said that the building committee, consisting of Mrs. Horace Johnson, Luther Avant, Jr., Lester Weed, Otto Martens and Harry Schad, were proposing that City Council accept the \$47,156.00 bid of Simon Construction Company.

Alderman Lee showed the plans and read the proposed method and materials to be used by Simon Construction Co. in the building.

A motion was made by Alderman Lee that Simon Construction submit final plans and specifications for Council's approval. Seconded by Alderman Walter. Passed.

Alderman Thornton said that two street lights were needed on 20th Avenue. This was approved and passed.

Alderman Thornton said that since an ordinance had been passed on junk cars, he felt that the police should enforce the ordinance.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from Worth Agency Insurance Co. stating that they were unwilling to renew the policy on the emergency vehicles for the high limits previously held, they quoted a lower liability clause.

Mayor Hamer asked Alderman Thornton to make a study of the Insurance situation and that a committee would be set up to take action on the study.

Alderman Walter reported that the Code of Ordinance Committee studied the new Code of Ordinance and they felt that it should be approved. They did feel that one point on Page 31, Sec. 74 should be rectified. Motion by Alderman Walter. Seconded by Alderman Cable. Passed.

Mayor Hamer said that letters of thanks would be written to the members of the Code of Ordinance Committee consisting of Mr. Max Capper, Henry Shaffer, David Mahaffey and Aldermen Simmons and Walter.

Alderman Walter asked for approval for the Ways and Means Committee to conduct a feasible study in regards to purchasing the Water Company. Approved.

Alderman Walter stated that it had been brought to his attention by Mr. Pugh that there was no representative to the Charleston County Planning Commission from the Isle of Palms. Mayor Hamer asked that he be reappointed. Motion made by Alderman Walter. Seconded by Alderman Cable. Passed.

Alderman Cable made a motion that a petition calling for an advisory election in conjunction with the November 3rd General Election on consolidated government for Charleston County be accepted. Motion approved. Passed.

Alderman Prado reported that he was receiving too much help with the Fire Department. He would appreciate it if they would contact him instead of the individual personnel of the Fire Department in the regards of complaints, they have been contacted with; as far as the uniforms for the Fire Department it is not in the budget, but will see if it can be put in for 1971.

Alderman Prado also said our Fire Department emergency phone was incorrectly posted on the Exchange Club emergency cards that they had made and given out as the Police number.

Alderman Simmons had nothing to report.

Alderman Thornton asked about a truck for Sgt. Parrish. It was decided that they look for a reasonably priced one.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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TO: Mayor J. Hamer, Aldermen Thornton, Cable, Simmons, Lee,  
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Mrs. Marie S. Passailaigue called the roll. Those in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen Joseph H. Thornton, B. G. Lee, L. C. Cable, Loretta Simmons, Roberto Prado, Gordon Brock, Jr. and W. G. Walter.

Absent were: Alderman C. J. Sahlmann and Attorney Michael Burkett.

Alderman Walter asked that his letter to Alderman Lee be attached to the minutes of the October meeting.

Mayor Hamer introduced the visitors. They were: Mr. & Mrs. J. M. LaRosa, Mrs. Russell Friar, and Miss Hitt from the Charleston Evening Post.

Mayor Hamer asked Mr. LaRosa if he had anything he would like to say to Council.

Mr. LaRosa explained that on November 14th and 15th the Isle of Palms Exchange Club was taking a recensus of the Isle of Palms. He said the census would be beneficial to the City in many ways and asked if the City would underwrite a portion of the expense. The amount he said would be approximately \$750.00.

Mayor Hamer referred this to Alderman Walter and the Ways and Means Committee for consideration.

Alderman Lee reported that the basketball backboards had been put up, and the nets have been replaced. He added that as of today four nets had been lost. He said that someone had been contacted to fix the crack in the tennis court, and that it would be painted within a week or so. He also stated that they are looking into the cost of a new tennis court.

Alderman Lee said that the cost of the new playground building had gone up because new things had been added.

Alderman Cable said that he wanted a set of the plans, at his own expense if necessary, and enough time to study them.

Alderman Walter said he thought each member of Council should have a set.

Alderman Cable made a motion that copies of the plans be obtained for each member. Seconded by Alderman Thornton. Passed.

Alderman Thornton said that he had made a comprehensive study of the City's insurance and would like to meet with a committee to discuss the matter.

Mayor Hamer appointed Aldermen Sahlmann and Brock to meet with Alderman Thornton.

Alderman Thornton said that a boy on the Isle of Palms was making Eagle Scout and needed a civic project. He made a motion that the boy be allowed to plant grass at City Hall with the City paying for the seed. Approved. Passed.

Alderman Thornton read a letter from Mr. J. C. Long insisting that an agreement be reached, in writing, between the City of Isle of Palms and the Beach

Company concerning the proposed site for the garbage spill.

Mayor Hamer said that this was to be received as information.

Alderman Thornton said that lights have been ordered for 20th Avenue as approved by Council.

Alderman Thornton said that it would cost \$2,000.00 to move the generator from the Water Co. to the Fire Station. He asked Council for their thoughts on this by the February meeting.

Alderman Brock had nothing to report.

Alderman Walter said he had spoken to Mr. Jim Caldwell of the Municipal Association concerning the census, and the chances are our first quarter share would be based on the 1960 census. It would be the second quarter before we feel the 1970 census.

Alderman Walter said that if anyone would like assistance in setting up their budgets from the Ways and Means Committee it would be gladly given. He said that enough experience had been gained in the past year for a realistic budget this year.

Mayor Hamer said that he wanted a tentative budget by next meeting. He said that a reassessment of the Isle of Palms could be as much as 50% and if this proves true then the millage could possibly be cut. He asked Council in making out their budgets to come up with realistic figures that can be lived with. He said that he wanted the playground building paid off in a couple of years.

Mayor Hamer went on to thank Council for all the help he has been given.

Mayor Hamer asked Ways and Means to change the fiscal year to a calendar year which ends as of December 31st. He said an Ordinance would have to be passed to this effect.

Alderman Walter said he was pleased that the recreation department had proceeded on his requests. He suggested that perhaps a different type of backboard and goals be used and maybe they will last longer. He mentioned some with better plates, more bolts and zink coated nets.

Alderman Lee said that two of the zink coated nets have been ordered.

Alderman Walter suggested that in the bid for the playground building additional funds be requested for more playground equipment. He recommended that the Lincoln Log Park facilities be checked into. He said this was a type of playground equipment made from logs that is being used in parks throughout the State. He said that perhaps Clyde Danderfield could be of help in this matter.

Alderman Cable said he had had a call from Chief White about radio equipment. He said the County plans to modify the radio equipment to insure more privacy. He said in order to communicate with the County we would need the scrambler in our units. He said that if necessary, the County would put it in and give the City until March to pay for it.

Alderman Cable made a motion that Chief White go ahead with this. Seconded by Alderman Lee. Passed.

- Mayor Hamer said that Officer Haselden's car is not set up with the County but perhaps he could get a monitor for his car.

Alderman Prado had nothing to report.

Alderman Simmons wanted to recommend the hiring of a full time playground director for next year. She said there were too many leaders at the playground at the present, and what they needed was one person to organize all of the sports activities.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie S. Passailaigue*  
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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 1970

A special meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council convened at 8 P.M. EST November 18, 1970 at City Hall on the Isle of Palms.

Mayor Joseph H. Hamer opened the meeting with a Prayer.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen B. G. Lee, Joseph H. Thornton, C. J. Sahlmann, L. C. Cable, Loretta Simmons, and W. G. Walter.

Those absent were: Aldermen Gordon Brock, Jr. and Roberto Prado, and City Attorney Michael Burkett.

Invited guests were: Mr. Harry Schad, Isle of Palms Building Inspector, and Mr. Simon Benjamin.

Mayor Hamer stated in his opening remarks that he did not want to see any stalling for any purpose, and he wanted to ward off any pettiness or past grievances which may exist.

Mayor Hamer turned the meeting over to Alderman Lee.

Alderman Lee opened with a question session.

All present opened blueprints and discussion began with questions being directed to Mr. Benjamin, Mr. Lee and Mr. Schad.

Questioning ended and Council asked Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Schad that Council be allowed a few minutes for private discussion.

Alderman Lee made a motion that Mr. Benjamin bring final specifications and contract back to Council for approval and acceptance. No second to motion.

Alderman Walter made a motion to submit the plans and general specifications to an engineer or architectural firm to draw up a final contract for submission to contractors. Seconded by Alderman Cable. 5 yes - Alderman Lee, No.

A motion was made by Alderman Lee to accept \$175.00 bid of Wear Trenching Co. to move Small Fry baseball backstop from present field to most newly built field. This was lower of two bids, the other being \$200.00. Passed.

A motion by Alderman Thornton to install 5 street lights in the Forest Trail section. Passed.

Alderman Walter asked for discussion on census. Council, after brief discussion, tabled until next Council meeting.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Joseph H. Thornton  
Acting Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 1970

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council convened at 8 P.M. EST December 8, 1970 at City Hall on the Isle of Palms.

Mayor Hamer opened the meeting with a Prayer. After the Prayer, Mayor Hamer asked that all those present remain standing for a few moments of silent prayer for the recovery of Congressman Mendel L. Rivers.

Mrs. Passailaigue called the roll. Those in attendance were: Mayor Joseph H. Hamer, Aldermen Loretta Simmons, Joseph H. Thornton, Roberto Prado, W. G. Walter and L. C. Cable.

Absent were: Aldermen C. J. Sahlmann, B. G. Lee, Gordon Brock, Jr. and City Attorney Michael Burkett.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from Joseph R. Norwood, Regional Director, Bureau of the Census, in regards to the completeness of the 1970 Census. He said the final figures will be computer counts and will correct any mathematical errors in preliminary figures. He said they were impressed with the thoroughness of the citizens of the Isle of Palms who worked as Census enumerators.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from Joe Larosa stating that the preliminary information received from the Isle of Palms Census Committee guarantees us a population of 2,600 with only 30 homes yet to be double checked. He said the Board of the Exchange Club had voted unanimously to publish the Isle of Palms Directory for 1970. Cost for publishing this directory will be \$1,275.00 for 2,000 copies. He asked that the City purchase two pages of advertising at a cost of \$500.00.

Mayor Hamer said he wanted to go on record as voting to accept this.

Alderman Walter asked if there would be any copies left over to hand out to new comers to the Island.

Mr. Larosa said there would be copies for that purpose.

Alderman Thornton made a motion that we advertise in the Directory at the cost of \$500.00. Seconded by Alderman Simmons. Passed.

Mr. Larosa asked if there was anything new to be discussed on the playground building.

Mayor Hamer said that hopefully the building will be started by March 1st. He said it was now in the hands of Lucas & Stubbs Associates, Architects.

Mayor Hamer read a letter from Mr. E. P. Richardson thanking the City for their assistance during the October 11th meeting of the South Carolina Breakfast Club.

Mayor Hamer asked about changing our fiscal year to a calander year.

Alderman Cable made a motion that our Ordinance be amended to allow the change. Seconded. Passed.

Mayor Hamer asked about shelves being built in Mrs. Passailaigue's office at a cost of \$150.00.

Alderman Cable made a motion that the money be spent. Seconded by Alderman Walter. Passed.

Alderman Thornton asked that Council approve \$1200.00 for a pick-up truck for Sgt. Parrish to use in the Sanitation dept.

Mayor Hamer asked to see the balance in the check book.

Alderman Cable asked if the truck would be used only by Sgt. Parrish or could it be used for launching the rescue boat.

Alderman Thornton said that the truck was to be for Sgt. Parrish. He went on to say that Sgt. Parrish was available if the truck was needed for launching the boat and if he was to go out of town then the vehicle would be left at City Hall.

Alderman Simmons made a motion that we buy a pick-up truck up to \$1200.00. Motion approved. Passed.

Alderman Thornton recommended that Ed Owens be asked to go over the insurance for the Isle of Palms with members of Council and write a policy as Charleston does through Agency Association. This would mean all insurance with one company.

Alderman Cable had nothing to report.

Alderman Walter recommended to Council that they give employees a turkey or ham for Christmas. Passed.

Alderman Prado voiced his opinion on the statement of letter received from the State Underwriters Association with regards to water availability from 1st to 10th Avenues. He suggested we write to Mr. J. C. Long and tell him to correct this situation in order that we may receive lower insurance rates.

Alderman Cable made a motion that Alderman Prado send the Water Company a letter informing them officially that they do as they should about correcting the water availability situation. Seconded. Passed.

Alderman Simmons said that Mrs. Mesic had asked if the water could be turned on once a month in the picnic area for the use of the Girl Scouts. It was recommended that Mrs. Mesic contact Mr. Connelley as the City has nothing to say about the water in the picnic area.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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