

January 8, 1975

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held Wednesday, January 8, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at the Exchange Club.

Mayor White opened the meeting with a prayer.

The roll was called by Assistant Clerk Elaine Torres.

Present were: Mayor White, Alderman Dangerfield, Jernigan, Avant, Meek, Shaffer, Casey, Larosa, Alderwoman Preston and Attorney Guerard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor White introduced Mr. Clay Cable, who had been invited to speak before Council.

Mr. Cable stated that due to the large number of people attending the meeting who were concerned about the sand dunes, he would be willing to forego his opportunity to speak about the road. He did, however, express his concern about the widening of Highway 703. He pointed out that in the last 10 years, since the Chats Program had been in effect, that no new roads had been built in Charleston County. He was concerned that we would get a piecemeal widening of Highway 703. He further stated that with the possibility of the island being rezoned and the population being increased approximately 5,000, this would make a four lane road almost mandatory to take care of the increased traffic.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Cable for his remarks and told him he was welcome to come back and speak again at another time.

Alderman Dangerfield read a letter from Paul Cobb, State Highway Engineer, stating that the state's only intention as of now, was to widen the causeway to four lanes. There will be another public hearing about further plans, to be held in the near future.

Mayor White introduced Attorney Guerard to present to the people exactly what action the City Council had taken and what they had attempted to do in regard to the sand dunes leveling.

Attorney Guerard reported that on December 23, when it became apparent that the removal of sand from the front beach would seriously affect the structure of the dunes, he contacted Assistant U. S. District Attorney Ron Hightower to determine whether the U. S. Corp of Engineers or the Interior Department had any jurisdiction to render assistance by interceding in our behalf. It was determined that they didn't. He next contacted Attorney General Daniel McLeod for assistance, but this too, was to no avail, even though he had the support of numerous calls to the attorney general from island residents.

The first formal legal action was taken by Attorney Arthur Howe in the form of a petition to restrain the activities of the Gulf Stream Dredging Company. The action was signed by Mayor White as acting recorder of the Isle of Palms. Mr. J. C. Long challenged the authority of Mayor White to issue the order and raised the question of being bonded for his damages. Mayor White, rather than place the city in a position of being responsible for possible damages, did not enforce the order. The next action was initiated by Attorney Joe Riley, Dewey Wise and Arthur Howe contacting the Attorney General and arranging a meeting with him in Charleston to decide on a course of action. They, along with Attorney Guerard, met with Attorney General McLeod and the resulting injunction to further restrain the Beach Company and

January 22, 1975

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held Wednesday, January 22, 1975 in City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting with a prayer.

The roll was called by Marie Passailaigue, Clerk-Treasurer.

Present were: Mayor White, Aldermen Avant, Dangerfield, Casey, Jernigan, Meek, Shaffer, and Alderwoman Preston.

Absent were: Alderman Larosa and Attorney Guerard.

Mayor White introduced Mr. David Johnson, who had requested to speak before Council.

Mr. Johnson, representing the Dunes Protection Association, assured the Council that the group fully supported the Council's and Attorney General McLeod's actions to protect the sand dunes. He said that group planned to work with Council in any way they could, to protect the beachfront.

Mayor White thanked him for coming and for the group's support. He assured him that the City would do everything it could to protect the people's interests in this situation. At this time he had nothing further to report on the state's action, but he would keep them informed of any new developments.

Mr. Johnson requested at this time, that he be placed on the agenda for the next regular Council Meeting. His request was granted.

Mrs. Passailaigue reported that Mr. Jones from the Attorney General's office, had obtained a copy of our sand dunes ordinance and Opinion No. 2953, which concerns the power to regulate traffic within its jurisdiction.

Alderman Shaffer reported that work was progressing on establishing the bench marks.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the light had now been installed at 34th Avenue and Palm Blvd.

Alderman Avant reported that the Fireman's Committee recommended that Mr. James (Tony) Crognal be hired as the new fireman-engineer, at a salary of \$6,208.00 per year.

Alderman Avant made a motion that we accept their recommendation, and hire Mr. Crognal as the new fireman.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Avant requested an executive session regarding the hiring of a new policeman.

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Alderman Meek gave a final report from the special committee on the tennis court. They recommended that the final payment of \$1,818.55 be paid to Reds Construction Company, because the previous administration had inspected the courts and accepted the work. (See attached special committee report).

Alderwoman Preston made a motion that we accept the committee's recommendation and pay the balance owed to Reds Construction Company.

Motion seconded by Alderman Dangerfield.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Shaffer brought to Council's attention the possibility that some personal property on the island was not being taxed. After some discussion, a decision was made by Council to request that the Charleston County Auditor check into payments of personal property taxes on the island, since there seemed to be some question whether taxes were being paid on some commercial equipment on the island.

Mayor White noted that the City had received a bill for \$1,800.00 from Wando High School for our part in the adult education program. Payment was approved.

Mayor White read a letter from Mr. Paul Cobb, State Highway Engineer, stating the state's intention to widen the causeway to 4 lanes.

Mayor White read a resolution received from the Isle of Palms Garden Club, going on record as supporting Council's actions in the dunes controversy and opposing the "indiscriminate leveling" of beach front property.

Alderman Avant stated that the Police and Fire Departments would have their proposed budgets for 1975 in by January 23.

Alderman Dangerfield inquired as to whether the vacant lot next to the shopping center would be available for use by the playground this year. Mrs. Passailaigue is to check into this with the Beach Company and renew the lease if possible.

Mayor White informed Council of the State Highway Department's intention of extending the sidewalk along Palm Blvd. from 30th Avenue to 41st Avenue. The resolution received from the highway department was approved and signed by Council.

At the request of Alderman Avant, a motion was made to go into executive session. The regular meeting adjourned.

The regular meeting reconvened on January 22, 1975 at 9:28 P.M..

Alderman Avant submitted the name of James B. Ware to be hired as the new patrolman, with a 90 day probationary period, at a yearly salary of \$7,000.00.

Alderman Shaffer made a motion that Mr. Ware be hired.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Meek.

Motion carried.

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Mr. Ware is to begin work, January 23, 1975.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Marie S. Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk-Treasurer

J. Blair White
J. Blair White
Mayor

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL CONSISTING OF:
CHARLIE JERNIGAN, HENRY SHAFFER, FRANCIS MEEK.

On February 13, 1974, Mayor White appointed a committee to look into the disputed contract and construction of the tennis courts at the Isle of Palms playground. The committee consisted of Charlie Jernigan, Francis Meek, and Henry Shaffer.

At the December, 1974, council meeting, the Mayor reactivated this committee and requested that it check into requests and recommendations as set forth in the December 3, 1974, playground commission meeting.

These requests and recommendations are as follows:

1. In our opinion, due to the sub-standard condition of (lights? and) court surfaces which are approximately one year old, we cannot in good faith recommend to Council that the ten per cent held back on the contractor's fee be paid unless City Council feels that the specifications and/or requirements were met. If this balance is paid to the contractor, we feel that money should be designated to repair the tennis courts as we are closing one of the courts due to unsafe conditions.

2. We have a piece of equipment costing \$427.00, called a "candy rock mountain", which is a part of the Tot Lot and has never been installed. The total cost of installation for the Tot Lot was \$2,862.70, and was paid on November 6, 1973. A letter was written to the contractor and he has been asked personally on several occasions to complete his obligation by installing this piece of equipment. This has not been done as of this date. We recommend that City Council take whatever action they deem necessary for the completion of this job.

Our findings pertaining to subjects covered in Item #1 are herewith answered.

The lights are in bad shape, many of these are not burning. However, the manufacturer's warranty on these lights is for twelve (12) months. November 1, 1974, ended this warranty period. Also there is some evidence that these lights were wilfully damaged.

Both court surfaces are in bad shape. However, in this committee's report, dated February 20, 1974, Item No. 8, listed definite evidence that on or about November 1, 1973, the courts were inspected and accepted by the previous administration.

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Proper upkeep of the courts has been in question. Several witnesses have stated that children have been seen skating with roller skates and skate boards on the tennis courts.

As to final payment, to the contractor, the committee obtained several documents covering contracts between owner and contractor.

One is the AIA Document A101. On page 4, Article 7, pertaining to final payment, there leaves no alternative for the owner other than to make final payment to the contractor within so many days after completion of work and acceptance by the owner. Again acceptance was made, according to Item No.8 as referred to above.

The other document is issued by the Federal Government and is their Gen. Services Admn. Standard Form 23-A. On Page 2, Clause 7e, of this form it is very evident that the U.S. Government must pay the contractor upon completion and acceptance of said contractor's work.

Copies of these documents are filed with this report.

Based on the findings from this study, the committee recommends that RED'S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY be paid the final payment of \$1,818.55.

Item 2 of the playground committee report pertained to the Tot Lot.

This special committee's study determined that the installation of the Tot Lot was done by RED'S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY on a cost of labor plus fence cost and other incidentals. The actual equipment for the Tot Lot was a separate cost which was paid for by the city.

Some of the equipment was short on delivery and some was damaged. Apparently everything is on hand now, and Mr. Avant has assured this committee that he will complete this installation promptly and at no additional cost.

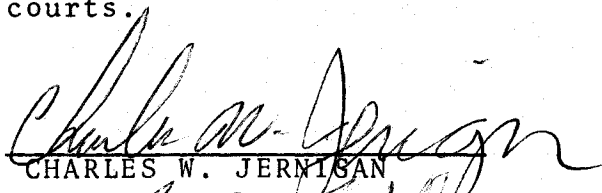
This committee was asked to come up with suggestions and recommendations on what to do about the tennis courts.

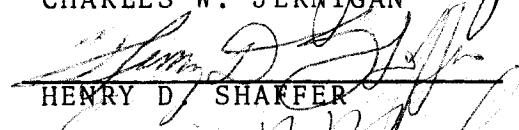
We suggest to Mayor and Council, that a committee be set up consisting of members of the playground commission and several citizens. Mr. Salvatore Sottile, a construction company executive, and Mr. Ron Hightower, an attorney, have volunteered to serve on this committee. Mr. Sottile says he will be happy to ask a construction engineer to serve with them.

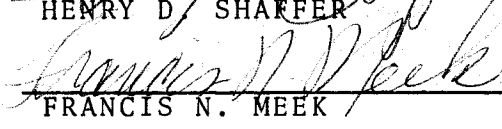
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This new committee would have the know-how and could bring, to Council, some worthwhile recommendations and costs for the repair or rebuilding of the tennis courts.


CHARLES W. JERNIGAN


HENRY D. SHAFFER


FRANCIS N. MEEK

February 12, 1975

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held Wednesday, February 12, 1975 at City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting with a prayer.

The roll was called by Mrs. Passailaigue.

Present were: Mayor White, Alderwoman Preston, Aldermen Avant, Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Meek, Larosa and Shaffer. Also present was Attorney Guerard.

Alderman Shaffer reported that the Isle of Palms Planning Commission had been working on the project and had named a sub-committee, which had met with the County Planning Board. They had also met with Mr. Phipps and Mr. Dewey Wise, who represent Sea Pines Corporation. There had also been a joint meeting on Thursday night of the Planning Commission and the Engrossed Bills Committee to discuss the various proposals. They had hoped to have a document to present to Council by tonight, but had not been able to finish it due to prior commitments by Attorney Guerard and others on the committee. They are planning another joint meeting on Monday night and hope to have a final draft of the document to present for further consideration at this time.

Alderman Shaffer reminded Council that before any changes could be made in the zoning ordinance, that a public hearing had to be held with notice of this meeting published in the newspaper. He recommended that we schedule this meeting for March 26th, so that the necessary preparations could be made now. He also noted that if everything went as scheduled, that we would possibly have a special meeting called for February 26th.

Alderman Shaffer made a motion that arrangements be made to hold the public hearing on the matter that deals with the zoning ordinance for the planned unit development of the Sea Pines Corporation on March 26th at the Exchange Club. (Providing it is available.)

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Shaffer reported that during the joint meetings, they had discussed the offer of Sea Pines to give any members of Council and the Planning Committee a bus tour of Hilton Head to study their concepts of development first hand. Their recommendation was that Council take advantage of this offer and make plans to go on either February 22nd, March 1st or March 8th.

This was discussed by members of Council and it was the general consensus of those present that it would be beneficial to them in their deliberations.

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Alderman Meek made a motion that Council decide on the date, February 22, and makes plans to go.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Members will be notified at a later date as to the exact time to meet for the trip.

Attorney Guerard reported that he would have the first draft of the ordinance ready for the Engrossed Bills Committee by Friday, February 14th. He would, also furnish Mr. Dewey Wise with a copy. This would give the Planning Committee and Sea Pines Corporation time to look it over and come up with any recommendations they might have by the time for the next Council meeting, February 22nd. We will have the first reading by title only at this time and possibly the second reading at the same meeting, if everything goes as scheduled. This time schedule, would allow two weeks from then until the first meeting in March.

Alderman Shaffer reported that the Isle of Palms Water Company had been in contact with the Planning Commission about the possibility of the city purchasing the Water Company. The appraisal is now about 75% complete. They will report on this further at a later date as soon as they have the preliminary figures.

Alderman Shaffer reported on a joint meeting of the Planning Commission with the Sanitation Committee. After much research and discussion, it is their recommendation to Council, that the city adopt "on the street pick-up for garbage". The city would realize a considerable savings by doing this.

Mayor White reminded Council that it costs the city approximately \$75,000.00 a year to operate the Sanitation Department, therefore, any proposals for decreasing this cost should be given serious consideration. He asked that the Sanitation Committee come up with some ideas for implementing this plan and the figures as to the savings that the city would realize.

Alderman Dangerfield promised that they would have a report on this at the next Council meeting.

Alderman Shaffer made a motion that Council adopt the idea of on the street garbage collection and that the Sanitation Committee work out the details for implementation and report back at the next meeting.

Alderman Avant seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Alderman Avant reporting on the Police Department, introduced Mr. Frank DeHaven of the Tri-County Planning and Regional Commission.

Mr. DeHaven gave a most informative presentation on the new radio system planned for the Tri-County Area. He stated that in 1973, they started linking the radio systems in with the region and state systems. It is now 90% complete.

Mr. DeHaven explained that the new system would have three frequencies. The first would be Municipal Police, linking the Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island, Mt. Pleasant, and Folly Beach. The second would be an inter-link with

Charleston County Simplex System, that can be used to contact SLED. The third is a Mutual Aid System, that does not need a dispatcher. It is broadcast from car to car with a 2 mile range.

Mr. DeHaven stated that they had taken bids on the system from several companies with Motorola as the lowest bidder. The equipment calls for a control station controlling 2 frequencies, one a base station ;having control on municipal system, the other the county system. We will have a control console with a remote unit in City Hall for emergency use. We will have 4 mobile units and 4 hand-held units, using 3 frequencies. Total cost will be \$13,948.00. This will cover the cost of the equipment, installation and the maintainance for one year, after which it will be the city's responsibility. The maintainance agreement with Motorola on the system as planned, would cost approximately \$1,116.00 per year.

Mr. DeHaven explained that at the completion of installation, we will be billed for the full amount, but the federal government will reimburse us for \$12, 553.00, the state for \$697.00. This will leave a balance of \$698.00 for the city's part. The Federal and State Grants have been approved and the contracts are ready to be signed.

Mr. DeHaven stated that the new system would be for police use only, therefore, we would need to keep the present radio for inter-link between police and fire departments, and the E.M.S.

Mr. DeHaven, in answer to questions from members of Council, explained the full usage of the new system. He also reminded Council that there was a time limit on the grant award. The thirty days would be out, the 16th of February and it would be necessary for him to have final approval by then.

Alderman Shaffer made a motion for Council to approve the radio system pending conformation of Police Commission.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Larosa reported that the Ways & Means Committee had received all the proposed budgets for 1975 from all the Departments and had had several meetings on these. They now have a complete Proposed Budget for 1975 to present for Council's approval. Based on last years figures, the anticipated income for 1975 will be \$226,775.00 plus Revenue Sharing-\$35,168.00, making a total income of \$261,943.00. In round figures, \$262,000.00.

The proposed budget for the year as follows:

General Government-	\$43,413.27
Judicial Dept.	900.00
Police Dept.	58,494.64
Beach Patrol	5,000.00
Fire Dept.	36,897.29
Sanitation Dept.	74,054.20
Playground Dept.	28,783.60
Building Inspector	2,400.00
Streets & Lights	12,000.00
	<u>\$261,943.00</u>

Alderman Larosa reported that the city ended the year with \$18,768.00 in the bank and outstanding debts for December of \$3,512.00, this leaves a net on hand of \$14,500.00 as of January 1, 1975.

Attorney Guerard proposed that the citizens be made aware that through Council's responsible financial management, not only was a surplus achieved, some \$60,000.00 in indebtedness was retired, and a new garbage truck purchased. He stated that he thought Council was to be commended for their efforts, particularly Alderman Larosa.

Alderman Larosa requested that following the regular meeting, that Council have a short executive session to discuss some fine points of the budget.

Alderman Larosa reminded the chairman of the various departments, that the bulk of the City's revenue comes in in the fall and to try to hold off any large expenditures until then.

Alderman Larosa made a motion that Council approve the budget for 1975 as submitted by Ways & Means.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Sanitation Department had received a complaint from a citizen about a lot that needed cleaning on Carolina Avenue. The owner had been sent the regular form letter giving him 30 days to clear the lot, back on October 8th. When he did not respond, he had been called several times and reminded. This did not get any results either, so the city had the lot cleared on February 3, 1975. The owner was now upset and threatening to sue the city.

Attorney Guerard stated that he had also been contacted, but he felt that the owner had been given every opportunity to comply with the request and therefore, the city would not be liable for any damages.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Sportsman Club had requested that the money belonging to them, that they raised, be returned, so that they could open a separate account and handle the paying of their own bills.

Alderman Dangerfield made a motion that the city return the \$241.00 to the Sportsman Club and that they establish a bank account and officers to handle their own affairs, with adult supervision.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if it had definitely been established that the playground would have the use of the vacant lot next to the Red & White.

Mrs. Passailaigue stated that the lease rent had been paid.

Alderman Avant reported that Chief Thompson was out of the hospital and would be back at work full time on Monday.

Attorney Guerard reported that the Attorney General moved to vacate the injunction against the Beach Company. The state has now filed a 64 page amended complaint. They are seeking to have the dunes restored, that have been destroyed.

Attorney Guerard Stated that he and the committees were working on upgrading our zoning ordinances and get some sub-division regulations on the books. He also noted that we are well on our way to getting the bench marks established. The tide gages were installed about the first of the year. It is now just a matter of the length of time it takes to gather the needed data.

Alderman Shaffer made a motion that the regular meeting be adjourned and Council go into executive session.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Regular Meeting adjourned.

Executive session of Council convened at 9:45 P.M.- adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

The regular session of Council reconvened at 10:20 P.M..

Mayor White asked Council to reappoint the 1974 Committees for the Year 1975.

Alderman Shaffer made first nomination.

Alderman Meek seconded .

John White

Mayor White re-appointed the following:

Clerk-Treasurer- Marie S. Passailaigue
Chief of Police- Fred E. Thompson
Fire Chief- William Connelley

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Joseph Larosa- chairman
Henry Shaffer

Charles Jernigan

ENGROSSED BILLS, OFFICIAL BONDS, ORDINANCES,
AND RULES COMMITTEE

Henry Shaffer-chairman
Nancy Preston

Joseph Larosa

POLICE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Luther Avant-chairman
Francis Meek
William Casey

Nancy Preston
Charles Jernigan

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Timothy Dangerfield

Nancy Preston

SANITATION COMMITTEE
STREETS & LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Timothy Dangerfield-chairman
Luther Avant
Charles Jernigan

Francis Meek
William Casey

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS

Russell Friar- chairman
Will G. Walter
Joe Thornton

Robert Fugate
George P. Chaconas
(Witt Donald)

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

Timothy Dangerfield-chairman
Nancy Preston-vice chairman
Lester Weed, Jr.
Kathryn Leopold

Peggy Farmer
Wilma Guthrie
Jim Kizer

COMMISSION OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

George Bowers
W. M. Connelley
Bill Lee

Henry Shaffer
Billy Casey
Mayor White

ISLE OF PALMS PLANNING COMMISSION

Joseph Larosa-secretary
Ronald A. Hightower-chairman
Francis Meek
Henry Shaffer
Charles W. Eisenhower, Jr.

James J. Colcolough, Jr.
Dr. Will Walter
Salvador V. Sottile
Camille Mizzell

BEACH PATROL AND CONTROL BOARD

William Casey
George Porcher
Maurice Updegrave

Ann Kurek
Foster Clark
Charlie Turner

HEALTH BOARD

Kenneth Goss
Betty Chaconas
Tom Smythe

Mel Martin
Jim Colcolough

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie S. Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
J. Blair White
Mayor

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Mayor White opened the meeting with a prayer.

The roll was called by Mrs. Passailaigue.

Present were: Mayor White, Alderwoman Preston, Aldermen Avant, Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Larosa, Meek and Shaffer. Also present was Attorney Guerard.

Mayor White asked that Council by-pass its regular order of business for this meeting, since it had held a meeting earlier in the month to take care of the regular business. He stated that this meeting had been called primarily for the purpose of this hearing, which would take considerable time to accomplish.

Alderman Shaffer, reporting as Chairman of Engrossed Bills Committee and Planning Commission Sub-committee, stated that they had had several meetings relating to the proposed development by Sea Pines Corporation. In the course of their deliberations, they had seen the need for various changes and amendments to our existing zoning laws on the island. They now have some recommendations that they would like to present to Council for consideration. The first one is that Council, instead of changing the existing zoning ordinances, consider adopting an entirely new one that would encompass the gist of the four articles of the present ordinance recorded in the 1970 Code of Laws of the Isle of Palms and adding four new articles. This would, in effect repeal the 1970 and the 1972 Zoning Ordinance; that was adopted by the City Council in office at this time.

Alderman Shaffer further reported, that they had progressed to the point that they were prepared to give a first reading of the proposed zoning ordinance. As the first reading is to be by title only, they proposed to do this at this meeting. In subsequent meetings, Council could discuss the substance of the amendments and consider any changes to be made. This would clear the way to have the second reading at the next regular Council meeting to be held March 12.

Alderman Shaffer noted that we have complied with the legal requirement of advertising for public notice of the public hearing to be held March 26th. Following this hearing, providing that all is in order, we should be able to have the third reading of the ordinance and its ratification at the same time.

Alderman Shaffer stated for the record, he would proceed with the first reading of the ordinance by title only, at this time. This is a bill to repeal Chapter 22 of the 1970 Code of Laws of the City of Isle of Palms, S. C. and the Isle of Palms Zoning Ordinance of May 10, 1972 and adopting the Zoning Ordinance of the Isle of Palms of 1975, consisting of eight articles. The first four will be revised and updated and the four new ones will be added.

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Attorney Guerard suggested to Council that following the first reading and after they had had time to study the ordinance draft, they schedule a work session to discuss any changes to be made before the second reading. The second reading would be carried out at the first regular meeting in March to be held on the 12th, with the public hearing two weeks later on the 26th of March. Utilizing the input gained from the public hearing, we should be able to schedule the third reading at the next regular meeting to be held on April 9, 1975.

Alderman Casey made a motion that we have the first reading, by title only, of the proposed bill at this meeting.

Alderman Larosa seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Shaffer proceeded to read the proposed bill to repeal Chapter 22 of the 1970 Code of Laws and the Zoning Ordinance of May 10, 1972 and adopt the Zoning Ordinance of 1975, consisting of eight articles as follows:

Article 1. Title in General

Article 2. Use Regulation

Article 3. Height, Area and Yard Regulation

Article 4. Board of Adjustments

Article 5. Planned Residential Developements

Article 6. Planning Commission Sub-Division Regulations

Article 7. Zoning Permits

Article 8. Certificate of Occupancy

Alderman Shaffer brought to Council's attention, the need for an ordinance to protect the city during this interim period. He recommended that Council adopt the following proposed ordinance by suspending the rules of Council and having all three readings at this meeting. The ordinance has to do with the adoption of an addition to the existing ordinance, which would require that the R.M.C. Office of Charleston County not accept, file or record any sub-division plat involving any areas of the city within the sixty (60) day period following the effective date of this section, which shall be effective immediately upon ratification. This, in effect, would be adopting an ordinance in addition to the existing ordinance, that would prohibit anyone from filing a sub-division plat prior to the final adoption of this new set of regulations.

Alderman Shaffer made a motion that Council now suspend the rules of Council.

Alderwoman Preston seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Shaffer requested that the record show, that it was the unanimous decision of Council that the rules be suspended. He also stated for the record, that in order for the legal requirements for the adoption of an ordinance to be met, he would read the ordinance in its entirety three times.

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For the record, the ordinance was read in its entirety, three times by Alderman Henry Shaffer.

Alderman Meek made a motion to accept the ordinance as read.

Alderman Larosa seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

The ordinance was duly ratified by Mayor White and Clerk Marie Passailaigue.

Alderman Shaffer made a brief report on Council's trip to Hilton Head. He expressed the opinion, that it had been very beneficial to all who went.

Mayor White stated that he shared this opinion and that he would write a letter of appreciation to the Sea Pines Corporation.

Alderman Larosa reported that Ways & Means had received a notation in regards to Revenue Sharing Entitlement #6. They have given us an option to make an objection to the census they have us set down for, this being the same figure as the 1970 census. We are trying to update this information to 1973. If we can prove an increase in population, this would be reflected in the amount of Revenue Sharing funds we would get. The number shown in the Exchange Club 1970 Census was 2,790 residents, but the figure they show us as having, is 2,657 residents. We have until March 14th to prove an increase and file an objection.

Alderman Shaffer moved that Council undertake to try to get the necessary census figures to show the increase in population.

Alderwoman Preston seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White reported that Chief Connelley had asked that the Board of Firemasters be renamed as follows: Alderman Avant, Chief Connelley, John Kovack, Joe Thornton and Herman Lamkin.

This recommendation was discussed by members of Council .

Alderman Shaffer moved that Council accept Chief Connelley's recommendation and rename the present members to serve another year.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
J. Blair White
Mayor

March 2, 1975

A special meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held Sunday, March 2, 1975 at City Hall.

Present were: Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa, Aldermen Avant, Casey, Meek, Shaffer, Alderwoman Preston and Attorney Guerard.

Absent were Mayor White, Alderman Dangerfield and Jernigan.

Attorney Guerard made the following presentation to City Council:

This special meeting was called for the purpose of City Council to approve or disapprove the Plat of The Beach Company on Lots 23-45, Block FT-2. Lots 1-19 and Lots 28-43, Block FT-5 of Section BC2D, Forest Trail Sub-division of the Isle of Palms, S. C. Plat prepared by E. M. Seabrook, Jr., Inc. Dated October, 14, 1974.

The plat was presented for recordation to Arthur H. Burton, R.M.C. of Charleston County. He called Attorney Guerard and inquired as to how to handle it. Attorney Guerard informed him that it would have to be presented to Council for their consideration, which he was now doing.

Attorney Guerard pointed out to Council that this is an extension of an already established sub-division, in that the streets are paved, water lines are in, drainage established and sewage has been approved by the Health Department. It was his recommendation that Council approve the recordation of this plat.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the members of Council present, that The Beach Company was not asking to do anything contrary to the Zoning Ordinance for Sub-division Regulations, now being drafted, in asking for approval of the above described plat's recordation.

The question of whether the streets, as layed out, were up to state standards, was raised. It was found they were.

Alderman Shaffer made a motion that Council officially notify the R.M.C. Office, March 3, 1975, that this plat had been approved for recordation. He further moved that the R. M.C. Office be advised, that in the future, all persons wishing to file a plat be directed to the City Clerk; so that they can be presented to Council at its next regular meeting.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Shaffer asked that it be noted that there were six members of Council present and that this was an unanimous decision by those present. Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa voting aye along with the others.

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Attorney Guerard was asked to take care of notifying the R. M. C. Office of Council's decision. He stated that he would.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie S. Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

Joseph M. Larosa
Mayor Pro-Tem

March 12, 1975

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held March 12, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. in City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting with a prayer.

The roll was called by Clerk Passailaigue.

Present were: Mayor White, Alderwoman Preston, Aldermen Avant, Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Larosa, Meek, and Shaffer. Also present was Attorney Guerard.

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor White called for committee reports.

Alderman Avant, Chairman of Police and Fire Committees, had nothing to report from either of these committees at this time.

Alderman Larosa, Chairman of Ways & Means, reported that as stated in the last meeting, the Revenue Sharing had given us the option of objecting to the census figures they were using as a criteria for Entitlement #6. We have acquired a letter from the Post Office Department indicating that there are 1,238 residential deliveries in the city. We have one from the Water Department, stating that there are 1,386 water meters in service. We also have a letter from the Public Works Department stating that there are 1315 residential sanitation pick-ups in the city. Take all three of these, add them together, divide the total by 3, then multiply the result by 3.2 persons per family. This gives us a total of 3,702 residents, as compared to the 2,657 residents that the Entitlement #6 is based upon. We propose to submit this information as proof and it is just possible, that they might give this consideration toward increasing our Entitlement #6. This letter will need to go out by March 14th.

Mayor White added his endorsement to this undertaking, stating that he felt that if this will help us, it was a worth-while project.

Alderman Larosa pointed out that since these figures being used were taken in 1970, obviously five years later, we wouldn't still have the same number of residents.

Alderman Larosa made a motion that we put this information in letter form, attaching to it the forms provided and the four exhibits acquired and send it to the Office of Revenue Sharing.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Dangerfield, Chairman of Sanitation Committee, reported that they had met one time to discuss the garbage pick-up. They hope to have some definite plans to submit by next meeting.

Alderman Dangerfield reporting on the Streets & Lights Department, stated that there were 223 parking lines marked off by the state, on the front beach last week.

Alderman Dangerfield added as additional information, that Mr. Paul Cobb of the State Highway Department had sent out a letter to the Federal Highway Administration,

Mayor White pointed out that this had been discussed in Council previously, but that he would ask for further discussion at this time.

After a lengthy discussion by members of Council, it was the general consensus that if an ordinance was passed prohibiting wading or swimming at Breech Inlet it would be almost impossible to enforce and that you couldn't legislate against lack of common sense.

Attorney Guerard suggested that the police cruisers be equipped with life rings and nylon rope as a safety aid.

Mayor White stated that these suggestions would be taken under advisement.

Alderman Larosa asked that persons attending the Council meetings adhere to the no smoking signs. Since the meetings were lengthy and the room small, the smoke became quite bad at times.

Several other members of Council were in agreement. After a short discussion, Mayor White asked if anyone wanted to put it in the form of a motion.

Alderman Larosa made a motion that we have no smoking during Council meetings.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion defeated.

Mayor White stated that Council would proceed with the business of the proposed new zoning ordinance.

Alderman Shaffer reported that for the benefit of those present, he would try to bring them up to date on what had transpired. The members of Engrossed Bills along with Attorney Guerard, have been deliberating for some time in order to draft an entirely new zoning ordinance that would encompass the four existing Articles of the old ordinance and add four new ones. At the last regular meeting they had progressed far enough to present Council with a rough draft and hold the first reading by title only. Since that time a number of other meetings have been held to try to be able to submit a finished draft for Council's approval. Due to the length of time it has taken to assemble the proposed bill and the seriousness of the undertaking, it is their recommendation that we have another first reading at this meeting. The members of Council now all have a copy of the complete proposed ordinance, for inspection and discussion.

Alderman Shaffer stated that if everyone was in agreement, he proposed to proceed with a first reading by title only. He stressed the point that while we say we are adopting a new ordinance, it will not be that much of a change from the old one. We are accepting the existing developed parts of the island as it is, primarily single family dwellings, with the exceptions of the commercially zoned portions. The biggest change comes in Articles 5-8, which will allow developers to come forth with a planned residential development partition and request that a portion of land be developed in that fashion. We will attempt to incorporate some sub-division regulations of which we are in need.

Alderman Jernigan moved that we have another first reading.

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giving them the following information. There were approximately 10,000 vehicles per day using the causeway to come to the Isle of Palms. By 1995, they estimate that there will be 24,900 vehicles per day using the causeway. In 1973, the Ben Sawyer Bridge was opened 2,412 times. In this letter, they are proposing a new 2 lane, fixed span bridge to be constructed on the east side of the present bridge. A new 2 lane roadway to Sullivan's Island, with Middle Street and Jasper Blvd. on Sullivan's Island to be used as one way streets.

Alderman Dangerfield in his Playground Department report, recommended that Council spend the \$400.00 allocated in the 1975 Budget for a new movie projector, at this time. The old projector is broken and no longer repairable. They have checked on prices of new ones and one can be bought for \$650.00. The Playground Commission will put up \$250.00, if the Council will approve the expenditure of the remaining \$400.00.

Mayor White asked for discussion from Council on this proposal.

Alderman Casey asked what disposition was made of the revenue from the movie.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that the money was used to pay for the rent on the films, which average from \$20.00 to \$40.00 per movie and that they had not lost anything on the movies in the last two years.

Alderman Shaffer pointed out to Council that this was not designed as a money making project, but rather as a service to the community.

Alderwoman Preston informed Council, that last year they had realized enough profit, to show one movie free.

Mayor White stated that the old projector was approximately 10 years old.

Alderman Meek expressed the opinion that if the money is available, that we should consider going ahead with the purchase.

Attorney Guerard suggested that they shop around and get the best equipment they could, for the money available.

Alderman Dangerfield replied that they had checked on several sources to try to get a discount, such as through the schools. This was the best price, they had been able to get for the projector needed.

Alderman Dangerfield moved that we buy the projector, with the Council paying \$400.00 of the \$650.00 total cost.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield informed Council that the Playground Department was sponsoring a boxing tournament, to be held March 16th through 23rd in the old Moultrie High School Gym. This will bring in boxers from all over the state. There will be a small admission charged.

Alderman Casey reported that the Beach Patrol and Control Committee recommended that Council consider an ordinance to prevent swimming and wading at Breech Inlet or Dewees Inlet.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

For the record Alderman Henry Shaffer read the proposed ordinance by title only. This meets the legal requirements for a first reading.

Alderman Shaffer stated that this constituted a first reading and he moved that Council accept it as such.

Alderman Larosa seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Shaffer noted that we had given public notice of a public hearing to be held March 26th. He moved that Council schedule a special meeting Wednesday March 19th, for the sole purpose of having a second reading.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mayor White asked for the veiws of Council on furnishing the public copies of the proposed ordinance and at what cost,as the length of the document would prohibit offering it free.

Mr. Clay Cable suggested that Council look into the possibility of having the Moultrie News carry a copy in their special issue coming out next week.

After a discussion by members of Council, Alderman Meek moved that they make copies available at a nominal cost to the public.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Shaffer is to have 50 copies printed. These will be available at City Hall by the last of the week.

The Moultrie News is to carry a notation that they will be available at City Hall at a nominal cost to the public.

Mayor White asked if there was any further city business.

Mrs. Passailaigue informed everyone of the Rabies Clinic to be held on Saturday, April 5, from 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie S. Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
J. Blair White
Mayor

A special meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held, April 2, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

The roll was called by Clerk Passailaigue.

Present were: Mayor White, Alderwoman Preston, Alderman Avant, Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Larosa, Meek and Shaffer. Also present was Attorney Guerard.

Mayor White opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor White stated that as everyone knew, this was a special meeting called to have the second reading of the zoning ordinance. However, if there were any reports that were necessary to be brought up he would have those at this time.

Alderman Avant said that he had a request from the Board of Firemasters for some equipment they need. These items are 2 spare air tanks for the Scott Air Paks, 2 rubber mallets and some badges. The cost on this equipment is:

Air Tank for Scott Air Pak	--\$95.00 each-- (2)	\$190.00
Rubber Mallets	8.00 each - (2)	16.00
Badges	6.00 each - (4)	24.00
Total Cost		<u>\$230.00</u>

The air tanks are needed as a safety precaution as the two now available on each truck are almost always exhausted before a fire of any size is put out.

This request was discussed by Council.

Alderman Avant moved that Council approve the purchase of this equipment.

Alderman Jernigan seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Avant reported that the new police cruiser used unleaded gas and that at present we were having to buy gas at retail price from service stations. He suggested that we invest in a tank and pump, so that we could buy gas wholesale @ 35¢ per gal. for this car. It would mean a considerable savings and would pay for itself in the long run. The cost of a tank would be \$50.00 and the pump \$223.00.

Alderman Meek pointed out that they estimated it would pay for itself in 6 months and from now on all equipment purchased would use unleaded gas.

Alderman Avant moved that Council approve the purchase of a tank and pump.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Larosa reported that the letter had gone to Revenue Sharing with the exhibits supporting our increase in population on March 14th. He had a reply from them saying that it had reached them too late for processing with regard to Entitlement #6 allocation we will receive in late April. It will be considered for the final allocation, though. The figure we submitted was 3,719, but due to an error on our part in arithmetic, they have adjusted it to the increased figure of 4, 211.

Mayor White stated that he believed establishing an increased population figure would help us later. He then asked if there were any other committee reports.

Alderwoman Preston said that while it wasn't a committee report she thought that Sullivan's Island's position on the bridge and road ought to be brought to everyone's attention. She further stated that she thought Council should officially contact the State Highway Department stating our concern as to the effect it would have on the welfare of the residents on our island if the plans to build a new bridge and 2 more traffic lanes were dropped.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he also felt we were misled to believe we were having a meeting to work out a plan to get the bridge and road, when in actuality they had had a meeting previously and decided to oppose the proposed plans. They seem to have 2 points they are pushing. Number one, if they refuse the road it will speed up getting one built directly to the Isle of Palms. The second one is that if nothing is done, it will discourage development. Even though both points have some merit, they will have such a small amount of effect on things that it seems to be a fool hardy decision.

Alderman Meek stated that he could not understand their seeming disregard for the possibility of being responsible for someone losing their life by being prevented from getting to the proper medical aide by a mal-function of the present bridge.

Alderman Shaffer reported that in an appearance on T.V., Robert Scarboro had said that in order for the new bridge to be built, it would have to be elevated all the way across the marsh. The cost of such a structure would be astounding and the state could not afford to build it in the near future. They could not justify spending that amount of money for a community the size of ours.

Alderman Larosa also expressed his dismay at the way the meeting was misrepresented and conducted. There had seemed to be a lot of comments from irate citizens, who were not commission members and an utter lack of control by Commissioner Rowell.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he had tried to contact Mr. Scarboro, but had been unable to.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that Mr. Scarboro was going to have a meeting Thursday morning with Mr. Silas Pearman, Mr. Dewey Wise, Mr. Paul Cobb and Rep. Dangerfield to try to work out the best solution for everyone concerned.

Mayor White stated that Mayor Darby had suggested that he arrange a meeting with Gov. Edwards and any representatives from Sullivan's Island and Mt. Pleasant who cared to attend, so that he could tell them how far away a complete new road and bridge was from being a reality. Alderman Larosa suggested that Council send a night letter before the meeting stating our position.

After further discussion by Council, Alderman Larosa moved that we send the night letter to Mr. Pearman.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Shaffer stated that if it was established that there was a regulation that Sullivan's Island could prevent the road from being built, that the Isle of Palms should consider going to court.

Mayor White expressed the opinion that if we could help the residents of the Isle of Palms by taking it to court that it would be Council's duty to do so.

After further discussion by members of Council, Alderman Shaffer moved that in the event that it was determined that the Highway Dept. is not intending to proceed with the widening of the causeway and the construction of the fixed span bridge because of Sullivan's Island's objection, that Council authorize Corporation Counsel to proceed with the necessary suit to attempt to have the roadway accomplished.

Alderwoman Preston seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Sanitation Department Committee had met and after much deliberation had decided to kill the idea of front yard pick-up at this time.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the State Highway Department had removed all stop signs from Carolina and Ocean Blvds. and put them on the ends of the side streets. They have also taken down the four way stop signs.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Playground Department had cleared \$905.00 on the boxing tournament. This money will be deposited in the Commission's Saving Account to be used for the boxing program in the future.

Mayor White stated that former Mayor Hamer had applied for a business license to operate a boat ramp and concession stand at the end of 41st Ave. and he would like Council's veiws on this matter. His opinion was that it would require a ruling from the board of adjustments.

Mrs. Passailaigue informed Council that Mr. Hamer had requested that it come before them first to see if they had any objections.

Alderman Shaffer stated that Council should not take any action on it untill it had been before the board of adjustments.

Alderman Jernigan asked how the property in question was presently zoned.

He was informed that it was U-1.

Mayor White asked for a vote on refering this to the board for a ruling.

Council voted to do so.

Mayor White informed Council that Jones Bingo had objected to the increase in the Business License fee. In veiw of the fact that they were already paying \$700.00, they felt that they could not afford the \$175.00 increase.

Alderman Shaffer stated that when Ways & Means worked out the license schedule it had been a uniform increase across the board and that this business was not singled out for an increase. In fact, per centage wise, his was a lower increase than some others.

Alderman Larosa pointed out that as the other checks had come in for business license at the old schedule, they had been held and a request for the right amount sent to the companies. These companies had come forth with balances due. He felt it would be jeopardizing the whole system to make an exception.

Alderman Jernigan moved that Council leave the amount as it is.

Alderman Avant seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mayor White informed Council that he had received a letter from Mr. Long stating his intention to take back the picnic area and offering to buy back the picnic tables. The area is now in the process of being fenced. However, Mrs. Cutchin had offered the City the use of seven vacant lots for a new picnic area. This will be looked into further and discussed at a later time.

Mayor White said if there was no further pressing business , we should proceed with the zoning ordinance.

Alderman Shaffer summarized the results of the public hearing for the benefit of those not attending. He informed them that the new zoning map was now complete.

Alderman Shaffer stated that before we get into the zoning ordinance that he had two short ordinances to present to Council. The first one is an ordinance to provide for the forbidding of nepotism. The second one an ordinance to provide for salaries for Mayor and City Councilmen.

Alderman Shaffer read both the ordinances in their entirety for those present.

Alderman Shaffer moved that we suspend rules of Council.

Alderwoman Preston seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

For the record Alderman Henry Shaffer read the ordinance to provide for salaries for Mayor and City Councilmen by title only, three times.

Alderman Shaffer moved that Council adopt the ordinance.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

For the record Alderman Henry Shaffer read the ordinance to provide for the forbidding of nepotism by title only, three times.

Alderman Shaffer moved that Council adopt the ordinance.

Alderman Avant seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Shaffer moved that we reinstate the rules of Council.

Alderman Larosa seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Shaffer informed Council that there had been some changes in the ordinance since the public hearing. The biggest change was in Section 22-3, which deals with the zoning map. These changes have been typed up and Council members have been provided copies, but for the benefit of others, he would read the new section.

Alderman Casey asked if we would have two copies of the zoning map.

Attorney Guerard replied that we would keep the original in the fireproof safe at the Planning Board Office with copies kept at City Hall.

Alderman Shaffer and Attorney Guerard pointed out to Council all the changes that had been made in the wording of the proposed zoning ordinance. These changes were made by members on their copies. These changes were for the most part as a result of suggestions made by residents at the public hearing held on March 26th. The changes were discussed by Council in turn, as they were pointed out.

Alderman Avant asked about the plans for entering into a deal with the County Planning Board.

Attorney Guerard informed him that we had not entered into a contract with them as yet. He and Alderman Shaffer had talked with them and had been given a sheet with the wage scale per hour for the different services. After this ordinance is enacted, we will have to enter into a formal contract with them. They will bill us quarterly or semi-annually. We will set a ceiling of maybe \$5,000.00 and they will let us know when we have approached this amount. They will be hired as strictly an advisory board, with Council having the final say.

Alderman Avant asked why we did not hire our own City Planner.

Alderman Meek replied that we could not afford to, as the salary he would draw for year round service would be prohibitive.

Alderman Shaffer added that you could not find anyone who was qualified for the position, who would be willing or could afford to work just the hours we would require.

Alderman Shaffer brought to Council's attention, the question of a resident about the requirement of minimum square footage for a house.

This was discussed by Council and it was decided to leave it at the present figure 750 square feet, as the cost of building materials at this time might work a real hardship on anyone building now. It was pointed out that many of the lots would be too small for a larger house and many of the houses are used for a second home.

Alderman Jernigan asked for clarification of the section pertaining to fines for building violations.

Attorney Guerard explained that this would apply only if a conviction was obtained and that there was a provision for discretionary measures by the court. In case you had a habitual violator, the running fine would be a way of discouraging him.

Alderman Shaffer stated that now that we had reviewed all the changes, we had an option of either continuing to follow rules of Council, which would require a verbatim reading of the ordinance, which would constitute second reading. Then we can have another meeting in order to have third reading. Or we can suspend rules of Council, by unanimous consent and have 2nd and 3rd reading tonight. This would clear the way for the ordinance to be prepared and ratified at a special meeting which I suggest we have next Monday night. He further stated that in his opinion, we should, if at all possible, have the ordinance passed and ratified before the public hearing on the planned residential development scheduled, April 9th.

Alderman Preston moved that we suspend rules of Council and have the 2nd and 3rd readings by title only.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

For the record, Alderman Henry Shaffer read the ordinance, by title only, twice.

Alderman Shaffer moved that Council accept this as 2nd and 3rd readings.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Preston moved that we reinstate rules of Council.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Shaffer asked if it was agreeable with everyone to have the meeting to ratify the ordinance on Monday.

Attorney Guerard stated that we not only needed to have the meeting to ratify the ordinance, but we also needed to discuss plans for the public hearing to be held April 9th. Mr. Phipps of Sea Pines will be available to answer any questions Council might have. He further stated that the procedure after ratification of the ordinance, would be for Sea Pines to submit their plans to the Planning Commission Staff along with a check for \$1,000.00. The staff will begin work on them and we will have 90 days to accept, reject or modify the plans.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he agreed that it would be wise for us to have the meeting with someone from Sea Pines prior to the public hearing, so that we would have a better understanding of their proposal. After reading only a part of the plan, there were things that he had some questions about.

Alderman Avant asked if anyone knew what the latest status of the road (Hwy 703) transfer was.

Attorney Guerard stated that he had talked with Dewey Wise and was told that it would be finalized on Thursday. However, the House tacked on the proviso that they would close the road as requested, but that we must provide the public with access to the beach across private or state lands. The Attorney General said that private lands couldn't be taken without due process. This part was struck out. Since there are no state lands at the east end, the amendment does not really mean anything.

Alderman Shaffer said that now that the zoning ordinance had been adopted, he felt that someone should review it with the building inspector.

Alderman Jernigan made a recommendation that Alderman Shaffer take care of this since he knew more about it.

Alderman Shaffer said he had no objection to doing this and that he thought if Mr. Donald was going to take on this new responsibility, Council should consider some compensation to him for it. His suggestion would be that Ways and Means work out the details.

Alderman Avant recommended that we offer the Building Inspector a salary for the added job of helping to enforce the Zoning Ordinance and the requirement of permits and business license. There has been a lot building going on on the island by unlicensed companies that have had no permits issued.

Alderman Meek moved that the salary for the Building Inspector be referred to Ways and Means.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Shaffer pointed out that the agreement has to be worked out with the Planning Staff and that a Committee needed to be appointed as soon as possible.

Mayor White asked for views of Council on this matter.

After a discussion by members of Council it was decided that the Engrossed Bills Committee composed of Alderman Henry Shaffer, Alderman Joseph Larosa and Alderwoman Nancy Preston work with Sea Pines on the application.

It was also the unanimous decision of Council that the Ways & Means Committee composed of Alderman Larosa, Alderman Shaffer and Alderman Jernigan work with the Planning Commission in drawing up an agreement.

These committees are to be aided by other members of Council when needed.

Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned .

Respectfully submitted,

Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
Marie Passailaigue
J. Blair White
Mayor

A special meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held April 7, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

The meeting was opened by Mayor White with a prayer.

The roll was called by Clerk Passailaigue.

Present were: Mayor White, Aldermen Avant, Casey, Dangerfield and Shaffer. Alderwoman Preston and Attorney Guerard were also present.

Absent were: Alderman Jernigan, Larosa and Meek.

Mayor White called for any committee reports.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the new projector had been stolen along with about \$50.00 in money from the playground building. This was not covered by theft insurance.

Mayor White stated that if there were no further reports, that we would move on to the business of ratifying the ordinances.

Alderman Shaffer moved that having met the necessary requirements, the zoning bill be presented to the mayor for ratification.

Alderwoman Preston seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The bill was duly ratified by Mayor White and Clerk Passailaigue.

Alderman Shaffer moved that the ordinance that provides for salaries for the Mayor and City Council be ratified.

Alderman Avant seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The bill was ratified by Mayor White and Clerk Passailaigue.

Alderman Shaffer moved that the ordinance that provides for the forbidding of nepotism be ratified.

Alderman Avant seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The bill was ratified by Mayor White and Clerk Passailaigue.

There was a short discussion by members of Council concerning telephone inquiries from local radio and TV stations about trips to Hilton Head.

Mayor White reported on a letter from Mr. Pearman of the State Highway Commission in reply to the night letter sent to him last week in support of the new bridge. In the letter, Mr. Pearman stated that they expected to complete the final review at an early date and trust that they may go forward with the building of a 4 lane road and new fixed span bridge.

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Mayor White read a copy of a letter from LeGrande Guerry to Governor Edwards in support of the proposed road and bridge he had received.

Alderman Avant reported on several calls he had received about on resident taking over an access between 52nd and 53rd Avenue.

Mayor White stated that he had been down there and checked and had found the man building almost a barricade out of railroad ties in the access.

Attorney Guerard asked Mrs. Passailaigue if she had checked on the man's claim that he had permission from the owner.

Mrs. Passailaigue said that she had talked with Charlie Way and was told that no one at the Beach Company had given him permission and she was sure that no one connected with the City had either.

Attorney Guerard stated that we need a street inventory to assess which streets belong to the City or the state.

Alderman Dangerfield said that he had a list of the streets that are not in the state system .

Attorney Guerard asked if this roadway had been dedicated or was still the property of the Beach Company.

Mrs. Passailaigue replied that it was plotted on the map as a street.

Alderman Shaffer moved that this matter be referred to Streets and Lights, to find out if this has been turned over to the City or the state.

Alderman Avant seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Attorney Guerard introduced Gene Phipps of Sea Pines Corporation, who was here to answer any questions Council might have concerning the presentation.

Alderman Shaffer moved that before Council started its work session with Mr. Phipps, the regular meeting be adjourned.

Alderman Casey stated that before we have the motion, he would like to make one comment for the record about the gallery and the emptiness of it. If people have any complaints about the way Council handles its business, I think they should take a good close look at their participation in their city government. When people have been given an opportunity to participate and no one comes to these meetings, but continue to gripe about things that are done by Council.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he could appreciate his feelings, but he took it to mean that people thought they were doing a good job and didn't need to be constantly checked on.

The regular meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
J. Blair White
Mayor

June 11, 1975

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held June 11, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

In the absence of both Mayor White and Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa, Alderman Meek presided as acting Mayor and opened the meeting with a prayer.

The roll was called by Clerk Passailaigue.

Those present were: Aldermen Avant, Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Meek, Shaffer, Alderwoman Preston and Attorney Guerard.

Those absent were: Mayor White and Alderman Larosa.

Alderman Meek stated that Mayor White was unable to be at the meeting due to work and Alderman Larosa's absence was due to his wife's illness, so in their absence some how he had been elected to serve.

Alderman Meek continued that as was our custom, when a citizen requested in writing to be heard by Council, we grant that request at the beginning of the meeting. We have such a request tonight from Mr. Barr and at this time we will allow him time to present his wishes.

Mr. Barr informed Council that he had leased the property on Harbor Oak Blv. that had previously been the Post Office Building. He would like to know if it would be permissible, according to the present zoning, for him to fence the land surrounding the building and charge to park.

Mrs. Passailaigue stated that Mr. Barr had obtained a Business License to operate a gift shop in the building.

Alderman Shaffer asked if Mr. Barr owned the property or was leasing it.

Mr. Barr replied that he was leasing it from Mr. Klump.

Alderman Shaffer stated that if anyone had to request a zoning change, it would be the owner, but to the best of his knowledge it was zoned as commercial now. The proposed use he was talking about would not require a zoning change, only a Business License.

Attorney Guerard stated he would also need a zoning permit for grading and paving.

Mr. Barr stated he was only going to fence and grade it and perhaps use some rock at the present time.

Mrs. Passailaigue stated that he might need to get permission from the owner.

Mr. Barr said that he had contacted Max Hill Realty, who were handling the lease and he had the owners permission to make any improvements to the property he wanted to, short of tearing the building down.

Attorney Guerard told him just for his own protection, he should get them to sign the permit application along with him.

Mr. Barr asked if he had Council's approval then.

Alderman Shaffer replied that all he needed was a zoning permit and a building license.

Mr. Barr thanked Council for their time and help with his problem and he would take care of getting the license and permit the next day.

Attorney Guerard stated that he had another item along the same line to present to Council. He had been contacted by Mr. Long's office concerning Mr. Hamer's boat ramp. He felt like there had been a lack of information when it was discussed in Council previously. The request, in effect, is to use the existing boat landing, blocking off the entrance and charging for its use. The only difference would be a small trailer office on the site would be moved so that it could be used as a office for fee collections. After searching the law, he felt like it was clear that this would only be a continuation of the existing non-conforming use. They asked that he present it to Council but it was his legal opinion that it would be within the ordinance as it is drawn and would not need any variance. Before he gave them any answer he would like to hear any comments from Council.

Alderwoman Preston asked if he meant the place where boats put in now at the end of 41st and that their only intention was to fence in the property and collect a fee.

Attorney Guerard said exactly.

Alderman Shaffer stated that apparently that like Mr. Barr, they only need a building license and zoning permit.

Attorney Guerard said at this point they were not planning any improvements except the fence.

Alderman Shaffer said they would need a zoning permit for that.

Alderman Casey stated if they planned to launch boats after mid-tide they would need to make some improvements or the trailers would get stuck. If they haul in rock or do any grading would that be covered in the zoning permit?

Attorney Guerard said it would.

Clerk Passailaigue stated that she had a letter from the Corp of Engineer's for Council to read and give her a ruling on. While they were reading it she would like to know why the boardwalk on the new zoning map did not show that it was commercial.

Alderman Shaffer stated that it might be a non-conforming use. They adopted the old zoning map exactly as it was and everything was zoned the same.

Clerk Passailaigue said this area was zoned commercial on the old map but it didn't show that on the new one. It had been brought to her attention by someone she was looking up the area with.

Attorney Guerard said it must have been an oversight and they would check into it.

Alderman Shaffer said to get back to the discussion about Mr. Hamer's boat ramp, that based on Corporate Council's recommendation, that he moved that Council authorize the Beach Company to proceed with commercial boat ramp, subject to building license and a zoning permit that might be required.

Motion seconded by Alderman Casey.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council held a short discussion about the letter from the Corps of Engineers.

Alderman Meek asked for the committee reports at this time starting with Ways and Means.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he would endeavor to give the Ways and Means report for Alderman Larosa, who was absent because of his wife's illness. The first item for discussion is the Ways and Means Tax Report, a copy of which all members have been given. This is a recap on our tax situation so that they might come up with a recommendation as to what Council could do about a millage change because of the re-assessment of property on the island. The first item is 1975 Real Estate Property Tax, a projected income at the present 70 mill rate, would be \$205,250.00. This would be an increase of \$96,000.00 over the \$109,000.00 for 1974. Item number two is Revenue Sharing - Income for 1974 was \$25,662.00, projected income for 1975 is \$35,168.00. We have a comparison of the budgets - 1974 Budget \$220,000.00. 1975 Budget - \$261,943.00. Total income expected from other sources - \$93,168.00. The average cost of taxes per home in 1974 - \$65.42 projected cost in 1975 at 70 mills would be \$123.12. The total projected income for 1975 would be \$355,500.00.

Alderwoman Preston asked if the \$205,000.00 figure was correct because when she multiplied the figure she came up with \$219,000.00.

Alderman Shaffer said it was based on a 96% collection ratio. The other 4% won't pay their taxes.

Alderman Shaffer further stated that in their discussions that the three members of Ways and Means had come up with different opinions on the proper amount of millage to be established, but they did agree that what did need to be presented, were these figures. So that at whatever figure the millage was set it would adequately cover the projected budget, and anything else that has transpired since the budget was established. Since Alderman Larosa had indicated to him that he favored option I listed on the report, he favored removing revenue sharing from the budget and reducing the millage from 70 to 55 mills which would give a projected income of \$271,000.00.

Alderman Dangerfield asked what the advantage would be in excluding revenue sharing from the budget.

Alderman Shaffer stated that apparently it was on the theory that at any given time that revenue sharing could be stopped and we shouldn't count on it to balance the budget, only for special projects. This was only conjecture on his part since this was someone else's idea, not his. In any case he thought Council should hear Alderman Jernigan's thoughts on the subject before deciding.

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Alderwoman Preston said she would like to hear all three members of Ways and Means opinions since they had done more study on the subject.

Alderman Jernigan stated that he had some figures lined up as to what we would need to cover some major expenditures in the near future, but he had not had time to make everyone copies. He would try to get everyone copies the next day as he didn't feel we would resolve the problem tonight.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he felt we should make a decision as soon as possible as we had to let the County know of our decision.

Alderman Dangerfield asked how soon we had to let the County know.

Marie Passailaigue said since they didn't have their millage set yet, they must not need it right away.

Alderman Shaffer stated that in talking with Alderman Larosa it was his impression that they needed it as soon as possible.

Marie Passailaigue stated that she had talked with Mrs. Kroger today and was told that they had not made up their mind how many mills they would go down.

Alderman Jernigan said in order for us to determine our millage we had to project the cost of some large purchases the city would have to make in the near future and decide whether we wanted to pay cash. The ones he knew about were a new garbage truck which would be \$18,000.00 and a new police car which would be \$4,400.00. The tennis courts would have to be repaired at \$11,000.00. The new policeman's salary for the rest of the year will be \$3,600.00. These are items that weren't included in this year's budget and have to be considered to set a realistic millage figure in order to have money to operate the city.

Alderwoman Preston asked what he considered a realistic millage.

Alderman Jernigan stated that he figured we could meet our obligations with 53 mills.

Alderman Meeks asked Alderman Shaffer if he would like to present his version at this time.

Alderman Shaffer stated that even though the County set the assessment figure, it was Council's responsibility to set the millage figure that would establish a fair tax for our tax payers. Just because the assessment value was raised 80% is no excuse for us to leave our millage rate to keep it that high. We shouldn't set the millage any higher than it takes to meet the city's operating costs. We agreed at the beginning of the year to operate the city for \$261,000.00 and he saw no reason to change this just because of the new assessment and some people saw this change as a windfall to ask for these extra expenditures of \$18,000.00 for a garbage truck or \$11,000.00 for tennis courts, etc.. It all come back to the fact that it is going to cost us and other tax payers on the island to support this thing. He noted the figure given in the Ways and Means report for the average taxpayer on the island as \$65.00 and the average increase of \$57.00 per year. The only trouble with dealing with averages was you included bare lots with lots with houses and we were

concerned primarily with homeowners and this would not be a true average figure for them.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he again would like to bring to Council's attention the budget figure of \$261,000.00 for 1975. This included a contingency fund of \$10,000.00 of unallocated funds to balance the budget. He also felt that just because revenue sharing funds might at some future date be discontinued, was no reason to stop spending it for things that it would be used for now. It was his impression that the purpose of it, was for cities to use for special projects that could not be afforded otherwise as long as it was spent wisely. In considering a realistic millage figure, we should consider what it would cost to operate the city now, not what it will cost three or four years from now. If we find we have set it too low we can increase it later, because whatever we set it at is going to mean an increase in taxes of some amount. He was not going to suggest x number of mills, but he would ask that they consider the fact if \$261,000.00 was not adequate now, what would be adequate. Then it would simply be a matter of arithmetic to see what it would take to produce the income needed. In his calculations he had come up with a figure of 48 mills to produce the amount needed. So there they had Alderman Larosa with 55 mills, Alderman Jernigan with 53 mills, and his 48 mills and three different opinions, but it all comes back to how much cushion you want to balance the budget.

Marie Passailaigue stated that she would like to point out that they were going to have to borrow \$15,000.00 more in tax anticipation this week. She had a payroll of \$1,500.00 plus \$7,000.00 in bills that she could not pay until they got the money.

Alderman Meeks asked if she could meet the payroll this week.

Marie Passailaigue said she could be holding back a tax check until after she saw how much the payroll was.

Attorney Guerard asked when the tax revenue would start coming in.

Marie Passailaigue said it would be the latter part of August. She would also like for them to remember that personal property value always went down when they set the millage.

Attorney Guerard asked if the \$15,000.00 would carry her until August, and if she had any other source of income until the tax money would start coming in.

Marie Passailaigue said she would have the beer and wine tax and transportation tax to come in. There would also be one more revenue sharing check as well as a check from SCE&G for around \$8,000.00. The payroll now averaged about \$12,000.00 per month. This will increase with the summer help at the playground and the new policeman.

Alderman Meeks asked if Council thought that Ways and Means needed to look at this further.

Alderman Shaffer stated that Ways and Means could look at it for another month and he was sure they would still come up with three recommendations and they would not be able to produce any magic formula. It still comes back to this fact, do we want to live with the budget we set or do we want an increase.

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Alderwoman Preston stated that she felt Ways and Means worked long and hard to come up with the budget and she thought that we should live with it. We approved it and if we couldn't operate for \$261,000.00, something was wrong.

Alderman Avant said he could see a need for some additional funds in the future, but it seemed that we were well set for this year as the budget was set.

Alderman Shaffer asked where the figure of \$4,400,000 for a new police car came in, he thought we had just bought a new car.

Alderman Jernigan said that was projected as a need for next year.

Alderman Shaffer asked about the \$18,000.00 for a new garbage truck.

Alderman Dangerfield said that was also for next year.

Alderman Shaffer asked if anything had come in stating that revenue sharing would be discontinued.

Marie Passailaigue said that she had not received anything to this effect.

Alderwoman Preston moved that we stay with the budget we approved.

Motion seconded by Alderman Casey.

Alderman Dangerfield said he didn't understand the motion. How did she mean about the millage.

Alderwoman Preston said she wasn't talking about the millage she meant that she thought we ought to stay with the budget we approved without increasing it.

Attorney Guerard stated that a proper motion would be to move to drop the millage to cover meeting the budget.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that the figure presented for the tennis court was for a long range improvement. They had decided if they were going to fix them it should be right and the bids he was getting now were for from \$9,000.00 to \$11,000.00.

Alderwoman Preston stated that she was on the Playground Committee and she would like to see the tennis courts repaired as much as anyone, but we had not figured on this windfall or whatever you call it. She also stated that she was aware that a lot of people play tennis, but if you take it percentage wise a lot more people don't play than do. She couldn't see putting the bite on the entire island for the few people that do play out of this particular money.

Alderman Dangerfield said that the the Committee meeting that it had been decided to go ahead and take bids and if the money was available they would have them fixed, otherwise they would put it in the budget for next year.

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Alderman Shaffer stated that he thought we needed to do some figuring to see what a realistic figure would be millage-wise to meet the current budget of \$261,000.00, keeping in mind the \$10,000.00 contingency fund cushion.

Alderwoman Prestion stated that she withdrew her motion.

After a lengthy discussion by Council as to the various amounts of revenue we would realize from the various millage figures, Alderman Shaffer moved we set the millage at 46 mills.

Motion seconded by Alderwoman Preston.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Meeks asked if there were any further committee reports.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he had one more thing to bring up and that was the Schedule of Holidays and Sick Leave Policy for the city employees. Everyone had a copy, but he would be glad to read it or discuss it at this time.

After a short discussion by Council, Alderman Shaffer moved that Council adopt the Sick Leave Policy and Holiday schedule as presented.

Motion seconded by Alderman Casey.

Motion carried unanimously.

This policy is to be effective July 1, 1975.

Alderman Avant stated that he had nothing to report from the Fire Department.

Police Department - as everyone was aware they had been taking applications for a new policemen. Chief Thompson had screened these and submitted six names to the police committee. They had reviewed these and were now recommending the name of John Stephen Woods to Council for consideration. He was currently working for the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department and had previously work for AAA Security. He had been highly recommended by all of his employers.

Alderman Avant moved that Council accept Chief Thompson and the Police Committee's recommendations and hire J. S. Wood as the new policeman at a salary of \$7,300.00 per year, subject to the 90 day probationary period.

Motion seconded by Alderman Shaffer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wood is to report for work June 16, 1975.

Alderman Avant reported that the new radio system had been installed and was working out better than even anticipated. He felt that it was going to be a real asset to the police and fire departments.

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Alderman Casey stated that he had heard nothing but favorable comments on the new system.

Alderman Shaffer asked what the current status of the EMS unit that was to be stationed on the island.

Alderman Avant said he had heard nothing further but he would check on it and have a report by the next meeting.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that the playground now had a sign posted with the hours the building was open listed as follows:

Summer Hours -	Mon - Fri	10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
	Sat. -	11.00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Winter Hours -	Mon - Fri	3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
	Sat. -	11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Alderman Dangerfield called everyones attention to the official state map showing all the state roads displayed on the bulletin board.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that he had contacted the owners at 3902 Waterway and they had agreed to pay the \$60.00 installation fee for the underground wiring for the street light. He moved that the Council approve the installation of this street light.

Motion seconded by Alderman Casey.

Mation carried unanimously.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Sanitation Department had received a letter from Mary West stating that on April 29, 1975 the Sanitation Department had mistakenly picked up some clothes left on the porch in two large green garbage bags and a box - the value of the items missing was \$23.50 they ask that the city reimburse them this amount. The Sanitation Committee approved payment of this.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Sanitation Committee recommended that the city hire two men to empty the garbage cans on the front beach on Saturday and Sunday mornings. After investigating the possibility of using dumpsters, they had deecided that this would cost the city less. He moved that Council approve hiring two men at \$2.10 per hour to pick up the garbage on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Motion seconded by Alderman Shaffer.

Motion Carried.

Attorney Guerard stated that the city has been fighting the "Battle of the Dogs" continuously. On one case recently we had seized some dogs. This had brought about a through study of the city ordinances concerning dogs. This oridnance doesn't put the city in the strongest position legally, although it is de-fenseable. His recommendations would be to amend the present city ordinance to conform with the new county ordinance with provides for seizure and the

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procedure under which it could lawfully be executed.

Alderman Meeks stated that he had been informed of this problem also.

Alderman Shaffer asked if he was suggesting that we adopt the county ordinance.

Attorney Guerard said we should use it as a guideline, modifying it to our needs. As of now even the part covering a vicious dog allows the dog two bites.

Alderman Shaffer moved that we ask Corporate Council to draw up an appropriate amendment to the existing ordinance to be submitted as the next meeting.

Motion seconded by Alderman Avant.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that one thing he forgot to report was that the Sanitation Department had looked into the possibility of getting a time clock. They had gotten some bids on them and were ready to make a recommendation at this time that Council accept the low bid.

Alderman Shaffer said that he had one he would give them. He couldn't guarantee how long it would last, but they could start with it.

Alderman Dangerfield said they would accept the offer. All hourly employees would check in and out.

Alderman Meeks stated that it was to be made clear that no one was to clock in or out for another person. This would be a definite record of time worked.

Alderman Meeks reported the receipt of a bill for \$540.00 for the building of three lifeguard stands. This was to be taken out of revenue sharing and needed Council's approval.

Alderman Shaffer moved Council approve the payment of this bill.

Motion seconded by Alderman Jernigan.

Motion carried.

Alderman Meeks read several letters from citizens to the Mayor and Council.

1. Letter from Representative Dangerfield to Mr. Grant concerning the approval of a repair of the barricade on his street.
2. Letter from Adm. Kossler asking the Council to pass a resolution proclaiming the week of June 15th as Yorktown Week in honor of the aircraft carrier, to be based at Patriots Point and the men who served on her.

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3. Letter from Mr. Campsen expressing his concern over the new property assessment and the results it would have on taxes.
4. Letter from RAC asking for a variance on a house being built on Dunes Blvd. for the Easterlings. Letter referred to Board of Appeals and Adjustments.
5. Letter from W. C. Walters, 2300 Palm Blvd. requesting that the city pay for pipe to drain the water that stands there during heavy rains. This pipe would cost \$3,600. Letter referred to Streets and Lights for consideration in next year's budget.
6. Letter from property owners on 47th Avenue - requesting that the street not be paved. Alderman Shaffer asked if the letter had been received from the property owners stating that they would be responsible for the maintenance of the street.

Marie Passailaigue stated that it had not.

Alderman Shaffer moved that Clerk of Council contact the property owners and point out to them that we must have something in writing from them stating that they wouldn't hold the city responsible for making any improvements to this road.

Motion seconded by Alderman Dangerfield.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that Bruce Regan, Safety Engineer of the Highway Department had been over and rode with him on Carolina and Ocean Blvds. There is a possibility that one or two stop signs might be put back on Carolina to slow the speeders down but none will be put back on Ocean. He recommended lowering the speed limit on this street and patrolling it more.

Alderman Casey stated he felt like the speed limit should be lowered on Carolina because of the number of children who used that street.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if Council wanted to act on it tonight.

Alderman Shaffer said he thought it should go to Committee and come back to Council as a recommendation to act on.

Alderman Dangerfield said they would have a meeting in the next few days and report back.

Alderman Meeks stated if there was no further business, he declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk-Treasurer

J. Blair White
J. Blair White
Mayor

Mr. Phipps informed Council that he could have duplicates made and if he and the Mayor would both sign this one, that the duplicate would have their signatures on them also.

For the record, Mayor White and Mr. Eugene Phipps signed the map signifying that it was an official map to be used with the addendum to the zoning application submitted by Sea Pines Corporation and approved by the Isle of Palms City Council this 29th day of May 1975.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if a letter had been written to the State Highway Dept. concerning the request to not have 47th Avenue paved.

Mayor White replied that he had not as yet.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if he had received the letter from the property owners that they were to send us.

Mayor White replied that he had not received one and therefore, he had not contacted the Highway Dept.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that he had been informed that one of the property owners had sent a letter to the Highway Dept. requesting that the road not be paved and that the request had been granted.

Mayor White stated that that was all right with him, but that they could not come back later to Council about it because they had not been the one to make the request. He was waiting for the letter from the property owners and that he had not been contacted in any way by them.

Council was then informed that Mrs. Coulbourn had come to the office and inquired as to the disposition of their request. She was told of Council's decision and she said that they would get a letter to Council as soon as all the property owners could be contacted.

Alderman Shaffer recommended that the Mayor contact Mr. Coulbourn and inform him that Council could take no official action until they had sent the letter to Council that had been requested.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that what the people had apparently done, was to bypass Council and gone directly to the Highway Dept.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he wanted to be sure everyone was aware of the new tax assessment and that he felt Council should be prepared to act on this at the next regular meeting. He inquired as to whether Ways & Means would have a meeting on this before next Council meeting.

Alderman Meek said he would like to see Ways & Means look in to this very thoroughly and come up with some recommendations for Council as it would directly affect the finances.

Alderman Shaffer asked if everyone knew what the basic figures involved were.

Alderman Larosa stated that each mill would be approximately \$3,000.

Alderman Shaffer asked what that would mean based on our present millage.

Alderman Larosa stated that it would be around \$210,000.00. This would be an increase from \$130,000.00, if we left the millage as it is.

Alderman Preston asked if they thought people would stand for that.

Alderman Shaffer said he didn't see how they could. It wasn't a question of whether they would change the millage, but rather of how much. We seem to be between two extremes.

Mayor White stated that before they consider this, not to forget that they had a fireman and a policeman, they had hired that wasn't covered in the budget a year ago.

Alderman Casey stated that those weren't his major concern, it was the Water Company. His phone had been ringing all night about the lack of water and the no trespassing signs along the beach.

Several other Council members stated that they too had had calls concerning these two things.

Alderman Larosa asked if the next meeting would be the second Wednesday of June.

Mayor White replied it would be June 11.

Alderman Larosa stated if he wanted Ways & Means to, they would do some preliminary work on the tax problem by contacting the tax assessor's office and getting some advance figures together.

Mayor White stated that he was sure everyone would appreciate all the help they could get with this decision.

Alderman Shaffer moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie S. Passailaigue
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Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
J. Blair White

Mayor



Sea Pines Company

Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928 (803) 785-3333

May 29, 1975

The Honorable Blair White, Mayor
Isle of Palms City Council
City Hall
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

Dear Mayor White and Members of the City Council:

The Charleston Beach and Racquet Club Company, Inc., (the corporate name of the owner of the development to be known as the Isle of Palms Beach and Racquet Club), hereby makes a commitment to enter into a land exchange agreement with the City of Isle of Palms. The property to be transferred to you is a portion of land owned by Charleston Beach and Racquet Club Company, Inc. and located within the "Community Services" area, as identified on the master land use plan submitted in its rezoning application.

In exchange for this property, on an acre for acre basis or on a value for value basis as established by a MAI appraiser, we would expect the City to transfer to Charleston Beach and Racquet Club Company, Inc. its rights, right-of-way and ownership which accrues in Palm Boulevard (State Road #699) from 53rd Street to the northeasterly end of the Island.

It is Sea Pines' understanding that this property will be used by the City for a playground or for community service uses such as a fire, emergency medical or police station. Should the City utilize the property for uses which are not considered municipal or community recreational, Sea Pines shall have the right to reacquire the property at its then appraised value.

The Honorable Blair White, Mayor
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It is agreed that the transfer of title will take place at a later date when plans are formalized for the initiation of development on the Isle of Palms Beach and Racquet Club. This commitment shall be binding on the Charleston Beach and Racquet Club Company, Inc., its successor or assigns.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLESTON BEACH AND RACQUET
CLUB COMPANY, INC.

by Charles E. Fraser

Charles E. Fraser
Chairman

ISLE OF PALMS BEACH AND RACQUET CLUB

Rezoning Application Addendum

May 28, 1975

This document is submitted as an addendum to the Isle of Palms Beach and Racquet Club request for rezoning. The comments made in this document will reference the page numbers in that zoning application. These additions or alterations shall become a part of the rezoning application.

Page 1, Paragraph 3

For development criteria the applicant is submitting a detailed topographic map, which is attached hereto, that establishes a development perimeter around the property which generally follows the five-foot contour and vegetation line. That property outside this perimeter line will remain in preservation and conservation.

Page 2, Last Paragraph

Delete the word "equivalent" so that the fifth sentence reads: "Sea Pines Company anticipates a ceiling of not more than 2,500 dwelling units."

Page 5, Paragraph 3

Delete the term "2,400 dwelling unit equivalents (as described herein)" and insert "2,500 dwelling units".

Page 6, Table 1

Principle Land Use Allocations

Decrease number of acres in "Village and Support" to 73.
Decrease number of acres in "PLANNED DEVELOPMENT USES TOTAL" to 516.
Increase number of acres in "Parks and Recreation" to 299.
Increase number of acres in "PLANNED OPEN SPACES TOTAL" to 440.

Page 7, Table 2

Table 2 is revised to be:

LAND USE ALLOCATION BY SUB-DISTRICT

<u>SUB-DISTRICT</u>	<u>MAXIMUM DWELLING UNITS</u>	<u>VILLAGE & SUPPORT USES¹ (ACRES)</u>	<u>INN UNITS</u>	<u>MINIMUM OPEN SPACE² (ACRES)</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
RV	600	50		30	140
RB	500	12*	350	20	93
RA(1)	500			130	250
RA(2)	800	11**		150	320
RA(3)	950			40	153
TOTAL	2,500 ³	73	350	370	956

¹ Village and Support uses are commercial, (not including Inns) residential, marina and marina facilities, recreation, necessary utilities, maintenance support, community facility and service elements and open space (See Exhibit C).

² Open Space is defined as land free of non-pervious cover.

³ Maximum number of dwelling units permitted in PRD.

* Includes nominal commercial listed in Exhibit B and Tennis/Beach Club.

** Includes golf club and utilities and sewage treatment plant area.

Page 8, Table 3

Maximum Dwelling Units under PRD to be changed to 2,500 from 2,400. The first footnote shall be changed to read:

*Land outside the perimeter line established on the topographic map which is herein submitted will remain essentially undeveloped.

Page 10, First Paragraph, last sentence

The sentence will be changed to read:

"Construction of the remaining 200 allowable Inn units will begin no sooner than the completion of 20% of the total planned residential units."

Page 11, Insert Between Second and Third Paragraph under Storm Drainage and Flooding

All sewage holding ponds shall have their walls constructed to flood hazard standards for containment so that there will be no out flow during heavy rainfall.

Page 17, Area Adjustment and Boundary Adjustments

These two paragraphs will be deleted and the allocations for subdistricts will be controlled by the restrictions in Table 2 of this application and those applicable under Article V of the Isle of Palms Zoning Ordinance.

Page 21, Paragraph 9

The first three sentences of this paragraph will be changed to read:

HEIGHT*: The height of all buildings in no instance shall exceed percentages of heights as established below. Furthermore, no building within 500 feet of the centerline of any existing street outside the limits of the Proposed Planned Residential District shall exceed three stories in height. The following is based on the total area coverage of developable land located within the perimeter topographic map as submitted:

A sentence will be added to Section 9 to read: "The Developer will pay its pro-rata share to the City of Isle of Palms for obtaining additional fire fighting equipment as these building heights (4-5 stories) set forth above will require such acquisition for personal and property protection."

Page 21, Paragraph 10

Insert bicycle to read: PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CIRCULATION:

Page 24, Preservation and Conservation

The second paragraph under the heading "Preservation and Conservation" is altered to read:

Conservation areas, while environmentally significant, may be used for limited recreation uses, with careful planning and under controlled circumstances. Conservation/recreation areas include those areas between 3 feet and established contours (approximately 5 feet MSL) and are suitable for playgrounds, pedestrian and bicycle trails, environmental and historical interpretive lookouts, bridle trails, fishing and boat docks, picnic areas and shelters, etc. In addition, all structures will be built in accordance with standards applied by the Home Owners' Association, developer's protective covenants and the Architectural Review Board.

Page 26, Uses Permitted in Residential "A"

Change uses permitted to:

- 42. Motor vehicle transportation
 - 421. Bus transportation shelter
 - 429. 4291. Taxi cab shelter

6. Services

- 63. Business services
 - 634. Resident manager's shop in multi-family unit complex

Page 28, Uses Permitted in Residential "B"

Change uses permitted to:

- 12. Group quarters
 - 123. Staff housing
- 42. Motor vehicle transportation
 - 421. Bus shelter
 - 429. 4291. Taxi cab shelter

6. Ancillary/accessory services to transient lodging

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- 749. Delete commercial camping

Page 32

Change application to read:

Building materials and hardware

(1 per 3 employees or 1 per 500 square feet gross floor area, whichever is greater)

Page 33

Change application to read:

Recreation/sports
Golf courses

(2 per hole)

Page 35 and 36

Delete reference A - Dwelling Unit Equivalency in total.

Insert following paragraph at end of Paragraph 3:

"The sewage holding ponds will be constructed in a manner so that there will be no back flow in periods of heavy rainfall. Containment should be assured to meet flood hazard regulations."

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"The general intent of the standards and protective restrictions as now presented in these covenants shall be maintained in the development of the property by the Company, its successors or assigns."

Community Services

As part of this addendum a clarification of the community services area is included. It is the intent of the Developer to set aside approximately 10 acres of land which is presently designated for community services. Land uses which are appropriate for this area include fire sub-station, town hall, police sub-station community playgrounds, emergency medical services, etc.

Being an integral part of the master plan for the Isle of Palms Beach and Racquet Club, the acreage presently designated for community services will be set aside for such uses by the Developer. The City of Isle of Palms and the Developer will work with each other in establishing the appropriate land uses, and acreage within this area will be made available to the City when those uses are agreed upon by the two parties.

The developer's commitment to the City of Isle of Palms is that this acreage will remain available during the life of the project for community services and municipal uses as the need arises. It is the Developer's intent to transfer title to the City for that property whose use and sales consideration is agreed upon by the City and the Developer. The Developer will not unreasonably withhold its approval of land sales to the City if the planned use is a community service activity.

May 14, 1975

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held May 14, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mayor White.

The roll was called by Clerk Passailaigue.

Present were: Mayor White, Aldermen Avant, Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Larosa, Meek and Shaffer, Alderwoman Preston.

Absent was: Attorney Guerard.

Mayor White informed Council that he had had a request from Mr. & Mrs. Coulbourn and Mr. Bailey to speak to Council in reference to their and other property owners on 47th Ave., opposition to 47th Ave. being paved. He further stated that at his invitation, they were here tonight. He welcomed them and told them that he would be glad to give them an opportunity to speak in behalf of their request at this time.

Mr. Coulbourn stated that in 1972, 3 of the 5 property owners petitioned the State Highway Dept. to have 47th Ave. paved, although at the time there was only one house built on the street. Since then there have been 3 other houses built on the street. These property owners have gotten together and decided that they prefer the peace and quiet, to having a paved road, which would possibly become a race track for motor cycles. They have sent a letter to Rep. Dangerfield asking that the street not be paved. This petition has been signed by 4 out of 5 property owners, with the other one agreeing on the phone to sign if necessary. They are all willing to take the responsibility of maintaining the street for themselves.

After further discussion by Council and the property owners present, Council agreed to try to get the paving of 47th stopped and the contract possibly transferred to another unpaved street on the island.

Alderman Meek moved that Council go along with their request to not pave the road, provided they furnish us with a document signed by all 5 property owners stating that they agree to maintain the street for themselves to their satisfaction.

Alderwoman Preston seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor White asked for the report from Ways & Means.

Alderman Larosa, chairman Ways & Means, reported that the City still had \$5,636.00 from Entitlement #5 in the bank. We borrowed \$15,000.00 on April 28th to meet current bills and at this time we have \$16,800.00 in the general fund. They again ask that all departments hold down their expenditures as much as possible. The monthly operating expense runs about \$17,500.00 per month and the only revenue coming in presently is fines and beer & wine tax, which is not due to come in until July.

Alderman Larosa also reported that Ways & Means had a meeting on April 16th with Whitt Donald, the building inspector to discuss the possibility of changing his remuneration. Since his work load has become quite heavy, they recommend that we offer him a contract fee of \$425.00 per month, to include his gas.

After further discussion by Council, Alderman Larosa moved that we accept Ways & Means recommendation and offer Mr. Donald a contract fee of \$425.00 per month to include gas.

Alderman Avant seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

This contract fee is to begin June 1st, providing an agreement is reached with Mr. Donald.

Alderman Larosa stated that on May 5th, Ways & Means met to discuss a request from Neal Myer, the City Auditor, for a \$500.00 increase in his fee for the coming year. We paid him \$2,000.00 this past year. When the 1975 Budget was organized, we allowed \$2,400.00 for auditing; so this would only be \$100.00 more than was anticipated.

Alderman Larosa moved that Council accept this recommendation and approve an increase in Neal Meyer's fee to \$2,500.00 for the coming year.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

A discussion of the 1975 Audit Report by members of Council followed, led by Alderman Larosa. There were several items in the report that they would like clarified. Alderman Larosa is to contact Mr. Meyer about these and they will be reported on at a later meeting.

Alderman Larosa reported that on April 16th, Ways & Means Committee and the Isle of Palms Planning Committee had a meeting with Charlie Way. He brought some documents with him, one of which was an appraisal fo the Isle of Palms Water Co. This was in answer to our approach to the possibility of some time in the future that the City might buy the water company. He further stated that in connection with this report , he would like to read the minutes fo this meeting.

The minutes stated that Mr. Way presented them with an appraisal of the Water Company as of Feb. 1, 1975, for their study and consideration. This cost included all the water company holdings, such as the water lines and sewage treatment plant except for the office building on Palm Blvd. Mr. Way stated that a \$175,000.00 loan had been obtained to pay for the cost of a deep well now being drilled and that the Water Co. would accept only general obligation bonds , which are tax free. He further stated that Sea Pines would like for the Water Co. to furnish them with water, but there was nothing in their deed obligating the Water Co. to do so. Sea Pines is going ahead with their study anyway.

Mr. Way informed them that they would furnish our auditor with a profit and loss statement in two weeks and make available all records for our study. The Water Co. would like an answer in 90 days.

Alderman Meek reported that the sub-committee composed of Will Walter, Jim Colcoloug and himself had been busy gathering some additional information. They had learned that the appraisal was incorrect and would have to be revised. They had also talked with Mike Seabrook, who recommended that an ourside appraisal be made. The cost of the appraisal obtained by the Beach Co. was \$75,000.00. They talked with Mr. Fujishero who recommended 3 engineering firms, which might come up with some answers for us. They are Davis & Floyd of N. Charleston, Gilbert & Associates of Summerville and a firm in Florence, S. C. These firms have been contacted and they have agreed to meet with the Planning Commission.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he thought the course that the sub-committee was pursuing was a good one in light of the financial obligation the city would assume in purchasing the Water Co. He also stated that the Planning Committee was not going to rushed in their recommendation by the 90 day dead line mentioned in the minutes in veiw of the present developements.

Alderman Larosa stated that in the final summery that they had come up with the gross figure \$1,009,836.00 plus \$125,000 for the deep well, plus \$40,000 for the deep well pump and piping, for a grand total of over \$1,175,000.00. The recommendation of the committee is that we take a wait and see attitude untill a new appraisal is received.

Alderman Avant inquired as to the availability of matching federal funds in a purchase of this kind.

Alderman Shaffer stated that it was his impression that such funds were not available at this time and would not be untill a regional study that was being made at this time is completed.

Alderman Larosa reported that Ways & Means & Engrossed Bills had met with Mr. Fujishero about arranging payment for use of the Charleston County Planning Staff. A contract will be drawn up by Attorney Guerard.

Alderman Shaffer reported on a meeting of Engrossed Bills with Mr. Fujishero in regard to the application submitted by Sea Pines Corp. They had asked him to proceed with his evaluation of the application and give them a report as soon as possible. We received a report on April 29th with some changes and recommendations. The committee met and received the changes. They now recommend that we set up a joint meeting of Engrossed Bills Committee, Mr. Fujishero and members of his staff, Mr. Phipps and any members of his organization who care to attend. This is set for Thursday, May 22nd at 7:30 P. M. They invite any members of Council who care to attend to do so.

Mayor White stated that he also recommended that Council take advantage of this opportunity to attend the meeting. He also recommended that they study their copy of the report listing the recommendations made by the Planning Staff before the meeting.

Alderman Shaffer gave a brief reveiw of this report with the Engrossed Bills recommendations, also.

Mayor White asked for a report from the Sanitation Dept.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the paper and glass collection had become an expense to the city , instead of a source of revenue. The last collection had taken 4 men 6 hours to collect and bundle and we had received only \$19.30. This did not even pay their salaries.

Alderman Dangerfield moved that we stop the collections untill the price goes back up.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield, Streets & Lights chairman, reported that S. C. Electric & Gas had made a street light survey to see if we need any more lights. They had shown him a need for one at each of the following intersections on Waterway Blvd. Sparrow Lane, Timber Land, Oak Lane, 29th Ave. and 41st Ave. These lights will cost the city an additional \$4.05 each per month.

Alderman Shaffer asked if this was a survey of the whole island or just Waterway Blvd. since all the lights seemed to be on this one street.

Alderman Dangerfield replied that this was for the whole island, and these were the lights most needed at the present time.

Alderman Dangerfield moved that Council approve the installation of these 5 lights.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield reported the request of a resident for a light with underground wiring at 3902 Waterway. This would cost approximately \$60.00 to have it installed.

Mayor White reminded Council that they had previously voted to not get involved with underground wiring and he felt they would be wise to stay with this decision. If they approved this for one person, they couldn't refuse to approve other requests.

After further discussion, it was decided that the Streets & Lights Committee would contact the resident and try to work out an agreement for him to pay for installation since this was a request for a special type of installation.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Playground Commission had met with Vance Simmons, Mr. Sottile, Ron Hightower about the tennis courts. They contacted two companies about repairing them and had gotten estimates from each. Carolina Tennis Co. submitted an estimate of \$11,000.00 for an asphalt covering. Tenneco of Columbia, S. C. had submitted one for \$4,000.00 for concrete.

Alderman Dangerfield moved that we turn the specs over to the Ways & Means to study and come up with a recommendation for the sub-committee. The sub-committee would let the bids and come back to Council for final approval.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Playground Commission requests an additional \$450.00 be approved to hire summer help for the playground. They want to keep the playground open 2 nights a week.

Mayor White stated that he didn't feel that they needed any help at the playground. He had had several comments from others in the past several weeks. If the men we have ther work, wo wouldn't need this. The hours are not being kept and no one is checking to see that they are opening it at the proper time or running it like it should be. If they are not going to work it like it should be, he was not in favor of giving them any help. He asked that Council check into the hours being worked before they approve any extra help.

Alderman Dangerfield replied that he knew what hours the playground was open. It was not necessary for it to open before 3:00 P. M. as the children were in school. They would start opening at 10:00 A. M. in June for the summer months.

Mayor White stated that the complaints were coming from people who needed to get in the building to do business with the director. He sets it up with them and then he isn't there when they get there.

Alderman Dangerfield said from 11:00 A. M. untill 3:00 P. M. is considered his hours to figure out his plans for things he has to do. It is a department and not a baby sitting job. It requires meetings with Dick Jones, going to the Sports Cave to get equipment, getting sponsors and setting up day camp. He is not supposed to go down there at 11:00 A. M. to wait for adults or children who are supposed to be in school. I feel that I do a good job of checking up on him myself. I think people are misinformed about the playground and the hours. In the summer it will open at 10:00 A. M. and close at 9:00 P. M.

Mayor White stated that what he wanted was for the playground to be opened for the hours posted so there would be no misunderstanding by anyone. It hasn't been being this way or we wouldn't have got the complaints we have.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that he would have the hours posted.

Alderman Shaffer asked how the assistant was paid that they had now and how many hours he worked.

Alderman Dangerfield said that he worked 32 hours per week now and was paid by the hour. In the summer he would work 40 hours.

Mayor White stated that he still could not see where they needed 3 people to operate the playground.

Alderman Casey asked if the director couldn't arrange to have office hours in the morning and take care of some of his business in the afternoon when his assistant was there.

Alderman Shaffer asked if the person they wanted to hire was only going to work at night from 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. and who it would be.

Alderman Dangerfield said they had asked for Mrs. Smiley.

Alderman Shaffer asked if this would be for only 10 or 12 hours per week during the summer.

Alderman Dangerfield said that was all .

Alderwoman Preston said if they got more summer help they would start more programs like volley ball, kick ball and etc.

Alderman Dangerfield moved that Council approve the additional \$450.00 for summer help.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Avant reported that Chief Thompson is requesting a 4th patrolman to help patrol the beach area better. They are having problems with minors in the bars.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if minors were allowed in places where they played the game machines.

Mayor White said if they served food , you couldn't keep them out, but that they could not buy beer.

Alderman Meek said that some of the teenagers had so called "I D Cards", but if they were caught serving beer to minors they could be stopped and fined.

Mayor White stated that he had watched the kids coming out of some of these places and they looked real young. He could see why he needed more help to patrol this area. However, the money for his salary had to be considered.

Alderman Avant stated that the revenue the extra policeman would bring in in fines would pay for himself.

Mayor White said you couldn't set your police service up on that basis. You had to decide whether you could pay him otherwise and they knew what it would do to the budget to put on another man. That would mean 7 months salary added to this year's budget.

Alderman Avant moved that we hire a 4th full time policeman at \$6,800.00 per year.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Alderwoman Preston asked if this would be for a 90 day probationary period.

Alderman Avant stated that all patrolman were hired on this basis.

Mayor White called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

There will be an advertisement run in the newspaper for a patrolman. Chief Thompson and the Police Committee will reveiw the applications and make a recommendation to Council.

Alderman Avant reported to Council that the Police Dept. had acquired a jeep from Camp Lejune to use in patrolling the beach. They would like to have it painted green and white to match the police cars. The cost on this would be \$50.00. This jeep would also be used in rescue or emergency situations.

Alderman Meek said it would also provide transportation for the foot patrolman on the beach.

Chief Thompson stated that the jeep would keep any of the police cars from being used on the beach and getting exposed to the salt water.

Alderman Avant moved that the paint job for the jeep be approved.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Avant stated that he had one more request. Chief Thompson had acquired an air-conditioner for his office at a cost of \$75.00. He moved that Council re-imburse him for this.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Avant requested that Council hold an executive session following the regular meeting.

Alderman Shaffer asked what the current status was on our getting an E.M.S. Unit stationed here .

Mayor White stated that we were scheduled to get one the 1st of June.

Alderman Avant reported that we had them now for weekends only.

Alderman Shaffer asked if we had a place ready for them.

Mayor White informed him that he was planning to start on it himself along with some volunteer help sometime next week.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if Jimmy Wear's 90 day probationary period was up.

Alderman Avant replied that it was.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if Ptl. Haselden was going to be given his stripes back or what the decision was on that.

Alderman Avant said it was his understanding , he was to be given a chance to earn them back over a period of 4 or 5 months.

Alderman Dangerfield asked when the lifeguards would start. Would it be June 1st. He would like to suggest that they be responsible for patrolling a certain area for trash and bottles and making people pick up things they throw down.

Mayor White informed him that they had always been responsible for this.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if Ways & Means had checked into theft insurance for the City. Also, if any decision had been made on sick leave for City employees.

Alderman Larosa informed him that they had looked into the sick leave, but had made no final plans as yet.

Alderman Shaffer stated that so far as he knew, we didn't have any theft insurance. It would depend on a matter of judgement as to whether the cost would justify buying it. Then too, how susceptible are we to theft. He was aware of the recent theft at the playground, but this was not the first on there.

Mayor White stated that during the years he was chief of police, that there had been at least one a year.

Alderman Meek suggested that this wait untill the entire program was reveiwed.

Alderman Dangerfield inquired as to whether we couldn't insure, just the playground. building.

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Alderman Shaffer suggested that Alderman Dangerfield call our insurance company and check into this.

Mayor White suggested that he check on including City Hall also, since there was a lot of office equipment here at all times.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the increase in tax assessment for the coming year had been published in the paper. He thought we might get some increased revenue from this.

Mayor White informed him that he had spent all of this and more in the increase in personal and salaries he had voted to approve tonight. So he needn't count on this.

Alderman Larosa stated that it had been brought to his attention that now that the picnic area was closed, we were getting requests to have picnics on the beach. He understood that they had to have a permit from the police or fire dept.

Mayor White said this had always been possible. This way you knew who to contact if things weren't cleaned up afterwards. There is no charge for these permits. It just has to be filed 24 hours in advance.

Mayor White reported that Mr. Arthur Howe had applied for a zoning permit. He had gotten a permit for the work several months ago, but the work wasn't completed. He had now hauled in some more dirt to cover the trash fill put there previously and was making a road through it.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfull submitted,

Marie S. Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue

Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
J. Blair White

Mayor

May 29, 1975

A special meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held May 29, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

Present were: Mayor White, Alderwoman Preston, Aldermen Avant, Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Larosa, Meek and Shaffer.

Absent was: Attorney Guerard.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mayor White.

Mayor White asked Alderman Shaffer to begin the session with his report from Engrossed Bills.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he was sure everyone was aware of the purpose of the meeting. The primary reason for calling a special meeting was that Sea Pines Corporation was anxious for Council to make a decision on their application. The Engrossed Bills Committee composed of Alderwoman Preston, Alderman Larosa and him, had met with Sea Pines and the County Planning Commission on several occasions in an effort to work out a reasonable application in its final form to bring back to this body for consideration and hopefully its approval.

Alderman Shaffer asked if everyone understood that the reason for the application being submitted to Council, was in accordance with Article V of the new Zoning Ordinance passed recently. The initial application was presented some weeks ago and tonight we have an addendum pertaining to this petition. This document entitled Isle of Palms Beach and Raquet Club Rezoning Application Addendum, lists the changes recommended by the Engrossed Bills Committee and the Charleston County Planning Board Staff.

Alderman Shaffer suggested that everyone follow in their copies of the addendum and refer to the specified places in their copy of the application as he reviewed the changes with them.

The changes recommended are as follows: (See inserted copy of Isle of Palms Beach and Raquet Club Rezoning Application Addendum dated May 28, 1975.)

All of the foregoing recommended changes were read and discussed by members of Council.

Alderman Shaffer called to Council's attention, their copy of a letter sent to them and Mayor White from Charles M. Fraser of Sea Pines Corporation committing the Isle of Palms Beach and Raquet Club to a land exchange agreement. This agreement concerns an exchange of land on an acre to acre or value to value basis in exchange for Palm Blvd. from 53rd Avenue to the north-east end of the island. (See attached copy of letter dated May 29, 1975.)

Alderman Shaffer stated that he wanted to be sure that everyone was satisfied with the recommended changes and the application as a whole before a vote was called to approve or disapprove the application. The Engrossed Bills Committee had been given the responsibility to do the preliminary work and report back to Council. They weren't trying to sell anyone on anything, but they felt like they had come up with a reasonable and workable result with the changes.

Alderman Meek stated that he thought the committee was to be commended for their work and he for one was very satisfied with the result.

Mayor White stated that he also felt the committee had done a good job. He also thought the Charleston County Planning Board had done a tremendous job in getting together with our Committee and Sea Pines and working out the details. He was satisfied with the results but if anyone else was not, they could hold up taking a vote on the approval. If not, he felt we should go ahead and attempt to satisfy this petition.

Alderman Shaffer said if everyone was in agreement, he would like to make a motion that City Council authorize the Mayor and Corporation Council to draft a formal letter addressed to the Isle of Palms Beach and Raquet Club expressing our formal approval of their initial and ammended application. In this letter that the Mayor and Council formulate that they spell out again confirming the stipulations related to in the letter as well as of course pointing out to the developer that the other conditions of the Zoning Ordinance, specifically the sub-division regulations will have to be adherred to in the development of this property.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White asked Mr. Gene Phipps if he would like to address Council in reference to the action just taken.

Mr. Phipps replied that he could relate back over the months that he had worked with the committee on the zoning and that it was an experience which he had enjoyed and one from which he had learned a great deal. He further stated that out of this work, he felt like they had come up with a very reasonable document and one which they hope to implement as soon as possible. They appreciate everyone's endurance with all the nightly meetings and wish to thank everyone for their attention and cooperation.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Phipps for his remarks and asked if anyone else had anything further they wished to bring up at this time.

Alderman Shaffer stated that they should be sure to reserve the original of all three documents and the map for the record and that they be filed away for safe keeping.

Mayor White stated that he would see that this was done.

Alderman Jernigan suggested that the Mayor as the representative of the City and Mr. Phipps as Sea Pines representative , date and sign the map showing that it was the official map.

Mayor White replied that he thought that would be appropriate.

Alderman Meek suggested that they have a copy made of the map to keep to use for reference work.

Mayor White stated that he thought we should have some extra copies made. As long as the map was going to have to be used to work with, there was no way to guarantee that it would stay in good condition. This way, the original could be placed in a manilla envelope and filed away for safe-keeping.

Alderman Larosa asked if it would be possible to have it made in a reduced size.

Alderman Shaffer stated that in order for it to be meaningful, it had to be large enough for you to read the elevation figures. The ones on this large map were sort of small as it was.

July 9, 1975

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held July 9, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mayor White.

The roll was called by Clerk Passailaigue.

Those present were: Mayor White, Alderwoman Preston, Aldermen Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Larosa, Meek and Shaffer, Attorney Guerard.

Absent was: Alderman Avant.

Mayor White stated that the meeting would begin by hearing committee reports. He called on Alderman Larosa for the Ways & Means report first.

Alderman Larosa reported that Ways & Means had borrowed \$30,000.00 from First National Bank for the second time this year, bringing the tax anticipation loan for the year to a total of \$60,000.00. He further reported that the Revenue Sharing check in the sum of \$8,792.00, had arrived on July 5th and had been deposited. He referred everyone to the memorandum he had sent out earlier giving the financial standing as of that date. He again emphasized the fact that money was tight and urged the committee chairmen to hold their expenditures to a minimum. It is especially important to do so at this time with the situation of assessment in such confusion at the county level. There is a possibility that there will be a further delay in getting the tax notices out due to this. He referred everyone to Alderman Jernigan, who had talked with Mrs. Koger that day.

Alderman Jernigan stated that he had called Mrs. Koger for verification of what he had been reading in the papers as he had anticipated the millage coming back up for discussion tonight. She was sure the new property assessment would not come into effect this year. Therefore, he believed we should consider raising the millage back to the original 70 mills, so as to have the money to meet the budget. He asked her for a deadline and she said all she needed was a letter from the Mayor and Treasurer stating what the official millage would be. She also asked that he pass on as information that the county was now collecting city taxes for several municipalities in the county. This service costs 20¢ per tax bill. They take care of all billing and collecting and send us a check. She would be glad to meet with the Mayor and Council to discuss this further. His first thought was that 20¢ per tax bill was not much to put the burden of the bookkeeping for taxes on the county, but he would need more time to study it to come up with a complete evaluation.

Alderwoman Preston stated that we spent that much on postage.

Mayor White stated that we considered this last year, but decided against it when we found that we wouldn't get the tax receipts untill December and we couldn't afford to wait that late to receive them. We might find ourselves in the same situation again this year.

Alderman Jernigan said that it was his understanding that the personal property tax would be collected September 1st and real estate, October 1st. He hoped that Ways and Means would consider meeting with her for futher details. His main concern tonight was to get the amount of millage adjusted to meet the budget.

Alderman Larosa said that he had also talked with Mrs. Koger and she had told him approximately the same thing. He had checked with N. Charleston to see how it had worked out for them. He was told that their first tax check came about the last of November, with 10 % more in December, 17% more in January and the bulk of the money coming in in February. The other two N. Area districts are a month and two months later receiving their money. This would be approximately the way we would receive our money.

Mayor White asked if he thought we would save \$2,000.00 by having the county send out the bills and collect them.

Alderman Larosa said we would save the postage, there would be two sets of books less to keep and a little saved on extra office help that has to be hired during this time .

Alderwoman Preston asked if they followed up on delinquent taxes and collected them.

Alderman Larosa said he didn't know if they followed up on the more delinquent ones, that Mrs. Passailaigue might be able to answer that.

Mrs. Passailaigue said that they wouldn't give you the 406 form to get your license and sometimes attached your car. The 406 form was the only thing they had that we need, because they didn't keep up with the forwarding addresses like we do.

Alderman Shaffer stated that that was a good point to consider. If we let the county send out the notices, we would have the added advantage of the withholding of the 406 form or attaching the car. This would assure you of about a 99% collection figure.

Alderman Meek said he had read an article recently about the large number of people who had obtained their license without paying their taxes. Since this wasn't legal, it seemed like there should be something cities could do.

Mayor White stated that all you had to do was notify the State Highway Department that the person had not paid his taxes and the same action would be taken.

Mrs. Passailaigue said this would require going down town and copying the model numbers off the county books and the list they receive from the Highway Dept.

Alderwoman Preston asked why it took so long for the county to send the first check to the municipalities it collected for.

Alderman Larosa stated that that was the length of time it took to process the checks from the individuals and get the book work up to date.

Mrs. Passailaigue asked if this would be a combined tax sum for the city and county, as this would work a hardship on some people to try to pay the entire amount at one time.

Alderman Shaffer asked how long we could wait to make a decision on this.

Alderman Jernigan said he failed to ask that, but that Mrs. Koger said she would need the letter from the Mayor and Clerk stating the official millage by Aug. 1st.

Mayor White asked if they wanted to decide on this tonight, or if they preferred to study it further.

Alderman Jernigan said he thought we needed more information before we could consider making a decision.

Alderman Larosa asked if we didn't purchase tax forms last year for 2 years.

Mrs. Passailaigue stated that we did but we had to order some more this year because we didn't have enough. We haven't received the bill for them yet.

Mayor White suggested that before we order the notices next year, we let Ways & Means look into using the county collection service. By that time, we should know how we stand financially and whether we could wait that long to start getting the tax money.

Alderman Larosa stated that he felt we couldn't wait as late for the tax money as it would be to get it from the county.

Mayor White said he agreed with this.

Attorney Guerard stated that we have a method of collecting back taxes. He had talked with Magistrate Stith and he said if we typed up the summons, he would process the cases. The amount of fine would cover the court cost plus the amount of taxes due.

Mrs. Passailaigue asked how many summons he wanted a week.

Attorney Guerard said he would have to work that out with Mr. Stith.

Mrs. Passailaigue asked if he had heard anything from the individual he had contacted by letter about his delinquent taxes.

Attorney Guerard said he had written him 3 letters and had finally got an acknowledgement after the 3rd letter. He had had a business card left at his office from him, so he knew he had the right address. He had started a detective agency at the same address as his former business.

Mrs. Passailaigue said she would have to know how much the court would want per case so she could add it to the taxes.

Attorney Guerard said we could assess cost anyway.

Mrs. Passailaigue said when he got things set up, to let her know and she would start.

Alderman Shaffer stated that before anyone made a motion on setting the millage, he would like to point out that we had an eighty mill ceiling approved by the legislature. He was not suggesting raising the millage that high, but he wanted to be sure everyone was aware of this so they couldn't say, 'if I had only known,' later on.

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Alderman Larosa said he was glad that he brought that up, because it seemed to him that something needed to be done from a business standpoint, so that we wouldn't end the year with a zero bank balance and have to start the year by borrowing money. We need to lower our budgets so that we end the year with at least a \$20,000.00 balance. It seemed to be an accepted fact that we would need to borrow \$60,000.00 to tide us over until the next tax season. He would like for Ways & Means or someone to come up with an idea to turn us around so that we wouldn't have to do this.

Mayor White stated that unless things changed, that that was the way it was going to be. The only ones who could change it, were the ones sitting at the table.

Alderman Jernigan said that after all the discussion, he would like to see the 70 mills reinstated and make our adjustments next year.

Alderman Shaffer said that he would be agreement with this. He couldn't see trying to make up a \$60,000.00 deficit in one year, but rather chip away at it 10 or 15 thousand a year.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if we hadn't approved extra expenditures that would absorb the \$10,000.00 contingency fund. Such as the new policeman and salary increases.

Alderman Shaffer stated that while it was true that we had approved things that weren't allowed for in the budget, we had also included money in the budget, for anticipated items, that wasn't being used. This would balance each other out.

Alderman Larosa said that he had talked with Neal Myer and had asked that he furnish Council with a balance sheet and a profit & loss report for the first half of the year. Even though this will show a deficit, it would show us what direction we were heading. He is to have this ready for us before the next meeting. That way we will be able to see how the various committees are keeping their budgets down.

Mayor White stated that when we look back at the end of the year, we might find ourselves in the same position as last year. But if we make as much of a break this year, as we did last year we will have made up some of the deficit and at the end of the 4 year period we should be operating even with the board. If we accomplish this he would be satisfied. That way you would be putting back as much as you were spending, which is good business for a city.

Attorney Guerard said that for the record he would like to clear up the reason the income statement would show a deficit. This would be because of cash flow. But the balance sheet should show that the budget was in line or ahead at this time.

Alderman Shaffer said that he thought we ought to start work on the budget in October. He didn't think we ought to set up a budget in January and then come along in July and say we didn't do a good job, we need more money. We need to set a budget and stick by it by reducing routine expenditures to off set unexpected expenditures.

Mayor White asked if there was any further discussion or if Ways & Means was ready to make a motion.

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Alderman Larosa stated that as Chairman of Ways & Means, he moved that we rescind the 46 mills approved and reinstate the 70 mills formerly used for real, personal property and ad valorem taxes for the year 1975, due to the fact that there was no change in the property assessment, providing there are no other changes set forth by County Council.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Larosa reported that we had received a call from Harrisburg in regard to a letter with a map attached, asking for data needed for a flood control insurance study. He and several others he had contacted, had worked on it, but had come to no conclusion.

Alderman Shaffer suggested that we consult the County Planning Board.

After further study and discussion by Council, Alderman Shaffer moved that if the County Planning Board's advice was that we accept the map as it is, we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to initial the map and send it back.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Attorney Guerard stated that he had misinformed Council, when the request for a variance in the right to be exempt from elevation requirement, had come before them as to its effect on the flood control insurance. The building inspector had studied the Federal Flood Control Ordinance and was aware that if you came within variance guidelines of the federal act, then it does not jeopardize the participation in the general flood insurance plan. After discussing it with me, he followed up by sending the application on to the board of adjustments for a ruling.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that Streets and Lights Committee had met. They recommended that Council approve setting the speed limit on Carolina and Ocean Blvd. at 25 mph.

Alderman Meek stated that this recommendation also came from Chief Thompson and Mr. Parrish.

Alderman Shaffer asked if the Committee considered the rest of the island.

Alderman Dangerfield said no, that this was a section that had been brought to their attention by numerous complaints of people speeding.

Alderman Shaffer asked why not include Charleston at the same time.

Alderman Dangerfield moved that we set the speed limit on Charleston, Carolina and Ocean Blvd. at 25 mph.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

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Alderman Dangerfield said that he would send a letter to the state informing them that we were going to post speed limit signs on these streets.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the time clock given to the city was not the right kind and would be too expensive to fix as it was described to him as an antique. For one thing, it didn't have a clock face on it so people could tell what time they were punching in. It would cost \$8.00 just to get it going and it might last for a year or it might not. We have one we are using now that we can get a good deal on. It is guaranteed for 6 months and will cost \$35.00 maintainance a year.

Alderman Shaffer asked if he understood him to say he could get his antique to running and it would last for a year for \$8.00 but he wanted to buy a new one that was only guaranteed for 6 months.

Alderwoman Preston asked if this is the person who is trying to sell a new one telling him this.

Alderman Dangerfield said yes but the man was a taxpayer on the Isle of Palms and he was not about to see us throw money away. He said he would sell it to us for \$155.00 , this would include racks for cards. The Committee recommends that we buy it. He moved that we accept this recommendation and buy the clock.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried. 3-for, 2 against, and 2 abstain.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Playground Department needed a new net for one of the tennis courts. He moved that the Council approve the purchase of one at a cost of \$89.00.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mayor White stated that since Alderman Avant was absent, we would not have a report from the fire or police departments. He had been called out of town due to the death of a friend's child.

Alderman Shaffer asked if there was a report on the status of the E. M. S. Alderman Avant was to have had one for Council tonight.

Mayor White said he had not checked since Alderman Avant had said he would. The last he heard it was to be here in July. They were to let him know when it was definite.

Alderman Larosa stated that he had an unofficial report that E. M. S. was reevaluating their plan to locate a unit here.

Mayor White said that the reason he had not gone on and remodeled the stall at the fire station, was that he couldn't see going to the expense and trying up the space until we were sure we were going to get them.

Alderman Dangerfield asked how they were allocated by population or area.

Mayor White said he thought by area more than anything else, although population would be a consideration also.

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Alderman Shaffer said he could understand their not wanting to put a unit in a community our size, but with the bridge situation like it is, the people have looked forward to having them here. This brings up another question, when are we getting the fixed span bridge.

Mayor White said he had a letter on that that he was going to read.

Alderwoman Preston stated that Larry Richter had asked that she bring the subject of the Wando project before Council. She would like to hear Council's feelings on this matter.

Alderman Larosa said the news had reported that Mt. Pleasant and Sullivan's Island as going on record as being opposed to it.

Mayor White stated that he didn't see where it would effect us that much. Traffic wise it would hurt the people, but he had not been approached by any citizens about it. As to passing a resolution, he would go along with the feelings of Council.

After further discussion by Council, Alderman Shaffer moved that we table this matter until a later date.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Meek reported on comments from citizens about the wading and swimming still going on at Breech Inlet and about to possibility of stopping it, in veiw of the fact that we had just had another person to drown there.

Mayor White said he had had quite a few people to contact him also. The news media seems to be making an issue of the fact that we haven't passed an ordinance against it. He knew for a fact that the police constantly warned people and we also have the signs posted warning people of the danger. Neither seems to have much effect, but he had also seen people on the Sullivan's Island side out on the rocks with the tide coming in. This was equally as dangerous for they could slip and fall in and drown.

Alderman Dangerfield asked how you could pass an ordinance prohibiting anyone from using the Atlantic Ocean.

Mayor White said you could pass it, but the problem would be enforcing it with the number of policeman we have.

Alderman Casey stated that someone had even asked him why we didn't station a lifeguard down there.

Attorney Guerard stated that we still had the same problems that we had before, that is , we have no jurisdiction below mean high water mark, its almost impossible to enforce and you can't legislate against people's ignorance.

Alderman Shaffer asked what happened to the no fishing signs on the bridge. That to him was more dangerous than crabing in the edge of the water.

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Alderman Meek said he would agree with that for many times he had had people to walk out right in front of his car going from one side of the bridge to the other without looking.

Mayor White said that the state took the signs down.

After further discussion, it was decided to leave this matter tabled at this time.

Alderman Casey reported receiving a call commending our Police Dept. for surveillance of Carolina and Ocean Blvds.

Mayor White stated that he had several letters to bring before Council in regard to the widening of Highway 703.

1. A letter to Mr. Paul Cobb, State Engineer, regarding Hwy 703.
2. A letter from Mr. Charles E. Lee to Mr. Fujishero in reference to Highway 703.
3. A letter from Rep. Clyde Dangerfield to Sen. Dewey Wise, giving him the present status of the bridge and the widening of the road.

Mayor White said he would not be able to attend the meeting planned for July 10. He asked Alderman Meek and Alderman Larosa to represent the Isle of Palms at the meeting and report back to Council.

After a short discussion about the proposed road and bridge, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
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Mayor

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council met on August 13, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting with a prayer.

Clerk Passailaigue called the roll.

Present were: Mayor White, Alderwoman Preston, Aldermen Avant, Casey, Dangerfield, Meek and Shaffer, Attorney Guerard.

Absent were: Aldermen Jernigan and Larosa.

Mayor White stated that the first order of business was a complaint in reference to our police department.

Alderman Shaffer moved that Council go into executive session since the matter for discussion warrants such. He noted that we had a number of visitors. Since he did not know their purpose in attending, he wanted them to know that we would reopen the public meeting as soon as the other matter was disposed of. He now so moved.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor White informed the ones attending, that it was necessary for Council to go into executive session, but they would be allowed to come back when the matter came before Council in open session.

The regular meeting was adjourned and Council reconvened in executive session.

Attorney John Bradley, counselor for Patrolman Robert Haselden, was recognized.

Attorney Bradley: Mr. Mayor, it is my understanding that the purpose of an executive session is to protect the person who might be accused of an offence. We would like to waive any executive session and would like for the record to record that we do object to an executive session, if it is the understanding of the Council that that is the purpose of an executive session.

Mayor White: You have heard the request of the attorney, do you feel like you want to hold this hearing in executive session now? It is for his protection, but if he waives this.

Attorney Guerard: I think it ought to be granted, if it is agreeable with Council.

Alderman Shaffer: I have no objection.

Several other Council members stated that they had no objection either.

Mayor White: You want to let the people stay in here, is that what you mean?

Attorney Guerard: I think the record ought to reflect that the Council unanimously agree to grant the request of an open hearing.

Alderman Shaffer: For the record, I would move that in view of Mr. Haselden's counsel's comments, that we open the session at their request.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The executive session adjourned and Council reconvened in open session.

Mayor White: I might explain for the benefit of you ladies and gentlemen at the meeting, that counsel asked that the meeting be reopened to the public and that request was granted.

Mayor White: Have you received a copy of these charges?

Ptl. Haselden: Yes sir.

Mayor White to Attorney Guerard: Would you take charge of the proceedings?

Attorney Guerard: As a procedural matter and to keep things as much under control as possible, I would ask that any Council member who has a question of any witness would make a note of them and submit them in writing. Mr. Bradley and I will be conducting the proceedings and we particularly ask that there be no comments from the audience so that everybody can be heard. The nature of the hearing is to consider what course of action to take in regard to the situation involving a \$20.00 bill which was taken from the evidence locker and a case which is still pending. The procedure will be limited to the circumstances surrounding the \$20.00 bill and the taking of the same. The question for the Council once the facts are all heard, would be whether there is good and sufficient cause for the recommended dismissal of Patrolman Haselden.

Guerard: Mr. Bradley, would you like to make an opening statement.

Bradley: No, we would just like for you to present your proof, whatever it is.

Guerard: At this time we call Chief Fred Thompson. Chief Thompson, I will ask you questions and develop this matter in a chronological sequence as to what transpired. When did you first have occasion to discuss. -- Chief Thompson on or about July 18th did you have an occasion to discuss the evidence locker or any matters pertaining to it with Ptl. Haselden?

Chief Thompson: Yes sir. He called me at home. He said he and officer Robinson were going to clean out the evidence locker. We had some back cases pending. He mentioned one by the name of Periano. He had a key at this time. I told him to go ahead and straighten out the locker and put the necessary paper work on my desk. We would get the tickets signed off or either call the lawyers (inaudible) Mr. Haselden stated that the ticket was in Ray Robinson's book.

Guerard: This was in reference to the Periano case. Now what transpired the next day?

Thompson: The next morning, I came to work and there wasn't any paper work on my desk at all. So I checked the evidence locker at the time to see what had been done that night. I (inaudible) had been packaged (inaudible) the envelopes that had (inaudible) the Periano case was missing.

Guerard: What was the nature of the evidence in the Periano file?

Thompson: There was a \$20.00 bill with the serial number listed on (inaudible) along with the envelope to be used as evidence in a drug buy.

Guerard: Was the \$20.00 bill material to the prosecution of the case?

Thompson: It was evidence that was used in this buy.

Guerard: Do you have a copy of the toxicology report pertaining to that particular drug case?

Thompson: Yes, I do.

Guerard: Is the \$20.00 bill identified on the toxicology report?

Thompson: Yes it is.

Guerard: And how is it identified?

Thompson: One \$20.00 bill, serial # C-370977400.

Guerard: Are there some letters after that?

Thompson: (inaudible)

Guerard: What evolved next in the sequence of events?

Thompson: That afternoon, I asked Mr. Robinson when he came to work, what had happened to the evidence and the \$20.00 bill in the Periano case. He said he (inaudible) the log and Mr. Haselden had cleaned out the locker and he didn't know what happened to the \$20.00 bill.

Guerard: The next day did you have an occasion to talk to Ptl. Haselden about the matter?

Thompson: I saw Mr. Haselden the next day when he came to work and asked him what had happened to the \$20.00 bill in the evidence locker that had to do with the Periano case?

Guerard: What was his explanation?

Thompson: He said it belonged to a navy man who had helped him make the bust on the front beach and he had returned it to him.

Guerard: After this explanation what transpired?

Thompson: I told Mr. Haselden I would appreciate it if he would write a statement to this effect, giving the man's name, so we could put it on record that we returned the money.

Guerard: After that on July 24th did you have occasion to discuss the matter further with Ptl. Haselden?

Thompson: Yes I (inaudible) I think it was Friday morning. Ptl. Haselden came to my office and took a \$20.00 bill out of his wallet and put it on the desk in front of me.

Guerard: Did he give you any explanation as to what this concerned?

Thompson: His statement was that that was the \$20.00 bill in question. That he wanted to prove a point that he could tell a lie and get away with it.

Guerard: Did you check the serial number on the \$20.00 bill?

Thompson: I told him to immediately turn it over to Mrs. Passailaigue, that the money probably belonged to the city. (inaudible, too much noise) the \$20.00 bill along with Mrs. Passailaigue. She opened the envelope and it was not the same serial number.

Guerard: At any time did you authorize Mr. Haselden to take the \$20.00 bill?

Thompson: No sir, I did not.

Guerard: Was it taken with your knowledge?

Thompson: No sir, it was not.

Guerard: At anytime during this period, did you accuse Mr. Haselden of stealing the \$20.00 bill?

Thompson: No sir I did not?

Guerard: I think I may have asked you, but I'll ask you again just to make sure. To you knowledge, has the Periano case been disposed of.

Thompson : No, it hasn't. It is scheduled for big court.

Guerard: When Mr. Haselden returned the \$20.00 bill to you, he admitted he had taken it from the evidence locker?

Thompson: His statement was that here was the \$20.00 bill that was taken. He wanted to prove a point, that he could tell a lie and get away with it.

Guerard: Based on this situation, do you have a recommendation as to what course of action you feel should be taken in regard to this.

Thompson: Yes, I feel that Mr. Haselden should be dismissed from the Police Dept. (inaudible)

Guerard: I have no further questions at this time, if you would please answer any questions Mr. Bradley may have.

Bradley: Chief do you recall what night Mr. Haselden alledgedly called your house and asked if he could clean out this locker?

Thompson: I think it was around the 18th.

Bradley: Was it the night of the Preston incident?

Thompson: I think it was the 18th I'm not sure, but I know it was not the same night as the Preston incident.

Bradley: On the night of the 17th, were you on duty on the night shift or where were you present on the 17th?

Thompson: Normally I was home, I work the day shift.

Bradley: And would you be at the same place on the 18th?

Thompson: As far as I know.

Bradley: Now you testified that Mr. Haselden called you and indicated Ray Robinson was with him.

Thompson: Yes sir.

Bradley: And that they together were going to clean out the evidence locker, is that correct?

Thompson: Yes sir.

Bradley: You testified that Mr. Haselden indicated to you that there was some difficulty in this particular case because Officer Robinson had the ticket in his book. Would that be correct?

Thompson: Let me straighten this out Mr. Bradley. As far as I can recollect Mr. Haselden's remarks were that there was a case or several cases pending in the evidence locker and one of them was the Periano case. He mentioned it by name.

Bradley: He mentioned that case specifically?

Thompson: Yes sir.

Bradley: And according to your statement, he went ahead and mentioned. And you told him to put the paper work and lab reports on your desk. You said that the ticket was issued by Ray and it was in Ray's book, What did that mean?

Thompson: I told him to put the paper work on my desk and we would take care of the necessary tickets. We would notify the lawyers that the case would be tried or either the case would be signed off by the magistrate.

Bradley: Then it really means nothing particularly to you about the ticket being in Ray's book. You assumed that Ray was present when they examined this locker of evidence.

Thompson: (inaudible) matter who the officer was that wrote the ticket. Mr Haselden statement was that the ticket was issued by Mr. Robinson.

Bradley: The ticket would not mean anything as far as providing the paper work however, to you would it?

Thompson: The necessary paper work would be the lab reports (inaudible)

Bradley: In this case would it not be Officer Robinson's responsibility to put the paperwork there?

Thompson: Either his or Officer Robinson's. Yes. He was straightening up the locker at the time. He was the man with the key to the locker.

Bradley: You indicated that Officer Haselden first mentioned to you about this Periano case. Do you know of any reason why he would single out this particular case and bring it to your attention?

Thompson: No sir, I do not.

Bradley: Is there any other money or was there any other money on July 18th, being kept in that locker?

Thompson: In that particular locker? No sir, not that I know of.

Bradley: When was the last time you had inventoried that locker?

Thompson: When I assumed the duties of Chief of Police when I came over here. I went through this and I saw the Periano case and the \$20.00 bill in question. And less than a month ago, while I was putting marijuana in the locker, I went through these envelopes again looking to see what was in there. The \$20.00 bill was still there as of a month ago.

Bradley: You went through all files again?

Thompson: I went through those files in that particular locker at the time I assumed the duties as Chief of Police.

Bradley: And there was no other money , only the 20.00 bill in this particular case.

Thompson: Only that \$20.00 bill.

Bradley: And you indicate that the next morning there wasn't any paperwork and when you discovered that there was no paper work that prompted you to go and examine the locker.

Thompson: Yes sir.

Bradley: And when you examined the locker you found that all the documents in this case were missing or only the money.

Thompson: The only thing pertaining to this case that was left in the locker was this piece of paper here, the lab report.

Bradley: What documents were in this case in the locker when you examined it less than a month ago?

Thompson: This brown envelope was in the locker with the pills along with the \$20.00 bill plus this lab report plus the name of the special agent, who was involved in the arrest at the front beach, Mr. Fredricks and the man's name and the date he was arrested.

Bradley: And you say on the next day when you examined the locker there was nothing there except the one sheet of paper, the toxicology report.

Thompson: That's correct.

Bradley: That's all that was in there?

Thompson: Yes sir.

Bradley: (inaudible) that Officer Haselden took \$20.00 out of his wallet and gave it to you, is that correct?

Thompson: Yes sir.

Bradley: It was not the same \$20.00 bill?

Thompson: No, it was not.

Bradley: How did you replace these papers?

Thompson: How did I replace these papers?

Bradley: The ones that you have there, if they weren't in the locker.

Thompson: This was in the locker.

Bradley: But the others you are holding?

Thompson: This brown envelope was down in the bottom of another drawer along with some other envelope in another locker. Officer Robinson and I went back and checked some filing cabinets and found this in the bottom of a locker in a drawer.

Bradley: You testified that you then asked Officer Robinson what became of it and he could not tell you or shed any light on the possibility of Officer Haselden having taken it. Is that correct?

Thompson: That's correct.

Bradley: Then the day that, you asked Mr. Haselden what happened to the \$20.00 bill, is that correct?

Thompson: Yes sir.

Bradley: And Mr. Haselden told you that somebody had come and picked it up?

Thompson: No, his statement was that he had given it to a navy man who had helped him in the arrest at the time.

Bradley: Do you know where the \$20.00 originally came from?

Thompson: I contacted Chief Strobel, who was the former Chief over here. He said at the time that they had \$100.00 in the locker to use to make different buys.

Bradley: You still haven't answered my question. You have identified this particular bill meticulously through your attorney all the way so far with all these numbers. I would like to know where this particular bill came from. Do you know?

Thompson: That particular bill according to the agent who helped make the bust, was taken out of the evidence locker to start with by Officer Haselden and given to him to make the arrest with on the front beach.

Bradley: I don't mean to be too presumptuous of your answers, but in essence you really don't know where the \$20.00 bill came from, do you?

Thompson: No sir, I wasn't over here at the time.

Bradley: When did you begin as Chief?

Thompson: November 1, 1975.

Bradley: Do you know this fellow Periano?

Thompson: Yes sir. When I was going through the evidence locker at the time I assumed the duties as Chief, the name struck me. I served with Mr. Periano on the city police department for about 6½ years.

Bradley: Have you ever made a request that the charge against James Periano be dismissed?

Thompson: No sir, I have not.

Bradley: You have never asked the arresting officer in this case to dismiss the charge.

Thompson: No sir, I did not.

Bradley: Do you know a man by the name of John Sullivan?

Thompson: Yes sir, I know Mr. John Sullivan, if it's the same one that lived over here.

Bradley: And what can you tell me about Mr. Sullivan in connection with his arrest by your police department.

Thompson: What do you mean?

Bradley: Was his house raided?

Thompson: Yes sir, several times.

Bradley: And at any time was a large sum of money found at his house?

Thompson: Yes sir, it was.

Bradley: Do you know which officer it was that found that money?

Thompson: There were 2 officers in the room at the time, Officer Wear and Haselden.

Bradley: Which officer turned the money over to you, I assume that they turned it over to you.

Thompson: Officer Haselden.

Bradley: And how much money was it.

Thompson: I beg your pardon, he did not turn it over to me Counselor, he gave it to Mr. Robinson. They counted it out in front of 3 witnesses at the time. After it was counted out, they, I took it to the mayor's house. The mayor said to take it to the city police department and turn it over to the dispatcher to sleep on until the next day.

Bradley: And how much money was it?

Thompson: It was around \$3,824.00 I think.

Bradley: You don't know who found it?

Thompson: It was found in the room by Officers Haselden and Wear.

Bradley: Do you know where the \$20.00 bill is that Officer Haselden gave to you on the day he came in and said, just what was it he said to you; that he lied to you and got away . What became of that \$20.00 bill?

Thompson: I believe Mrs. Passailaigue has that \$20.00 bill.

Bradley: Do you know if she still has it?

Thompson: I believe she does.

Mrs. Passailaigue: Yes sir.

Bradley: You do?

Mrs. Passailaigue: Yes sir.

Bradley: You testified that you have never accused Officer Haselden of stealing?

Thompson: Yes sir.

Bradley: Is the letter dated today from the town attorney correct in part A. when it says the alledged theft of the \$20.00 bill by Ptl. Haselden. Is that what you are now alledging tonight?

Guerard: If I might just interject, that I think that the letter speaks for itself and that it was drafted by me at your request.

Bradley: (inaudible) If you are not accusing him of stealing, then I think you have no case at all.

Guerard: He's not drawing that conclusion, I think the facts speak for themself.

Bradley: Did Officer Haselden contact you first about the \$20.00 bill or did you contact Officer Haselden first about the \$20.00 bill.

Thompson: When I found that the money was missing , the first person I asked was Officer Robinson and he did not know anything about it. The next person I contacted was Officer Haselden. I asked him what had happened to the \$20.00 bill.

Bradley: At no point and time did Officer Haselden come to you and mention something about this \$20.00 bill prior to the day that he brought a \$20.00 bill to you.

Thompson: No

Bradley: At no time?

Thompson: No

Bradley: Do you know how long Officer Haselden has been a member of the police force here?

Thompson: I believe 6 years.

Bradley: And since you have been the Chief, have you had any previous complaints in connection with Officer Haselden's integrity?

Thompson: Lets see, I've had 11 or 12 complaints against Officer Haselden since I've been here.

Bradley: Have you had any complaints against him because of his integrity?

Thompson: No sir.

Bradley: Has anyone ever told you they thought Officer Haselden was incapable of telling the truth?

Thompson: No sir.

Bradley: Have you had any cases involving stealing, where anyone thought Officer Haselden was connected with any stealing?

Thompson: No sir.

Bradley: Have you had any problems within the police department in connection with Officer Haselden's integrity as either the taking or not returning of bonds or fines or anything he might have collected?

Thompson: No sir.

Bradley: I have no further questions?

Guerard: I have nothing further.

Bradley: Is that the city's case?

Guerard: Yes sir.

Bradley: I call Officer Haselden.

Bradley: Officer Haselden, how long have you been with the Isle of Palms Police Department?

Haselden: This March 16th gone, 5 years.

Bradley: And are you the most senior man on the department?

Haselden: Yes, I am.

Bradley: You've listened to the testimony and you know for what reason you are here tonight. I want to trace back through your version of what took place. If I over-look something in asking you questions, feel free to (inaudible) whatever you would like to. When did you clean out this?

Haselden: July 17, 1975.

Bradley: What else happened this particular night?

Haselden: The reason why I remember so plainly this was the night, we had a heart attack victim on an island avenue. I had to run off the beach up to the Ocean Blvd. When you get to be my age and out of shape and you run that far, you don't forget it. At this particular time the reason I was on the beach, Officer Robinson and myself were in the process of compiling or putting all the little bundles of marijuana and pills into one container or as few containers as possible. Mr. Bendell on the fishing pier called and had a complaint about people surfing too close to the fishing pier. Officer Robinson stayed and was continuing to list the material on the log book, while I answered the call to the pier. While I was there, I received a call that Walter Truesdale on 20th Avenue had had a heart attack. I immediately went down to 20th Avenue. After I had answered the call, we came back to the office and finished what we had started.

Bradley: And later on that night, did anything else happen?

Haselden: Yes sir. This is the night that Jeff was arrested from an incident on the front beach.

Bradley: Is there any question in your mind that it was July 17th? You remember the incidents of that day and remember that they happened that day?

Haselden: Yes sir.

Bradley: Did you in fact clean out this security locker?

Haselden: Along with Officer Robinson, yes sir.

Bradley: And in this security locker was there an envelope containing a \$20.00 bill in connection with the Periano case?

Haselden: Yes sir, there was.

Bradley: Could you tell us where that \$20.00 bill originally came from?

Haselden: Originally it belonged to a sailor who- I would have to check back on the docket book to find out exactly when this case was, but as Mr. Thompson said Mr. Strobel was the Chief at this time. Anyway, Mr. Strobel called me by radio and said a man was smoking marijuana leaving the island. I stopped the man and after a through search, I found a hot smoked cigarette of marijuana in a vial hidden in his boot. I told him if he would be willing to make a buy for us, I would talk to the chief and see about having this particular case dismissed because of the amount of it. I went to Chief Strobel and he was in complete agreement with it. So he used, this sailor used his \$20.00 and made a buy, came back to the station and turned it over to me. We secured a search warrant, searched the house, recovered the \$20.00 off the boy who sold the bag of marijuana to him. That was where the \$20.00 originally came from.

Bradley: So you kept the \$20.00 in the security locker?

Haselden: We kept the \$20.00 bill there from about sometime in the summer of '74.

Bradley: So it stayed there continuously thereafter?

Haselden: It did.

Bradley: Do you have a key to that locker?

Haselden: I had, I don't anymore.

Bradley: But you had one at that time?

Haselden: I did.

Bradley: Could you have taken the \$20.00 to use for yourself at anytime?

Haselden: At any given time.

Bradley: You had plenty of opportunity to do it?

Haselden: I did.

Bradley: So later as the Periano case evolved, could you tell us a little about that particular case.

Haselden: I knew that this fellow, this government drug agent from Tenn. had been here and had been talking with Ptl. Dudley. Dudley had told me about this gentleman and advised that he would probably be approaching us at one time or another to make a buy while he was down here, 'cause people were approaching him on the front beach to buy some dope. This particular night this officer came to the station over there, again Officer Robinson and myself were at the station. He identified himself and he referred to Officer Dudley and at this time he said that this fellow had approached him to make a buy of dope on the front beach. So I went, Officer Robinson and myself agreed among ourselves, that this would be a good time to try to get a pusher off the street. We searched this young man and he had no drugs on him and he had no \$20.00 bill on him. We gave him the \$20.00 and Officer Robinson watched him go down 14th Ave. and back down Ocean Blvd. to - at this time it was called The Beach Barn, I believe. It's changed its name so many times. He went in and in approximately 2 minutes, he came back out and waved us over to him. He gave us the bag of pills, a little cellophane bag of pills, went back inside and pointed this individual out. At this time I knew not who he was, I had never seen him before as I know of. We told him he was under arrest for the selling of drugs. We searched him and in his left breast jacket pocket was the \$20.00 bill, which we had the serial number recorded of.

Bradley: And this fellow was James Periano?

Haselden: James Periano, yes sir.

Bradley: And this arrest was made prior to Chief Thompson becoming the Chief?

Haselden: Yes, it was.

Bradley: When Chief Thompson became the Chief, did he discuss the Periano case with you?

Haselden: Yes, he did.

Bradley: Can you relate the conversation?

Haselden: Shortly after he came here, he mentioned about seeing in the evidence locker a fellow by the name of Periano. He had worked with his father in the city. I don't recall whether he said he worked with his father on the police department or whether he worked with him in the city in another department. He wanted to know if we could help him anyway. I said, I don't see why not. That was a question prior to this incident that we had discussed. Well there were several cases over there that were- well at this particular time that would have been impossible to get into court because of the lack of time to prosecute. Once or twice, twice I believe it was, that subject was brought up about helping Periano and I said, why not. You don't tell your boss you aren't going to do something.

Bradley: When you indicated to the Chief that you were going to clean out this locker, did you mention anything about the Periano case?

Haselden: In all honesty and fairness, I don't remember.

Bradley: Did the Chief mention anything about it?

Haselden: Again, in all honesty and fairness, I don't remember. I don't recall that.

Bradley: Now, on the night that you cleaned up, was it afternoon or early evening?

Haselden: Well, we started it about 6.

Bradley: Did you in fact remove a \$20.00 bill from this locker?

Haselden: I did.

Bradley: Can you tell us in what manner you removed it? How you went about removing it?

Haselden: I removed the \$20.00 bill for one purpose and one purpose only.

Bradley: Tell us how you removed it.

Haselden: Well, I-

Bradley: Was Officer Robinson there?

Haselden: yes

Bradley: You just took the \$20.00 bill out of the envelope?

Haselden: Yes, all the stuff was all mixed up on the table. The envelope that the Chief showed you just now was in the stack on the table. Some of the bags the dope was in were on the desk.

Bradley: So you did take it?

Haselden: yes sir.

Bradley: And what happened after you took it?

Haselden: Well, there was a two-fold purpose on why I took it. You want to know how?

Bradley: No, I want you to tell me as an evidential matter the procedure on what happened in sequence. Was it the next day, the day after that or the 3rd day or whatever. I want you to tell me what later developed in the process, to this \$20.00. Did anything happen the next day for example?

Haselden: I believe this was the next day around noon. I had gotten home, I was working the midnight shift. I had gotten home and there was a couple of telephone calls for me. I reached Mrs. Passailaigue and she told me that there was going to be a Police Commission meeting that night at 8:00 and I had to be here,. Excuse me, I ought to be here. So I came down to see what it was all about and at this time, Chief Thompson and myself were standing by my patrol car parked in the driveway right out there in front of the office. This is the time that I told him, I said, Oh, by the way, that sailor came and picked up the \$20.00. He said O.K., fill out the paperwork.

Bradley: Had the Chief mentioned anything to you prior to that time regarding this \$20.00.

Haselden: No, he did not.

Bradley: You mentioned it first to the Chief, is that correct?

Haselden: That's correct.

Bradley: And what is the next thing that happened to this \$20.00?

Haselden: The next morning, I went in the office. I said Chief, that sailor didn't come to pick up the \$20.00. I wanted to show you that if wanted to lie to you, I could lie to you.

Bradley: Do you know whether or not you gave back the same \$20.00 that you had originally? I had one that belonged to me and one was that one. I don't remember whether I gave that one back. The case was being, or it was my understanding, it was being dismissed, and \$20.00 was \$20.00 as far as I thought.

Bradley: Did you ever intend to keep the \$20.00 for your own use?

Haselden: No sir, I did not.

Bradley: Tell us again, for what reason you took it.

Haselden: I took it solely, the only reason, as I related to Chief Thompson that morning in his office. I said, Chief here is the \$20.00. That sailor didn't come pick it up like I told you. I wanted to show you that if I wanted to, I could lie to you. How easy it was to lie to you.

Bradley: Have you ever took any other money wrongfully for your own use?

Haselden: No sir, I have never taken the first penny from anybody from anyplace.

Bradley: I asked the Chief about this fellow John Sullivan and the finding of a large sum of money. Could you tell us about the finding of that large sum of money? And I ask you for the clarification of Council, was that found on May the (inaudible) of this year? The large sum of money that was found in close proximity of this particular case. Tell us about finding the Sullivan money.

Haselden: We were down at 2-30th Ave. John L. Sullivan III lived at this address. The house was originally built 2 bedrooms. The bathroom was in between the two original bedrooms. (Mr. Haselden drew a small sketch of the layout of the house for Council) The bathroom, closets, doors. Chief Thompson was in this bedroom and Officer Wear and myself were in this bedroom. The bed was over here. It was built about 5 feet off the floor on heavy timbers. I guess about 12x12. Officer Wear was checking the bed, foing over the bed, on this side of the bedroom was a picture hanging on the wall. About twice the size of this. Twice this way and twice that way. I took the pictures and put it aside and there was a hole knocked in the wall about 6 in. square. I run my hand down in the wall and I pulled out a package. I reached down and picked it up and my hand was spread out like this. The first thing I did, as all officers do I suppose when they are all on a raid I called to the officer that was closest to me. I said, Jimmy look here. Jimmy made some kind of remark. Gee-a ree or some such remark. I showed it to Chief Thompson and put it on the coffee table and Officer Wear counted it, I mean Officer Robinson counted it.

Bradley: And how much money was it?

Haselden: To my recollection it was \$3850.00.

Bradley: Could you have taken that money and kept it and no one ever known about it?

Haselden: I could have.

Bradley: Did you take any of that money?

Haselden: I did not.

Bradley: Have you done anything as far as you are concerned, dishonest in taking that money (inaudible)

Haselden: Have I done anything dishonest?

Bradley: Yes sir.

Haselden: To my conscience sake, and I think I have a pretty clean conscience, I have done nothing wrong.

Bradley: Thank you, I have no othe questions. Answer any questions Counsel might have of you.

Guerard: Now you did take the \$20.00 bill from the evidence locker is that correct?

Haselden: Yes sir.

Guerard: And you did take it without permission?

Haselden: Yes sir.

Guerard: And without Patrolman Robinson knowing about it?

Haselden: Yes sir.

Guerard: Without Chief Thompson knowing about it?

Haselden: Yes sir.

Guerard: And then subsequently you told Chief Thompson that you had given it to a sailor.

Haselden: I did.

Guerard: That you had returned it to a sailor?

Haselden: To the sailor that it had originally belonged to.

Guerard: And you didn't in fact give it to the sailor?

Haselden: No sir.

Guerard: Subsequently you gave a \$20.00 bill to Chief Thompson?

Haselden: That's correct.

Guerard: Told him you had done it in order to prove a point that you could tell him a lie without him knowing it?

Haselden: That's correct.

Guerard: And you in fact did tell him a lie didn't you?

Haselden: I did.

Guerard: In regard to the Periano case, that case was still pending while you were acting Chief wasn't it?

Haselden: (inaudible)

Guerard: And it was not prosecuted during that perion of time?

Haselden: That's correct.

Guerard: And the case in fact has not been dismissed has it?

Haselden; Not to my knowledge, no.

Guerard: In fact it is really a general sessions case properly, isn't it?

Haselden: That's correct.

Guerard: And it wouldn't be prosecuted in the city court?

Haselden: That's correct.

Guerard: And the \$20.00 bill was vital to the prosecution of that case, wasn't it?

Haselden: I suppose it might, yes.

Guerard: As a piece of evidence it would be needed to sustain a conviction?

Haselden: (inaudible)

Guerard: And you don't have any idea now of the whereabouts of that \$20.00 bill?

Haselden: No sir, I don't.

Guerard: So that case now couldn't be prosecuted?

Haselden: I doubt it.

Guerard: That was a rather serious lack of judgement on your part wasn't it?

Haselden: Yes sir.

Guerard: And hardly a suitable course of action for a patrolman to take in the handling of evidence in a case was it?

Haselden: Well at the time that all this was coming about, it was my understanding that the case was going to be dismissed. Without any forethought, that is what happened. That's the reason why it happened and the only reason it happened.

Guerard: Well, for whatever reason you may have had for taking it, that case can't be prosecuted now, can it?

Haselden: I doubt it, no sir.

Guerard: And the only person that can dismiss a case within the jurisdiction of the City of Isle of Palms is the city prosecutor isn't that correct?

Haselden: This wasn't going to the city prosecutor of the Isle of Palms.

Guerard: In that case, the only person who could dismiss a case without it being prosecuted downtown, would be the solicitor, then wouldn't it?

Haselden: Well, Judge Stith has done a few of them like that.

Guerard: O. K. before it went downtown, it went through a magistrate?

Haselden: Right.

Guerard: So the police chief really couldn't dismiss a case on his own, could he?

Haselden: No sir.

Guerard: I have no further questions.

Bradley: That's all.

Bradley: I now ask the judge of municipal court to just make a statement as far as his observations of Officer Haselden in the process of Officer Haselden's handling of his cases. Whether or not he has had any problems as far as his integrity.

Recorder Lawrence Richter: I have been asked to make a statement. I know nothing about the facts of the transactions that have been presented to Council tonight. Most of what has happened occurred while I was away for 2 weeks on vacation. I would also say, I notice that no one has been sworn, but you can take what I say as if it were given under oath. I cannot comment on the facts of the case, but I understand Mr. Bradley, that you have asked me to tell you (inaudible)

Richter: The best response would be to simply say that the records of the court- I have been presiding almost 3 years now. The records of the court certainly speak for themselves, in the cases which Mr. Haselden has brought and which his testimony has been accepted and convictions have resulted. Obviously, his testimony has been accepted as the truth. Like I said, they speak for themselves. The only problem I have ever had with Bob Haselden, may have been times when he has done things to me and I have gotten mad at him and he has gotten mad at me over differences of opinion, outside of court. As far as court matters are concerned, there really isn't any problems that bear on this thing tonight, but you asked me to comment and I'll be glad to do it. The only problem I have ever had, there have been occasions when Mr. Haselden has expressed displeasure either vocal or by subtle action at the way I handled cases. I must say those would be cases where the sentence would not be as stiff as Mr. Haselden would like or the case went against him so to speak and would result in an acquittal. My position simply is that when a policeman is finished writing the ticket and giving his testimony, he is through with a case. Other than this, I don't know what to say. If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them.

Bradley: Have you ever had any trouble with money in connection with Mr. Haselden accepting bonds or bringing in money or failure to match the cash with the figures on the tickets?

Richter: No, none at all. In fact, I don't know of any instance with any of the officers since I have been here, that the cash to be brought in didn't add up. And sometimes the amounts have been quite substantial.

Bradley: Thank you judge, I have no further questions.

Guerard: I have no questions, thank you.

Bradley: Mr. Mayor, we have no other witnesses. I have a short statement and then Officer Haselden has a statement too. Officer Haselden has been with the town for a long time, back when you were Chief. All of the people on the island, know him very well. He has served the island well and he has served the island for a long time. He even stopped Alderman Casey on night, when he didn't know who he was, up around his mother's place. He has been very conscientious in that regard about looking after other people's property. And at no time in his 5 years he has served as a policeman, nothing has come to light in a complaint as to his integrity or honesty or no allegation of his taking money wrongfully. He has no previous record of doing so. The case here tonight which you have, is a perfectly believable case where he took this money. You are all aware of the previous difficulties between Officer Haselden and the Chief. There has not been the best relationship since the Chief has been here. Officer Haselden did what he did to show the Chief that he was honest. It turns out his efforts to demonstrate honesty has backfired on him severely. To put it another way, at no time did he ever intend to keep any of this money for his own use. He returned the money. There is some discrepantcy factually as to what took place, but that's not really all that important. The really important thing is that he did take the money and he had a purpose in taking it. So he was trying to demonstrate the purpose in taking it and he returned the money of course of his own initiative. If any of you might have been thinking at any time that he wanted to take the \$20.00 just for the sake of taking \$20.00, he could have done it many times. Long before Chief Thompson ever came here. He could have done it in this case, because the testimony revealed tonight, that the Chief had no idea where that money ever came from originally. And it could have just disappeared or he could have given it to a sailor, and when the question was raised here tonight about the sailor, the Chief just told him to fill out the reports, that may have been what happened. The point I'm

making to you is, when you examine the facts of this case there is no way in the world you can logically think that Mr. Haselden maliciously and intentionally went out to steal \$20.00. There is only one conclusion that you can draw and that's the explanation he's given you here tonight. It's possible that what he did, may have not been in the best of judgement; but the recourse that has been recommended here tonight and the recourse you are being asked to consider is something that goes directly to the matter of integrity. The letter that was written indicates on page 3 (I seem to have lost it in these papers) Section 3 states that he is no longer fit for public service or something like that. That really is the issue here tonight, whether or not you think he is fit for public trust from here on out as a matter of dishonesty. I submit to you he is. He hasn't done anything dishonest, he returned the money. He could have told any kind of story and kept it. He had many opportunities to have taken it. He could have taken over 3,000 at one time and not anyone of you would have known anything in the world about it. That really concludes all I have to say about this case. I,m not going to plead with you as to any decision because we are going to obviate the necessity of you making a decision. Officer Haselden would like to make a comment to you now.

Haselden: I am going to stand up to read this. Before I read it, I want everyone of you to know, I have never taken anything dishonest from anybody at any time. This letter is dated August 13, 1975, Isle of Palms, to City Council.

(See attached copy of Robert Haselden's resignation)

Officer Robert Haselden read his resignation and several letter from people retracting their former statements that were made against him at the Police Commission meeting, mentioned in the statement, that was held in Feb. 1975.

Bradley: Thank you Mr. Mayor, we just wanted the opportunity for Mr. Haselden to tell his version of what happened. With his resignation, I assume you will have no decision to make. Thank you we appreciate it.

Mayor White: Thank you sir.

Guerard: Mr. Mayor, in light of the fact that this is a public meeting, I would like to make one brief comment. I don't mean to prolong the situation any, but in regard to the statements read by Patrolman Haselden, the Police Commission did meet to consider these complaints along with others. Two complaints chiefly from Judge Stith and Mr. Grant. There was an initial consideration given to the complaints, but no disposition was taken on the complaints. A subsequent meeting was held and Ptl. Haselden was present. Witnesses were called in his behalf. He called his own witnesses. The Police Commission considered each of these complaints. The result of the consideration was that they disregarded everyone of the complaints, with the exception of the situations involving Mr. Grant and Judge Stith, which Ptl. Haselden acknowledged on both of these complaints. On the basis of those 2 complaints, the recommendation that he be demoted without a decrease in pay was made, and on those 2 complaints alone.

Alderman Shaffer: Mr. Mayor, in veiw of the resignation, I think a motion is in order. I move that Council accept Mr. Haselden's resignation and in veiw of this resignation, I suggest that this hearing be dismissed.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor White stated that we would now go back to the regular meeting and take the reports from the various committees. Ways and Means was usually first but he did not know if there was one tonight.

Alderman Shaffer stated that Ways & Means had been given some specifications for repairing the tennis courts to reveiw by the Playground Commission. It seemed to boil down to whether we would repair the court for approximately \$4,000.00 or completely redo the court for approximately \$11,000.00. This a considerable difference in money and there had been \$4,000.00 allocated in the present budget for this. He had talked with several others in regard to this and had met with the Playground Commission on it also.

After a discussion by Council, Alderman Shaffer moved that we accept the Commission's recommendation and get bids to repair the 2 tennis courts.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White asked Alderman Dangerfield if he had anything else to report from the playground or from the Streets & Lights Dept.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that in answer to a question raised in a previous Council meeting about fishing off the Breech Inlet bridge, the ramp that was to have been built along the bridge for fishing, might possibly be built in Dec. or Jan. The money is not there to do it with now, but hopefully it will be by then.

Alderman Meek stated that in connection with the question of whether an ordinance being passed prohibiting swimming or wading would stop these, he had seen more people wading on the Sullivan's Island side of the bridge lately than he had on our side. So he thought this spoke for its self.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the 2 stop signs had been posted on Carolina Ave. at 5th and 7th Avenues. The 25mph speed limit signs will be posted sometime this month.

Alderman Casey asked if we couldn't get some county help to enforce the speed limit on these streets.

Mayor White stated that we probably could now if we requested it.

Alderman Avant reported that the fish fry sponsored by the Vol. Fireman had been a sucess. They had cleared approximately \$1200.00.

Alderman Dangerfield asked that a certificate or a letter be sent to Mr. David Hinson and Mr. Norris Thomas in recognition of their outstanding and courageous performance in handling the situation at the plane crash at the airport on Saturday.

Alderman Casey stated that he agreed but he thought that there were some others who should be recognized also and the police and fire departments should get those names together.

Mayor White: said that he heard that there was 3 people who really did outstanding work and he would like to see all of them recognized at one time.

Alderman Dangerfield moved that the Mayor draft a letter to the 3 outstanding citizens, for their performance at the plane crash.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Shaffer asked if there was any word as to the status of E. M. S.

Alderman Avant stated that he had still not been able to get an answer as to when we would get a unit, but that he had not given up. He was still working on it.

Mayor White stated that the last he heard, we had been scheduled to get one in June or July, but he would call again. With the bridge situation like it is, he felt we were entitled to have a unit stationed here. They were called to come to the plane crash and they responded and got here in a fairly short time.

Alderman Avant stated that he thought that they did a fine job. He also reported that the FAA was sending a letter of recommendation to the Police and Vol. Fire Departments for a job well done.

Alderman Dangerfield requested that the city write a letter asking for the plans for E. M. S. in regard to the island.

Mayor White stated that he would, but he didn't know if we would get a better answer to this or not, as they seemed to be having their problems now.

Alderman Avant stated that as a matter of information, that at one time we had five E. M. S. boys living on the island but we only have one now. The rest had been transferred to other locations too far for them to live here.

Mayor White asked if ther was anything further.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that Mrs. Johnson was here in regard to the condition of the street on which she lives.

Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson of 3809 Hartnett Blvd., spoke at length to Council on the poor condition of the section of Hartnett on which they live. They asked who was responsible for repairing the street.

Attorney Guerard told them that the road had not been built to state or county specifications and would not be taken over by either of these to be maintained. They were now looking into the legal ramifications, to see what if anything is the responsibility of the developer to bring the street up to state standards as the city had no funds or equipment to maintain the streets.

Mrs. Fred Teator also spoke to Council about the condition of the street and the litter being thrown along the streets.

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Attorney Guerard stated that he also lived on a street that had the same status as hers. Forest Trail was in need of repair, but had not been turned over to any system that would maintain it. He suggested that she talk to the developer who sold her her property.

Mayor White stated that he wished he had an answer to her problem, but until the street was brought into the state or county system, he couldn't offer her much help. However, he would promise her he would try.

Mayor White reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Branca of the Forest Trail section, requesting to speak to Council. He would notify him that he could be heard at the next meeting.

Mayor White reported that he had received a call from Mr. Long asking that he inform Council of his request for a resolution from Council stating that they more desire for him to have this property, than the state, in this fight they have going on now. Mr. Long said that if the state won they have already said that they would put a state park there. He felt that the city should help him keep the state from getting this property. This was just a verbal request but if Mr. Long wants to send a letter to this effect, he would present it to Council for consideration.

Mayor White read a letter from Mr. Edwards in regard to the Bi-Centennial.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie S. Passailaigue
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Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
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Mayor

August 13, 1975
Isle of Palms, S. C.

To The City Council:

Tonight I am doing the hardest thing I have ever done in my life.

I am resigning as a Police Officer of the City of Isle of Palms, S.C.

In doing so, I want the record set straight once and for all. If you believe, ok, if not it is still ok. God knows and that is what counts.

March 16, 1970, I reported for duty. At that time, I was very proud to be a policeman on the Isle of Palms.

I worked many hours for Mr. White so he could work at the water front. Regardless what I had planned. All of these hours I worked, my paycheck did not change. But he has forgotten that or at least that is the way it seems.

Mr. White stated I shot a dog once. Well, he was right, but he only told half. He forgot to say that the dog was with a person parked on top of the sand dune going on the beach and that dog ran a good 40 to 50 yards at me and when I shot that dog he was less than 6 feet with his mouth wide open. All was ever said to me about shooting that dog was, "If you have to use your gun, do it well."

I want all to know that I have done nothing to cause all of this undue pressure. Since February 1975 when the Police Commission held their meeting and took my stripes. This is a violation of my civil rights which every person has. — — —

But since then it has been one thing after another.

I have had my wife to the doctor since then and it is not getting any better.

Before I close I want to relay to this Council to know the two different sides of what took place in February. Thompson called me in to the office and said they had a meeting the night before which was February 24, 1975. Thompson stated that the Commission wanted to fire me on the spot. He further stated that he was going to look out for number one first. That he had quit his job at the Navy for a lesser paying job, and had to sell his house on James Island and get one here which was an increase of living and Number One was first.

He was my friend as long as we were in the office, but if we had to go to City Hall, he would take their side.

Mr. Avant told me that same day, no one said anything about firing anyone.

So you have the real true story and as of August 13, 1974, as soon as I get my personal things out of the patrol car and office, I will no longer be an employee of the City of Isle of Palms.

Robert G. Hauler

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held on September 10, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mayor White.

The roll was called by Clerk Passailaigue.

Those present were: Mayor White, Alderwoman Preston, Aldermen Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Larosa and Meek, Attorney Guerard.

Those absent: Aldermen Avant and Shaffer.

Alderman Meek said that he thought Council should welcome Alderman Larosa back after his extended absence due to illness.

Alderman Larosa thanked the members of Council for their many kindnesses during his illness.

Mayor White stated that Mr. P. L. Branca of 245 Forest Trail had requested to be heard by Council. He would like to welcome him in behalf of Council and at this time he was invited to address the members.

Mr. Branca spoke to Council on behalf of a group of residents of his area on the problems of the upkeep of the traffic islands in Forest Trail. He asked who was responsible for the upkeep of these islands. He expressed their concern with school buses being allowed to park in these islands creating a problem with trash being swept from the bus and being a traffic hazard as well. They were also concerned with dogs being allowed to run loose. This created a nuisance by destroying residents shrubbery plus the danger of a child getting bit. He reported that they had had a considerable amount of vandalism, especially on Saturday nights. They requested that the police patrol their area more often particularly on the weekend as they believed that this would curb the vandalism as well as help slow down the motorists who speed in this area. He submitted the following list of proposals to Council for their consideration and implementation in behalf of himself and his neighbors regarding the improvement of living conditions on Forest Trail.

1. The city must unequivocally assume responsibility for Forest Trail and its islands.
2. The status of the islands on Forest Trail should be referred to The City Planning Committee with some representation from inhabitants of Forest Trail to finally decide their disposition.
3. Handbills to published by the City Council and distributed to the citizens of Forest Trail to inform them of the Sanitation Ordinance, Dog Ordinance and Parking Ordinance and the consequences for disobeying these ordinances. The city to concentrate on enforcing these ordinances equitably.
4. Posting of the following signs:
 - a. A sign at the intersection of 34th Ave. and Forest Trail informing the public which is Forest Trail.
 - b. A sign at 34th Ave. and Palm Blvd. indicating the direction to Forest Trail.
 - c. A stop sign on 34th Ave. at the intersection with Forest Trail.
 - d. Placing necessary speed limit signs on Forest Trail.

Mr. Branca also delivered a letter to Council from Mrs. Frost of Forest Trail who was unable to attend. There were 10 other residents of the area who did attend to support Mr. Branca's remarks.

Attorney Guerard thanked Mr. Branca for his constructive criticism. The problems he had mentioned were not new nor had they been ignored. The problem with the streets were one of finances and of some legality. They were still exploring some possibilities and still had hopes of finding a way to alleviate the situation. He agreed that the dog ordinance was not being enforced uniformly, but again it was a matter of finances. Once we pick up the dogs we have no facilities to contain them. It has been a joint effort with the county or Mt. Pleasant and they have been sporadic in rendering their services. We hope to work out a more permanent arrangement sometime in the next few weeks. As to the question of how trash would be handled, an ordinance was drawn as to what type of containers and how it would be placed in the containers, but the Sanitation Committee did not report it out. Maybe it would be reconsidered now after they had heard his remarks. As he could see, Council was working on the problems and after seeing the constructive attitude of the residents here tonight, he was sure that it would serve as an impetus to work even harder.

Alderman Larosa moved that the proposals be sent to the proper committees for consideration.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Attorney Guerard asked for the opinion of Council on making the islands a no parking area.

Mayor White stated that they weren't intended for a parking area to begin with.

Attorney Guerard stated that having vehicles parked in these areas created a traffic hazard in that it blocked a person's view of any children who might be crossing or playing near the street.

Alderman Casey asked if they picked up children with the bus in Forest Trail.

Mayor White said that they were only parked in there over night. He was in favor of placing no parking signs in there and enforcing it.

Alderman Meek said that he was concerned with the reports of speeding because of the hills causing an impairment of a driver's vision.

Alderman Casey moved that we place no parking signs in the islands in Forest Trail, due to the fact that they were set apart as beautification projects to enhance the looks of the area.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

After further discussion on erecting the signs, it was referred to the Streets and Lights Committee for implementation. They were also asked to check the area to determine how many speed signs would be needed to post the area adequately.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that this committee would meet the next Wednesday and this would be brought before them at this time.

Mayor White stated that we would have the committee report at this time and called for Ways & Means report.

Alderman Larosa reported that the tax notices for Personal Property Tax were being mailed at this time. This was welcome news because of the tightness of money. We have had to borrow \$60,000.00 and as of September 5th, we had \$16,000.00 in outstanding bills. These bills go back as far as June, so the first money will have to go to pay these. We have a note coming due on the 19th of September for \$3,581.00, which is the 3rd payment on the last garbage truck we purchased. Next month we have a note due for \$6,700.00 plus interest on vehicles. The balance in Revenue Sharing is \$7,525.00. We will still have to be extremely cautious in our spending so that we will end the year with a surplus. We are now spending approximately \$7,500.00 for interest per year. He was going to make a proposal to the Committee that we raise the contingency fund when they started to work on the budget hopefully in early November. He would like to see us get away from having to borrow money and pay out such large amounts of interest.

Mayor White said that he had brought this up back when the new assessment was discussed and the answer he got was we were using the people's money and that we shouldn't do it. It was the people's money either way. He would much rather see us put the money aside to work with, than pay out such large amounts in interest.

Alderman Larosa said that he had mentioned this to several responsible people on the island and that they had agreed that it was only good business sense to try to end the year without a deficit. We have to anticipate the purchase of a new police car and garbage truck.

Attorney Guerard pointed out that we only paid 6% simple interest this year and that Alderman Larosa had arranged the loan so that we only got the money as it was needed. Last year the money was placed in an interest bearing account as it came in and this offset some of the interest we had to pay. He brought this up so that everyone would be aware of the exceptionally responsible way in which Alderman Larosa had managed.

Mrs. Passailaigue reported that copies of delinquent tax notices, with past due in red stamped on them, were going out in hopes of collecting some of the back taxes. One exceptionally large one had been given to the police to try to collect that day. She didn't know what the results of that method would be.

Alderman Larosa stated that he had hoped to have the P. & L. Statement for everyone, but that the auditor had not finished it in time. They have promised to deliver it the following day and it will be mailed out to everyone for them to study.

Mrs. Passailaigue reported that they still had not returned the books to her but that they too were promised to be returned tomorrow.

Mayor White called for the report from Sanitation.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that he had nothing to report from Sanitation or the Playground Dept., except that Sanitation and Streets & Lights would meet the next Wednesday night.

Mayor White asked if anyone had a report from the Police or Fire Depts.

Alderman Casey stated that he had a request from the Fire Dept. for a new mattress and springs for the bed in the dispatcher's office.

Mayor White said that all that was needed, was a request from the committee.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if anything had been heard about E.M.S. yet.

Mayor White stated that he had called twice, but still had not been able to get a satisfactory answer.

After further discussion, Alderman Dangerfield moved that a letter be sent to Dr. Durst, County Council Chairman, and see if we could get a satisfactory answer from him.

Alderwoman Preston seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Larosa reported that the red stickers the people received at the fish fry, giving the emergency numbers, were creating a problem in that people were calling EMS direct and the dispatcher doesn't know to try to get them help if some is available nearby. Sometime it is 20 or 30 minutes before the EMS Unit gets here. They need to be cautioned to call the police first, dispatcher next and EMS as a last resort.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the money was now available for building the cat walks for fishing on the side of Breech Inlet Bridge. Bids have been let.

Alderman Meek asked if money was available for this, why was there not any available for painting the Cooper River Bridge.

Alderman Dangerfield replied that that was the way Federal money was. If a certain amount of money is allocated and approved for a project in one dept. that money cannot be transferred to another project in another department.

After a lengthy discussion by Council on the pros and cons of "fishing from the bridge" controversy being reported in the newspapers and on T. V. recently, it was decided to leave things as they are until the state posts the "no fishing" signs on the bridge again or unless it creates a more of a traffic problem that it does now.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the notice for bids for repairing the tennis courts had been sent to the newspaper and that copies of the specs were available in City Hall. The Playground Dept. planned to begin work on their budget in October and money for this would be included in the budget for next year.

September 10, 1975

Mayor White reported that there would be a meeting of Isle of Palms, Folly Beach, and Sullivan's Island, to discuss trying to get some help from County Council toward police protection, garbage disposal and cleaning up the beaches. He had been approached by Mayor Adams of Folly Beach and he had talked to him about beach clean up only. He was in favor of getting some help with this in summer, when we had an influx of people from other parts of the county, but anything further, would be going right back to leading up to consolidation. Since this was reported on T.V. , he had been contacted again by Mayor Adams and Mr. Wilbanks asking that we meet with them on September 23rd at 8:00 P.M. at the Folly Beach Community Center to discuss this further. He was not sure he wanted to have any part of it, however, he might attend just to get his feelings on record. He didn't appreciate having them ask him about one thing and then tell the news media something else.

Alderman Larosa read a portion of some points that had been presented to him for consideration about the possibility of roads being built on the other side of what is now ocean front houses on Charleston Blvd. resulting in these people having a road in back, as well as in front of them. If this is allowed there is nothing to prevent the same thing from happening along the beach beyond the Apartment Court, all the way to the end of the island.

Attorney Guerard pointed out that these people from 4th Ave, to Breech Inlet, bought these houses knowing that there was a right of way plated on the map, so that would be a legal problem.

After further discussion, Alderman Larosa moved that the problem be referred to Ordinances and Bills for consideration.

Alderman Casey seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mayor White asked Attorney Guerard if he had had any further work from Sea Pines Corporation as to their plans for the island.

Attorney Guerard stated that he had not, even though he had tried to contact Mr. Phipps several times.

Alderman Casey moved that we have a certified copy of the zoning map made and placed in a safe place.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mayor White asked Attorney Guerard where the final draft of the Zoning Ordinance was at present.

Attorney Guerard said he had it. Alderman Shaffer was to have some reprints made of it, but he had been unable to contact him.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
J. Blair White
Mayor

The regular open meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held Wednesday September 24, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

In the absence of Mayor White, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa, who opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa stated that the purpose of the meeting as announced previously was that each quarter we hold an open meeting so as to give interested residents an opportunity to ask questions or express their views on current happenings on the island. As the meeting is wide open, they would accept any questions from those present. He further stated he would begin by reading a letter from Camille Mizell concerning her views on the widening of Highway 703. Mrs. Mizell pointed out that both Sullivan's Island and Mt. Pleasant's City Council and Mayor had been very outspoken in stating their position on this issue. She would like to see our Mayor and Council take a more positive and vocal stand on it so that our residents would know how they feel and would know that they were working to try to get some help towards alleviating the problem by supporting the building of the new bridge.

Alderman Shaffer stated that he had come prepared to bring up the same subject. He, too had been concerned about the articles in the paper lately and his first inclination had been to write a letter to the editor. After giving the matter more thought, he had come to the decision that since he was only one of 8 Aldermen, he felt that they should speak as a group. He was aware that they had gone on record, with the passing of a resolution, as supporting the widening of Highway 703 and building the fixed span bridge. He was not being critical of our Mayor, but he just happened to not be a person to go out of his way to get publicity like some of the other mayors. He felt in light of the way things seemed to be proceeding, maybe Council ought to encourage him to be more outspoken on this issue and get our views on record with the news media. It seemed to be becoming a trend that if you had a couple of irate citizens who didn't agree with something, that they were getting together to form a citizens group to protest. It seemed to him if they were really concerned citizens, that they would approach the elected officials of their city and express their views and try to get things accomplished that way. He had attended most of the meetings of the Planning Board since he was elected and he didn't remember hearing from most of these people. He would like to hear the opinion of the other members of Council.

Mrs. Camille Mizell stated that she had talked with New & Courier reporter, Barbara Williams earlier about the bridge issue. She had asked her why they seemed to be focusing the attention of the newspapers on the opinions of Sullivan's Island so much lately, almost to the exclusion of the other East Cooper residents. The answer she got was that unfortunately, no one else seemed concerned enough to express an opinion. Mrs. Mizell further stated that she would like to see some action from the Council and other residents of the Isle of Palms, whether it be to call a press conference or write letters to the editor as individual citizens. She was afraid if we didn't the Highway Department might give up and take the money elsewhere and we would be stuck with the Ben Sawyer Bridge.

Alderman Larosa said that he felt that Sullivan's Island was confusing the issue more than anything else. They were making the ridiculous request for the State Highway Department to have the old bridge dismantled as a condition to agreeing to a new bridge being built. They seemed determined to keep the possibility of expanding Highway 703 to 4 lanes from ever becoming a reality. They have even requested that the Highway Department turn the causeway over to Sullivan's Island. This too is ridiculous as the Mt. Pleasant city limits end at the Ben Sawyer Bridge. He had attended the CHATS meeting and a gentleman from the State Highway Department had related the fact to them that there is about 450 million dollars available to us from the federal funds, with the state putting up 135 million dollars in order to get the federal funds to build roads. The state will have only 26 million dollars in equity over the next 6 years, so it comes down to priority. They have all the different reports and alternate I and alternate 6 show an expansion of Highway 703 to a 4 lane highway. It showed the beltway that is planned to extend Virginia Avenue in North Charleston as including Highway 703 as 4 lane. All the Highway officials that spoke came up with the fact that there just wasn't enough money available to cover all the roads needed. When Mayor Lipman spoke, he pointed out that they had 725 signatures in favor of a direct bridge to the Isle of Palms and against the expansion of Highway 703 to 4 lanes. They wanted the fixed span bridge provided the Highway Department would dismantle the old bridge.

Mrs. Mizell stated that with more people and thus more voters over here, she couldn't see how the city could sit back and let Sullivan's Island hold up the building of the bridge. This was not just her opinion, but was shared by almost everyone she had talked with about it. She thought if we would just push a little, we might accomplish something.

Alderman Shaffer said he agreed with her feelings, but he didn't know of much more Council could do, but go on record as supporting the bridge and highway and having this fact publicized. He did not think it was Council's place to circulate petitions. The two that seemed to be heading up the group were two former aldermen, one of whom didn't want a 4 lane road in front of his house. As much as he would like to see a new bridge built directly to the Isle of Palms, he didn't think it was economically feasible for us to expect the state to build us one at this time, when there is a less expensive alternative.

Alderwoman Preston said that with only 26 million dollars expected over the next 6 years for all of Charleston County, she would have to agree.

Alderman Larosa stated that the last thing that happened at the meeting, was that Mayor Lipman asked that someone make a motion that the wishes of Sullivan's Island be recognized and they immediately start action on building the bridge to the Isle of Palms. He didn't get a second. He then asked that the bridge to Sullivan's Island on Highway 703, be given top priority over all other projects and put on top of the list. He didn't get any support for this proposal either. When you think of how many more people the James Island Bridge would affect and how much longer they have been working on getting it, it seems like a ridiculous request. Maybe 20 years from now if the Sea Pines development progressed, and as of now it seemed to be at a standstill, we could justify requesting a new bridge be built.

Mr. Branca said that if he understood the report of the meeting correctly, that there was no money available for a new bridge, so as far as he was concerned, it was not up for discussion. He was under the impression that there was money allocated for the new fixed span bridge on Highway 703 and he would like to see Council ask for the original plan for two bridges and 4 lane road. In his opinion, we shouldn't be satisfied to accept a plan that would be outdated in a few years. It is to Sullivan's Island's advantage as well as ours, to plan for the future traffic needs. He urged the Mayor and Council to take a stand in favor of 2 fixed span bridges and the widening to 4 lanes of highway 703 and to issue a press release relating this stand to the news media. This would clarify the facts to the island residents and put an end to the rumors now circulating.

Alderwoman Preston suggested printing the entire resolution passed by Council previously. She also pointed out the fact that Council had agreed earlier to bring suit if necessary to prevent Sullivan's Island from holding up the building of the bridges and the additional 2 lanes.

Alderman Shaffer stated that there was a possibility of pursuing a declaratory judgement action asking the court to declare who does or does not have the right to say whether or not the road and bridge should be built.

Mr. Branca asked if they couldn't appoint a spokesman to act in behalf of the Isle of Palms.

Alderman Shaffer said that would be up to the Mayor to appoint someone to act in his place if he could not serve at any particular time. Council could approve a motion, directing the Mayor to issue a statement in their behalf. It might be well for us to have the resolution printed, but he was in favor of coming out with a firm statement presentation our views and stand on the issue.

After further discussion by members of Council and the island residents attending the meeting, Alderman Shaffer moved that Council re-affirm its original position being in favor of the 2 fixed span bridges and the 4 lane road and have a spokesman make some firm statements to the press as to our position.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield asked who would present a statement as to out stand to the CHATS Committee.

Alderman Larosa stated that it was the Mayor's responsibility.

Alderman Shaffer said that in regard to an earlier comment from Alderwoman Preston about the legal possibility, he would like to move that Council instruct Corporation Council to explore the legal possibilities to pursue this matter in court and report back at the next meeting.

Alderman Meek seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Larosa suggested that we contact Dave Doubrava and ask his help in getting our position before the public.

Mr. Branca stated that he felt that any of the T. V. Stations would be helpful to our cause just for the asking. He pointed out the fact that they had gotten excellent coverage in their fight for dune preservation.

Alderman Larosa asked if anyone else had any questions or anything they wanted to bring before Council.

Mrs. Mizell stated that the traffic situation on Carolina Blvd. had improved since the installation of the stop signs.

Alderman Dangerfield informed Council that the speed limit signs were on order and would be posted as soon as they were received.

Mrs. Mizell asked if they were going to put up "No Fishing" signs on Breech Inlet Bridge.

Alderman Dangerfield said that the contractors had submitted bids to the Highway Department to build catwalks along the bridge. The bids have been lower than the state estimate and since the money is there, we should get one before long. The "No Fishing" signs would have to come from the State Highway Department, since it is a state bridge.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if we had received any answer from the letters that were supposed to be written about E. M. S.

Mrs. Passailaigue said that the Mayor was to write to Dr. Durst and write and call E. M. S. about notifying us about calls on the island, she didn't know if he had had any response.

Alderman Larosa said that Mr. Fleures was having budget problems of his own at the present time.

Alderman Dangerfield moved that we write a letter to E. M. S. about having a unit stationed on the Isle of Palms as soon as possible.

Alderman Shaffer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that it had been brought to his attention that in adopting the vacation and sick leave policies, we need to clarify how it affects the Police and Fire Depts. The firemen work 24 hours on and 48 hours off. Do they get paid for 8 hours overtime or 24 hours, when they work a holiday.

Alderman Larosa said they were only paid for 8 hours since that was considered a normal work day.

Alderman Casey asked who had been figuring this up.

Alderman Dangerfield said the firemen had, but it might effect the policemen when they worked a 12 hour shift.

Mrs. Passailaigue said that the police normally work a 8 hour shift.

Alderman Larosa said they would only be paid for an eight hour day.

Alderman Dangerfield said he was glad to have it cleared up so he would know how to answer the next one who asked him.

Alderman Larosa asked if anyone had anything further.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if anyone had any idea when we would get out quarterly report.

Alderman Larosa said if he meant the semi-annual report from the auditor, he had promised to get it to us 2 weeks ago, but so far we didn't have it. It seemed that the auditor had taken on too many communities and were behind in their work. Hopefully, we would receive it soon. He had held the books for over a month and Marie was making entries on a tablet trying to keep up.

Alderman Shaffer asked if we got a discount for lateness, Maybe we should mention it to him and we might get faster results.

Alderman Larosa said he had told Mr. Myer that if we didn't have the P. & L. statement by August 1st, that it would not be of much value to us.

Alderman Dangerfield said he just wanted to know how much more money he had to spend.

Mrs. Passailaigue said just don't spend any.

Alderman Meek asked how the tax money was coming in.

Mrs. Passailaigue said the personal property was coming in fairly good now. The real estate notices had come in and would be mailed out by Friday.

Alderman Shaffer asked if the Committee chairman had been notified that they needed to have their preliminary budget figures in by the next meeting.

Alderman Larosa said that they had been notified.

Alderman Dangerfield said that that was going to push him for time to have it ready by then.

Alderman Shaffer said that they needed them early so that they would have time to make adjustments before the first of the year.

Alderman Larosa said he would have notices sent to all department heads again. If there was no futher business, he would adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

Joseph Larosa
Mayor Pro-Tem

October 8, 1975

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held October 8, 1975 at 8:00 P. M. at City Hall.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mayor White.

The roll was called by Clerk Passailaigue.

Those present were: Mayor White, Alderwoman Preston, Aldermen Casey, Dangerfield, Jernigan, Larosa, Meek and Shaffer. Also Attorney Guerard.

Absent was Alderman Avant.

Mayor White asked if there were any corrections to be made in the minutes of the last meeting.

Alderman Shaffer said he did not have a copy of the minutes of the last meeting. He had a copy of the minutes of the meeting held the time before last.

Mrs. Passailaigue said that the last meeting was an open meeting and we didn't usually type those up, they were just kept on the tape.

Alderman Shaffer said that due to the fact that we had so few residents attend, the meeting was conducted like a regular session. He thought that they should be typed for the record, since there were some motions passed and some things discussed that needed to be taken care of.

Mayor White replied that he had been informed of most of them and he had taken care of them. He couldn't guarantee how much good it would do, but he tried anyway. However, he would ask that the minutes be typed.

Alderman Shaffer said he didn't have any question as to the content of the minutes, if he wanted to accept them. However, he was not at the last meeting and he did want to know what was mentioned in the minutes as being referred to the Engrossed Bills Committee for study, as he had not been informed as to what it was and why. It seemed that Alderman Larosa had been contacted by some folks who were worried about the situation of a right of way in front of their house and it had been referred to his committee. What he would like to know was were they supposed to come up with an ordinance or what.

Mayor White said that this was in reference to a request from Dr. Bowen, who had inquired as to whether something could be passed to prevent a person from having a street put both on front and in back of their house. In other words streets would have to be a city block apart.

Alderman Shaffer asked if this was Council's wishes.

Alderman Larosa said that after a discussion by Council it had been referred to Ordinances & Bills to pursue and come up with a recommendation for an ordinance if one was applicable. What Dr. Bowen was concerned about was the possibility that Ocean Blvd. might be extended, making a street in front of his house as well as the one now behind it.

Alderman Shaffer stated that the right of way was already platted on the map. He couldn't see how these people could expect Council to do anything about this.

Alderman Larosa said that he was aware of that fact now, but neither he nor Dr. Bowen had been when they first discussed it. They had talked about the fact that if some action was not taken, that all the houses from the Apartment Court to 41st Avenue might find themselves in the same position of having Palm Blvd. in back and another street in front. He further stated that he had discussed the matter with the County Planning Board.

Attorney Guerard asked what their reaction had been.

Alderman Larosa stated that they said that they would have to go to the RMC office to see how it was platted. They could not give him any kind of an opinion until they had studied it further. However, if it was plated that way originally and Council voted to change it, we could be liable for a law suit.

Attorney Guerard pointed out that there were already several streets on the island, where there existed streets on both sides of houses.

Alderman Larosa stated that we could still do something to prevent this from happening in the future if after further study the committee came up with this as a recommendation. Since this was a request from a resident and on recommendation from the city attorney, it was referred to Committee for study instead of just ignoring it.

Alderman Shaffer said that it seemed to him if our object was to help these folks who were asking for help, there wasn't much we could do. As for preventing this in the future, our sub-division regulations should accomplish this.

Attorney Guerard said that even though the City had an obligation to represent the residents, this was a private property matter. The state is pursuing this as well as it can be, at the present. The City really couldn't do any more than is being done.

Alderman Larosa stated that his recommendation would be to leave it in committee for the present time until we see what the outcome fo the state's case is and then bring it back for discussion.

Mayor White said that was his recommendation, also. He would hear the committee reports at this time, starting with Ways & Means.

Alderman Larosa stated that he assumed that everyone had seen their copy of the semi-annual P. & L. statement. It was self-explanatory, but he would like to point out a few things. Number one, under revenues, the \$10,532.00 for radios was a state grant as reimbursement for the expense with the city paying a small part of approximately \$500.00. As in last years report, this showed a deficit in income, but with the addition of the \$60,000.00 tax anticipation loan, we show a working balance of \$25,247.64 as of June 30th. This is to carry us through July, August and part of September. We now have money coming in from taxes. The loan we have is at 6½% interest, which comes to about \$325.00 per month. If we can retire the notes by October 15th, we would save \$650.00 in interest. If we by pass everything else, but the current bills, we can grab the money and possibly pay them off and come out ahead of the way we did last year by buying the short term notes. He would like to hear any comments from the others as to their opinion of what we should do.

Mayor White said that he didn't think he could make it to retire the full \$60,000.00 by the 15th, but he agreed that the quicker we paid the notes off, the better.

Alderman Larosa said we could pay it off, by retiring one note at a time and save that much interest.

Mayor White asked if he wanted an answer from Council as to whether they wanted to go ahead and pay it off now or wait.

Alderman Larosa replied that he would like to know the wishes of Council.

Alderman Meek moved that we pay off the \$60,000.00 note as soon as possible, even if we have to split the payment.

Alderman Jernigan seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Larosa discussed the Ways & Means Status Report. He pointed out that our first obligation was to pay the \$60,000.00 note and we have \$88,000.00 left on the current budget. This makes a total of \$148,000.00 and we can only expect \$130,000.00 in tax money. This shows that we could end the year in a deficit if we don't hold our expenditures down to a minimum. Some things have run over the amount budgeted for them, for instance the Beach Patrol. So he was again asking that everyone limit their spending as much as possible.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if he had any idea of the total outstanding bills.

Alderman Larosa said that all but about 4 bills were paid up through the last of August. He asked Mrs. Passailaigue if she knew how much we owed for September.

Mrs. Passailaigue said that she wasn't sure of the exact amount, but it was not as much as August.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if these bills included electric and phone bills.

Mrs. Passailaigue said no, she took care of these as they came in. The bills that were outstanding, were bills such as a \$999.00 bill that had come in that day for his department.

Alderman Shaffer said that he wanted to be sure he and everyone else understood the report correctly. In looking at column one, which was the budget figure for 1975 and column 2, which was the expenditures through September. He got the impression that if things continued the way they were going, that in many instances, they would run over the budget. The Police Department for one, were budgeted at \$58,000.00, and they had spent \$48,000.00 already. It would appear that they were going to be over the budget by a considerable amount.

Alderman Larosa replied that this was the reason for the report so that everyone could see how we stand. General Government was the only department that appeared to be going to be under their budget. Some others with careful planning, could be within theirs.

Alderman Larosa asked if anyone was spokesman for the police department in Alderman Avant's absence. He understood that there was a request in from that department that affected Ways & Means.

Mayor White said that he would bring the request up later.

Alderman Larosa stated that Ed Godshall of Southern Bell had made a speech on Sullivan's Island and had told them that there was to be a switching station built on the Isle of Palms. They had immediately requested that he reconsider and build the station on Sullivan's Island. So he took it on himself to have a talk with Mr. Godshall and he had been assured that it would be built on the Isle of Palms. The only thing holding it up was the land purchase and this was under negotiation. It will be a 2 million dollar facility and this will be a boost to our income in ad valorem and property taxes.

Attorney Guerard said he had two things he wanted to bring up. He had gotten a letter from the attorney for Blue Cross-Blue Shield. They were taking exception to their business tax of 2½%. We will have to get together with them and work something out. He would meet with Alderman Larosa and he could report back at the next meeting. The other thing was that he had talked with Gene Phipps as to the present status of the Sea Pines plans for the development of the end of the island. Mr. Phipps had been very frank with him and said that due to some internal problems that they had had to table the development for the present to look after other interests. They still had hopes of completing their plans and were pursuing trying to get some money backers. They had not considered selling the property outright, but they had explored the possibility of a possible joint venture with an insurance company, with them handling the development. Their immediate concern was Kiawah Island. They are negotiating with S.C.N and the Finches as far as a post-ponement of payments. There had been no problem with S. C. N., they had been very co-operative and he felt sure that things with the Finches would be resolved shortly.

Mayor White said that he had heard that at one point, they were trying to sell the property.

Attorney Guerard said he had heard the same thing and that was the reason he had called Mr. Phipps.

Mayor White said that Chief Thompson had asked him about the possibility of getting a new police car. One of the present cars was about gone and we had been spending quite a bit of money on it in repairs. If we can see our way clear to buy one, fine. He had not had a recommendation from the committee, but he had been asked to bring it up. Since Alderman Avant was not present, they might not want to go so far as to approve it, but it was open for business.

Alderman Shaffer asked if someone from the police committee could add anything further.

Alderman Meek said that they had talked about it but had come up with no recommendation. They knew of the need for the car, but at that time the finances were in critical condition, so no decision was made.

Alderman Larosa said he was not on the Police Commission, but he did know that we had 2 bids with one more to come. The dealers seemed willing to wait for the money until it was available.

Alderman Shaffer asked if he understood correctly, that the Police Commission had not made a recommendation, yet he said they had 2 bids already.

Alderman Larosa said these were not sealed bids, they were offers.

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Alderman Casey said they had discussed prices but had not gone so far as to come up with a recommendation as yet.

Chief Thompson said the police commissioner had authorized him to get bids.

Alderman Shaffer asked when the last police committee meeting was held.

Alderman Casey said he could not remember the exact date, but it had been some time since they had met.

Mayor White said he would like to say one thing in reference to the suggestion of spreading out the payments. He didn't feel like the city could afford any more installments. If they could come up with the money from revenue sharing or some other source to pay for it, it would be fine with him, but he wouldn't recommend buying it any other way. The revenue sharing check that had just come in was obligated and we wouldn't have another one until January 5th. So think well, when you meet, before you obligate yourselves to this amount to pay for. He knew we needed the car, but he also knew the financial situation of the city.

Alderman Larosa said he was not sure that the need was desperate but he understood that the car had over 100,000 miles on it.

Alderman Jernigan said he understood that quite a bit of money had been spent in repairs on it lately. He would like some figures on this if they were available.

Chief Thompson said approximately \$900.00 had been spent in the last 4 months on that car.

Alderman Jernigan said that he was concerned about the need but he needed to give the matter some further study.

Alderman Shaffer said he felt if the need was so serious it would seem to him that the Police Committee would have had a meeting and come up with a recommendation. This brings us back to the point of budgeting. It seems like every meeting someone is asking for more money. If there were 2 police cars needed, there were 2 police cars needed, and they should have been added into the budget when it was made up. When you put the budget together, all of these things need to go in, so that you know what finances you need to make arrangements for, to pay for it. If it is going to bring on an increase in millage in order to meet the budget, we need to know about it.

Mayor White said that he had brought it up so that Council would be aware of what was coming if the Police Commission recommended the purchase.

Alderman Shaffer asked if anyone knew when the next Police Committee meeting was planned.

Alderman Jernigan said he didn't, but the Chief had talked with him about the car and the reason he didn't bring it up was that no recommendation had been made. He understood that the Chief had also discussed it with Alderman Avant.

Chief Thompson said that he had and Mr. Avant was supposed to be there that night to bring it before Council.

Alderman Jernigan said he would like for the chairman to call a meeting so they

could get together on it.

Alderwoman Preston suggested that Chief Thompson tell Council what the condition of the car was as long as all of the Council was together.

Chief Thompson stated that they had spent \$900.00 in the last 4 months and that the mechanic had said that the main bearing could go any day and that would cost an additional \$500.00 in repairs. He felt that it would be throwing good money after bad to spend anymore on the car. He had told Mr. Avant about this and had given him the bids.

Alderman Casey said that if the Chief would have Mr. Avant get in touch with them, they would have a meeting and come up with a recommendation.

Mayor White asked for the report from the Playground Department.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the bids had been received and opened from the various companies on the tennis court. He had met with Alderman Larosa and Mr. Donald the building inspector and they had come up with a recommendation for Council. He would like to read all the bids first. The ones received were from Court Craft of Raleigh, N. C. for \$6,742.00 (this did not comply with the specs) Landscape Pavers of Charleston, S. C. for \$2,850.00

Tenneco of Columbia, S. C. for \$4,375.00

All of the companies agree to the one year performance bond.

Alderman Shaffer asked if all bids were on the same specs, since he had singled out the first one as putting down asphalt.

Alderman Dangerfield said that all had been given the same specs but that they had all taken exceptions with some of the requirements. The Building Inspector recommended that they either use Landscape Pavers or Tenneco, as they came nearest to meeting the specs as presented. Landscape Pavers are building 10 courts in the Charleston area at the present time.

After a discussion by Council as to the exceptions taken by the two companies being considered, Alderman Dangerfield moved that we accept Landscape Pavers bid of \$2,850.00 to repair the 2 tennis courts according to the specs provided by the city with the three exceptions as stated on their bid.

Alderman Jernigan seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Shaffer suggested that they retain Attorney Guerard's services in drawing up the contract. He also recommended that they withhold 10% of the money for one year.

Mayor White pointed out that they needed to remember to check on the fact that any work paid for with revenue sharing funds required that the employees be paid a certain amount per hour.

Attorney Guerard said that he would check with someone who was familiar with drawing up that type of contract before they drew one up.

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Mayor White asked if there was a report from Sanitation or Streets & Lights.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that speed limit signs on Ocean , Charleston and Carolina Blvds. were almost completed. A stop sign had been installed at the beginning of Forest Trail. We are having signs printed for Forest Trail and Cross Lane. No parking signs have been posted in the islands in Forest Trail, this has cleared up the bus parking complaints. He had a little problem with the Forest Trail sign in that an s was added and the arrow was pointing the wrong way, but that had been corrected. It will be posted near the light pole at the entrance to Forest Trail on Palm Blvd.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Sanitation Committee had met to begin work on their budget, but due to the lack of up to date figures, they weren't able to come up with any proposal as yet. They hoped to meet again and have something definite by the next meeting.

Alderman Larosa said that when the next financial statement was made up, that another column would be added giving the proposed budget figure next to the total expenditure column. This should make it easier for those working on the budgets to compare the two figures and come up with a good budget proposal. These will be going out sometime in the next few days.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if E. M. S. had been stationed on Sullivan's Island. He had seen the truck over there.

Mayor White said that he had wrote a letter to E. M. S. and sent a copy to Dr. Durst. He told them that we had been promised that a unit would be stationed here by June of last year and we were again promised one by June of this year . We have heard nothing from them since. We would like an answer from them one way or the other, but so far he had heard nothing from either one. If we could know for sure that one was standing by there, it would be some protection. So far we have not been notified as to what the status of the unit is.

Alderman Meek said that he had read an article in the paper stating that Sullivan's Island had formally requested a unit be stationed there and that they had complete facilities for the unit's use at the fire department.

Mayor White said he would have no quarrel with this, if we could know this for sure. He would still like an answer to his letter.

Mayor White stated that he had a document that applied to the deeds restriction to the houses in the Forest Trail area. In there it states that the roads and easements belonged to the developer untill 2025. He would like for Attorney Guerard to study the document and see if there was anything in there that would be of help to the people in that area with their problems of road upkeep.

Mayor White reported that he had talked with Mr. Long the previous day and he had said that he felt like the people on the Isle of Palms weren't aware of what the state is requesting in their suit against him. He had sent him a letter and a complete copy of the state's complaint. Mr. Long had pointed out that his interpretation of the complaint was that if the state won, it would give them the right to open up the area in question to the general public for everything from picnics, fishing and boating to races. He pointed out a number of specific paragraphs to support his interpretation. He questioned whether the City of Isle of Palms would have any control over this area if the state won. He asked that Council give his letter any consideration they deemed appropriate.

Attorney Guerard stated that according to Mr. Long's letter apparently it was his contention that the suit was instituted solely by the Attorney General. If they recalled, Council had authorized him to write a letter to the Attorney General asking his assistance to stop the destruction of the sand dunes. He was not sure as to the date, but we could go back and check the minutes. As far as the rights he is speaking of, these rights exist now below mean high water mark. This is a substantial portion of the beach.

Mayor White stated that Mr. Long had called him about this matter once before and at that time, he asked for Council's consideration as to helping him. He was passing this along as information and would be glad to hear any comments from Council.

Alderman Jernigan stated that if he lived on the front beach, he would rather have another house in front of him, than a public park. He wasn't at all sure but that Mr. Long wouldn't retain ownership of the land.

Attorney Guerard said that the state did amend their suit and drop their allegation claiming ownership. He further stated that at the beginning, both he and Alderman Shaffer had pointed out that there was a possibility that we could create the situation that Mr. Long contends, now exists.

Alderman Shaffer said that he thought we should go back and review the minutes from these meetings as he couldn't remember the exact sequence.

Attorney Guerard stated that he wasn't sure what the extent of the authorization was.

Alderman Shaffer stated that at the time, he was concerned about the fact that sand was being scraped up and carried off the beach on what we understood was state owned property below high water mark. We were also concerned about the protection of the sand dunes and consequently, passed the dunes ordinances. So it might be well for us to go back and review what it was we asked the state to do. He didn't believe any of Council had in mind to ask the state to take any land from anybody. If it would serve any purpose for us to state this, he was in favor of doing so.

Alderman Jernigan said he felt like we might have to do this for the protection of all.

Attorney Guerard stated that Mr. Long had asked him to furnish him with a copy of any request that was made to the state in behalf of the city.

Alderman Shaffer said he didn't feel like the suit was brought as a direct result of the letter from Attorney Guerard. At the time, the Attorney General had been contacted by Mr. Arthur Howe and several other property owners.

Alderwoman Preston asked if the bench marks had been established.

Attorney Guerard said that they wanted to allow as much time as they could for them to run. The more data they have, the more accurate the marks will be. It had been a good while since he had had any contact with them. It might be a good idea to get in touch with them, since we seem to be going back into this matter.

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Alderman Shaffer asked if his statement was basically how everyone understood our position at the time.

Attorney Guerard stated that it was his understanding that Council basically wanted to stop the destruction of the sand dunes.

Mayor White stated that the night he called Attorney General McLeod to try to get some information or some guidelines from him for us to follow, he didn't get either one. The next day was when they came down and initiated the state's suit. He was sure that the decision was already made and that was the reason he couldn't get any answers from them.

Attorney Guerard asked Mrs. Passailaigue if she would go back and get copies of the minutes that pertained to this matter.

Mrs. Passailaigue said that copies of all minutes were in the permanent record book.

Attorney Guerard said he conferred with the individual Council members before writing the letter. We then had a meeting around the 8th of January. The injunction was signed prior to this, sometime between the 27th of December and January 1st.

Alderman Casey asked what was ever determined about the personal property taxes for the businesses on the island that were in question.

Alderman Shaffer stated that if he recalled correctly, as a result of our inquiry someone from the state tax commission came down to investigate.

Mayor White stated that he believed that if we checked back in the minutes, we would have no trouble determining the dates and action.

Attorney Guerard said he still wanted to go back and check the letter.

Alderman Casey asked what the status of the Sea Pines Property is at present, in so far as use by the public. It was his understanding that the camp ground was fenced in and could not be used.

Mayor White said that the Boy Scouts had been given permission to use this area several times, but to his knowledge, no one else had.

Alderman Casey said he had had reports that people were still going up there fishing, camping and having parties.

Mayor White said that since it was private property, any complaints would have to come from Sea Pines.

Alderman Casey asked if it wasn't the duty of the police to enforce the no trespassing.

Mayor White said that if people were caught in violation, he was sure they would, but he wasn't sure it was posted.

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Alderman Shaffer said he didn't think it was a direct obligation of the city to protect Sea Pines Property anymore than any other property on the island. From a practical standpoint, he wouldn't advise anyone to go ahead and use it.

Mayor White read a letter from Mrs. J. E. Spann, secretary of the Citizens for Dunes Protection, supporting any efforts of Council in regard to cleaning up the island, particularly the beaches. They also expressed their appreciation of Council's support of Mr. Branca's request to get help in the cleaning and beautification of the Forest Trail area.

There being no further business, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Passalunig
Marie S. Passalunig
Clerk of Council

J. Blair White
J. Blair White
Mayor

The regular meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held Wednesday, December 10, 1975 at 8:00 P. M.

In the absence of Mayor White, Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa presided. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

The roll was called by Clerk Passailaigue.

Those present: Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa, Alderwoman Preston, Alderman Dangerfield, Casey, Jernigan, and Meek, Attorney Guerard.

Those absent: Mayor White, Aldermen Avant and Shaffer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa introduced and welcomed the residents and other visitors to the meeting. He then called for the committee reports, starting with Alderman Dangerfield.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that Streets and Lights Dept. reports that the two lights approved for installation at the last council meeting, would be installed next week. Sanitation reports that the new truck approved at the last meeting, would be ready for delivery some time the next week.

Alderman Dangerfield reported that the Landscape Pavers Company, had purchased their business license and would start work on the Tennis Courts next week.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa asked Alderman Meek for a report from the Planning Committee.

Alderman Meek reported that the Planning Committee had had several meetings in regard to the purchase of the Water Company. Chairman Ron Hightower had appointed a sub-committee consisting of Alderman Meek, Jim Colcolough, and Will Walter, to meet with several firms and Mr. Jack Key of the Robinson Humphrey Company. Mr. Key had been very helpful in giving them information as to what areas to look and had supplied them with a report about the Goose Creek Water and Sewage plan and program, such as the municipal bonds. They met with three firms as a group and he had been contacted by Enright Associates, which is a firm located in Greenville with a branch recently opened in Summerville. This firm worked up the feasibility report for the City of Greenville. He had told the representatives that since they had gone so far with the other firms, they were not in a position to talk with them at this time. The first meeting was held on November 17th with the McCall Thomas Engineering Co. of Orangburg, S. C. They asked the company representative if they would be interested in conducting an asset evaluation and feasibility study on the Isle of Palms Water Co. for the purpose of determining whether or not it would be feasible for the Isle of Palms to consider purchasing the Water Co. One of the points discussed was the cost of the study. Mr. Thomas said it could be done for a few thousand dollars, he did not give a specific amount. The question came up of whether the Isle of Palms had ever asked the water company to supply the Isle of Palms with a full service of water treatment and sewage. According to the information we were able to get, this has not been done. We discussed the 208 Water Plan, which is the plan that was brought about when the government put into effect the clean water act. The cost and possible need for a water treatment plant was discussed. The impression we got from this meeting was that McCall Thomas was not very interested in making this study for us. However, they called Mr. Colcolough the next day and expressed

an interest in doing the study, but he still could not give us a cost figure.

The second meeting was with Davis & Floyd Engineering Co. They brought out some other points to be considered, such as the physical plant inventory, pipes, lines water pressure, water quality and quantity, growth projections, water consumption. We explained to them that we have no industry and have only our homeowners to depend on for business and therefore, should look into federal funding. They estimated the cost of this study to the city would be around 10 to 15 thousand dollars, but they would have to do it on a time-expense basis.

The 3rd meeting was held with Cummings and McCrady. Mr. McCrady stated that his company would do a revenue study, an asset evaluation and a feasibility study on the Water Co. and he would make a report to the city on whether the city could operate the water company profitably or not. The cost of this preliminary study to the city would be \$1,500.00. If this study showed that the city could operate at a profit and we decided to purchase the water company, he felt that the entire cost of the engineering study could be covered by a bond issue. If the study showed that we could not operate at a profit, we would only owe Cummings & McCrady \$1,500.00, even if it cost them more. They did the studies for Sullivan's Island, Mt. Pleasant and Georgetown. All three of the engineering firms had pointed out that the water supply as it now stands, even with the new well would not come up to the specs required under the 208 Plan. All of them agreed that a water treatment plant would cost between 400 thousand and one half million dollars. All of them were aware of our low water pressure and agreed that enlarging the lines might not be the answer. There could very well be a need for an additional elevated tank. Each of them felt that within 5 years we would be required to conform to the 201 Plan for sewage for the island. All of the firms felt that if the study showed the water to be a good investment, our best bet would be to look into the possibility of a bond issue to finance the study. This had been discussed with Jack Key. We as a municipality would stand a good chance for a government loan or grant to help with this purchase and the expansion. Private water companies are not eligible to apply for help from the government to meet the needs for expansion. The sub-committee had reported back to the full committee and it was their recommendation to Council that we accept the proposal of Mr. McCrady.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa reported that he had contacted the Regional Planning Board about the availability of money for a feasibility study. They recommended that we contact Mr. Brooks, at the State House in Columbia and apply for a \$2,000.00 technical grant. All this would take, was a letter from the mayor requesting the grant and we were almost assured of getting it.

Alderman Casey moved that we draft a letter to Mr. Brooks, requesting the grant and that we accept Mr. McCrady's proposal as recommended by the Planning Committee.

Alderman Dangerfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

After further discussion, Alderman Meek asked Mr. Jack Key, if he would like to address Council.

Mr. Key explained the precedure of purchasing the water company with municipal bonds. These bonds and their interest would be guaranteed by the revenue received from the water company, as they were of the opinion that it can be run at a profit. The rate of interest would be the going rate at the time of issue. You could float a bond issue to cover both the cost of the water system the engineering study, legal fees and other expenses, such as printing the bonds. It had been their experience that water-sewage systems if managed properly can produce enough profit to buy other equipment a city needs, such as new police cars and playground equipment. Another advantage to the residents for the city to own the system, would be that they could operate at lower rates. A city would be eligible for government help in financing any expansion, where a private firm wouldn't.

Alderman Meek asked what the additional fees would be that would be involved in the transaction.

Mr. Key stated that the fees involved would be the engineering study, you would need a qualified bond attorney, which would be Sinkler, Gibbs, Simons and Guerard, to give you a legal opinion as to the legality of the bond issue. You would have the actual cost of printing the bonds. There would be no fee from Robinson- Humphrey Company. They would buy the bonds at a cost and sell them to banks, individual investors and insurance companies at an increased price.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa, chairman of Ways & Means, reported that they had had several meetings with the committee chairmen concerning the new proposed budgets for the various departments for 1976. The requests so far were unrealistic, compared to the amount of revenue expected. The total requested for 1976 is \$295,000.00 compared to a total 1975 Budget figure of \$265,000.00. The projected income for the year is \$267,000.00. If you include the last revenue sharing check, which is due January 5th in the amount of 9,000.00; this would be a total of \$276,000.00, leaving you approximately \$20,000.00 short. Last year we included a \$10,000.00 contingency fund. If we did that this year, we would have a total proposed budget of \$305,000.00, with an approximately \$30,000.00 deficit in revenue. It is evident that there will have to be some drastic cuts in all departments. Ways and Means will have several more meetings to try to make the necessary cuts. The only other avenue of revenue left open to us, is the other 10 mills approved by the legislature for taxes. This would still not yeild enough revenue to make up the difference.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if the salary increase for city employees would be five per cent this year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa said that that was the figure being used in their meetings so far, but they would have to wait and see how the other figures added up and see where we could come up with the increased revenue needed.

He further stated that if there were no further questions on the budget, he had several letters that Mayor White had asked him to read to Council.

1. Letter from the Beach Company offering to lease the picnic area to the city for one dollar per year on a year to year basis, providing that the lease agreement stipulate that no prescriptive easement can be established for the public.

After a discussion by Council, it was decided to table the decision until the amount of tax revenue that would be lost to the City by this transaction, could be established.

2. Letter from Hollings, Hawkins and Morse, attorney's for the Vance Simmons Estate, in regard to the accident on Sullivan's Island involving Chief White responding to a general call from our police department; in which Mr. Simmons had been killed. They requested that we inform our insurance carrier of our possible liability.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa stated that he had not been satisfied with the cooperation of our accountants over the past year. They had not only held the books for a long perion of time creating problems for the city office, but were the last of October producing the semi-annual report. This was of little value to us this late in the year. They had held a sizable tax check for several months and when he went up there to get it, they had misplaced it and had trouble locating it. He realized that they were busy, but it seemed to be a continual put off. He recommended that Council consider changing to Sherman Yarborough Associates a firm that is held in high regard by the banks and the business community and are also located closer to us. He did not personally know Mr. Yarborough, but it was his understanding that he had had this account prior to Mr. Baker taking over. He stated that Mr. Meyer had done a good job the first year, but this past year he seemed to have over loaded himself to the point that he was too far behind to be of much help to us with his reports. He had discussed this at the Ways & Means meeting with Aldermen Jernigan and Shaffer and they were in agreement, but he would like to hear the veiws of other members of Council.

Aldermmand Meek stated that since they were the ones who had had to work with the auditor, he would be inclined to go along with their recommendation.

Mayor Pro -Tem Larosa stated that Mrs. Passailaigue had had to work with him too and he didn't know how she felt, but he thought there had been too much procrastination. He asked if she had any comments on either auditor.

Mrs. Passailaigue said that she wasn't here when Mr. Yarborough was auditor and she had no comments to add.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa said that if there was no further comments, Ways & Means would follow through and make arrangements with Mr. Yarborough. He would notify the present auditor of Council's decision.

Attorney Guerard informed Council that he had had a meeting with the attorney for Southern Bell concerning the zoning of the lot and the confirmation that they would be building a telephone exchange building on Harbor Oak some time after the first of the year.

Alderman Meek stated that since Alderman Avant was absent, he thought someone should make a report on the new police car that was being purchased.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa said he didn't have the exact figures at the moment.

Mrs. Passailaigue said that the car was to cost approximately \$4,900.00. Approximately \$3,900.00 would be paid for by a grant. They would get \$400.00 in trade for the old cruiser, leaving a balance of approximately \$550.00 for the city to pay. The car was to be ready for delivery the next day.

Alderman Dangerfield asked if this would be paid for this year or next.

Mrs. Passailaigue said she wasn't sure where the money for this car would come from nor for the truck for the sanitation department, he had ordered.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa said it would be paid for next year. We have a grant for \$3,776.00 for a car and any cost above this we are to pay. They gave us a \$400 trade-in allowance on the old car. The Police Committee had asked for \$4,800.00 for a car in the new budget. We increased this to \$5,500.00 to cover the \$550 difference and the entire \$4976.00 cost of the other new car that was purchased and is due to be paid for in January. This will be paid for out of the revenue sharing check that is coming in the first January.

Mrs. Passailaigue asked where the money for the Sanitation truck was to come from.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa said that that purchase had not been approved.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that Council had approved \$3,600.00 to purchase the truck at the last Council meeting and that it had been ordered and would be here in about a week. This was put in the 1975 Budget at the beginning of the year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa replied that he was correct, that the truck had been approved.

Alderwoman Preston asked if anyone had heard any more about the athletic complex.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa said that he had heard nothing further from them or here, but apparently Sullivan's Island had more or less rejected the idea. They seemed to feel as we do, that you would be better off putting that amount of money to work in your own recreation department, rather than take what is left over some place else.

Alderman Dangerfield stated that he thought it would be foolish to obligate yourself to pay out \$130,000 to build something in Mt. Pleasant when our own building was falling down.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larosa said that if we could find a way to purchase the land, that there would be federal money available to help finance the building. He suggested that we approach Mr. Way about this possibility.

Alderman Meek asked if anyone knew anything further about the Sea Pines Development plans.

Attorney Guerard said that he had heard two rumors, one that there might be a foreclosure and the other that the state was looking into the possibility of developing it into a state park. This last possibility would hurt us tax wise as well as put a traffic burden on the island. On the other hand, it might well speed up our getting the bridge built.

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There followed a discussion by Council as to the various ways this possibility would effect the island residents and the City Government.

Alderman Dangerfield asked that Attorney Guerard remind Mr. Way about the importance of giving the City a list of the names of the streets and the mileage of the streets that belong to them. They are trying to get some of them into the State Farm & Market Program. The deadline is December 31st. Any streets approved for this program would be brought up to state standards and maintained by them.

There being no futher business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie S. Passailaigue
Marie S. Passailaigue
Clerk of Council

Joseph M. Larosa
Mayor Pro-Tem

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Gulf Stream Dredging Company from further dune leveling, was filed by the Attorney General and signed by Circuit Judge Clarence Singletary.

Attorney Guerard stated that the events of the past several weeks had served to point out the fact that we have inadequate zoning laws and no sub-division regulations. The Charleston County Planning Board has been contacted and with their help, we are in the process of updating our zoning laws.

Attorney Guerard also reported that in the course of their investigation, they had learned that the Isle of Palms has no valid bench marks. The city engaged the services of an independent engineer, Herbert Niemyer, to check the available bench marks to ascertain that the beach ordinance had been adhered to by the dredging company. It was further reported that Mr. James Duke, Assistant Engineer with the State Water Resources Commission, along with a team from the National Oceanographic Administration had begun work on updating the bench marks on the front beach. An updated platt will be forthcoming.

Attorney Guerard concluded his remarks, by requesting that the citizens refrain from moving the markers on the beach, as this would be a hindrance to these men in completing their work. He further recommended that the petitions be directed to our state legislature.

Mayor White introduced Mr. Joe Riley, who as representative for a group on island residents, had asked to be heard in their behalf in regard to the sand dune leveling.

Mr. Riley first presented to the Mayor and Council, a petition with over 1000 signatures, protesting the destruction of the sea oats and sand dunes.

As one of the first points in his presentation, Mr. Riley asked that we consider ownership of the dunes. He brought to Council's attention a platt belonging to the Beach Company, that showed the island in 1927. At that time, it showed the high water mark along Ocean Blvd., running from 0 feet to 50 feet; in an irregular line. He submitted that the strip of land bulldozed, was accretion belonging to the public, as no taxes had been paid on it in 40 years. Therefore, the residents have a prescriptive easement to use this property as protection, recreation and enjoyment. Mr. Riley also stresses the fact that the sand dunes were vital to the island in case of a hurricane. He cited a case in point of Hurricane Hazel in 1955 when Garden City and Pawley's Island, with its natural barrier, survived almost intact.

Mr. Riley presented several recommendations for Council's consideration:

1. That the present zoning ordinance be amended to cover all the natural barrier.
2. That the strip of land extending up the beach, be zoned for conservation use.
3. That Council make every effort to have access to the beach re-opened.
4. That Council request that the General Assembly draft legislation to protect the dunes and beaches.

Mr. Riley concluded his remarks by further submitting that the Beach Company had created a nuisance and endangered the lives and property on the island by their actions. Therefore, they should be asked to take immediate steps to correct the situation by rebuilding the dunes and erecting fences to hold the sand. This should be planted with grasses and sea oats to keep the sand from blowing away.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Riley for coming and pledged City Council's full cooperation.

As Mr. Riley had asked that those attending remain after Council Meeting, for an additional meeting regarding the dunes, City Council adjourned and reconvened at City Hall to conclude their meeting.

Alderman Casey reported on the Beach Patrol and Control Board Meeting. The members had met and discussed the various ways and means at their disposal of stopping the sand removal from the beach. They also discussed the possibility of adopting the county zoning regulations.

Attorney Guerard reported to the Council on the immediate need of the island to establish valid bench marks. Work has begun on establishing these, producing a plat and having them certified. This work will take about 90 days.

Attorney Guerard stated that should the state injunction be dissolved, we stand a better chance in court now, as we have two government engineers, one state and one federal, who can testify in court that no one knows where mean high water mark is at present.

Attorney Guerard recommended that Council consider adopting the County Sub-division Regulations for future use.

Mr. Riley's recommendations were discussed by Council. This was followed by a lengthy discussion about amending the present sand dune ordinance.

Alderman Jernigan made a motion that we leave the ordinance as it is for the present.

Motion seconded by Alderman Meek.

Motion carried unanimously.

After much discussion, a motion was made and passed unanimously, to endorse the actions taken by City Attorney Guerard to date, and to support any further actions to bring our own suit for injunction should they become necessary.

Alderman Avant in his report on the Police Department, referred to a letter received from an island resident, who had some complaints against members of the department.

Alderman Meek made a motion that the complaints in this letter be referred to the Police Commission for some specific recommendations.

Motion seconded by Alderman Shaffer.

Motion carried.

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Alderman Avant reported the resignation of Jeff Sullivan from the Fire Department and that we are now accepting applications for a replacement.

Alderman Avant reported on a meeting held with Mr. Frank DeHaven concerning the radios for the police cars. This matter was tabled, until further information could be obtained from Mr. DeHaven.

Alderman Avant reported that Chief Thompson, at the request of the Police Committee, had obtained bids for some work that needed to be done on the police cars. The costs will be:

Screens for two police cars	\$150.00	\$300.00
Painting two cars green and white	200.00	400.00
Installing blue lights on cars	104.00 + 10.00	<u>114.00</u>
Total Cost		\$814.00

Alderman Meek made a motion that we have the screens made, paint the cars and have the lights installed.

Motion seconded by Alderman Casey.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Avant presented the need for replacing one police car with either a new one or a used one. Prices have been gotten from several car dealers on a new car. They range in price from \$4100.00 to \$4800.00. This will be discussed again at a later date.

Alderman Larosa gave a short report on Ways and Means.

Alderman Meek reported that his committee is still looking into ways to settle the disputed contract and construction of the tennis courts at the Isle of Palms Playground. This committee consists of Aldermen Jernigan, Shaffer and Meek.

Motion was made to go into excutive session, regular meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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