

January 24, 1995

COUNCIL CHAMBER

Regular Meeting.

January 24, 1995

The seventy-fifth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were mailed to the news media January 20, 1995. A notice of the meeting appeared in The Post and Courier January 22, 1995.

PRESENT

The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor, and Councilmembers Kinloch, Washington, Scott, Waring, Evans, Ader, Shirley, Stephens and Thomas -- 10.

Councilmembers Smythe and Ellington were ill and Councilmember Jefferson was home recuperating and unable to attend this meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilmember Kinloch.

The Mayor led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting began with the Mayor proudly recognizing the College of Charleston's Soccer Team. At his request, the Mayor was joined at the platform by the team members, their Coach (Coach Ralph Lundy), as well as the President of the College of Charleston (Judge Alex Sanders) and the College's Athletic Director (Jerry Baker).

The Mayor then made the following remarks:

RECOGNITION OF COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
SOCCER TEAM
JANUARY 24, 1995

Ask Coach Ralph Lundy and the C of C Soccer Team to come up to the platform.

REMARKS:

As a City, we are always proud of the accomplishments of the College of Charleston. But this year, I am sure all of you remember cheering for the College of Charleston Soccer Team when they made the NCAA postseason playoffs. We were so proud - this team was the first Soccer team to advance to the NCAA playoffs. The final game with UCLA was a real cliffhanger, with this fine team losing ONLY in the last minute. They represented the College and the City of Charleston well and we commend their outstanding efforts.

Coach Ralph Lundy is in his eighth season as head coach at the C of C and in 1991, he was inducted in the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association's Hall of Fame. As a college coach, he has been named South Carolina's Coach of the Year three times.

This team had a season record of 19 - 7. At the end of the season, they were ranked eighth in the Nation. They won the TAAC title for the second straight year.

Senior Chad Carithers scored 54 points, which ranked him 2nd in the nation in scoring. He played for the US National Team (World Cup Team) in December. Chad has been drafted

by Baltimore Spirit which is a National professional indoor soccer league AND he will play with the Olympic team in January.

In appreciation of all these accomplishments, we would like to present this plaque to Coach Lundy and his team.

(Present Plaque to Coach)

(Ask Coach if he or players would like to add anything)

Thank the Coach and team for such an exciting and well done season.

In appreciation for all the accomplishments of the College of Charleston's Soccer Team, the Mayor presented a plaque to Coach Lundy and his team on which the following was inscribed:

"MAYOR JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR. AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON RECOGNIZE WITH GREAT PRIDE THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON'S SOCCER TEAM AND COMMEND THE COUGARS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON OF NINETEEN WINS AND THEIR NCAA POST SEASON PLAY IN 1994. PRESENTED JANUARY 24, 1995."

A round of applause followed.

In his remarks of appreciation, Coach Lundy stated it was a tremendous honor to be able to coach at the College and to coach this amazing group of young men. He felt honored as well by City Council having him and the team at this meeting.

At the Mayor's invitation President Sanders addressed City Council. He began by recognizing Elizabeth Lundy, who he said, is an important part of the College of Charleston's family and was present at this meeting.

After a round of applause, President Sanders continued his remarks by saying that "values" is a popular topic. Sometimes, he said, he has a hard time understanding exactly what is meant by "values". He finally decided that "we have to define values by observing those in whom they reside." He did not believe the City or College could be better represented than they are by the young men who make up the College's Soccer Team in their devotion to duty, their courage, their integrity and their unselfishness on the playing field and off. "They truly represent the best and the brightest of the future of America. Just look at them -- they are as good as they look," he said.

President Sander's remarks were followed by a round of applause. The Mayor congratulated each member of the team, their coach, President Sanders and Athletic Director Baker as they left the platform.

Next, the Mayor made the following remarks:

The City of Charleston is fortunate to have some of the finest employees who work anywhere! One of our finest employees who works so hard and never wants any recognition is Mrs. Mary Wrixon, our Clerk of Council.

I have been informed by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks that Mrs. Wrixon has qualified for SECOND SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP in the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education. She is one of the few people in S. C. to attain this certification. What this means to the City is that we have one of the most qualified Municipal Clerks in the State and that she is

committed to maintaining a quality of excellence which is the highest standard she can achieve in her field.

We are very proud of Mrs. Wrixon and all her hard work. She is an example for all to follow and we thank her. I know that City Council feels the same.

A round of applause followed.

Next, on motion of Councilmember Shirley, the minutes of City Council's January 10, 1995 meeting were approved.

The Citizen Participation Period followed.

Bill Glover rose during this portion of the meeting to say the City of Charleston also has an employee worthy of recognition. An individual he has never met but with whom he had some business to transact a couple of weeks ago -- Mr. Luther F. Hughes, Zoning Enforcement Officer of the Department of Planning and Urban Development.

Mr. Glover described Mr. Hughes as "a man of his word". Through correspondence and over the telephone with Mr. Hughes, Mr. Glover said he was able to work out a situation. He explained he had come to this meeting to let the Mayor and City Council know that Mr. Hughes is a man of his word and is to be commended.

No one else indicated a desire to be heard. The Mayor declared the Citizen Participation Period concluded.

Next, the Mayor called attention to the following memorandum dated January 19, 1995 which he had written to the members of City Council:

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council

From: Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
Mayor, City of Charleston

Re: Neighborhood Development Corporation

Date: January 19, 1995

It is with pleasure that I announce the reorganization of the former Neighborhood Housing Services to the Charleston Neighborhood Development Corporation (CNDC). Special thanks and appreciation for their hard work on this initiative is extended to members Scott, Evans, Ellington and Washington. As you will recall these members of Council formed a special committee to study ongoing final needs for NHS. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors, the staff of NHS, Douglas W. Germroth and Merylin Jackson, Attorney Adelaide Myrick, and the staff of the Housing and Economic Development Department for their work and the numerous hours devoted to meetings to work out the details of the reorganization. The success of their efforts is evident in the commitment of \$110,000 to CNDC from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation. Their review and participation in this process thus far is summarized by the view that all the makings of a flagship neighborworks organization now appear to be in place -- an appropriate neighborhood, the beginning of a strong resource base, a core of committed staff, and talented committed leadership.

The Board of Directors at its January 18, 1995 meeting added yet another milestone by participating in a training sponsored by NRC and hiring Larry A. Singletary as its new Executive

Director. Larry is Charlestonian and a graduate of the Citadel. He holds a degree in Mathematics and Business Administration. Once again we congratulate members of Council and the Board of Directors for the outstanding job they have done in creating a new non-profit that will be both productive and responsive addressing neighborhood housing needs.

After directing attention to the last paragraph in his memorandum, the Mayor congratulated Mr. Larry A. Singletary, the new Executive Director of the Neighborhood Development Corporation, who stood to be recognized. Following a round of applause, the Mayor told Mr. Singletary that he looked forward to working with him.

Councilmember Thomas asked for information regarding the Neighborhood Development Corporation. The Mayor replied it had been the Neighborhood Housing Services and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, which is mentioned in the above memorandum. It is a national non-profit corporation that supports the Neighborhood Housing Services programs across America.

Councilmember Thomas asked if the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation's commitment of \$110,000 was a grant or a loan. L.O. Thompson, Director of the Department of Housing and Economic Development, replied it is a grant and will be \$100,000 for housing unit production and \$10,000 for administrative functions.

City Council next received the following report of the Arts and History Commission:

January 12, 1995

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON:

John Mayrant Greenfield has requested a plaque now in the City's possession, that honors his great, great, great grandfather John Mayrant, a Revolutionary War Naval hero. The plaque was installed on a gatepost near the entrance of the U.S. Naval Minecraft Base. This base once had its headquarters at West Point Rice Mill. The base was closed in 1960 and since that time the plaque has been in storage.

Mayrant was not a native of Charleston and lived here only eleven years as a boy. He was of no major significance to Charleston.

After careful deliberation the Commission recommends that City Council approve Mr. Greenfield's request.

deROSSET MYERS,
Chairman

The report was adopted on motion of Councilmember Stephens.

Councilmember Thomas suggested the City have a photograph made of the plaque before it is given away and that it be kept in the City's Archives Division. The consensus of City Council was that Councilmember Thomas' suggestion was a good one.

The following report of the Committee on Ways and Means was received:

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON:

The Committee on Ways and Means recommends that City Council act on each of the following matters as stated below:

1.) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) TITLE IX GRANT REVISIONS:

The Committee recommends that City Council approve the submission of, and authorize the Mayor to sign, a revised grant application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for \$1,250,000 in Title IX Defense Adjustment Funds. The City previously filed an application in September 1994 for \$1,023,750 in pass through funding for FUTREX, Inc. to construct a quarter scale model of a new type of rapid transit technology. EDA has agreed to make a grant to the City on the condition that the funding is returned by FUTREX, and used by the City for future economic development projects.

The application will be revised accordingly to include the following provisions:

- 1) The grant amount is increased by \$226,250.
- 2) The \$1,250,000 will be loaned to FUTREX on the condition that the full amount plus any interest accrued shall be repaid over a forty-two month period.
- 3) Four percent simple annual interest shall begin to accrue on the date of loan and shall be deferred until July 1, 1999. As of July 1, 1999, the amount owed shall be amortized at 9% interest which shall accrue until the final due date on December 31, 2003.
- 4) The loan shall be secured with the following collateral:
 - a) the quarter scale model and all related hardware, all shop drawings and specifications; and
 - b) a \$750,000 key man insurance policy on the president of the company or his successor(s) which names the City as sole beneficiary; and
 - c) a pledge agreement from FUTREX which guarantees unencumbrance of five existing patents unless approved by the City until the loan is repaid in full. In the event of default, the company will agree to assign these patents along with proceeds of any licensing agreements to the City to the extent of the outstanding debt of principle and interest.

The revisions to the grant are subject to EDA's approval of a subsequent loan agreement between the City and FUTREX. The company plans to begin construction of their quarter scale model as early as March of this year, which will create 22 temporary positions for employees displaced by the closure of the Charleston Naval Shipyard. Following construction of the quarter scale model, FUTREX intends to build a full scale prototype within two years, which would create employment opportunities for up to 200 individuals. If these efforts are successful, full production status is expected as early as the year 1998, which could provide permanent employment opportunities to over 2,000 individuals in the Charleston area.

2.) CHARLESTON VISITOR CENTER: SIGNAGE AND EXHIBIT DESIGNER - \$20,000:

The Committee recommends that City Council approve, and authorize the Mayor to sign, the design proposal from Lyons and Zaremba, the original exhibit designers for the Charleston Visitor Center, in the amount of \$20,000. The design contract will be finalized by the City's Legal Department. This project was budgeted for 1995 and funds will come from Account # CA 565 52Y2, Visitor Center Professional and Service Contracts.

The Charleston Visitor Center has been open for three and one-half years. The facility has been an outstanding success with visitors and residents as well, and the revenue generated in the Center has consistently paid for its operation. However, as in any facility, periodic updates are needed from time to time.

In particular, some of the signage and several displays need updating to correspond with changes in the transit system and tour departure locations. The Visitor Planning area needs some modifications to accommodate an expansion in the services offered and to allow the staff to more efficiently serve visitors. The gift shop at the Visitor Center was not part of the original design, but it is extremely important in generating revenues to offset operating costs. A redesign that is in keeping with the Center's theme and architecture will increase profitability and improve the appearance of the area.

- 3.) BEST FRIEND MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP - \$4,424: The Committee recommends that City Council approve the bid from Brason Construction Company in the amount of \$4,424 to construct railroad tracks in the courtyard of the Best Friend Museum. The Committee also recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

This project could not be bid competitively because there are no other railroad track contractors in this region, and this project is too small to solicit bids from outside the region.

The City has been notified that it will receive a \$16,000 ISTE A grant award for this project. The 20% match for this grant was budgeted in 1994 and reserved for 1995. Approval of this bid was made contingent upon acceptance of the ISTE A grant.

The Best Friend Museum and Gift Shop is open to the public and is expected to be very successful. The Parks Department believes, for maximum, financial success, railroad tracks should be built in front of the Engine House that houses the Best Friend replica train, so that the engine, tender and one of the passenger cars can be pulled out of the building for display daily. The Parks Department also plans to landscape the courtyard around the train and make some modifications to allow for handicapped access.

- 4.) 823 MEETING STREET (FORMERLY COCA COLA BUILDING) - CHANGE ORDER #1 - ROOF REPAIRS - \$3,480: The Committee recommends that City Council approve, and authorize the Mayor to sign, Change Order No. 1 for roof repairs at 823 Meeting Street, New Parks Department Headquarters (formerly the Coca Cola Building), from MSC Roofing in the amount of \$3,480. This will result in a revised contract amount of \$26,630. Funds will come from Account # COP RF 5419.

These changes cover the installation of additional scupper boxes and downspouts and a roof skylight, which were not included in the scope of the original contract. The Department of Parks had reviewed the costs, found them to be fair and reasonable, and recommended approval.

- 5.) CONSERVATION OF THE DEFENDERS OF FORT SUMTER MONUMENT AT WHITE POINT GARDENS - \$39,700: The Committee recommends that City Council approve, and authorize the Mayor to sign, the contract with Kwart Conservation of New York in the amount of \$39,700 for the conservation of the *Defenders of Fort Sumter Monument at White Point Gardens*. Funds will come from Account # SR FTS 5419 and are from a maintenance endowment established for this monument when it was built.

This important sculpture is in need of cleaning, recaulking, grouting and bronze restoration and patinization, both to restore its appearance and to insure its long term preservation. The Department of Parks advertised and solicited proposals, interviewed two

conservators, and they recommend Kwart Conservation for this sensitive and specialized project.

- 6.) NEW FLOOR FOR CITY GYM - \$36,200: The Committee recommends that City Council approve a new floor system for the City Gym from Sport Court and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract in an amount not to exceed \$36,200. Funds will come from Account # GF555-53J9.

Sport Court is the sole manufacturer of this type of flooring. This floor normally costs approximately \$42,000. A savings of approximately \$6,000 will result by utilizing a floor that will be used only over a ten day period by the S.C. Independent School State Basketball Tournament in Sumter. The Department of Parks will be able to choose color and pattern and may be able to negotiate the price downward.

The existing parquet floor at the City Gym is at the end of its useful life. The floor has been sanded down so much by previous refinishing efforts that it will not sustain another re-sanding. Efforts at refurbishment by buffing and waxing last year proved to be unsatisfactory and short lived. In addition, the floor is a safety liability because it does not afford sufficient traction for players.

The Department of Parks researched remedies for this problem and found that a modular, synthetic polymer floor, as manufactured by Sport Court Athletic Flooring of Salt Lake City, offers the best solution. This floor is a plastic interlocking grid that will lay down directly over the existing floor. The system has been installed at facilities of Richland County PRC, the City of Columbia, and the Florence and Spartanburg school districts. It comes highly recommended by these users.

OFFERS ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY ON MCMILLAN AVENUE, GREENWAY PROPERTY (WEST ASHLEY), AND ALEXANDER STREET: The City does not own the property on McMillan Street so there is no action to take on this matter.

Greenway Property: The City cannot sublease this property under the present lease agreement with CPW, the owners. On recommendation of the Committee on Real Estate, the Committee on Ways and Means recommends that City Council authorize staff to pursue negotiations with CPW to see if some agreement could be reached so this piece of property can be put to useful purpose.

28-1/2 Alexander Street: This is the pink house discussed at the last meeting. The Committee on Ways and Means recommends that City Council give first reading to an ordinance to approve the sale of this property.

CONSIDER A COUNTER PROPOSAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON AVIATION AVENUE: On recommendation of the Committee on Real Estate, the Committee recommends that City Council authorize staff to pursue negotiations for a purchase option on this property. Requests for proposals had been put out last fall. The offers were far below the appraised value. The offer now under consideration is within the neighborhood of the appraised value.

USE OF A PARCEL OF LAND FOR A PARK SITE IN FOUR MILE NEIGHBORHOOD: On recommendation of the Committee on Real Estate, the Committee recommends that City Council authorize staff to continue looking into this parcel of land as a park site. There are some possible complications, perhaps ground contamination. This is for information at this time.

SALE OF 24 COOPER STREET: Council had passed an ordinance in October 1994 approving the sale of this piece of property at a price of \$75,000. This turned out to be an unrealistic figure, and the value, on reappraisal, came back at \$64,100.

The Committee, on recommendation of the Committee on Real Estate, recommends sale of the property to the buyers, Mark and Alisha Gibbons, at the appraised value of \$64,100. The Committee further recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to sign an ordinance approving the sale at \$64,100 and repealing the previous ordinance (1994-340).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS WITH: The Committee recommends City Council approve the following Community Development Contracts:

SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Funding in the amount of \$40,000 to this non profit organization is to provide a portion of the acquisition cost of property on Johns Island. The Catholic Sisters of Charity will provide funds for the construction of approximately six homes for families interested in homeownership opportunities.

THE HUMANITIES FOUNDATION: - Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is for administrative costs associated with operation of the nonprofit organization. A contract was executed in September 1994 in the amount of \$50,000 for administrative costs. The Humanities Foundation will develop affordable housing opportunities in Charleston. Councilmember Thomas requested The Humanities Foundation, when working on the development of affordable housing opportunities, carefully consider the saturation of any neighbors. He said there have been complaints that some neighborhoods had been taking a greater burden, and that should be taken into consideration.

CHARLESTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Funding in the amount of \$42,000 is to support the administration of the Charleston Bank Consortium. Ms. Nancy Fabian has been hired to assume the duties of the Program Administrator which include working as a liaison between the member banks and families that are interested in purchasing or rehabilitating a home. Charleston Affordable Housing has agreed to act as the fiscal agent until the Charleston Bank Consortium establishes administrative procedures.

The Committee further recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City.

W. L. STEPHENS, JR., Chairman
MAURICE WASHINGTON
BRENDA C. SCOTT
LOUIS WARING
YVONNE D. EVANS
MARY R. ADER
LARRY D. SHIRLEY
JOHN D. THOMAS, M.D.
JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR., Mayor

The report was adopted on motion of Councilmember Stephens.

The following resolution was adopted on motion of Councilmember Scott:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS economic development in the City of Charleston is an objective of the City and this resolution affirms our commitment to such development for the welfare of the citizens of Charleston; and

WHEREAS the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Title IX Defense Conversion Adjustment Program offers assistance to those who have suffered economic loss

from incidents such as the closure of the Charleston Naval Base, the Charleston Shipyard, and the Charleston Defense Depot; and

WHEREAS in order to provide assistance for redevelopment on the Charleston area economy, some form of job relocation assistance plan must be enacted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Charleston shall apply for \$1,250,000 in federal funding from the Economic Development Administration in order to make a loan to FUTREX Corporation for funding of research and development activities related to the System 21 passenger rail technology which will create new jobs for workers dislocated by the closure of the Charleston Naval Shipyard. This funding shall be used to construct a quarter scale model of the rail technology.

BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED THAT the City of Charleston will require FUTREX to repay the loan according to terms initiated in an agreement between the two parties. Furthermore, the funds repaid to the City will be used for future economic development projects which will be approved by the EDA at a later date.

ADOPTED THIS 24TH day of January, 1995

SIGNED:

JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR., Mayor
City of Charleston

ATTEST:

MARY R. WRIXON,
Clerk of Council

On motion of Councilmember Thomas first reading was given to bills entitled:

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON TO EXECUTE A DEED AND CONVEY 24 COOPER STREET (TMS# 459-06-01-003) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON TO MARK A. GIVENS AND ALICIA F. GIVENS FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$64,100.00, AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 1994-340.

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON TO EXECUTE A DEED AND CONVEY 28-¹/₂ ALEXANDER STREET (TMS# 458-01-02-001) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON TO ROY A. SAWYER FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$55,000.00.

Next on the agenda was a report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities. Councilmember Washington, Vice Chairman, reported that the Public Works and Utilities Committee postponed today's meeting until the second Tuesday in February (February 14th). There was not a quorum present for this date's meeting. He expressed the hope there would be a quorum at the committee's next meeting.

Councilmember Shirley noted a list of the Mayor's 1995 appointments to Standing Committees had been placed on each Councilmember's desk. He observed that Councilmember Waring was being appointed Mayor Pro Tem for 1995 and said he looked forward to Councilmember Waring serving as Mayor Pro Tem. Also, he expressed the hope that someday he can be Mayor Pro Tem and while the time was not now for him, he looked forward to getting a few job assignments, as he liked to represent the City when he could.

In addition, Councilmember Shirley stated he has enjoyed serving on all of the committees to which he has been appointed. One of the more interesting is the Committee on Traffic and Transportation which gets to make decisions involving movies that are being filmed in the City. A thought he wished to offer, he said, was that perhaps next year the Mayor could send a questionnaire to the Councilmembers which would give them the opportunity to say which committee they would like to be on, which they would like to Chair, Vice Chair or maybe not Chair, so they could move around and get a little more experience.

The Mayor thought Councilmember Shirley's idea was good. He said the appointments to Standing Committees are usually made after elections or after a term. Whether he will have any part in that he did not know, but it was a good idea and he felt certain the Clerk will remind whoever is here to do that.

Councilmember Stephens commended the Mayor for the timeliness of the appointments. Sometimes, he said laughingly, it is late spring when they are made.

Next on the agenda were eleven (11) bills up for second reading. On motion of Councilmember Thomas, the eleven bills received second reading. They passed second reading on motion of Councilmember Evans and third reading on motion of Councilmember Ader. On the further motion of Councilmember Stephens the rules were suspended and the eleven bills were immediately ratified as:

Ratification
Number 1995-1

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2228 WESTCHESTER DRIVE, 736 SAVAGE ROAD, 2236 BURRIS ROAD, 2267 BURRIS ROAD, 736 EAST WESTCHESTER DRIVE, 2229 AND 2231 NORTH WESTCHESTER DRIVE (31.45 ACRES) (TMS# 310-03-00-014, 016, 028, 029, 036, 039, 044 AND 045), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-386), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described properties shall become a part thereof:

2228 Westchester Drive, 736 Savage Road, 2236 Burris Road, 2267 Burris Road, 736 East Westchester Drive, 2229 and 2231 North Westchester Drive (31.45 acres) (TMS# 310-03-00-014, 016, 028, 029, 036, 039, 044 and 045)

Section 2. That the said parcels of land described above shall be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-2

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2440 SPRING GARDEN STREET (0.25 ACRE) (TMS# 309-14-00-025), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-387), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

2440 Spring Garden Street (0.25 acre) (TMS# 309-14-00-025)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-3

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2431 SPRING GARDEN STREET (0.25 ACRE) (TMS# 309-14-00-035), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-388), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

2431 Spring Garden Street (0.25 acre) (TMS# 309-14-00-035)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-4

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2260 NORTH DALLERTON CIRCLE (0.25 ACRE) (TMS# 310-07-00-022), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON

OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-389), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

2260 North Dallerton Circle (0.25 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-022)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-5

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2203 NORTH DALLERTON CIRCLE (0.25 ACRE) (TMS# 310-07-00-033), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-390), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

2203 North Dallerton Circle (0.25 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-033)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-6

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2582 MORNING DOVE LANE (0.25 ACRE) (TMS# 355-05-00-064), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-391), BE ZONED CANTERBURY WOODS - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (CW-PUD) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

2582 Morning Dove Lane (0.25 acre) (TMS# 355-05-00-064)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Canterbury Woods - Planned Unit Development (CW-PUD) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-7

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2594 MORNING DOVE LANE (0.25 ACRE) (TMS# 355-05-00-067), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-392), BE ZONED CANTERBURY WOODS - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (CW-PUD) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

2594 Morning Dove Lane (0.25 acre) (TMS# 355-05-00-067)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Canterbury Woods - Planned Unit Development (CW-PUD) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-8

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2607 MORNING DOVE LANE (0.25 ACRE) (TMS# 355-05-00-130), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-393), BE ZONED CANTERBURY WOODS - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (CW-PUD) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

2607 Morning Dove Lane (0.25 acre) (TMS# 355-05-00-130)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Canterbury Woods - Planned Unit Development (CW-PUD) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-9

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 164 RIVERLAND DRIVE (0.25 ACRE) (TMS# 343-05-00-082), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-394), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

164 Riverland Drive (0.25 acre) (TMS# 343-05-00-082)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-10

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 311 AND 308 PAGELAND ROAD; 347, 2048 AND 2050 CHERAW DRIVE (1.25 ACRE) (TMS# 343-11-00-007, 033, 034, 035 AND 036), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-395), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

311 and 308 Pageland Road; 2048 and 2050 Cheraw Drive (1.25 acre) (TMS# 343-11-00-007, 033, 034, 035 and 036)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratification
Number 1995-11

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT PROPERTY APPROXIMATELY 72 FEET TO THE NORTH AND 206 FEET TO THE WEST OF THE CORNER OF WALLACE SCHOOL ROAD AND HIGHWAY 61 (1 ACRE) (TMS# 351-10-00-066 AND 093), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON OCTOBER 25, 1994 (#1994-396), BE ZONED LIMITED BUSINESS (LB) CLASSIFICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston be, and the same hereby is amended, by changing the zone map thereof so that the below described property shall become a part thereof:

Property approximately 72 feet to the north and 206 feet to the west of the corner of Wallace School Road and Highway 61 (1 acre) (TMS# 351-10-00-066 and 093)

Section 2. That the said parcel of land described above shall be zoned Limited Business (LB) classification.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments to Standing Committees for 1995:

CITY OF CHARLESTON

1995

STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>MAYOR PRO TEM</u>		LOUIS WARING
<u>WAYS & MEANS</u>	CHAIRMAN	W. L. STEPHENS, JR.
	VICE CHAIRMAN	JEROME KINLOCH
<u>PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES</u>	CHAIRMAN	LIGURE ELLINGTON, JR.
	VICE CHAIRMAN	MAURICE WASHINGTON W. L. STEPHENS, JR. HILDA HUTCHINSON-JEFFERSON
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	CHAIRMAN	JEROME KINLOCH

	VICE CHAIRMAN	YVONNE EVANS LIGURE ELLINGTON, JR. HENRY B. SMYTHE, JR.
<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</u>	CHAIRMAN	MAURICE WASHINGTON
	VICE CHAIRMAN	BRENDA C. SCOTT JEROME KINLOCH LARRY D. SHIRLEY HENRY B. SMYTHE, JR. LOUIS WARING
<u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION</u>	CHAIRMAN	BRENDA C. SCOTT
	VICE CHAIRMAN	LARRY D. SHIRLEY MARY R. ADER MAURICE WASHINGTON
<u>SPECIAL FACILITIES</u>	CHAIRMAN	HILDA HUTCHINSON-JEFFERSON
	VICE CHAIRMAN	LOUIS WARING MARY R. ADER JOHN D. THOMAS LIGURE ELLINGTON, JR. MAURICE WASHINGTON
<u>HUMAN RESOURCES</u>	CHAIRMAN	MARY R. ADER
	VICE CHAIRMAN	MAURICE WASHINGTON W. L. STEPHENS, JR. LARRY D. SHIRLEY LOUIS WARING
<u>RECREATION</u>	CHAIRMAN	LARRY D. SHIRLEY
	VICE CHAIRMAN	JOHN D. THOMAS JEROME KINLOCH BRENDA C. SCOTT

<u>REAL ESTATE</u>	CHAIRMAN	JOHN D. THOMAS
	VICE CHAIRMAN	HILDA HUTCHINSON-JEFFERSON
		BRENDA C. SCOTT YVONNE D. EVANS
<u>LICENSE</u>	CHAIRMAN	YVONNE D. EVANS
	VICE CHAIRMAN	HENRY B. SMYTHE, JR. MARY R. ADER LOUIS WARING
<u>SMALL CLAIMS</u>	CHAIRMAN	HENRY B. SMYTHE, JR.
	VICE CHAIRMAN	LIGURE ELLINGTON, JR. W. L. STEPHENS, JR. JOHN D. THOMAS
<u>WATER SUPPLY</u>	CHAIRMAN	MAYOR JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR.
	VICE CHAIRMAN	W. L. STEPHENS, JR.

The Mayor noted the appointments included naming Councilmember Waring as Mayor Pro Tem for 1995.

On motion of Councilmember Ader, seconded by Councilmember Evans, City Council voted to adopt the Standing Committee appointments.

The Mayor stated at City Council's next meeting a plaque will be presented to the outgoing Mayor Pro Tem (Councilmember Evans) to recognize and thank her for her wonderful, dedicated, sacrificial, hard work and service to the City.

Councilmember Evans stated that while City Council was busy praising employees she wanted to mention that when she was performing as Mayor Pro Tem at a function the previous day, a number of Naval personnel from this area were present. The Commandant from the Coast Guard was praising the City of Charleston's Fire Chief Russell "Rusty" Thomas, she said, and he could not say enough good things about Chief Thomas. He added that the Coast Guard works closely with Chief Thomas and the Fire Department, and in his opinion the Fire Chief and his department are exceptionally competent.

The Mayor congratulated Chief "Rusty" Thomas who was present at this meeting.

A recess was declared at about 6:30 p.m.

The televised broadcast of the Mayor's State of the City Address commenced at 7:30 p.m. The following is the Mayor's State of the City Address:

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
MAYOR JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1995

Good evening. I am pleased to report on the state of your city and in doing so, I wish to begin by thanking you for as it has been said, "Houses make a town, but citizens make the city." It is you, the citizens of this community, who make Charleston such a special place.

Our first priority is your safety. I am proud to report that serious crime decreased last year by 11%. For the past several years our crime rate has continued to come down. This is a tribute to Chief Greenberg and the men and women of our Police Department. We continue to make funding for public safety our first budgetary priority. Last year, we added 26 police officers to our department.

We just received a federal grant providing 8 additional police officers, who primarily will be assigned to schools where they are needed. We will be working closely with our School Board to make sure that our schools are safe.

Our police department has a number of initiatives already aimed at helping our young and reducing juvenile crime. Our truant program is one of the few and one of the most successful in America. Chief Greenberg's Operation Midnight program is equally successful. Working with parents of young people, we take children home if they are out on the street after midnight if that is their parents' wishes.

Our General Assembly is taking steps long overdue to address the structural problems of our criminal justice system. They are considering a truth-in-sentencing bill that will eliminate parole for violent offenders. This is long overdue.

Russell Thomas, Jr. leads our fire department. He is doing an outstanding job. Last year, the brave men and women of our fire department responded to 3,750 calls for service. In so many instances, their speedy and efficient response prevented serious property damage and more important, their actions saved considerable lives. Fire losses in the city fell by 50% last year.

Two new fire stations will be constructed this year. One is to replace the existing very small fire station on James Island at the corner of Maybank Highway and Folly Road. On this location, a modern, efficient fire station will be constructed that will also accommodate a police substation and a community room. A similar facility will be constructed on John's Island on Bohicket Road near Maybank Highway.

Over 200 years ago, Charleston founded our nation's first orphanage, responding to the needs of the time for parentless children who had lost their parents through illness or accident at a young age.

Today, Charleston has a different problem. It is not caused by the death of young fathers and mothers. Rather it is caused by there being no marriage, no father at home, and the mother being incapacitated because of her youth, poverty, alcohol or drug abuse, or many other circumstances. We are a community and a nation increasingly failing our children. Whose responsibility is this? It is ours. Certainly it is the responsibility of the father and mother first. But

if they are not there, either because of immaturity, inability, abandonment or neglect, then we have the frequent reality of the child in America today. We have a crisis on our hands in our city and in our country. It is the crisis of our young and it is, therefore, a crisis of our future. This is why we created the Commission on Children 5 years ago. It is a most wonderful group of dedicated people, and last year they hired a splendid executive director, Dr. Maxine Martin. Working with our Commission on Children, we have declared 1995 to be the Year of the Child in Charleston. We were a national leader 200 years ago in providing our country's first orphanage. Let's be a national leader again in showing how we care for our children. Our motto is an African proverb, "It takes an entire village to raise a single child."

And I am asking all of you in our village, our community, to help. I call upon your sense of citizenship--a renewed spirit of community. And I will be asking our religious organizations to formally be involved.

The greatest single predictor for success in any child's life is the consistent presence of a caring adult. And so many of our children don't have this. They need a mentor, someone who cares, a role model, someone to inspire them, to be a friend, to give hope, to share successful experiences, and more. We have long waiting lists in our community of children who need mentors, and the waiting list would be even longer but for despair that prevents them from asking for help. Tonight, I ask Charleston to be America's best mentoring community, and I ask each church and religious organization to set up a mentoring committee and encourage your parishioners through this committee to volunteer to help mentor a child. To make it easy for you, we have a brand new telephone number--577-CARE. (577-2273) Our Children's Commission will help connect you with agencies and organizations that badly need mentors. If every child in Charleston who needed a mentor had one, we would be saving a generation of young people. And I'm not asking you to do something I won't do. I will volunteer to be a mentor, too.

A very serious problem that we don't like to face is teen-age pregnancy. It is not easy to discuss, it is difficult to solve. When we do discuss it, most all of the discussion centers around how to prevent teen-age pregnancy, and there are many things that can be done from preaching abstinence, just saying no, sex education, welfare reform, education, horizon-building, and more. But while we are discussing and wrestling with the challenge of preventing teen-aged pregnancies, we are doing very little about the reality of it. What happens in a community when a child has a child? What happens when a 14-year-old without a husband has a baby? I'll tell you what happens: the odds are that that baby born is someone who is going to spend a life in poverty, a likely candidate to be a school dropout, and live a life of failure and often crime.

Society knows how hard it is to be a good parent nowadays. When there are two parents at home supporting each other, working daily, regularly at being good parents, it still is not easy. It requires all of our intellect, our courage and our wisdom. We must learn to say no, to set high standards, give all of our love, be willing to be unpopular, and so much more. How can a 14-year-old, someone who is not yet even near an adult, who hasn't graduated from high school, who doesn't have a partner to support her--how can she possibly help her child successfully negotiate that child's youth alone? That is the greater tragedy of teen-age pregnancy--the tragedy of the child and the dim prospects of that child's life. We can do something about it in Charleston and, in fact, we must. Let's resolve to be a national leader in this as well.

Tonight, I set a city goal of having every unwed teen-aged mother who needs a mentor, who needs a friend, who needs a family to support her, our goal is that she receive it. Some young mothers won't need it; they have their own extended family of parents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters. But where it doesn't exist, we need to become mentors to these teenage unwed mothers and their children to help them with parenting skills, to help them get back to

school, to help them complete their education, to help their child achieve early childhood education and guidance, to be that caring adult that they need. Tonight, I am asking each of our churches to form a teenage pregnancy committee as well, and that this committee, working with our Children's Commission, would seek to adopt or assist a teenage mother and her child. Our goal, of course, is to have a society where children are not born to unmarried teenagers. We must devote our energies to preventing this, but as long as children are being born to children, we have work to do. Remember the telephone number, 577-CARE. And churches and synagogues, you'll be hearing from me.

Another initiative of the Year of the Child will be to get the guns out of the hands of our children. Zero tolerance of guns in the hands of underaged people must be our motto in Charleston. First of all, it is against the law. Anyone under 21 years of age cannot legally possess a handgun, and yet many do. This past year, two young people who just turned 17, shot at each other with handguns with young people in their presence. It was a miracle several children weren't killed. There is too much of this in our community, and we all must resolve to stop it. Everyone must be involved. If anyone has any information about underaged people having possession of handguns, they can call this number, you will remain anonymous. The number is 554-1111. This is not a time for the slapping of wrists or the simple confiscation of the gun--they must be punished. I call on every magistrate, our solicitors, family court judges, circuit court judges, our police departments, all to enforce to make sure that those who illegally possess handguns are made to pay a penalty. We must stop children from killing children.

Our Year of the Child will have a host of initiatives. And I ask you to challenge me and your city government to tell us what more we can do to help our children.

We are very proud that we have brought our tax rate down. Since 1990, it has come down by 35%. The Local Option Sales Tax enabled this to happen, as well as frugal budgetary management and, in the instance of this past year, cuts in our budget to make sure no tax increase was necessary. We have reduced our dependence on property taxes from 55% of our budget down to 41%.

This year, we have a very special opportunity to achieve property tax reform in our state. Our General Assembly will be discussing a number of initiatives that will allow for the reduction of property taxes. I will be working closely with the members of our local Legislative Delegation and the General Assembly to help get the best package through.

We have a number of important construction projects that are underway or will be underway this year. I would like to quickly review them with you. The Highway 61 Connector will be open in December and the Highway 61 Parkway will be open in September. These projects will be greatly welcomed.

I will be co-chairing with Mayor Woods-Flowers of Mt. Pleasant a Committee to recommend steps needed to be taken to replace the Grace Bridge. We don't have any time to waste.

This year, we achieved substantial completion of the Highway 17 Ardmore Drainage project. Our creation of the Stormwater Drainage Utility last year has proven to be a huge success. This past year, we cleared more than 62.3 miles of ditches, a 50% increase over the previous year, and cleaned over 1,900 catch basins. We are working with the county on major drainage improvements, including the Willow Walk area on James Island and the Shadow Woods neighborhood West of the Ashley. Also underway is the East Bay/Calhoun Street drainage project. We are working at a more aggressive pace to attack the century-old problem of drainage in the Lowcountry.

As a part of the Year of the Child, we are working to improve every playground in our city. We also will be adding new ones and new facilities. You see a rendering of the Master Plan for the West Ashley park to be under construction this year. We also will be making substantial additional improvements to the James Island Recreation Complex and the Johns Island Park and creating Sunrise Park and Honeyhill Park on James Island.

Last year, when we opened the James Island Recreation Center Playground, we invited the children to place their handprints in the fresh concrete as a reminder that the park belongs to them.

Our Central Business District continues apace in its revitalization. In three weeks, we will have the groundbreaking for the construction of a Saks Fifth Avenue Department Store on King Street.

Many new businesses joined King Street this year further attesting to its amazing vitality and growth. Ann Taylor, a nationally prominent retailer, cast its lot with our downtown as did Alice's Restaurant, located on King just south of Mary Street. These are but two of many successful businesses now thriving on a street that 20 years ago many had given up for lost.

The Francis Marion Hotel's complete restoration will begin this year, as will the construction of a parking facility by the City of Charleston immediately adjacent to the hotel. The renovated Old Citadel, to be an Embassy Suites Inn in conjunction with the Camden Station redevelopment and the Visitor's Center, are exciting parts of the restoration of our city north of Calhoun Street. In fact, we have recently completed, have underway or planned, over \$200 million worth of investment planned in the Calhoun Street area. Of great excitement is the Charleston Music Hall that will be located in a handsome addition adjacent to the old Camden Station. The Visitor's Center parking facility is nearing completion. It will have a beautifully landscaped interior atrium.

We were so proud this year to welcome Southern Bell headquarters back to its original home, the City of Charleston.

Just as we worked hard to restore our historic Central Business District, so must we help revitalize our older suburban shopping centers. We are excited about working with the owners of South Windermere Center. One of our area's first centers, we believe it has a great future.

Our School Board and the City of Charleston worked together to put the first piece of the Calhoun Street Beautification and Revitalization Plan into place with this wonderful new public building. In conjunction with the handsome parking facility behind it, it adds greatly to the attractiveness of Calhoun Street, and the parking facilities make patronage at the Gaillard Auditorium even more convenient. Across the street, Charleston County has begun construction of its new main library on land donated by the City of Charleston.

The Charleston Maritime Center will house members of our shrimp and fish fleet. This facility will also have very important public events docks that will allow for events like the successful BOC Race that began in Charleston this year. This has brought world-wide publicity to our city.

We expect to begin construction on the South Carolina Aquarium in late spring. Ten-thousand marine animals, all a part of the Southern Appalachian Watershed, from the mountains to the Gulf Stream, will be presented in an exciting and moving way. Also, it will have a \$500 million impact on our economy in its first 5 years of operation. And all state school groups will be admitted free.

The piledriving has already been completed for the new Charleston Baseball Park that will be built on the shores of the Ashley River. It has been beautifully designed and I am confident will become one of our community's most popular facilities.

Across the street from the baseball park, we will begin construction this year of a much-needed addition to the Charleston Police Department building.

The annexation of Daniel Island gave this old and historic city an important part of the future. It is our Louisiana Purchase. This year, Daniel Island will have its first office building. Health Source has begun construction of a 52,000 square foot building that will be their South Carolina headquarters. Daniel Island will add more than \$2 Billion to our tax base.

The city's annexation of the St. Andrew's Public Service District continues apace. Last year, we annexed \$40 million in property and most significantly, the Commissioners of Public Works agreed to take over the operations of the St. Andrew's Public Service District sewer system. To the residents of the St. Andrew's Public Service District, it means all the more reason to annex into the City of Charleston. Residents of the City of Charleston pay substantially lower water and sewer bills than residents of the St. Andrew's Public Service District.

The city is studying all feasible avenues of privatization. This past year, we entered into a master lease for the Charleston Municipal Marina and had previously done so with the Rice Mill Building located at the Marina. The private sector, with its entrepreneurial skill, is making these facilities even greater community assets and the taxpayers of the City of Charleston are going to get a good return on these facilities.

Spoletto Festival U.S.A. had another successful year. It has successfully negotiated challenging fiscal times and we are looking forward this year to our best festival ever. The program is outstanding.

We are so proud of MOJA Festival, which is held every October, and this year was very special indeed.

Charleston's international prominence continues to grow. Last year, we were one of the few cities in America visited by the Emperor and Empress of Japan. Of course, all of our hearts go out to the people of Kobe with their incredible suffering. If you would like to assist them, send your checks to the Charleston City Hall, Japan Earthquake Fund, Box 304, Charleston 29402.

Affordable housing is a challenge in every city. Charleston has become a national leader in producing housing for low- and moderate-income citizens. This is due to a most wonderfully collaborative process that has involved the private sector and the non-profit sector in conjunction with the city government. Just last week, we had the ribbon-cutting at 32 Mary Street, a building over 150 years old that has been beautifully restored by Charleston Affordable Housing. That same day, the ribbon was cut on 4 other structures in the neighborhood. A number of exciting restoration initiatives will shortly be underway, including the renovation of the Enston Homes by the Housing Authority, as well as new construction as a part of what will be known as the South Carolina Model. I couldn't be prouder of all of those involved, many of whom have donated their time, energy and money.

The greatest threat to our region's economy in this generation is the closing of the Naval Base and Naval Shipyard. We have all been working hard to bring replacement jobs to the base, as well as bring new business and industry and to expand existing ones in our region. When we fought the closure of the base through "In Defense of Charleston", we were united and we fared better than we would have had we been divided. Construction is now underway at the NAVELEX or NISE East Complex. This consolidates all of the Navy's electrical engineering

commands in this part of the country. This will mean several thousand good-paying jobs, public and private sector jobs. We got this through hard work and by working together. The redevelopment of the Naval Base got off to a sound start with the BEST committee under the fine chairmanship of Keith Summey, with local elected officials and business and community leaders working together. We began a model process. We got the biggest grants ever received, the quickest turnaround for grants and received new jobs: the Defense Accounting Center, the State Department Accounting Center, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration complex, and the National Community Conservation Corps are located or will be located on the base. Of course, so much more needs to be done, particularly through shipbuilding and ship repair, keeping the industrial trades and jobs that have proudly been a part of the Naval Shipyard. Recently, growing contention has crept into the process. That must be avoided. It wastes time, energy, and diverts attention from the task at hand. We have a lot of work to do--a lot of people are depending on us. We must work together, trust each other and keep our eye on the goal of bringing good jobs to our region.

This is the state of our city. Our agenda is full. This is the Year of the Child. In Charleston, we so often said our history is a community of "firsts"--let's be first in the nation in caring for our children. Let's make Charleston become known as the place that loves its children the most.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m. at the conclusion of the Mayor's State of the City Address.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilmember Kinloch.

MARY R. WRIXON
Clerk of Council