

**Accomplishments**  
**January 1st, 2002 through December 31st, 2002**

**Inauguration:** On January 3rd, the municipal inauguration occurred swearing in City Council and a new mayor.

**Honoring Mayor Bunch:** On January 20, 2002, the City sponsored an event at the Wild Dunes Island House honoring Mayor Bunch for her sixteen years of service.

**New York Fire Fighters:** Made arrangements for and served as host to several New York City Fire Fighters.

**Lot Coverage:** Worked through amendments to the Zoning Code that better manage impervious surface on residential lots, and to establish setbacks for corner lots and double frontage lots.

**Election:** Held Special Election for City Council seat vacated by Mike Sottile's election to Mayor.

**50th Anniversary:** Appointed year long planning committee to establish events for City's 50th Anniversary Celebration March 7th, 8th and 9th, 2003.

**Hotel Density:** Amended Ordinance to set maximum density for hotels and to regulate parking for hotels and multi-family development.

**Tree Ordinance:** Implemented amendments to better protect and preserve the tree canopy.

**Blue Wave Designation:** Applied for and was named South Carolina's first Blue Wave Beach by the Clean Beaches Council. Increased the frequency of ocean water quality testing in areas of highest beach utilization.

**Accreditation:** Successfully achieved Police Department accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) making the Isle of Palms one of the smallest municipal law enforcement agencies in the state to do so.

**Safety Audit:** Received first ever 100% on City Safety audit continuing to receive credit on the City's insurance premiums.

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**Beach front Enhancement:** Committed to funding the engineering design of this project to include multi-space parking system and further committed to including funding in the 03/04 budget for construction initiation in the Fall and Winter of 2003.

**Marina Restaurant:** Renovated the property then successfully negotiated a lease with a new tenant, Morgan Creek Grill, as the anchor restaurant for the marina site.

**Fire Inspections:** Transitioned this function from the Building department back to the Fire Department.

**Agency of the Year Award:** Received Recreation Agency of the Year award from South Carolina Parks and Recreation Association.

**Recreation Expansion Project:** Worked through several iterations of possible recreation expansion alternatives to arrive at an acceptable phase to take to public hearing and referendum in 2003.

**Visitor's Center:** Partnered with the Town of Mount Pleasant to open new visitor's center.

## **Ways & Means**

**Bob Abele**  
**all members of council**

**Definition of tourist:** Completed work with Representative Campsen and Arthur Ravenel to repair the definition of tourist in the accommodations tax law.

**BB&T & higher investment yields:** Moved the City's banking relationship as well as moved some investment funds to higher interest yield CD's.

**Dredging:** Salvaged a struggling marina dredging project. Successfully negotiated an amendment to the agreement with Morgan Creek Associates, hired an engineer to assist the City with their portion of the endeavor in anticipation of moving forward with the work in 2003.

**Bulkhead:** Accomplished updated assessment of the condition of the bulkhead at the City's marina site.

**Hazard Mitigation Grant:** Received an amendment to the grant agreement to allow the City to install transfer switches, which will accommodate larger generators for City facilities in the future.

**Budget & Millage:** Passed a budget and set a corresponding millage rate reducing the rate as much as it was possible to do so, thus mitigating the impact that lifting of the tax cap had on the assessments.

**Revenue Collections:** City Hall staff mailed letters to those having outstanding parking tickets collecting a total of \$15,607 by the end of December.

**Marina Operations and Maintenance Manual:** Developed O&M Manual for the Isle of Palms Marina

**Expansion of Dockage:** Obtained Permit for the construction of additional dockage at the IOP Marina.

**Gateway Enhancement Project:** Submitted and received reimbursement of grant funds towards grant eligible expenditures on the Gateway Enhancement Project.

**Janitorial Service:** Hired new janitorial service for City Hall and Police Department.

**Recommendations of Accounting Firm:** Made proactive efforts to implement recommendations in audit management letter.

**Municipal Leasing:** Entered into a municipal lease for the purchase of a new fire pumper and a new sanitation truck.

**Comprehensive Plan:** Initiated update of the comprehensive plan.

## **Public Safety**

**Dee Taylor  
Bob Abele  
Mike Sottile**

**Golf Cart parking areas:** Established designated area for golf cart parking.

**Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety--Connector Bridge:** Requested and received a commitment from SC DOT to install motorists' alerts along the line separating vehicles from pedestrians and cyclists on the connector bridge.

**Intersection of Carolina and Palm:** At the City's request and as part of the Connector Bridge construction, the intersection was re-configured to ninety degrees significantly improving safety in the adjacent neighborhood.

**Construction Difficulties--Fire Stations:** Conducted structural investigation of original construction of both fire stations.

**State and National Reporting FD:** Upgraded report writing software for the fire event reporting.

**No Wake Zone:** Discussed with Representative Campsen options for consideration regarding the most heavily traveled area of the Intracoastal Waterway.

**Pierce Ladder Truck:** Achieved a resolution to problems associated with the paint on the pierce ladder truck.

**Walkie Talkies:** Integrated waterproof walkie-talkies into the Fire Department's marine response.

**Re-surfacing of Palm Boulevard from 21st to 41st:** Received an affirmative response to a presentation to the County Transportation committee (CTC) to complete this work in 2003.

**Bonds:** Appeal to Representative Campsen for relief from the State Law requiring every person charged with a bondable criminal offense receive a bond hearing prior to the offender being released from the County jail.

**41st Avenue Re-configuration:** Work on this intersection was finalized and placed into service.

**Containerized Gas:** Passed an ordinance requiring the registration with the Fire Department of all containerized gas holding 150 pounds or more.

**Emergency Vehicular Access:** Approved funding for and initiated dialogue to improve emergency vehicular access through the County Park.

**Traffic counts:** Applied for and received funding for embedded traffic counters to be installed at Breach Inlet and the Connector.

**Signal Thirty:** Established a Citizen Service category for police and fire customer service to citizens. Also, established an award for citizens who render a customer or citizen service that makes the island a better community.

## **Public Safety Continued**

Fireworks: Held a successful and safe July 4th Celebration.

First Responder license: Maintained and renewed first responder non-transport license with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Evidence Room: Expanded the evidence room.

Stop Sign Height: Inventoried and reviewed stop signs in certain areas of the Island to insure compliance with standards.

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement: Entered into this agreement for Catastrophic Disaster Response.

Title to Police Boat: Have initiated the process to secure the title to the boat donated to the City in approximately 1988.

Traffic/speed Study Request: In response to concerns from the neighborhood, made request to SC DOT for a study of the intersection of 34th at Hartnett and Cameron.

Four (4) wheel drive vehicles: Placed four-wheel drive police vehicles into service in the Police Department.

New Software: Purchased and placed into service new software to track police and fire calls through the communication system.

New Fire Apparatus: Ordered new Emergency One fire pumper.

Feral Cats: Held series of meetings concerning the issue of stray cats on the island.

Rights-of-Way: Discussed, at length, private intrusion onto public rights-of-way and whether or not the City should enforce the removal of obstructions to encourage the area remain open for parking, line of site, breakdown lanes, and the passage of sanitation and emergency response vehicles.

Donations of equipment: Received donations of a data master and surveillance equipment.

Explorer Program: Implemented explorer program to augment development of volunteers and fire fighters within the fire department.

Flooding: Pumped streets to maintain passable roads during periods of flooding and high tides.

## **Public Works**

**Dr. John Marino**  
**Bob Miller**  
**Marty Bettelli**

**Street Light:** Satisfactorily rectified problem with utility pole that needed to be removed at Carolina and 7th Avenue

**Beach Monitoring Results:** Began providing the Beach Advisory Committee the Monthly Monitoring results for plotting on the computer.

**26th Avenue Beach Access:** Clarified the location of public verses private property related to this beach access. Discussed possible alternatives for consideration.

**Pelican Guide:** Worked with the Accommodations Tax Committee and the Beach Advisory Committee to initiate work on the Pelican Guide.

**Non-point Source Project:** Completed Phase I of the monitoring and entered phase II. Submitted all appropriate reporting forms and filed for and received reimbursement for grant eligible expenses for those elements.

**Compactor:** Placed new compactor into service in the front beach commercial area replacing numerous other containers.

**Palm Trees:** Planted a cluster of Palm Trees at the 21st Avenue curve and at the Breach Inlet gateway area of the island, re-lined the street with palm trees following the right-of-way completion at the Breach Inlet Bridge.

**Isle of Palms Water and Sewer Commission:** Worked out method of improved communication between the Commission and the Council.

**Garbage Cart Service for Dockominium type facilities:** Evaluated whether or not to provide this service and ultimately concluded to continue to service the area as the City has in the past.

**Contingency Plan for pumping floodwaters from street:** Developed a contingency plan in anticipation of continued flooding in area of 53rd through 57th Avenue.

**Drainage 53rd Avenue to 57th Avenue:** Continuing to review alternatives for correcting the drainage problem in this area.

**Sign Pole Replacement:** Replaced numerous sign poles throughout the Island.

**GPS:** Documented the location of all the 2002 turtle nests utilizing a GPS system.

**Transfer Station:** Continued to monitor progress on the possibility of such a station for future use by East Cooper Communities.

## **Public Works Continued**

**Storm Water Management:** Remained active in the development and implementation of the storm water management regulations.

**Sand Fencing:** Participated in the installation of additional sand fencing to encourage emerging dunes.

**34th and Palm and 42nd Avenue:** Improved road shoulder at 42nd, 34th & Palm to mitigate vehicles getting stuck in soft sand.

**Flag Poles:** Lighted flags where it was possible and added permanent flagpole and flag to the connector.

## **Recreation**

**Ryan Buckhannon**  
**Bob Abele**  
**Carol Rice**

**Final Four:** Sponsored first ever citywide basketball tournament.

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** Expanded the light show to include the avenue of palm trees lining recreation gateway.

**Blue Wave Kiosk and Public Restrooms:** Installed the Blue Wave Kiosk and assisted in the maintenance of the public restroom facilities.

**Gym Floor Replacement:** Secured and installed gym floor replacement at no expense to the City.

**Cycle South Carolina:** Windjammer served as site for the post-ride party for Cycle South Carolina 2002

**June 10th through 14th, 2002:** Proclaimed Anthony Johnson Week

**Surf School:** Considered the possibility of offering such training under the purview of the Recreation Department.

**Kayak Race:** The Island was the site, once again, for the Annual Giant Kayak Race.

**Painting:** Painted the entrance foyer to City Hall and Police Department.

**Isle of Palms Connector Run:** Agreed to accept a seat on a non-profit board for the operation of this run.

**Soccer Field:** Completed major overhaul and conditioning of the soccer field.

**Flag Pole, Bike Rack, Bench & Snuffer:** In cooperation with Public Works, Installed bench and cigarette snuffer at the public restrooms and snuffers at City Hall.

## **Recreation continued**

**Picnic Tables and Benches:** Added additional picnic tables and benches to recreation department site.

**Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act:** made modifications to restroom facilities to make them ADA compliant.

## **Personnel**

**Marty Bettelli  
Ryan Buckhannon  
Leola Hanbury**

**Committees and Commissions:** Solicited candidates for available positions and conducted interviews of new candidates interested in filling the position of those whose schedules would not permit them to continue to serve. Based upon the interviews, made recommendations to City Council for possible appointment.

**Re-hiring of Retirees:** Began researching possible policy for the City to re-hire retirees.

**Revisions to employee handbook:** Made revisions to the employee handbook in areas of employee of the month, the conspicuous disclaimer and other recommendations by the City's personnel attorneys.

**Swearing in of new employees:** Implemented policy of swearing in of new employees to better acquaint new employees with council and council with new employees.

**Dual Employment:** Amended the City's policy concerning dual employment within the City.

**Off Duty/Extra Duty:** Re-examined this issue, but concluded no changes were necessary to the policy.

**Retiree Health Insurance:** Adopted retiree health insurance resolution to make this option available within the City at no expense to the City.

**Elected Officials Insurance Coverage:** Opened the City's health plan to Isle of Palms elected officials and their families at the expense of the elected officials.

**Building Department:** Completed re-organization of the department to include approving new job descriptions and salary ranges.

**Sick Leave:** Revised the Employee handbook to clarify that sick leave is not paid out at termination.

**Computer use Policy:** Amended the computer use policy in the Employee Handbook.