

Accomplishments
January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004

Real Property Committee: Converted the informal marina committee to a formal structure by establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to monitor the Real Property associated with the City's water access.

Non Point Source Project: Completed and closed out this multi year project. Presented results in a public meeting as well as to the Southeastern Lake and Watershed Management Organization. Published pamphlet detailing the project and its results.

Fire Stations Structural: Requested an appropriation from Washington to assist the City in replacing the fire stations. Abandoned facilities on September 1, 2004 and authorized temporary housing in mobile facilities until such time that the City has agreed on new locations. Initiated discussion regarding alternative locations and engaged the services of Charleston County's Capital Projects division to assist the City in its evaluation. Continued legal efforts to recover some of the City's losses relative to the structural defects of the stations.

Communication & Promotion: Completed and published a new brochure on the Isle of Palms to be placed in all of the Visitors Centers throughout the state. Developed periodic articles from the Mayor for the *Moultrie News* and continued to provide information to Wild Dunes for the Community Association Newsletter. Participated in ETV special on the East Cooper Communities.

Dredging: Completed and closed out the Morgan Creek and Intracoastal Waterway dredging project.

New Dockage: Completed bid package, opened bids and awarded construction contract and monitored construction of new dockage adding fourteen (14) new slips to the marina site, seven of which will be assigned to the marina manager and seven of which will be assigned to the restaurant for the boating restaurant patrons. Expect ribbon cutting in 2005.

Waterway Drainage: Engaged the services of Applied Technology and Management to assist in developing specifications for the bidding of a drainage improvement project for the Waterway Boulevard Drainage, which is a major outfall for storm water runoff for the center section portion of the island.

Disaster Preparedness: On three occasions August 13th (tornado), August 15th (Hurricane Charley) and August 29th (Hurricane Gaston) during the 2004 storm season, all departments of the City implemented disaster-operating conditions. This involved pre-storm preparation, weathering the storm, post-storm clean-up and constituent service.

54th -57th Avenue Drainage: Successfully requested first of multi-year funding from the County Transportation Committee (CTC) as well as met with the Wild Dunes Community Association regarding this cooperative drainage project.

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Front Beach Enhancement: Completed the Front Beach Enhancement Project involving new underground infrastructure, streetscape, improved pedestrian access and a multi-space, solar powered parking management system. Project finished under budget. Held a grand opening street party in May and an unveiling of the City's first public art "Caretta and Friends" in August. Competed for a Municipal Achievement Award. Developed request for bids and successfully secured a new contractor to maintain the new project. Initiated effort to install surveillance cameras in the project area that will be monitored by Police Department telecommunications.

Fire Apparatus: Purchased a seventy-five (75') ladder truck to improve the City's maneuverability in tight fire fighting and rescue situations. The apparatus replaced a 1989 pumper.

Comprehensive Plan: Completed and adopted an updated Comprehensive Plan for the City.

Recreations Expansion Project: Initiated and completed, on schedule and under budget, an almost three million dollar expansion of the City's Recreation Center. During the course of construction, there was minimal inconvenience and rescheduling of Rec system programs.

Zoning: Created new GC-3 zoning district as a compromise to a moratorium on residential development in the area of the front beach. Began to track the number of demolitions/razing of houses.

Ways and Means Committee

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City Council**

Budget: Adopted a budget including major capital investment in the future re-construction of the fire stations, drainage, bulkhead design and permitting and completion of several major construction endeavors initiated in prior years. The only increase in property taxes was due to the allowed consumer price index amount and this increase was used to offset increased operating expenses associated with price increases such as fuel not controllable by the City.

Hospitality Tax: Passed an ordinance levying a hospitality tax on all food and beverage prepared and sold within the City. Notified all affected vendors, printed payment booklets and prepared to recognize first revenues in February 2005.

Disaster Preparedness: The City worked to reconcile insurance proceeds and FEMA reimbursements and secure vendors for repairs to City facilities damaged in the storm to include City Hall/Police Department, fire stations, the City's restaurant, the Angler's Mini mart and the City's docks.

Computers: Improved computer hardware moving in the direction of laptops for most City functions and updated software.

Ways and Means Committee continued

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Cooperative Relationships: Entered into a cooperative relationship with the Town of Sullivan's Island to sell the town fuel from the Isle of Palms fuel system to assist the Town in cost cutting measures for their police fleet.

Anglers: Replaced the freezer and coolers at Anglers Mini Mart at the Marina.

City Facilities: Painted interior of City Hall, replaced roof and replaced carpet throughout the entire facility.

Audit: Completed competitive procurement and selected new accounting firm to handle the City's audit for year end June 30, 2005.

Procurement: Adopted a new procurement ordinance and revised purchase order forms to comply with the new ordinance.

ISO for Flood Management: Following review of City's flood management practices, received an improvement of the City's rating, saving residents on their flood insurance premiums.

Leases & Agreements: Successfully negotiated new leases and agreements in favor of the City and amended some like the dispatch agreement to tie increase to the CPI used for millage.

Bond Rating: Held teleconference with Standard and Poor's and received improved bond rating from BBB+ to A+. Also received mention of the improved rating in article in Bloomberg.com.

Tax Cap Refunds: Worked with Charleston County and other taxing authorities to establish equitability regarding the refunds to the 6% properties deserving refunds per the court's decision.

Public Safety Committee

**Bob Miller
Mike Sottile
Dee Taylor**

County Park: Approved relocation of County Park's designated swimming area.

Ben Sawyer Bridge: Along with representatives of neighboring municipalities, the City participated in discussions regarding the future replacement/rehabilitation of the Ben Sawyer Bridge and the transportation impact on Isle of Palms as a result of this action.

Reflectors on the Connector: Successfully requested SC DOT to install reflectors on the Isle of Palms Connector Bridge separating the bicycle/pedestrian/breakdown lane from the lane of travel.

Victims Advocate and Traffic Safety Grants: Received funding for the Victims Advocate position and implement the division. Submitted grant application for state funding support for traffic safety and will re-submit at a future time.

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA): Prepared for and secured a recommendation for re-accreditation from CALEA.

Telecommunications: Implemented an increase in number of telecommunications personnel to allow for two (2) individuals to be on duty at all times.

Weapons of Mass Destruction awareness and Emergency Response to Terrorist Bombings: The fire department attended this training offer funded by the Department of Homeland Security.

Holiday Lights: Successfully launched a campaign to light up the new front beach project.

July 4th: Held another successful and safe July 4th Celebration.

Honor Guard: The new Honor Guard, formed in a prior year, served in 2004 at the following: The ribbon cutting of the Front Beach Enhancement project, the Ribbon Cutting at the Rec Center Expansion, the Dedication of the Sullivan's Island Causeway and at funeral services of one of the original Sullivan's Island Firemen.

Flag: The lighting on the flag was improved to provide additional illumination,

Flyer: Worked with resident to develop a flyer with the purpose of providing information to visitors to help them avoid violating City rules.

Fire Prevention: Held another successful Fire Prevention parade and participated in Sullivan's Island fire prevention event.

Right-of-way Encroachments: Did analysis and looked at possible future procedure for enforcing encroachments onto the right-of-way.

Public Safety Committee continued

**Bob Miller
Mike Sottile
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County Radio system: Continued to keep abreast of Charleston County's plans regarding the radio system as it might affect budget and operations.

New Emergency Vehicular Access at County Park: Successfully worked with Charleston County PRC to establish a new emergency vehicular access as part of the City's Front Beach Enhancement Project that provides for easier access to the front beach for rescue calls.

Police Activities/Investigations: Approximately 217 cases were assigned to Investigators of the Criminal Investigations Division. Of the assigned cases, there were 29 burglaries, 1 home invasion, 1 child molestation, 4 sexual assaults, 2 kidnappings, 1 stabbing (assault and battery w/ intent to kill), 1 aggravated assault (assault and battery w/intent to kill), 67 narcotic cases, 8 suicides actual or attempted, 128 larcenies, of which 30 were grand larceny. Eight vehicles were stolen with a total value of \$148,485; recoveries and arrests were made on every vehicle. Of the approximate \$272,000 in larceny loss, approximately \$88,000 was recovered. Arrests were made on the home invasion and both Assault and Battery w/ Intent to kill cases and all 4 Sexual Assault cases were either cleared by arrest or Unfounded. A total of 128 arrest warrants were served and 4 search warrants executed. A total of 32 persons were arrested for outstanding warrants from other law enforcement agencies. For the year 2004, a record 722 arrests were made which broke the previous record of 681 in 2003.

The investigation into the burglary and theft of a motor vehicle from an Ocean Boulevard home resulted in a joint investigation with Mount Pleasant Police Department, which resulted in the arrest of an Isle of Palms construction worker, who after stealing the vehicle from the Isle of Palms committed a burglary then a bank robbery in Mount Pleasant. He was arrested at the construction site on the Isle of Palms.

The investigation into the theft of several late model SUVs from the Isle of Palms led to the arrest of three subjects who had been part of a vehicle theft ring in the Charleston area. The same subjects were eventually arrested by several other agencies for numerous other thefts.

Inspections: Worked cooperatively to make sure that properties permitted as single family residential were not modified to be utilized as multi-family structures.

Charleston County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Participated in this planning effort allowing the City to remain eligible for federal disaster assistance.

Unity of Service Award: The Fire Department received this National Exchange Club award recognizing patriotism related to the flag on the Connector.

Military Recognition: The Fire Department was recognized for their support of our active duty military.

Public Works Committee

**John Marino
Marty Bettelli
Leola Hanbury**

County Transportation Committee (CTC) New Project: Through the Planning Commission and the Building Department, worked with the LPA group to assist the City in meeting its NPDES requirements: Continued to work with the County's engineering and the LPA, group to complete an current inventory of 100% of the City's drainage infrastructure. Worked jointly with Wild Dunes Community Association's engineer.

Drainage Maintenance: Continued to review maintenance recommendations made by Eadies and, when possible, secured the County's assistance with implementing recommendations.

Hurricanes Gaston and Charley: Successfully secured a contractor and worked alongside same, to clean up debris generated by a tornado and two hurricanes within a several week period.

Street Sweeping: Procured the services of a new street sweeping contractor to handle to sweeping of City streets.

Rollout Cart Enforcement: Clarified and improved on the City's enforcement of the rollout carts.

Lot Filling: Passed an ordinance regulating the amount of fill material that may be placed on a lot.

Road Ownership 42nd to 57th Avenue: Authorized the legal conclusion of road ownership in this area of the island.

Drainage 3rd Avenue and Charleston Boulevard: At the request of residents, made an written appeal to SC DOT to evaluate and improve the storm water run off at this location.

Clean Beaches Council-Blue Wave Designation: Applied for and achieved designation for 2004.

Crosswalks: Added white striping on either side of Streetprint crosswalks to make the crosswalks more visible and alert motorists to the need to stop for pedestrians crossing to and from the beach.

Tree Fund: Amended the City's Tree Ordinance to establish a Tree Fund.

Flood Map Delineation: Received change in flood map in area along the front beach.

Trash receptacles: Increased on beach trash containers from 5th Avenue to Breach Inlet.

Recreation Committee

**Ryan Buckhannon
Leola Hanbury
Carol Rice**

Restructuring: Re-structured the organization of the Department to better delineate job duties.

Connector Run: The City representation served as the Chairman of the 2004 Race.

Fast Start: Initiated a Fast Start baseball program for three and four year olds.

Promise to Kids: Joined the National Alliance for Youth Sports for the "Promise for Kids."

Grants: Received \$3,000 in grant funds to offset the cost of re-building the City's picnic shelter because the prior shelter had to be demolished for the Rec Center Expansion project.

Clarkin Field: Received donation and named the softball field in Memory of Helen and Dennis Clarkin.

Sand-Sculpting: Set record for participants in the annual sand-sculpting contest.

Tennis Lessons: Implemented tennis lessons for youth and adults.

Skateboarding: Thoroughly researched the requirements for operating an insured skateboarding facility.

Bark Park: Made decision to implement a Bark Park in 2005.

Open gym: Increased and delineated amount of time for "open gym."

Ordinance Amendment: Amended Ordinance to update the language regarding the duties of the Recreation Committee.

Personnel Committee

**Marty Bettelli
Ryan Buckhannon
Jane McMackin**

Background checks: Implemented a process to conduct background checks on new employees to include part-time employees at the Rec Center.

Safety Audit: City was successful, once again, in scoring 100% on the safety audit.

Evaluation: Changed evaluation system and form to an electronic format for implementation in 2005

ADA Compliance: Made physical modification to City facilities to better comply with ADA requirements.

Personnel Committee continued

**Marty Bettelli
Ryan Buckhannon
Jane McMackin**

Conspicuous Disclaimer: Revised City's manual to accommodate legal advise concerning disclaimer as well as added same disclaimer procedure to the City's General Orders Manual of the Police Department.

Holiday Pay: As a result of an employee suggestion and after advice from the City's labor counselor, made change in the employee handbook to accommodate shift workers working holidays.

Boards and Commissions: Continued to improve the City's ability to attract qualified candidates for service on Boards and Commissions.

MASC Board: Mayor Sottile was asked and agreed to serve on the Municipal Association Board.

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Charleston Visitors Bureau: Councilwoman Rice agreed to represent the City at meetings of the Charleston Visitors Bureau.

CARTA: Mayor Sottile continued to serve on the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority Board.

Workforce: Added a new part-time position in the Building Department.