

A PROCLAMATION FOR DEE TAYLOR

Service to the City of Isle of Palms

City Councilmember 1994-2009

Ways and Means Committee 1994-1998 and 2000-2009

Ways and Means Chair 1994-1997 and 2004-2009

Personnel Committee 1998 and 2000-2002 and 2008-2009

Recreation Committee 1996 and 1999-2001

Real Property Committee 2009

Engrossed Bill Committee 1994

Public Works Committee 1999

Public Safety Committee 2002-2007

Public Safety Chair 2002-2003 and 2005

Recreation Chair 1999-2001

WHEREAS, Councilmember Dryden G. "Dee" Taylor was elected to the Isle of Palms City Council in 1993 to begin his term of service in 1994 and has served the citizens of the island continuously for a period of sixteen (16) years;

WHEREAS, as Chair of Ways and Means during the annual budgeting process, Councilmember Taylor went above and beyond the call of duty by devoting his time and energy to ensure successful outcomes; during the budget cycle, Councilmember Taylor would attend not only his own Committee meetings but also the meetings of all Committees to serve as a resource; he has led the City to an excellent fiscal position, with significantly improved capital resources, the addition of the Hospitality revenues and the establishment of critical timing of the Residential Rental License program, as well as a balanced budget and an improved bond rating;

WHEREAS, during Councilmember Taylor's tenure on City Council, the City executed an impressive list of improvements to include: the Gateway Enhancement project, the Front Beach Enhancement, the 50th Anniversary Celebration, the Recreation Center Expansion, the purchase of the Isle of Palms Marina, the Marina Dockage Expansion, the Marina Bulkhead replacement, the Beach Restoration Project, Fire Station 2, and the Public Safety Building, not to mention a myriad of smaller scale improvements to island drainage, beach access paths, signage, and transportation;

WHEREAS, during his time on Council, Dee Taylor, along with his wife Bonne, raised two daughters, Kinley and Lauren, on the Isle of Palms;

WHEREAS, as a champion of Public Safety, Councilmember Taylor encouraged four (4) wheel drive vehicles in the Police Department, the replacement of fire apparatus in the Fire Department, improvements to pedestrian crossings on Palm Boulevard, the addition of an emergency vehicle access at 42nd Avenue, and gave voice to his daughter's suggestion that the Front Beach be equipped with Emergency Call Boxes; additionally during Councilmember Taylor's term as Chair of Public Safety, the Police Department achieved national accreditation for the first time, being the smallest municipal police agency to achieve this recognition;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Taylor's approach to City business offers a unique combination of common sense, practicality and kind-hearted levity that makes him an exemplary leader;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Dee Taylor advocated and highlighted the City's commitment to customer service, always emphasizing the employee's outstanding contribution in that regard.

WHEREAS, Councilmember Taylor worked through the establishment of a third commercial zoning district GC-3, providing a compromise that reduced density while allowing for development.

So, *THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED* on this day, November 17, 2009, that Dee Taylor has been a Councilmember of the highest caliber: committed, involved, principled and a source of laughter. Due in large part to Councilmember Taylor's selfless contributions of time and effort as an elected official, the citizens, employees and visitors of the Isle of Palms live, work and play in a municipality that provides an excellent quality of service while maintaining sound fiscal practices.



Dick Cronin, Mayor