

A PROCLAMATION HONORING GUY TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Guy Taylor volunteered his time and talent for the betterment of the City for a continuous period of twenty-four (24) years, first on the Planning Commission and then on the Board of Zoning Appeals;

WHEREAS, Guy Taylor was originally appointed to the Planning Commission on January 14, 1987. At Mr. Taylor's first meeting, the Planning Commission was re-classified from an "ad hoc" group to a permanent Commission, making him one of the Isle of Palms' first Commissioners in the current organization;

WHEREAS, Guy Taylor's service on the Planning Commission lasted ten (10) years from 1987 to 1996. In 1988, Mr. Taylor's peers elected him Vice-Chair. In 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1996, Mr. Taylor's peers elected him Chair;

WHEREAS, in the first years of the Planning Commission's work as a permanent body, the Commission received multiple Wild Dunes subdivision requests every month, meaning that Guy Taylor helped to oversee much of the development of Wild Dunes, an Isle of Palms landmark;

WHEREAS, in 1989, the Planning Commission recommended the first subdivision regulations to establish a clearer more efficient process for those property owners wanting to subdivide their property;

WHEREAS, on September 21, 1989 Hurricane Hugo devastated the Isle of Palms and the Planning Commission's role in the rebuilding and recovery of the island was essential. The Commission, whose membership was island residents whose homes and lives were personally affected by the hurricane, undertook a revamping of the entire zoning code with much effort put into the "non-conforming" statutes to be fair to those islanders who had sustained major damage;

WHEREAS, Guy Taylor's service on the Board of Zoning Appeals lasted fourteen (14) years from 1997 to 2010. From 2004 to 2010, Mr. Taylor's peers continually elected him Chair of the Board;

WHEREAS, Guy Taylor's work on the Board of Zoning Appeals, a quasi-judicial body, consisted of hearing three-hundred seventeen (317) cases in which a decision had to be made in accordance with the City's code on variances, special exceptions and appeals from the zoning administrator's determinations;

WHEREAS, Guy Taylor, along with his wife Laura, raised two sons and one daughter on the Isle of Palms, Kurt Taylor, a City of North Charleston Council Member and Charleston County Deputy Administrator; Dryden G. Taylor, an Isle of Palms City Councilmember for sixteen (16) years; and Melinda Gowder;

WHEREAS, in addition to his appointments to commissions, Guy Taylor always paid attention to civic activities, often being the stand-out citizen present at budget and other public hearings.

So, **THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** on this day, February 22, 2011, that Guy Taylor's unparalleled record of volunteer service, his sacrifice of countless hours of personal time and his expertise cultivated through extended service are recognized by City Council as an extraordinary gift granted to the citizens of the island by a man of great distinction.

Dick Cronin

Dick Cronin, Mayor

