SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 1994
Central Town Hall
1005 Werner Street
Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III; Councilpersons: Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; Lou Robinson; "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Jesse Cranford, Jr.; Nancy Hayes; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.
Invocation by "Doc" Evatt.

Mayor Cumbie recognized Ms. Lou Robinson who had served on Council for the past four years. Ms. Robinson expressed her appreciation to Council for being kind and patient with her. She stated that she had learned much in the past four years by being involved with the different issues of the town. She stated that it is much more than coming to a couple of meetings a month which requires involvement on a day to day basis. She expressed her good wishes to the new people coming on board and again thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Cumbie expressed his thanks for the support of Council for the past ten years. He went over some of the progress that the town had made and expressed his interest in the future progress of the town. He expressed his appreciation of the town employees. He stated that he was confident that the employees though few in number are putting forth their best effort in the benefit of the town. He wished Stan Thompson the best and welcomed newcomer James Teal to the Council.

At this time Grace Towe, Clerk read the resignation of Mr. Stan Thompson from Council and at the same time read the resignation of Mr. Dan Phillips from Council. Mr. Thompson resigned to fulfill the Mayor's seat and Mr. Phillips resigned because of conflict of interest with the job he holds. It was concensus of Council to accept these resignations.

Alton B. Cumbie, III passed the gavel to Stan Thompson. Grace Towe, Clerk administered the oath of office to Stan Thompson to become Mayor of the Town of Central.

Grace Towe administered the oath of office to elected Councilmembers Calvin "Doc" Evatt; Frank Chaka and James Teal. Each of these took his seat at the table.

Ordinance #94-10-10-E to provide for a Special Nonpartisan Election was given first reading. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by "Doc" Evatt to approve on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Stan Thompson read his prepared statement commending former Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III for his time and effort spent the last ten years to help make Central a better place and his contributions as Mayor will be acknowledged and appreciated by all. He has made a positive difference which will serve as legacy to his love of Central in years to come. Mayor Thompson asked that the whole town join him in saying "Thank you,

Mayor Cumbie" for all that you have done for our town since 1984. He extended his best wishes to Mayor Cumbie and his family in the years ahead.

Mayor Thompson extended his appreciation to outgoing Councilpersons Lou Robinson and Dan Phillips for the contributions they have made to the Council and the Town. They were commended for the effort exerted as a Council. He expressed to Council his trust that in the next two years though disagreements are inevitable, the work of Mayor and Council will be continued in the same manner as has been.

Mayor Thompson said a few words about finding himself in the Mayor's chair. He stated that he considered running for mayor only after learning that Mayor Cumbie had chosen not to run for reelection. He stated that perhaps unfortunately for him no one else chose to run for the office. He stated that he was certain that there were people as qualified or more qualified than himself to serve as your Mayor. He made it clear that he would not have opposed Al in a two way race and he has stated this to him personally. Mayor Thompson stated that he would have been very content to have served the last two years on Council. When I first ran for Council in 1988 I felt that eight years would be enough for me, consequently unless I have a change of heart October, 1996 will mark the end of my time in public office. Meanwhile I pledge to do the best I can over the coming two year. Thank you for your forebearance.

With Mayor Thompson's personal remarks completed, he adjourned the Special Called Meeting to go into the scheduled work session.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

Grace S. Towe, CMC
Clerk
October 2, 1994