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Michael Frank of WRDW TV on Friday November 10, called and asked me if I knew anything about a meeting that was held in the Mayor's office with some of the members of Council and at this time, Mr. Tarver was promised a permanent city job with all benefits if he threw his support behind Cecil Eubanks - provided Mr. Eubanks was elected. Yes, I knew!

I would also like you to know that this editorial in which the newspaper quoted Mr. Tarver was copied and within a few hours was being hand delivered by Oscar Baker of the 6th Ward and Preston Johnson, who is a non-resident of Augusta, both of whom signed Mayor Devaney's letter, along with Mr. Tarver.

Now, I ask the question again, why all this outside interference to defeat me? Is it because I ask questions such as; Shortly after we lost the U M T A money the city had to curtail bus service to the County and some city routes because we didn't have the money. Yet, we found Five to Six Hundred Thousand Dollars to buy the Old Government House. Where did the money come from? Why did we have money for this, but not money for the bus service? I asked that question.

As a result of Consolidation the city has a Five Million Dollar Bonded Indebtedness to assume. The Mayor says not to worry, we have the money to pay off this debt. Where is the money coming from? I am told the City has some Twenty Nine Million Dollars surplus, distributed into different funds. I have asked, but could not find out, Where is the money" What happens to the interest? How is it being used?

In a recent Press Conference announcing the extension of Riverwalk, the Mayor stated we had ten applicants for each leasable piece of property. If this is so, why are we lending money to lessees at 5% interest? If we have such valuable pieces of property, why are we giving this money away? A loan at 5% interest costs the taxpayers money!
Ladies and gentlemen of the Media: If concerned and questioning people are systemically removed from Council because they question the administration, the responsibility falls on you. If you, the Media don’t question and bring light to the practices going on in our government; it won’t matter how many people we have in our City, the mentality of a small town will still prevail.
Dear friends,

Today I am asking for your vote for CECIL EUBANKS in his re-election for the 5th Ward City Council Seat.

In 1984 and again in 1987, you gave me your overwhelming support. I have not forgotten this. Now, I am again asking for your help. All of the good things that have happened in Augusta occur because we have a good team. Cecil is a part of that team. Just like I am, Cecil is a part of Augusta. He knows you and the 5th Ward. He works quietly but tirelessly for your area and for our City. Today we have honesty, integrity and pride in our City. We have Riverwalk, new sidewalks, trees and a commitment to Augusta. It takes people like CECIL EUBANKS to make these things happen.

If you have any doubts, then ask yourself - What have Cecil's opponents done for you lately? I hope the decision is clear. Vote for CECIL EUBANKS, Wednesday, October 26th, for 5th Ward Councilman.

Sincerely

Charles A. DeVane

We, the undersigned, urge you to vote for CECIL EUBANKS on October 26, 1988. KEEP HIM WORKING FOR US.

Oscar Baker
Oscar Baker, City Councilman

Jim Tarver
Jim Tarver, Candidate and long time 5th Ward resident.

Preston Johnson, Businessman, 5th Ward

Paid for by the candidate, Cecil Eubanks
809 Eve St. Augusta, Georgia
The voters speak

Augusta voters spoke loud and clear in Wednesday's culminating balloting — the first under a new ward/superward/at-large system.

Our congratulations go to the victors: Pen Mayson Jr. (At-Large), Inez Wylde (At-Large), C. S. Hamilton (At-Large), Margaret Armstrong (Ward 2), Kathleen Beasley (Ward 4), A. K. Hasan (Superward 1-A), and William C. Calhoun (Superward 5-B). Popular Councilwoman Mary Hull Marks (Ward 7) ran unopposed.

Still undecided is the ultimate victor of a four-way 5th Ward contest. Progressive incumbent Cecil Eubanks was forced into a runoff with Dr. Morton Wittenberg, who is surprisingly allied with Rep. Charles Walker, D-85. Although a lower voter turnout makes runoffs harder to predict, it's a safe bet that third candidate Jim Tarver, who garnered a sizeable bloc of 5th Ward support, will not support Wittenberg. Tarver, in a flyer, labeled the (foot doctor) an “ultra-

Two incumbents who have given much time and service to the city and their constituents are leaving Council as a result of this election. Stephen Shepard and Dr. I. E. Washington will be missed, but their voices will no doubt still be heard on vital matters affecting Augusta and its progress.

Mayor Charles Devaney ought to be basically happy with the outcome. His administration was really not a major issue, unlike past Council races.

It seems that all the winners — newcomers and incumbents alike — have the same broad goals for the city: continued downtown and riverfront development, urban renewal improvements, the pursuit of reasonable annexation and a stepped-up fight against drugs and crime.

It's a full agenda, and we hope all the victors will be the type of public servants equal to the challenge.
To the Editor
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I have known Dr. Mort Wittenberg, a candidate for the City Council Election from the 5th Ward for over 20 years and feel he is the most qualified candidate running from the 5th Ward. He is a mature, compassionate, well educated person who has taken leadership roles in many Community and Civic organizations, during the 35 years he has lived in Augusta. He has served as President of the Torch Club and Toastmaster Club and has been active in the Elks, Augusta/Richmond County Library Board, etc. His dedication to his profession has awarded him with many honors for his administrative and leadership qualities.

Dr. Wittenberg's background of experience, honesty and integrity and his ability to be an "achiever" in all projects he undertakes, would make him a most valuable member of City Council. His only reason for entering the election for City Council is to help Augusta grow and prosper in an efficient, cost effective manner. Dr. Wittenberg has demonstrated his ability to work with others to achieve worthwhile goals. Augusta would be most fortunate to have Dr. Mort Wittenberg on City Council.

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Signed: Mackenzie Wittmengers  
Title: Candidate

Agency: on behalf of Mackenzie Wittmengers (Account)

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STATION and LOCATION WGC, US Am/Im (being) Augusta/10 Augusta 1988
1. Marion Wattenburg (on behalf of)

a legally qualified candidate of the ________________ political party for the office of ________________
City Council
in the ________________ election to be held on ________________, do hereby request station time as follows:

LENGTH OF BROADCAST HOUR DAYS TIMES PER WEEK TOTAL NO. WEEKS RATE
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The Committee to Elect Marion Wattenburg

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It is my understanding that if the time is to be used by the candidate himself within 45 days of a primary or primary runoff election, or within 60 days of a general or special election, the above charges represent the lowest unit charge of the station for the same class and amount of time for the same period; where the use is by a person or entity other than the candidate or is by the candidate but outside the aforementioned 45 or 60 day periods, the above charges do not exceed the charges made for comparable use of such station by other users.

It is agreed that use of the station for the above-stated purposes will be governed by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the FCC's rules and regulations, particularly those provisions reprinted on the back hereof, which I have read and understand. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the station for any damages or liability that may ensue from the performance of the above-stated broadcasts. For the above-stated broadcasts I also agree to prepare a script or transcription, which will be delivered to the station at least 48 hours before the time of the scheduled broadcasts (note: the two preceding sentences are not applicable if the candidate is personally using the time).

Date: 10-3-88
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Accepted by Elizabeth R. Dailing Title Deputy Manager

This application, whether accepted or rejected, will be available for public inspection for a period of two years in accordance with FCC regulations (Sections 73.3526 and 73.1940(d.).)
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