SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 18, 1898.

Council Chamber.

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The sixty-second meeting of Council was held this day at 1 P. M.

President—Mr. J. Adger Smyth, Mayor—Alderman Williams, Ricketts, Davis, Lapham, Masters, Broderick, Cramer, Holmes, Beckmann, Lillenthal Seib, Strong, Pearlstone, Roessler, Matthias and Buck.

The Mayor stated that the special meeting had been called to receive and act on the report of the committee on ways and means on the petition of citizens in regard to inviting the United Confederate Veterans to hold their next annual reunion in this city.

By permission the Mayor had read the following communication:

Charleston, S. C., July 7, 1898.

To the Hon. J. Adger Smyth, Mayor of Charleston—Sir: You are, of course, aware of the recent solicitations and efforts extending over many years the Ladies' Calhoun Monument Association has at length accomplished the object of its existence. It has erected a statue worthy of the great Carolina statesman.

The Association is now about to dissolve and disband, and should, therefore, commit the charge of same one, for all time, the custody, control and care of the monument and the property upon which it is erected.

It is not to be deemed or supposed that the Ladies' Calhoun Monument Association has been dissatisfied or dissatisfied with the work which it has accomplished, but the present condition of the Association will not permit of further efforts in this direction, and it is intended that the monument shall be under the exclusive charge of the City of Charleston.

In accordance with the wishes of said Association, I am, therefore, authorized to express to you, as the representative and head of the City Council of Charleston, to receive from us this monument, and to accept such property as has been placed in trust for the use of the city of Charleston.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Council of Charleston, as requested, extend an invitation to the United Confederate Veterans to hold their Convention in the City of Charleston, S. C., and also to depute a special committee to represent the Association to the Convention.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this action of the City Council be suitably engrossed and sent to the Ladies' Calhoun Monument Association.

The following letter was then read, received as information, and ordered to be published:

Charleston, S. C., July 18, 1898.

To the Hon. J. Adger Smyth, Mayor of Charleston—Sir: At a meeting of citizens of Charleston, held at the Chamber of Commerce on July 13, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Council of Charleston be requested to extend an invitation to the United Confederate Veterans to hold their Convention in the City of Charleston, S. C., and also to depute a special committee to represent the Association to the Convention held in Atlanta next week, and to enter said Convention and to cooperate with delegates from other Confederate States and others in urging aid in the cause of the City of Charleston.

This was unanimously adopted, and the Mayor was requested to communicate this resolution to the City Council.

In communicating the above resolution I desire to say that an unusual and unexpected interest has been the object of the United Confederate Veterans in the City of Charleston has been manifested by the large and influential portion of the citizens of Charleston, and I do not doubt that all the citizens of Charleston will see it to aid in the matter, as requested, such action will be generally approved by the community.

Theodore G. Barker, Chairman.