

## Arthur B. Schirmer, Jr., Mayoral Papers, 1975

### Descriptive Summary

**Title and Dates:**

Arthur B. Schirmer, Jr., Mayoral Papers, 1975

**Creator:**

Arthur B. Schirmer, Jr., Mayor of the City of Charleston, S.C., 1975

**Quantity:**

30 Folders

**Forms of Material:**

Correspondence, invoices, meeting minutes, budgets and expenses, contracts

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**Location:**

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**Biographical Statement:**

Arthur B. Schirmer, Jr., (1933-2008) led an active life in Charleston politics and business. Schirmer served as City Councilmember for fourteen years prior to his nomination by City Council to complete the term of Mayor J. Palmer Gaillard, who had recently accepted a post as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs from President Gerald Ford.

Although he only held office a few short months, Mayor Schirmer played an important role in several significant developments occurring during the period, including the sale of the municipal airport and annexation of James Island. Following the election of Joseph P. Riley, Jr., as mayor, Schirmer left politics to focus on the development of business interests, ultimately turning what began as a small landscaping business into a thriving site work construction company still active in the Charleston area today, Landscape Pavers, LLC.<sup>1</sup>

**Related Material:**

Researchers interested in this collection may also wish to consult microfilmed copies of Mayor Schirmer's Scrapbook, 1975, which contains newspaper clippings relevant to his tenure. The microfilm is located on roll number MAY.SB.002.

Please consult the Records Manager or Records Specialist to view the microfilm or request information on other materials in the City's Records Center holdings relevant to Mayor Schirmer's papers.

**Folder List:**

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- 1 Annexation – General, 1975: papers re: Jewish Community Center, St. Andrew's Parish, Marlborough Subdivision, James Island, Orange Grove Elementary School, Ashley Hall Plantation, Dogwood Park
- 2 Bushy Park Reservoir, 1975-December 1975: papers re: Cooper River Rediversion Project
- 3 Brittlebank Park, 1975: papers re: Contract and order form for park sign
- 4 Board of Fire Masters, 1975: papers re: Board minutes, James Island Public Service District, bomb threats, Ashley Plaza Mall fire, alarm systems
- 5 Carolina Art Association, 1975: papers re: Gibbes Art Gallery renovation, Contract among Carolina Art Association, Mayor of City of Charleston, H.A. De Costa Company, and Simons, Mitchell, Small, & Donahue Architects, Estimate from H.A. De Costa Company (Contractor)
- 6 Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS), 1975: papers re: CHATS Citizen's Advisory Committee, CHATS Policy Committee, 1976 Unified Work Program (draft)
- 7 Charleston Municipal Airport, 1975: papers re: request for additional space, Hawthorne lease
- 8 City Hall, Renovations, 1975: papers re: Simons, Mitchell, Small, & Donahue, Architects
- 9 Commissioners of Public Works, 1975: papers re: John R. Bettis
- 10 City Controller, J. J. Budds, 1975: papers re: commission for portrait of Mayor Schirmer
- 11 Corporation Counsel, 1975: papers re: Ordinance No. 1975-12, St. Andrews and James Island annexations, Voting Rights Act of 1965, East Bay Street property purchase, Commissioners of Public Works, Construction Contractors Inc. contract, Farmfield Tennis Complex construction, ward books, Constantine and Constantine Architects, William M. Bird & Co., Marlborough Subdivision annexation, Trident Technical College
- 12 Cypress Gardens, 1975: papers re: Cypress Gardens Study, income and expenses

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- 13 Electric Wires and Lighting, 1975: papers re: relighting of White Point Gardens and South Battery, Ashmead Place, Hagood Avenue, Colonial Lake, bus stops, Christmas decorations and lights, installation of flags at King Street
- 14 Historic Charleston Foundation, 1975: papers re: Sheffield trays donation
- 15 Housing Authority, 1975: papers re: Section 8 Housing assistance, payment program, Eastside Housing Rehabilitation Program, Urban Reinvestment Task Force
- 16 Market Hall and Sheds, 1974-1975: papers re: correspondence from the National Park Service recognizing the Market Hall and Sheds on the National Register as a historic landmark
- 17 Municipal Marina, 1975: papers re: Rice Mill lease
- 18 Orphan House, 1975: papers re: budget, operating expenses
- 19 Parking Lots, 1975: papers re: Gillon Street parking lot, Market Street parking lot, public parking on Cumberland Street
- 20 Board of Parks, 1974-1975: papers re: Hampton Park zoo, Frederick M. Ehni Architect,
- 21 Planning Board – BOR Grants, 1975: papers re: Martin Park playground, federal funds-Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Region, funding for playgrounds, Calhoun Street Park, BOR funding, 1972-1976, Eastside Housing Rehabilitation Program, Regional Land Use and Recreation Committee minutes, United Way agreement
- 22 Planning and Zoning Committee, 1975: papers re: home for runaway children, Sandhurst West Subdivision, Coburg Dairy, carriage tours
- 23 Planning and Zoning Committee – Highway 7 and Orange Grove Road Rezoning, 1975: papers re: Griffith-Knapp, Parkshore Subdivision, Settlement Agreement and Restrictive Covenants
- 24 Public Safety and Traffic, 1975: papers re: Cumberland Street parking conditions, committee minutes, Campion Hall Road, correspondence with Pastor Paul J. Craven, First Baptist Church, Queen Street, changed to one-way, Sheriff Kornahrens
- 25 Real Estate Committee, 1975: papers re: land located between Suburban Gas and old Seaboard Railroad, correspondence with North Charleston mayor, Stono Park lots, Marie H. Heinsohn property
- 26 Board of Recreation, 1975: papers re: Horse Lot Park, Moultrie Playground, Farmfield Tennis Complex, football, complaints

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- 27 Recreation Department, 1975: papers re: Farmfield Tennis Complex, White Point Gardens, Fort Sumter House, Trident Area Program for the Aging, Jack Adams, Herbert Hasell Swimming Pool, Burke High School
- 28 South Carolina State Ports Authority – November 1975: papers re: *South Carolina State Ports Authority vs the City of Charleston*
- 29 Tidewater Terminal Property, 1975: papers re: correspondence with Mr. G. Luther Rosebrock, correspondence with W.E. Murray
- 30 Strom Thurmond, U.S. Senator, 1975: papers re: Bushy Park Reservoir, City Hall renovation, National Park Service dock, Sullivan's Island

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<sup>1</sup> Slade, David. "Former Charleston Mayor Schirmer dies at 75." *Post and Courier* (Charleston, S.C.), 18 July 2008.