

Charleston, SC  
May 26, 2011

A special meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, immediately following the Special Finance Committee meeting, in the Beverly T. Craven Council Chambers, Second Floor of the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building, located at 4045 Bridge View Drive, Charleston, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members of Council: Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman, who presided; Colleen Condon; Henry E. Darby; Anna B. Johnson; Joseph K. Qualey; A. Victor Rawl; Herbert R. Sass, III; Dickie Schweers and Elliott Summey.

Also present were: Allen O'Neal, County Administrator and County Attorney Joe Dawson.

**Judicial  
Center  
Security  
Camera  
Upgrade  
Request to  
Approve**

A report was read from the Special Finance Committee meeting of May 26, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Barrett J. Tolbert, Director of Procurement, regarding the need to upgrade the Judicial Center's security system. It was stated that there are many areas in the Judicial Center Complex that currently do not have coverage by the existing surveillance and recording systems. It was shown that the new system must be compatible with the existing hardware presently being used by the County, and that currently the County uses SFI Electronics, which is the only company that can provide the needed interface between the newly proposed equipment and the existing system.

Committee recommended that Council approve the non-competitive procurement for SFI Electronics to expand and upgrade the Judicial Center Security Camera System, with the understanding that this procurement provides labor, materials and equipment necessary to add 51 cameras and associated digital recorders to the existing system and that the total cost for this expansion and upgrade is \$139,439.00.

Mr. Schweers moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Mr. Summey, and carried.

**Seabrook  
Island  
Election  
Transfer  
Ordinance  
1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading**

A report was read from the Special Finance Committee meeting of May 26, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and the Ordinance from the Town of Seabrook Island, which Ordinance provides for the transfer of authority for conduction Municipal Elections to the Board of Elections and Voter Registration of Charleston County. It was stated that if Charleston County was in favor of the Town of Seabrook Island's request, it would be necessary to approve an Ordinance accepting transfer of this authority.

Committee recommended that Council approve and give first reading to an Ordinance accepting the transfer of certain authority to the Board of Election and Voter Registration of Charleston County for the Town of Seabrook Island Municipal Elections.

Mr. Schweers moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and carried.

An Ordinance accepting the transfer of Municipal Elections by the Board of Elections and Voters Registration of Charleston County was given first reading by title only.

### **AN ORDINANCE**

#### **TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTERS REGISTRATION OF CHARLESTON COUNTY TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

The Ordinance in its entirety will appear in the minutes of Charleston County Council at the time of third reading.

Convention  
Visitors Bureau  
Funding Request  
Recommendation

A report was read from the Special Finance Committee meeting of May 26, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and the letter from Helen T. Hill, Executive Director of the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, regarding funding for the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. It was stated the additional requested funding would pay for advertising relating to Southwest Airlines. It was further stated that due to the results of the Local Accommodations Fund in FY 10, funding is available for the Convention and Visitors Bureau in FY 11 and FY 12.

Committee recommended that Council approve an additional allocation to the Charleston Area Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$250,000.00 for Fiscal Year 11.

Ms. Condon moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Mr. Summey, and carried.

**Summer Work  
Program  
Recommendation**

A report was read from the Special Finance Committee meeting of May 26, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Christine DuRant, Director of Community Services regarding a Summer Youth Employment Program. It was stated that at the May 19, 2011 Special Finance Meeting, Council requested the Administrator to explore options for a summer youth program to benefit the citizens and youth of Charleston County. It was shown that the results of this program would be two fold, one being the youth would undergo real world interviews and application processes and secondly, the departments would get workers who add to the bottom line production of their unit.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Authorize Staff to implement a Summer Youth Employment program beginning in Summer 2011

2. Appropriate \$100,000 from the FY 2011 Council Contingency to fund the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Ms. Johnson moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Mr. Summey, and carried.

**Request  
to Add to  
Agenda  
Use of  
Plastic  
Bags**

A report was read from the Special Finance Committee meeting of May 26, 2011 that it considered the request of Council Member Qualey that Council give unanimous consent to adding an item to the agenda that was not previously announced. Mr. Qualey said that he was requesting that Council delay the implementation of prohibiting the use of plastic bags for the disposal of yard waste.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Unanimously consent to adding an item to Council's Agenda which was not previously noticed, regarding the ban of plastic bags for disposal of yard waste to the May 26<sup>th</sup> Special Finance and Council meetings.
2. Defer the implementation of the ban of plastic bags for disposal of yard waste until October 1, 2011.

Mr. Qualey moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Mr. Summey, and carried.

**Public  
Forum**

The Chairman asked if any Member of Council wished to bring a matter before the Body.

Ms. Condon thanked Staff for all their hard work on the budget.

Mr. Darby recognized Mr. Jim Ledbetter of INT who was in the audience and told about Mr. Ledbetter and his daughter making chili and bringing it to him when he was hit by a car and was incapacitated at home.

Ms. Johnson expressed her appreciation to Staff for setting up the Summer Youth Work Program so quickly.

Mr. Sass expressed his appreciation to Mr. O'Neal and Staff for all the information that had been given to him during his recent orientation.

Mr. Rawl said that he wanted to add his thanks to those of his fellow Council Members.

There being no further business to come before the Body, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Beverly T. Craven  
Clerk of Council