

May 6, 2014
Charleston, SC

A meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 6th day of May, 2014, 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 Johnson; Joseph K. Qualey; A. Victor Rawl; Herbert R. Sass, III; and Dickie Schweers. Council Member J. Elliott Summey was absent.

Also present were County Administrator Kurt Taylor and County Attorney Joseph Dawson.

Rev. Gary McJunkin gave the invocation. County Administrator Kurt Taylor led in the pledge to the flag.

The Clerk reported that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification.

Mr. Sass moved approval of the minutes of April 22, 2014, seconded by Ms. Condon, and carried.

The Chairman stated that the next agenda item was recognitions and resolutions.

Ms. Condon moved approval of recognitions and resolutions A, B, C, and D, seconded by Mr. Sass, and carried.

**Recognitions
and
Resolutions**

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of May 1, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor regarding a request for Council to proclaim May 2014 as Older Americans Month to recognize the contributions of senior citizens in our community.

Committee recommended that Council adopt a resolution proclaiming May 2014 Older Americans Month in Charleston County.



**A RESOLUTION
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Charleston County 60 years of age and older bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past

contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month is an annual event dating back to 1963, when President John F. Kennedy designated May as Senior Citizens Month; it was later renamed Older Americans Month, to honor and celebrate the merits and achievements of our Nation's seniors; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month is a celebration of our past, our present and our future; recognizing and celebrating the diversity and vitality of today's older Americans and that by taking control of their safety, older Americans can live longer, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, as 77 million baby boomers approach retirement age, they are helping to redefine aging in America; as the face of our community changes, so too does our senior population as more Americans reach their later years, changing demographics touch all generations and remind us that older citizens need the assistance of their communities, including understanding and support from their family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Older Americans Month serves as a reminder of the challenges and rewards the future holds and that we must work to ensure that older citizens are able to continue to enjoy their longevity and that they are able to do so with dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Charleston County Council does hereby proclaim May 2014 as **Older Americans Month** in Charleston County and encourages its citizens to celebrate the changing face of aging and to pay tribute to our senior citizens to whom a debt of gratitude is owed for all they have done and for all they do, sharing their wisdom and experience, strengthening and enriching our community.

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A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of May 1, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and the request of Council Member Colleen Condon for Council to approve a resolution honoring the contributions of the West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee.

Committee recommended that Council adopt a resolution honoring the members of the West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee.



**A RESOLUTION
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Honoring the Service of the West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee

WHEREAS, from time to time Charleston County Council has the privilege of recognizing individuals or groups in this community who exemplify commitment, determination, dedication, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee (WASSCC) was created by citizens meeting since the summer of 2009 at "Coffee with Colleen and Aubry," a weekly coffee get-together at Sojourn Coffee, with County Councilmember Colleen Condon and City Councilmember Aubry Alexander; County Councilmember Vic Rawl also serves on this committee; as well as staff from both the County of Charleston and the City of Charleston; and

WHEREAS, this committee met almost monthly over the past six years to discuss the best way to address the needs of seniors in West Ashley; and

WHEREAS, the WASSCC worked diligently to hold two forums in May 2010 to hear what seniors and emerging seniors wanted in the way of programs, services and facilities. Surveys were distributed asking for their preferences for the proposed West Ashley Senior Center. More than 500 responses were received indicating a strong support for a multi-faceted center in the West Ashley area, which would offer educational programs and lectures; physical fitness; arts and crafts; sports and games; computer rooms, areas for table games as well as outside areas for sports; and

WHEREAS, this group of seniors have been committed by giving their time, and talent so that seniors who live West of the Ashley are able to continue to live a life of purpose and fulfillment by having their own Senior Center and have been the driving force by providing their vision for this new facility; and

WHEREAS, they have hosted several other events using volunteers over the years for the seniors in West Ashley including at Charles Towne Landing, West Ashley High School, and the Jewish Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the city of Charleston will build the new facility on the Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital campus likely to open in 2016 and Charleston County has committed funding to support this effort.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Charleston County, that the current and former members of the West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee be commended for their 6+ years of outstanding service to the senior citizens of Charleston County

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and to each be extended our gratitude and appreciation for the hundreds of hours of voluntary service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be provided to the West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee and recorded in the official minutes of Charleston County.

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The Chairman requested Council Members Condon and Rawl to read the two resolutions into the record.

Ms. Condon requested members of the West Ashley Senior Services Committee to come forward and accept Council's resolutions as well as its appreciation for all the hard work they have done to make a Senior Center in West Ashley possible. Ms. Condon added that the West Ashley Senior Center should be opened in 2016 on the Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital campus.

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of May 1, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor regarding a resolution honoring public service workers and recognizing May 4-10, 2014, as Public Service Recognition Week.

Committee recommended that Council adopt a resolution declaring May 4-10, 2014, Public Service Recognition Week in Charleston County.

The Chairman asked Kevin Limehouse, Public Works Customer Service Liaison and Chairman of the Public Service Week Subcommittee to come forward and accept County Council's resolution. Deputy Clerk of Council Kristen Salisbury read the resolution into the record.

The Resolution is as follows:



**A RESOLUTION
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Honoring Public Service Workers and
Recognizing May 4-10, 2014 as "Public Service Recognition Week"**

WHEREAS, the functioning and progress of our government relies upon the millions of public employees at the federal, state, and local levels, whose daily service benefits us all; and,

WHEREAS, whether they serve in our local communities or in posts overseas, public servants range from teachers, doctors, and laborers to social workers, scientists, and countless other occupations; day in and day out they provide the diverse services demanded by our citizens with continued efficiency and integrity; and,

WHEREAS, the government sector is the largest employer in Charleston County with over 61,000 people employed by government entities; and,

WHEREAS, Charleston County Government employs approximately 2,500 public servants who strive to achieve the County's mission to promote and protect the quality of life in Charleston County by delivering services of value to the community; and,

WHEREAS, without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials; and,

WHEREAS, observed since 1985, each year the President and Congress designate the first full week of May as Public Service Recognition Week in honor of all public servants who put service above self; and,

WHEREAS, these public servants help bring stability, innovation, and security to Charleston County, municipalities, our state and our nation and deserve our thanks throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Charleston County Council does hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2014

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

in Charleston County and encourages its citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of public servants at all levels of government who work tirelessly on behalf of all Americans.

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A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of May 1, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Contracts and Procurement Director Barrett J. Tolbert regarding a resolution proclaiming May 12-17, 2014, Small Business Week in Charleston County. It was stated that Charleston County is proud to recognize small businesses for the key role they play in keeping our economy strong.

Committee recommended that Council adopt a resolution declaring May 12-17, 2014, Small Business Week in Charleston County.

The Chairman said Charleston County is proud to recognize small businesses for the key role they play in keeping our economy strong and asked Mr. Barrett J. Tolbert, Director of Procurement, to come forward to accept Council's resolution.

Deputy Clerk of Council Kristen Salisbury read the resolution into the record.

A RESOLUTION OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Proclaiming May 12-17, 2014, Small Business Week

WHEREAS, small businesses are vital to the economic health of Charleston County and small business owners embody the spirit of entrepreneurship and strong work ethic that lie at the heart of the American dream; **and**,

WHEREAS, small businesses power our economy by creating, over the past 16 years, the majority of new private sector jobs in our country; **and**,

WHEREAS, Charleston County is proud of the relationships it holds with local small and minority-women owned businesses and wishes to recognize small businesses for the key role they play in keeping our economy strong.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Charleston County Council, does hereby proclaim **May 12-17, 2014**, as

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

in Charleston County and hereby urges our citizens to join with us in this observance as we celebrate the accomplishments of small business owners and their employees and encourage the development of new small businesses.

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Mr. Tolbert stated that Charleston County's Small Business of the Year 2014 was Executive Services, LLC, and asked Mr. Ron Bailey and his team to come forward. Mr. Tolbert said that in 1997 Ron Bailey established C&R Transportation, a full service trucking company in an effort to provide quality services to executive businesses in the Charleston area. In 2005 he renamed his business Executive Services, LLC, and with the help of his son, Chad Bailey, has been hauling asphalt, gravel, sand, rock and fill dirt to local contractors. In October 2010 Executive Services became a certified Charleston County Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and received designation as a SCDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) in May of 2012.

An Ordinance rezoning real property located at 3331 Plowground Road was given second reading by title only

3331
Plowground
Rd.
2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE

REZONING THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3331 PLOW GROUND ROAD, PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMER 386-00-00-005 FROM THE AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (AGR) ZONING DISTRICT TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION (AG8) ZONING DISTRICT.

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

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on second reading of the Ordinance. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- aye
Ms. Johnson	- aye
Mr. Qualey	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Sass	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- absent
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being eight (8) ayes and one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the Ordinance to have received second reading approval.

The Chairman said that the next item on Council's Agenda was the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Rawl moved approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and carried.

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of May 1, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Charleston Center Director Dr. Chanda Brown regarding a request to accept a grant award from SC DAODAS in the amount of \$20,000. This award will be used for Charleston Center's treatment programs to provide healthier treatment outcomes for mothers and newborns, focusing on needed medications for pregnant mothers.

Committee recommended that Council authorize the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$20,000 from SCDAODAS to be used for the treatment of pregnant women involved in services to support healthier outcomes for mothers and newborns with the understanding that once the funds have been accepted, the budget management and reporting become the responsibility of the Charleston Center, there are no new FTE's associated with this award, and the award period is April 1, 2014 – April 1, 2015.

**SC Recycling
Private/Public
Funding**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of May 1, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Environmental Management Director Art Braswell regarding approval to pursue a potential public-private funding partnership. The Southeast Recycling Development Council (SERDC) and a broad range of interested industry participants have convened a process called SERDC 120 to explore opportunities for private-public funding partnerships designed to assist local recycling program performance. The primary goal of the SERDC 120 process is to increase recycling tonnage and participation.in Charleston County's recycling program is one of 20 municipalities in the Southeast to be contacted regarding a potential partnership. It was stated that the County was selected to receive a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) based on a review of survey data provided by staff and/or from information provided by the state of South Carolina or a member of the SERDC 120 process.

It was shown that Downtown Charleston was identified as an area to pilot and use as a model to expand to other areas in the County. A challenge to recycling downtown is the general lack of recycling containers in place to deposit material. However, visitors and residents alike are forced to place recyclable material in open top steel garbage baskets simply because there are no recycling bins present on sidewalks.

It was further stated that Program staff proposes to improve existing efforts to collect recyclables in public spaces by introducing BigBelly solar waste and recycling stations, which leverage renewable solar energy and information technology to effectively recover solid waste. These “smart” dual stations are equipped with a non-compacting single stream recycling bin directly next to a trash compactor. This orientation, with recycling and waste collection paired together, is essential for capturing recyclables without excessive contamination.

It was further shown that nearby cities, including the City of Raleigh and Savannah, have implemented BigBelly’s system of collection stations and have reported success. Per the City of Raleigh, during their initial 12 month pilot period, 12 tons of recyclables were recovered from 45 stations; 73% of Raleigh’s BigBelly volume was recyclable; and their public space diversion rate was 34%.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Department’s request to pursue and accept, if awarded, a potential public-private funding partnership with the Southeast Recycling Development Council (SERDC) with the understanding that the Department would use \$96,600 in private funds to procure BigBelly waste and recycling stations; and contribute \$25,000 in matching funds from the Environmental Management Administration advertising budget for an education and outreach campaign, representing 20% of the total proposed budget, and that Southeast Recycling Development Council (SERDC) public-private funding partnership period is FY 2015, and no FTEs are required.

**Osceola Ave
Drainage**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of May 1, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Contracts and Procurement Director Barrett Tolbert regarding the Osceola Avenue Drainage Improvements project, located on Sullivan’s Island. It was stated that the project will consist of asphalt build-up on Osceola Avenue, installation of pipe and drainage boxes along Station 9½ Street and Osceola Avenue, and regrading work for proper drainage along Station 9 ½ Street and Osceola Avenue. This project will also include the construction of a headwall and tideflex gate at the outfall pipe.

It was further stated that one bid was received in accordance with the terms and conditions of Invitation for Bid No. 4839-14C. The mandatory Small Business Enterprise (SBE) utilization for this solicitation is 12.2% and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal is 20%.

Bidder	Bid Price	SBE Percentage	DBE Percentage
Celek & Celek Construction, Inc. Charleston, South Carolina Principal: Brian Celek	\$299,924.00	100%	2%

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of bid for the Osceola Avenue Drainage Improvements (TST) Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Celek & Celek Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$299,924.00 with the understanding that funds are available in the roads portion of the Transportation Sales Tax.

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of May 1, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Contracts and Procurement Director Barrett Tolbert regarding the need to award a contract for the installation of structured cabling for the new Law Enforcement Center. It was stated that this cabling will provide all of the necessary telecommunications cabling in the new building.

Sealed Bids were received and the bid tabulation is as follows:

Bidder	Price	SBE %	DBE %
*Network Controls and Electric, Inc. Greer, South Carolina Principal: Edward Niles	\$68,250.17	0%	0%
VT Milcom, Inc. Virginia Beach, Virginia Principal: Katherine Spica	\$105,987.18	14.20%	28.31%
Communications Management, Inc. Charleston, South Carolina Principal: Gil Ballenger	\$121,424.72	100%	23.48%
Vista Technical Services, LLC Hanahan, South Carolina Principal: Craig Hendrix	\$125,816.80	57.96%	35.77%
Diversified Computer Solutions, Inc. Columbia, South Carolina Principal: Thomas Barnett	\$128,885.00	31%	31.04%
Network Cabling Infrastructures, Inc. North Charleston, South Carolina Principal: Steve Holcombe	\$131,607.53	13%	0%
A3 Communications, Inc. Irmo, South Carolina Principal: Rob Sherman	\$152,546.09	100%	0%

* Bidder was deemed non-responsive for failure to meet SBE requirement and good faith effort for DBE Compliance.

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of bid for the installation of structured cabling at the Law Enforcement Center to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, VT Milcom, Inc., in the amount of \$105,987.18 with the understanding that funding is available in the Capital Projects fund.

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

**Council
Comments**

Ms. Johnson thanked all County Employees for their dedication and stated that she appreciated Mr. Tolbert's work with Small Business firms.

Mr. Darby said he is very appreciative of our County employees.

Ms. Condon said she was elated about the West Ashley Senior Center's progress, and was grateful that she was able to join some of our County Employees again this year in the "Women Build" project.

Mr. Qualey thanked Ms. Condon for all her efforts to bring the West Ashley Senior Center into reality.

Mr. Rawl made a statement for the record, "Ladies and gentlemen, those of you who are employees, thank you very much. You've gone through the same bad times all of us have where it's been gauche and where it's been beneficial and where it's been appropriate for some folks in government and some folks in the media to belittle public employment as some sort of a handout or some sort of a ridiculous benefit and it absolutely pains me to see all of us go through this, I applaud all of your efforts. Thank you very much for maintaining the quality that you have maintained and continue to maintain and upgrade, which puts those of us in elected positions in a much better position to do our jobs on behalf of the citizens of Charleston County. "

Mr. Sass thanked Mr. Tolbert and all Charleston County employees for jobs well done.

Administrator Taylor thanked County staff who always strive to do their best.

Mr. Pryor expressed his appreciation to County Staff. He said when times got tough, the employees took the "blows." He said that things are looking up and he hopes Council will be able to show their appreciation at budget time.

Mr. Pryor expressed his condolences to Mr. Armstrong on the death of his father.

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

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of Council