

Charleston, SC  
August 16, 2011

A regular meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. 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 J. Elliott Summey.

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

Rev. Robert Reid gave the invocation. County Member Summey 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. Rawl moved approval of the minutes of County Council's meeting of, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and carried.

**Resolution  
Honoring  
Howard R.  
Chapman**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011, that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Chairman Teddie E. Pryor, regarding the County approving a Resolution honoring Howard R. Chapman upon his retirement from the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Resolution honoring Howard R. Chapman.

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

The Chairman asked the Clerk to read into the record the Resolution, and requested Mr. Chapman and his family to come forward to accept Council Resolution.

The Resolution is as follows:

**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING HOWARD R. CHAPMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT**

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**WHEREAS, HOWARD R. CHAPMAN** retired from CARTA on July 31, 2011, after serving as the executive director since July 1, 1999; **and,**

**WHEREAS, HOWARD R. CHAPMAN**, during his 12 years of service to CARTA as Executive Director, has significantly contributed to and assisted in various functions and oversights with pleasure and pride ; **and,**

**WHEREAS, HOWARD R. CHAPMAN** has served his community over more than forty-one years for the betterment and fulfillment of his community in a variety of roles. In Charleston and Florida, he was involved with Emergency Operations and Disaster Recovery. During the 1993 round of Base Closures, he assisted with the plans for closure and the realignment of several local naval facilities; and he has dedicated time with the SC Downtown Development Association and worked on a number of Main Street programs throughout South Carolina; **and,**

**WHEREAS, HOWARD R. CHAPMAN** continues to serve his community as an active member of both the Charleston County Transportation Committee and the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission; **and,**

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Charleston County Council and Charleston County Government staff have enjoyed an amicable and professional relationship with **HOWARD R. CHAPMAN** and had the utmost confidence in his ability to steer CARTA in the right direction.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize:

### **HOWARD R. CHAPMAN**

for his service to CARTA and to the citizens of Charleston County and does hereby extend deep appreciation and thanks to him for his contributions to CARTA while commending him for the manner in which he carried out his responsibilities and duties as the Executive Director of CARTA.

### **CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman**  
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**Resolution  
Honoring  
Banks  
Construction  
Company**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2010 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Barrett J. Tolbert, Director of Procurement, recognizing Banks Construction Company for its

outstanding Leadership, commitment and service rendered to the local disadvantaged and small business community.

Committee recommended that Council present a Resolution to Bank Construction Company at the August 16<sup>th</sup> County Council meeting recognizing the Company for its outstanding service to the local disadvantaged and small business community.

The Chairman requested the Clerk to read into the record the Resolution to be presented and asked Barrett J. Tolbert, Director of Procurement, Bernard Chisolm, DBE Program Manager and representatives of Banks Construction to come forward to accept the Resolution.

The Resolution is as follows:

### **A RESOLUTION OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING BANKS-UNITED JOINT VENTURE**

**WHEREAS**, in August 2005, Charleston County created the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program to foster growth and development of the County's small and disadvantaged businesses; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Charleston has directed its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program to establish partnerships with businesses to facilitate employment opportunities for Charleston County residents, which affirms Charleston County's commitment to assisting residents in acquiring employment with the County and with County Business Partners; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, Charleston County recognizes that the Banks-United Joint Venture, working with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program as a business partner, has played an integral role towards helping Charleston County meet its commitment by providing employment opportunities to County residents, above that which is contractually required; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes that the Banks-United Joint venture has exceeded its contractual employment requirements by 125% and has demonstrated a continued commitment toward hiring Charleston County residents; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, Charleston County takes great pride in recognizing business partners that contribute to the growth and general welfare of the Charleston County community.

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**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by Charleston County Council**, that the County officially recognizes the Banks-United Joint Venture for its commitment to serve the residents of Charleston County by providing employment opportunities, resulting in a favorable economic impact that creates opportunities for the Charleston County community at large.

### **Charleston County Council**

**Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman**  
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Stated for the record:

Mr. Pryor: I just want to say while these gentlemen are coming up, I'm really proud of this resolution. Banks has really stepped up to the plate over the past few years and doing work for us and helping us achieve our goals in some of our programs. Others may speak to that, but I really, really want to commend these gentlemen for the fine job they have done. We set out some numbers and these guys said NO we want to do more than the numbers you set. I really, really appreciate what you have done – the service you have done for Charleston County.

Mr. Darby: Not to take any credit for this, but I think I went on board a long time ago saying that Banks Construction should get some kind of credit. What he has done for the community, he has really gone beyond the call of duty. He has gone and, figuratively speaking, we have gone under these trees where there were drug addicts, dope dealers, guys on welfare, food stamps, on drugs. Mr. Pryor, you know, we said if you get off these things in terms of drugs and whatnot through Mr. Tolbert and Mr. Chisolm we will get you a job, and Mr. Banks was so kind and so thoughtful to give these men, some of them never had a checking account, many never had a savings account and now they are boasting that they have money in the bank. Not too many businesses would give others that opportunity. We are talking about the bottom of the dregs to give people opportunity. I have the utmost respect for your organization and I applaud you for your efforts. If I can do anything for you on a personal note, sir, please do not refrain from contacting me because you are a very sincere person as well as a sincere business and I just want to say thank you very much.

#### **Resolution in Honor of Ramadan**

The Chairman stated that the next item on Council's agenda was a request for a Resolution recognizing the Feast of Ramadan. Mr. Pryor stated that since this request had not been received prior to the Committee meetings on Thursday, that its inclusion on tonight's agenda, would require unanimous consent of Council. Ms. Condon moved unanimous consent and approval, seconded by Mr. Rawl, and carried.

The Chairman requested the Clerk to read the Resolution into the record and invited Imam Herb Frazier Rahim and Imam Rahim Kareem to come forward to accept the Resolution.

The Resolution is as follows:

## A RESOLUTION OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

### *Recognizing the Feast of Ramadan*

**WHEREAS, RAMADAN** is the holiest season in the Islamic faith, commemorating the revelation of the Qur'an to Muhammad and intends to teach patience, humility and spirituality; **and,**

**WHEREAS,** this special season provides Muslims a time to focus on their faith; **and,**

**WHEREAS,** through fasting, prayer, contemplation and charity, Muslims around the world renew their commitment to lead lives of honesty, integrity and compassion; **and,**

**WHEREAS,** we cherish our freedom to worship and we remain committed to welcoming individuals of all religions; **and,**

**WHEREAS,** by working together to advance mutual understanding, we are creating a brighter future of hope and opportunity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that **CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**, does hereby extend our best wishes to those observing **RAMADAN**.

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**Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman**  
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**Employee  
of the  
Quarter  
Sharon  
Wrona**

The Chairman announced that the next item on the Agenda was a presentation to Sharon Wrona, who was selected as Employee of the Quarter for April-June, 2011.

Mr. Pryor requested County Administrator O'Neal to present the Employee of the Quarter Award to Mrs. Wrona, and asked her husband Greg, and their son, Bradley to come forward.

Mr. O'Neal stated that Mrs. Wrona is a Senior Reassessment Appraiser in the Assessor's Downtown Office, and has been a Charleston County Employee since January 19, 1988. He said Sharon's abilities are many, but she was chosen

Employee of the Quarter mainly based on her willingness to go above and beyond the basic requirements of her job.

**AT&T  
Easement  
3891 Bridge  
View Drive  
Ordinance  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

An Ordinance granting an easement to AT&T on 3891 Bridge View Drive was given second reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE  
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT  
TO AT&T ON A PORTION OF THE COUNTY PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE  
CHARLESTON COUNTY METRO COMPOUND

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

The Chairman called for 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	- aye
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being nine (9) ayes, the Chairman declared the Ordinance to have received second reading approval.

**AT&T  
Easement  
4045 Bridge  
View Drive  
Ordinance  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

An Ordinance granting an easement to AT&T on 4045 Bridge View Drive was given second reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE  
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT  
TO AT&T ON A PORTION OF THE COUNTY PROPERTY KNOWN AS  
THE LONNIE HAMILTON, III, PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING

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

The Chairman called for 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	- aye
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being nine (9) ayes, the Chairman declared the Ordinance to have received second reading approval.

**Regional  
Development  
Alliance  
Appointment  
2**

A report was read from the Economic Development Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator and Deputy Clerk of Council, Kristen Salisbury, regarding two Charleston County vacancies on the Charleston Regional Development Alliance. It was stated that nine applications had been received requesting appointment to this Board.

Committee recommended that Council appoint as Charleston County's Government Investor Nominees Eric Meyer and Bobby Pearce.

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

**Board of  
Assessment  
Appeals  
Appointment I**

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Kristen Salisbury, Deputy Clerk to Council, regarding one vacant seat on the Charleston County Board of Assessment Appeals. It was stated that an announcement of vacancies was previously made.

It was shown that an application for appointment was received from David P. Bevon.

Committee recommended that Council appoint David P. Bevon to the Charleston County Board of Assessment Appeals for a term to expire in June 2012.

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

**Trident  
Workforce  
Investment  
Board  
Appointments  
2**

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Ron Mitchum, Executive Director of Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, regarding the need to make two appointments to the Trident Workforce Investment Board. It was shown that Mr. Mitchum recommended reappointing Morgan Fletcher to the board as a representative of the SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department and that Ms. Fletcher is the Area Supervisor of the Charleston Area Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. It was also shown that Mr. Mitchum recommended appointing Lisa Gowans to the partner seat for the Wagner Peyser, TAA/NAFTA, Veterans E&T, and Unemployment Insurance and that Ms. Gowans is the Area Director for the SC Department of Employment and Workforce.

Committee recommended that Council appoint Morgan Fletcher and Lisa Gowans to partner seats on the Trident Workforce Investment Board.

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**Planning  
Commission  
Appointment 1**

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee that it considered the information furnished by Council Member Herb Sass regarding his desire to recommend David Kent to the Planning Commission.

Committee recommended that Council appoint David Kent to the Charleston County Planning Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

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

**Board of  
Zoning  
Appeals  
Appointment 1**

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Council Member Herb Sass regarding his desire to recommend Robert Woodul to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Committee recommended that Council appoint Robert Woodul to the Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

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

**Transportation  
Advisory  
Board**  
A) Roper St.  
Francis JEDA  
Bonds  
B) 9-1-1 ANI/ALI  
Controller System  
C) HAZMAT  
Emergency  
Preparedness  
Grant  
D) FY2012  
CARTA Budget  
E) Bridge View  
Drive Sidewalk  
F) Lincolnville  
Drainage Phase II  
G) St. Andrews  
Blvd Bike  
Lanes/SC61  
Resurfacing  
H) International  
Blvd/I-526  
Westbound  
Intersection  
I) SC Prosecution  
Grant (Solicitor  
Office

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Council Chairman Teddie E. Pryor regarding his desire to recommend Curtis B. Inabinett, Jr. to the Transportation Advisory Board as the Chairman's Rural South Appointee.

Committee recommended that Council appoint Curtis B. Inabinett, Jr. to the Charleston County Transportation Advisory Board as the Chairman's Rural South Appointee for a term to expire in January 2013.

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

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

Mr. Schweers moved approval of the Consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Summey, and carried.

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and the resolution from Jeremy L. Cook, Esquire, Attorney for Roper St. Francis Healthcare. It was stated that the proceeds of this JEDA bond issue in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$41,000,000 will be used to refund a portion of the outstanding Charleston County Revenue Bonds, Series 1999A CareAlliance Health Services, and to

finance certain expenditures and to refund certain prior indebtedness of Roper St. Francis Healthcare. It was specifically stated that since this is a JEDA bond issue, there is no impact on any political subdivision's millage.

Committee recommended that Council hold a public hearing on August 16, 2011 and approve the requested Resolution in support of the issuance of bonds by the South Carolina Job-Economic Development Authority for the benefit of Roper St. Francis Healthcare.

The Resolution is as follows:

### **RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES (CAREALLIANCE HEALTH SERVICES D/B/A ROPER ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE) IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 41, CHAPTER 43, OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$41,000,000.**

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (the **"Authority"**) is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the **"Act"**), to utilize any of its program funds to establish loan programs for the purpose of reducing the cost of capital to business enterprises which meet the eligibility requirements of Section 41-43-150 of the Act and for other purposes described in Section 41-43-160 of the Act and thus provide maximum opportunities for the creation and retention of jobs and improvement of the standard of living of the citizens of the State of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is further authorized by Section 41-43-110 of the Act to issue revenue bonds, payable by the Authority solely from a revenue producing source and secured by a pledge of said revenues, to defray the cost of a business enterprise as defined in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority and CareAlliance Health Services D/B/A Roper St. Francis Healthcare, a South Carolina corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the **"Borrower"**), entered into an Inducement Agreement dated July 18, 2011 (the **"Inducement Agreement"**), pursuant to which and in order to implement the public purposes enumerated in the Act, and in furtherance thereof to comply with the undertakings of the Authority pursuant to the Inducement Agreement, the Authority proposes, subject to such approval of the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina and Charleston County, as may be required by law, to issue not exceeding \$41,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its Revenue Bonds or Notes (CareAlliance Health Services D/B/A Roper St. Francis Healthcare) in one or more series and in one

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or more years (the “**Bonds**”), under and pursuant to Section 41-43-110 of the Act. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used by the Borrower to (i) refund that portion of the \$145,910,000 Charleston County, South Carolina Revenue Bonds, Series 1999A (CareAlliance Health Services) maturing on August 15 in the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2019 which were issued to defray the cost of refunding certain prior indebtedness of the Borrower and of undertaking certain capital improvements in Charleston County, South Carolina; and (ii) pay costs of issuance and other expenses related to the Bonds (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council of Charleston County and the Authority have on this date jointly held a public hearing, duly noticed by publication in a newspaper having general circulation in Charleston County, not less than 15 days prior to the date hereof, at which all interested persons have been given a reasonable opportunity to express their views;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Charleston County, South Carolina, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby found, determined and declared that (a) the Project will subserve the purposes of the Act, (b) the Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of Charleston County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally, (c) the Project will give rise to no pecuniary liability of Charleston County or a charge against its general credit or taxing power, (d) the amount of bonds required to finance the Project is not exceeding \$41,000,000; and (e) the documents to be delivered by the Borrower and the Authority with respect to the Bonds will provide, among other things, (i) for the amount necessary in each year to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, (ii) whether reserve funds of any nature will be established with respect to the retirement of the Bonds and the maintenance of the Project (and, if any such reserve funds are to be so established, the amount necessary to be paid each year into such funds), and (iii) that the Borrower shall maintain the Project and carry all proper insurance with respect thereto.

**SECTION 2.** The County Council of Charleston County supports the Authority in its determination to issue the Bonds to defray the costs related to the Project.

**SECTION 3.** All orders and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and this resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., *Chairman of County Council*

ATTEST:

Beverly T. Craven

## Clerk to County Council

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Barrett J. Tolbert, Director of Procurement, regarding sealed proposals received from qualified firms to provide and install a new 9-1-1 Automated Number Identification-Automatic Location Identification (ANI/ALI) Controller System for the Consolidated Dispatch Center. It was stated that the new equipment purchased will be installed in the new Consolidated Dispatch/EOC facility located on Palmetto Commerce Parkway as well as the backup Dispatch Center. It was shown that proposals were received in accordance with the terms and conditions from two firms BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (AT&T) and Radio Communications Service, Inc., and after proposals were reviewed the committee determined the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (AT&T) proposal to be the most advantageous to meet the County's needs

Committee recommended that Council authorize staff to enter into a contract with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (AT&T) for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of a new 9-1-1 ANI/ALI Controller System for the Consolidated Dispatch Center at a cost of \$2,159,020.99.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Jason R. Patno, Director of Emergency Management, regarding a request to apply for funding in the amount of \$20,000 to enhance local emergency training capabilities. It was stated that if awarded, the grant funding would be used to provide training for up to 40 personnel from fire, law and emergency medical services throughout Charleston County. It was shown that the clandestine production of methamphetamine laboratories is growing at an alarming rate within our communities.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Emergency Management Department's application for grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 through the U. S. Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant program, with the understanding that no FTE's or vehicles are associated with the acceptance of the above referenced grant program, and that the 20% in-kind match on behalf of Charleston County will be covered by salaries of department personnel associated with the completion of projects identified in the grant scope of work and that the grant performance period is October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Mack Gile, Budget Director, regarding the draft FY 2012 CARTA budget. It was stated that the State Regional Transportation Authority Law requires the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) Board of Directors to adopt an annual budget that has been approved by jurisdictions representing 50 percent of the population in its service area and that at their May 18, 2011, meeting, the CARTA board approved the CARTA draft FY 2012 Annual Budget and submitted it to each member jurisdiction for

approval. It was shown that the total requested FY 2012 budget is \$18,921,182, which is a \$377,341 increase over their FY 2011 approved budget and represents a 2.0% increase. It was also shown that CARTA's FY 2012 budget includes \$7,126,570 in Transportation Sales Tax funding which was previously approved by County Council as part of the County's FY 2012 budget.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Charleston Regional Transportation Authority Operating, Capital and Debt Service budget totaling \$18,921,182 in both revenues and expenses.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Barrett J. Tolbert, Procurement Director, regarding bids received to construct an approximately ½ mile-long concrete sidewalk with curb and drainage outlets along the east side of Bridge View Drive. It was stated that the improvements will extend from the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building to the W.O. Thomas, Jr. Boat Landing on the Ashley River. It was shown that funding is provided via a Transportation Enhancement Grant (federal aid) from the South Carolina Department of Transportation with Charleston County designated as the Local Public Agency in charge of project administration and management, and that fund regulations do not allow SBE or local preference goals.

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of a contract for the Bridge View Drive Sidewalk Project to First Construction Management, LLC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$119,839.05, with funding being provided via a SCDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant (federal aid) with Charleston County designated as the Local Public Agency in charge of project administration and management.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Barrett J. Tolbert, Director of Procurement, regarding bids received for Phase II of the Lincolnvile Drainage project. It was stated that this project consists of the replacement of existing pipe culverts under West Carolina Avenue and Pickens Street in Lincolnvile. It was shown that work includes paving, drainage installation, erosion and sedimentation control and traffic control during construction.

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of a contract for Lincolnvile Drainage Phase II to Green Wave Contracting, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$57,543.00, with the understanding that funding is available through the Transportation Sales Tax.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Barrett J. Tolbert, Director of Procurement regarding bids received for the St. Andrews Boulevard Bike Lanes and SC 61 resurfacing project from Sam Rittenberg Blvd. to Wesley Drive. It was stated that the project will consist of resurfacing 3.05 miles of SC-61 and installing bicycle accommodations. It was shown that this project shall

include milling, paving, striping, sign installation, erosion and sedimentation control and traffic control during construction.

Committee recommended that Council, as agent for the Charleston County Transportation Committee (CTC) authorize award of a contract for the St. Andrews Boulevard Bike Lanes & SC-61 Resurfacing to Sanders Brothers Construction Company, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, satisfying all specifications, in the amount of \$2,420,626.95, with the understanding that funding is available through the State "C" Fund for road improvements and the roads portion of the Transportation Sales Tax.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Barrett J. Tolbert, Procurement Director, regarding bids received for the International Boulevard at I-526 Westbound Intersection Improvement Project, which is located in the city of North Charleston adjacent to the Charleston International Airport. It was stated that this project will consist of widening International Boulevard to allow for a dedicated right turn lane onto the I-526 Westbound on-ramp and resurfacing a portion of International Boulevard. It was shown that this project will include earthwork, milling, paving, striping, erosion and sedimentation control, traffic signal installation, and traffic control during construction.

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of a contract for the International Boulevard at I-526 Westbound Intersection Improvements Project to O. L. Thompson Construction Co., Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$329,340.85, with the understanding that funding is available through the Transportation Sales Tax.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Scarlett Wilson, Solicitor of the Ninth Judicial Circuit regarding the Solicitor's Office request that County permit that office to accept funds from the SC Prosecution Commission. It was stated that these funds, in the amount of \$100,000, were awarded through the SC Department of Public Safety to be used to fund a Criminal Domestic Violence (CDV) prosecutor and temporary administrative and/or law clerk to support the CDV prosecutor in Charleston County. It was also stated that this is the third and final year these funds will be awarded.

Committee recommended that Council allow the Solicitor's Office to accept grant monies in the amount of \$100,000, for one grant funded FTE, with the understanding that the required 10% match associated with the grant will be funded by the Solicitor's State Appropriations, and that at the conclusion of the grant period, which runs from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, the FTE position will be dissolved if no further grant or other funding is available, and the County is under no obligation for the continuation of the services provided by this grant.

**Greenbelt A)  
Urban Greenbelt  
Applications  
B) Rural  
Greenbelt  
Applications  
C) Urban  
Unincorporated  
Projects  
D) Cultural &  
Life Enrichment  
Complex**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Cathy

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Ruff, Director of Greenbelt programs, regarding applications submitted on June 1, 2011, in accordance with Section 5.6.2 of the Charleston County Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan. It was stated that the the Urban Grants Review Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval for all projects and that thte Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission voted to recommend approval of all projects with the exception of the Isle of Palms' Project due to citizen opposition.

Applicant	Project Name	Acres	Funding Amount
City of Charleston	Angel Oak Park Expansion	6.49	\$518,000
City of Folly Beach	512 East Erie Avenue	0.23	\$205,000
City of Isle of Palms	Island Maritime Preservation	1.18	\$474,305
City of North Charleston	Aragon Street	1.18	\$30,350
Town of Sullivan's Island	Accreted Land/Beach Access Improvements		
190.00 \$197,774			
Mt. Pleasant Land Conservancy	Sycamore Urban Horticultural Center	3.70	\$410,500
	Total:	202.78	\$1,835,929

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Approve the following projects:
  - a The City of Folly Beach project at 512 East Erie Avenue
  - b The City of North Charleston project on Aragon Street
  - c The Town of Sullivan's Island Accreted Land/Beach Access Improvements project.
2. Defer the following project for 30 days:
 

The City of Isle of Palms Island Maritime Preservation project.
3. Disapprove the following projects:
  - a. The City of Charleston Angel Oak Park Expansion
  - b. Mt. Pleasant Land Conservancy/Sycamore Urban Horticultural Center

Mr. Schweers moved approval of Committee recommendations and requested that Council vote on each item separately.

This motion was seconded by Ms. Condon and carried.

The City of Folly Beach project at 512 East Erie Avenue. Approved unanimously

The City of North Charleston project on Aragon Street. Approved Unanimously.

The Town of Sullivan's Island Accreted Land/Beach Access Improvements project. Approved Unanimously.

The City of Isle of Palms Island Maritime Preservation project. Approved Unanimously.

Mt. Pleasant Land Conservancy/Sycamore Urban Horticultural Center. Approved Unanimously.

The City of Charleston Angel Oak Park Expansion.

The Chairman called for a voice vote on approval of this item. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

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

The vote being five (5) ayes, three (3) nays and one abstention, the Chairman declared the motion for approval of the City of Charleston Angel Oak Park Expansion to have passed.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Cathy Ruff, Director of Greenbelt Projects, regarding the urban greenbelt projects listed below:

Applicant	Project Name	Acres	Funding
Lowcountry Open Land Trust	The Farm	33	\$84,000
US Forest Service	Fairlawn Plantation/Cooter Creek Tract	1529	\$1,600,000
	Total:	1562	\$1,684,000

It was stated that the Bank Board's approval of the US Forest Service project was for rural funding in the amount of 40% of an appraised value up to \$4,000,000.

Committee recommended that Council approve the rural greenbelt projects as recommended by the Greenbelt Bank Board, with the following conditions:

1. Approve funding for the rural greenbelt projects, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and appropriate parties.
2. Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grant funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

3. Approve the use of \$1,684,000 to be funded from a combination of Greenbelt Operating Contingency and/or 2011 General Obligation Bonds.

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

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Cathy Ruff, Director of Greenbelt Projects regarding the need to reprogram greenbelt funds. It was stated that in accordance with the Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan, 30% of Greenbelt funds were allocated to the municipalities and unincorporated areas lying within the Urban Growth Boundary. The urban funds were further allocated to each urban municipality and unincorporated area based on population. Using this formula, \$2.66 million was appropriated for the urban unincorporated areas.

It was further stated that when the Greenbelt Plan was initially adopted by County Council in June 2006, the Town of James Island was not incorporated and was not allocated urban Greenbelt funds. Following the adoption of the Greenbelt Plan the Town incorporated and in January 2007 County Council amended the Greenbelt Plan to include the Town of James Island in the urban allocation formula. Since the Town's incorporation reduced the population of the urban unincorporated area, the Town's allocation of \$1,898,151 was taken from the urban unincorporated area's funding. It was further shown that to date County Council has approved four urban projects for the Town of James Island. However, all projects were withdrawn leaving the total allocation available.

It was shown that on August 1<sup>st</sup> St. Andrews Parks & Playground Commission withdrew their Hunt Club Trail project that was approved by Council in 2007. The withdrawal of this project frees \$276,000 in urban unincorporated funding. These funds along with the Town of James Island's funds bring the total available for urban unincorporated projects to \$2,174,151.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Reprogram the Town of James Island's urban allocation of \$1,898,151 for use in the urban unincorporated area.
2. Approve funding for the following greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and appropriate parties.

<b>Ten Mile Neighborhood</b>	<b>Heritage Farm</b>	<b>6.87</b>	<b>\$1,072,700</b>
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3. Reserve the remaining urban unincorporated funds (\$1,101,451) for projects on James Island.

4. Deny funding for the following greenbelt project:

<b>CAGE</b>	<b>Jennie Moore Trail</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>\$705,000</b>
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5. Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grant funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.
6. Approve the use of \$1,072,700 to be funded from a combination of Greenbelt Operating Contingency and/or 2011 General Obligation Bonds.

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

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Cathy Ruff, Director of Greenbelt projects, regarding the non-profit agency, Cultural and Life Enrichment Complex, Inc. request for rural funding to purchase 11.6 acres in Ravenel located on Highway 17 adjacent to the Caw Caw Interpretative Center. It was stated that the Complex will be a multi-use facility with the ability to support varied activities that emphasize culture and heritage, education and health/wellness, and would also sponsor a restaurant designed to double as a gymnasium and 75 percent of the land will be conserved as green space with venues created for public access and use, including walking and biking trails. It was shown that the landowner provided a letter of intent to sell the property for \$555,000.

Committee recommended that Council disapprove the request for Rural Greenbelt funding.

Mr. Schweers moved disapproval of the project and approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Ms. Condon.

The Chairman called for a voice vote on this item. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- Disapproval
Mr. Darby	- Approval
Ms. Johnson	- Approval
Mr. Qualey	- Disapproval
Mr. Rawl	- Disapproval
Mr. Sass	- Abstained
Mr. Schweers	- Disapproval
Mr. Summey	- Disapproval
Mr. Pryor	- Approval

The vote being five (5) disapprovals, three (3) approvals and one abstention, the Chairman declared the motion for disapproval of the Cultural & Life Enrichment Center project to have passed.

Mr. Sass furnished the Clerk with a Statement of Conflict of Interest citing that his firm had appraised this property in January 2011 and he felt that he most abstain from commenting or voting on this issue.

**Charleston  
County PRC  
FY 2011  
Budget**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 16, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Mack Gile regarding the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission request to amend the Park and Recreation Commission's Fiscal Year 2011 budget. It was stated that the Fiscal Year 2011 budget was approved in the amount of \$12,910,381, and the Commission is requesting a \$1,980,000 increase to their approved budget to support the purchase of capital items from their General Fund instead of financing them through their Debt Service Fund. The additional funds will come from existing fund balance. It was further stated that this action will have no impact on the Fiscal Year 2012 millage rates.

Committee recommended that Council amend and give first reading to the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance authorizing an increase in the budgeted expenditures from \$12,910,381 to \$14,890,38

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

An Ordinance amending the FY 2010-11 Budget of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission was given first reading by title only.

### **AN ORDINANCE**

**TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-12011 BYDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1643 TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCREASE OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S OPERATION BUDGET FROM \$12,910,381 TO \$14,890,381 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS FISCAL YEAR 2011; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

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

**Unopened  
Road Quit  
Claim  
Ordinance**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Toy Glennon, Charleston County Assessor, regarding an unopened, unpaved, untraveled paper road on James Island and shown on the tax maps of Charleston County. It was shown that the County Tax maps have shown the unopened road dead ends into parcel ID 343-07-00-058 and that the owner of that parcel has stated that it appears that the unopened road would encroach a limited amount on this commercial service garage built in 2002 and would eliminate about 1/3 of the paved on-site parking.

Committee recommended that Council approve an Ordinance relinquishing any interest the County may have in the unopened road way and cede that interest to any current or future owners, and that the Chairman be authorized to execute any documents or instruments necessary to release the County's interest.

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

An Ordinance releasing interest in real property was given first reading by title only.

### **AN ORDINANCE**

#### **AUTHORIZING CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONVEY CHARLESON COUNTY'S INTEREST, IF ANY, IN REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 343-07-00-004 BY QUITCLAIM DEED.**

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

#### **Charleston Promise Neighborhood**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Lori Lambert, Project Officer, regarding funding to the Charleston Promise Neighborhood. It was stated in March, 2010, County Council directed \$50,000 from Council Contingency to be provided to the Charleston Promise Neighborhood (CPN) following a presentation on this organization which was newly forming and requesting support by Charleston County, the City of Charleston, the City of North Charleston, and the Charleston County School District. It was further stated that County Council encouraged future funding to be requested through application to the Community Development Block Grant program. A funding request for \$100,000 for the current fiscal year was submitted by CPN and considered by the Community Development Advisory Board who did not recommend funding CPN in this year's CDBG program as the project did not score well in conjunction with the priorities established by HUD's Five-Year Consolidated Plan. It was shown that if Council desires to fund this item, staff recommends that a recurring source of funds be used for this expenditure because it is anticipated to continue into future years. It was further shown that Council's contingency of \$208,124 is the only source that has been identified and that CPN's cash flow requirements indicate a need for \$50,000 by September 30, 2011.

Committee recommended that Council approve a request to appropriate \$50,000 from Council's FY 2012 Contingency to the Charleston Promise Neighborhood.

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

#### **Services to Municipalities**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011, that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and the discussion among Council Members concerning County Council's Policy regarding Services to Municipalities.

Committee recommended that Council rescind Council Directive 06 299, Services to Municipalities Policy.

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

**3691 Leeds Avenue**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Dan Chandler, Director of Facilities, regarding the purchase of the SCE&G facility at 3691 Leeds Avenue, with the intent of relocating the Sheriff's operations into the existing building on this property. It was stated that SCE&G offered the property to Charleston County at a price below the appraised value and the County entered into an Agreement of Sale and Purchase with SCE&G for the property. It was shown that due to the nature of the Sheriff's operations, extensive structural upgrades are required to meet the Code "essential" requirements for sustained operations during and after major events such as earthquakes and hurricanes, that upon purchase of the property an Architect/Engineer will be retained to develop a master plan of the Azalea/SCE&G properties, program the Sheriff's operations and to provide recommended options for a path forward based on County needs, current funding and Code requirements.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Authorize the Chairman of Council to execute a contract of purchase from SCE&G for a 10.082 acre tract, with improvements, located at the Northeast corner of Leeds Avenue and Azalea Drive, North Charleston, for an amount to be disclosed prior to a vote on this issue, and with the understanding that the Legal Department will review all purchase agreements.
2. Authorize the master planning, programming, design, and implementation of the Architect/Engineer recommendation for development of the SCE&G property for a Sheriff's Law Enforcement Center.

The County Attorney, Joe Dawson, announced that the monetary amount was \$4,500,000,

Mr. Pryor moved approval of Committee recommendation with the understanding that the purchase price was \$4,500,000.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Darby, and carried.

**Project  
"AETHER"  
Financial  
Incentives  
A) Inducement  
Resolution  
B) 1. Fee-in-lieu-of-taxes  
2. Ordinance  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
C. 1 Special  
Source  
Revenue  
Credit  
2. Ordinance  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 11, 2011 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator and Steve Dykes, Director of Economic Development, regarding Fee in Lieu of Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit for Project "AETHER". It was stated that during Spring of 2011 the Economic Development Director was approached by an existing Charleston County-based Company involved in research and development activities which presented an opportunity for expansion. It was shown that the Company has plans to expand its

workforce by 43 employees and adding approximately \$3 million to its annual payroll. In addition the current facility would be expanded with a capital investment of \$24 million.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Approve an inducement resolution authorizing the use of fee-in-lieu of taxes.
2. Approve and give first reading to an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of fee-in-lieu of taxes (FILOT), with the understanding that the FILOT terms include 6% assessment rate, with millage fixed at the current rate of 273.8 during the twenty year term.
3. Approve and give first reading to an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a special source revenue credit (SSRC) to facilitate the \$24 million, 43-person expansion by "Project Aether", with the understanding that an SSSRC equivalent to 15% of the projected twenty year FILOT revenues will be offered, subject to capital investment and annual payroll clawbacks, not to exceed a total of \$300,000.

Moved approval of Committee recommendation seconded by and carried.

The Inducement Resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, CHARLESTON COUNTY WILL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WITH PROJECT AETHER FOR A PROJECT INVOLVING AN INVESTMENT OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000)

WHEREAS, Charleston County, South Carolina (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council"), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 and Title 4, Chapters 1 and 29, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Act"), to acquire, or cause to be acquired, properties (which such properties constitute a "project" as defined in the Act) and to enter into agreements with any industry to construct, operate, maintain and improve such a project; to enter into or allow financing agreements with respect to such projects; and, to accept any grants for such projects through which powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate and remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, agricultural products and natural resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

WHEREAS, subject to compliance with the Home Rule Act, the County is authorized by the Act to execute a fee agreement, as defined in the Act, with respect to such project; and

WHEREAS, Project Aether (the "Company") has requested the County participate in executing a fee-in-lieu of tax agreement pursuant to the Act for the purpose of authorizing and of acquiring by purchase, lease and construction certain real and personal property for the purpose of a research and development facility in the County (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, based on the information provided to it by the Company, the County has determined that the Project would benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing service, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and, that the Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either; and that the purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, creation of jobs, and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes and that the inducement of the location or expansion of the Project within the County and State is of paramount importance and that the benefits of the Project will be greater than the costs and that the Project would be a "project" as that term is defined in the Act and that the Project would subserve the purposes of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority of the Act, the County intends to authorize and execute a fee agreement between the County and the Company pertaining to the Project which involves an investment of approximately Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and the creation of approximately 43 new jobs (the "Fee Agreement").

Section 2. The Fee Agreement shall contain a provision requiring the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes. Pursuant to the Act, such payments shall continue for a period of up to twenty (20) years from the date of each of the annual capital investments made under the Fee Agreement for the first five years and any extension of such investment period. The amounts of such payments shall be determined by using an assessment ratio of 6%, a millage rate of 273.8, which millage rate shall be a fixed rate for the duration of the Fee Agreement, and the fair market value as determined pursuant to the Act and Title 12, Chapter 37, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. The Fee Agreement shall also contain provisions relating to the providing of special source revenue credits to the Company in the maximum aggregate amount of \$300,000 on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the County.

Section 3. Notwithstanding anything in this Resolution to the contrary, the execution and delivery by the County of the Fee Agreement are subject to compliance by the County with the provisions of the Home Rule Act regarding the procedural requirements for adopting ordinances and resolutions, and to the actual adoption of such ordinances and resolutions.

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Section 4. All orders, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council.

Section 5. It is the intention of the County Council that this Resolution shall constitute an official action on the part of the County relating to the inducement of the Project.

Done in meeting duly assembled this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Teddie E. Pryor, Jr., Chairman of County Council

ATTEST:

Beverly T. Craven, Clerk  
Charleston County Council

An Ordinance authorizing a fee-in-lieu of tax agreement was given first reading by title only.

#### **AN ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND - PROJECT "AETHER" AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES.**

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

An Ordinance authorizing certain special source credits was given first reading by title only.

#### **AN ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS BY CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROJECT "AETHER".**

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

Mr. Summey stated that Charleston County lost a good friend today. Mickey Whatley died this afternoon. He was a good friend to our community, and someone he had known all his life. He was a good public servant and served the County as a County Police Officer and was one of the original North Charleston City Policemen. He was also a member of SLED and serve in the South Carolina State Legislature.

**Public Forum**

The Chairman asked if any Member of the Audience wished to address Council.

Mr. David Coe, James Island, SC, stated that "we all have to be very careful because this state is becoming a state for the very rich and the very poor." He added that he has been asking for 2 months for a layman's explanation of how the Auditor's property was allowed to be grandfathered into its agricultural exemption and that. People need to be given a correct and honest explanation. He further stated that the County Attorney had assured him months ago he would personally look into "Waters Edge" and that he would like to hear from the research Bustran's office did regarding the 90 day rule vs. the 6% assessment. He ended by saying that he really think nothing should be done until we have different leadership in the Auditor's Office.

Thomas Steenhuisen - 1445 Battery Brown expressed his objection to spending monies on the Angel Oak Project, and asked Council to please do some inner reflection and revote on this issue until more information has been received. He questioned "Do Council people have to explain their rationale when they vote in a way that does not uphold rational thought?"

Julie Hussey - 329 North Shellmore – spoke concerning their Organization "Our Region, Our Plan". She said "we'd love to see you there; that they have opened up more seats. We would be happy to have Council. Thank you for the involvement we have had so far, and for Planning Director, Dan Pennick, involvement.

Lauren Hattler - 731 Sonny Boy Lane - stated that she did not agree with Council's vote on the Angel Oak project, that it is redundant, and the city could have done this another way..

Samantha Segal - thank Mr. Qualey for asking important questions regarding the Angel Oak project.

Charlie Lutz - 77 Cypress Street - Charleston - very opposed to Angel Oak project. That there were other options for the parking lot. I think this was a backroom deal and I am disappointed that the vote turned around between Thursday and Tuesday.

Dianne Toric - 15 Ocean Park Blvd. expressed her support for the Isle of Palms Greenbelt application

Rev. Charles Glover - 9003 Penny Creek Road Ravenel spoke regarding the need for a park in their community. He said it would take about \$2 million to complete this park, and added It was not about him, it was about the kids in his community.

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

Ms. Condon expressed her appreciation to the Citizens for the emails on numerous topics which she receives. She said Council needs to address a policy as soon as possible to replace the services to Municipalities Policy which was rescinded tonight.

Mr. Schweers publicly ask Council Member Darby to seek more information regarding the greenbelt program. To say that "poor folks" have not been served, he felt would not be "borne out" by statistics. If we sat down and went parcel by parcel I don't think your reasoning will bear it out.

Mr. Darby questioned did any wealth from the Greenbelt Bank go to poor persons? He answered his question no. I will sit down and go through this and when I look at the final analysis I'll have my own opinions.

Mr. Darby offered Mr. Brandon White congratulations on his recognition received. He said he would like to speak with someone on staff to talk about the commission that Mr. Coe mentioned.

Ms. Johnson - thanked everyone for staying with us and said to those of you who have had much concern about the issues we have voted on, that Council had a long agenda and certainly not easy decisions to make; that much time was taken by Council to finding out as much as we could about the issues. She added that everyone in the County would like to see us preserve the Angel Oak tree.

Mr. Sass - Thank citizens for coming tonight. He added that Council had difficult decisions to make and due diligence had been given to all issues. He said Council Members work hard on these issues and thanked employees with furnishing the information they need to make these decisions..

Mr. Rawl – Stated that he thought it was important regarding policy issues that we be more prepared. Note things that need to be addressed and assign them to appropriate committees.

Mr. Qualey – Expressed his appreciation to the Sheriff . He said the Sheriff was always there for us on James Island.

Mr. Qualey introduced Mr. Greg Vanderwerker, a Member of Town Council on Kiawah Island.

Mr. Pryor expressed his appreciation to the young people in the Audience for their interest, and stated that the passion of young people would be most welcome on County Boards and Commissions.

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

Beverly T. Craven  
Clerk of Council